

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

*closed on Statutory Holidays*

## MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
Mon - Fri 9:00 AM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
or by appointment

## PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel  
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

We encourage you to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, anytime, day or night.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS & BECOMING ROMAN CATHOLIC

- For newborns, every first and third Sunday at 1:00 PM
- For school aged children, after being catechized.
- For adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic call the office for more information.

## WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

## MINISTRY TO AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please advise us if you have someone ill at home, in the hospital, or in a local nursing home so that we can minister to them.

## FUNERALS

Please contact us and your choice of funeral home. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905.522.7727 or 1.800.661.5985, or visit [www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca](http://www.TheCatholicCemeteries.ca)

## PARISH SCHOOLS

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- St. Raphael's Elementary  
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- St. Paul's Elementary  
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## Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

The angel of joy; patron of: travellers, bearers of good news and men and women seeking a good spouse.

*See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12*

The Diocese of Hamilton [HamiltonDiocese.com](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Holy Cross Vocations [www.holycrossvocationscanada.com](http://www.holycrossvocationscanada.com)  
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## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Monday, April 16** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Denise Casey

**Tuesday, April 17** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Colina Gouthro

**Wednesday, April 18** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Chris Kyle

**Thursday, April 19** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Lee Olds; Ints. Fr. Fred Olds;  
+ James Duncan; + Dennis Fisher;  
+ Frances Brousseau; + Clifford Neate

**Friday, April 20** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ June Ramalho

**Saturday, April 21** at 5:00 p.m.  
Ints. Brenda & Bill & Wylie Family;  
Ints. Rose & Andy Condran; + Conor O'Brien;  
+ Robert Ravenscroft; + Siobhan O'Brien;  
+ Epifanio Braganza

**Sunday, April 22**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Joseph Amato

**Please pray for the following:**

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Michael Dowson
Frances Wentges	Vincent Stanford	Milan Heck
Peggy Evans	Jim Singer	Helen Weppler
Jill Ascah	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Lee Olds	Shelly Sterling	Laith Yousif
Stephen Pustai	Asia Rae Landry	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Noah Landry	Mary Lilly
Denise Brooke	Rozalia Berezny	Bill & Lucie
Clive Ottaway	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Jennings
	Barbara Kennedy	

*If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish and included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday a.m.*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Sunday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$5811.00
Easter	\$458.00
Good Friday	\$165.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

On the **Third Sunday of Easter**, **Luke's Gospel** has the very human story of Jesus' appearing to the disciples after the Resurrection, inviting them to touch his hands and feet to see that he is real. He ate with them and "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

*"Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site:  
<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>  
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### ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

*Pope Francis writes: "...Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never*

*know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right." Laudato Si #33*  
*Good weather is coming, and our thoughts turn to planting our gardens. This year think green! Help insure biodiversity in your gardens by planting flowers that attract bees, butterflies and birds, as well as protecting soil and water.*

*"Our inner spiritual world cannot be activated without experience of the outer world of wonder for the mind, beauty for the imagination, and intimacy for the emotions." —Thomas Berry.*

*On Saturday April 21 9am-2pm RBG Fair, Royal Botanical Gardens – RBG Centre, 680 Plains Road West, Burlington.*

*This week discover how planting Native Species Plants in your garden can help to sustain and encourage the development of helpful pollinator insects.*

*Visit these websites:*

*<https://www.therustedgarden.com/pages/planting-growing-guide-the-farmers-almanac>*

*<https://davidsuzuki.org/queen-of-green/create-pollinator-friendly-garden-birds-bees-butterflies/>*

### APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION **GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE** OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

This week, the Vatican released the latest Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis: *Gaudete et Exsultate*: On the call to holiness in today's world. Its goal is "to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time." The Exhortation is addressed personally to each and every one of us, whatever our state in life. The Holy Father "exhorts" us to engage in a journey that takes place in the concrete here and now of our daily lives, in small gestures and little things, in which we are led more and more by God's grace. This journey makes us more alive and more human.

The document can be found on the Vatican website.  
<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>

### IN OUR PARISH

**A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS:** to all the students of St. Raphael School and the Parish Program who received First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** for students of **St. Paul School** will take place on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** at **2 pm**. Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive the Body of Christ.



**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION:** We will be having a volunteer appreciation event at **2 pm** in the **Parish Centre** on **Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. It will be a wine and cheese event and a good time to get to know other volunteers.



**GODSPELL MUSICAL PERFORMANCE:** We will be presenting Godspell on **Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>** at **2 pm** and **7 pm** in our **Parish Centre**. Please buy your tickets after any weekend mass or at the office. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5.00 per child 6 - 12 years old.

**2018 BIBLE CAMP:** July 9 – 13. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board at our parish entrance and on our parish website: [www.straphaels.ca](http://www.straphaels.ca)



**60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS:** In honour of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will have a special Mass on **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **11 am**. There will be a parish BBQ and games at the park after the Mass.



**CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY CALENDAR:** Please join us for the following events:

**Sun, Apr 29, 7PM** – Taize Service, Port Nelson United  
**Mon, May 14, 7:30PM** – Prayer Meeting, New Street CRC, 3416 New St.

**Mon, Jun 11, 7:30PM** - Prayer Meeting, St. Raphael  
Please call Wilma or Frank Malick for info 905-870-0641.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** The next CWL general meeting will be held on Monday, **April 16** at **7:15 pm** in the **parish centre**. We will be discussing our social justice project for homelessness, the card party and the 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care to be held on May 8th. If you have any questions, please call Helen @ 905-634-7481.



**CARD PARTY: Fundraiser for the Homeless.** This year's CWL annual spring card party will be held on **Thursday, May 3** at **7 pm** in the **Parish Centre**. The card party has been well attended for many years and we encourage you to tell your friends and family members to get their tickets soon and make up your foursome. For only \$20 you can enjoy playing either bridge or euchre; eat delicious desserts and have a chance to win one of many door prizes. There will also be a 50/50 draw. To order your tickets, please call Lesley @ 905-512-2477.



**PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Final sessions are available on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and **May 1<sup>st</sup>** for Ministry Group Photos and any families who were unable to participate earlier. **Please schedule your sitting by contacting Liz Leonard at 905-634-3836.** Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and an 8x10!

**HOLY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER:** The food and fellowship we shared at this event was plentiful and very tasty. The fellowship was a blessing. Thank you to all who shared and participated in this Holy Week gathering.

**THANK YOU!!!** We would like to thank the many parishioners who were involved in helping the whole parish community worship and pray during these sacred liturgies: musicians, sacristans, decorators, altar servers, readers, communion ministers, ushers, collection counters, hospitality ministers, children's liturgy team, and maintenance staff. We appreciate all you do for our community. May the risen Christ continue to bless you and your family.



**EASTER FLOWERS:** Among the many wonderful services which parishioners provide for the parish is the donation of flowers for our important liturgical celebrations. Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to add to the elegant liturgical décor of our worship space. Thank you to the members of the decoration group who work diligently, giving up their time to up keep the plants looking good during the year.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Thank you to all the ministries who conducted the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We would also like to thank the many parishioners who assisted with the preparations and presentation of the dramatization of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Thank you!

**DEAR ST. RAPHAEL PARISHIONERS:** On behalf of Development and Peace, the St. Raphael Social Justice and Care of Creation Committee would like to thank you for your many prayers and generous donations to the "Together in Peace" Share Lent 2018, Campaign. Your on-going commitment to social justice through the promotion of building peace around the world is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in the people of St. Raphael parish. Please continue to pray for the members of Development and Peace as they work in establishing social justice throughout our world.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**PSALMS VOLUME OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE:** Visit the **Bishop Farrell Library & Archives** (698 King St. West, Hamilton) to learn about the Bible and engage with this beautiful work of sacred art. The Library will be open **Sunday, April 15** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm** and **April 17, 18, 19** from **10 am to 4 pm**. All 7 volumes will be on display during the April 29 Sing for Joy Concert at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. For more information visit: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>

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