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TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN

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Rejoice!!!

For the Lord is truly Risen!

**EASTER SUNDAY
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



Monday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Manuel & Maria Furtado

Tuesday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Laura Boyle

Wednesday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m.
St. Raphael School Mass
+ Otto Schlumpf

Thursday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Robert Mead; + Sylvia Gzik;
+ Ellen Thompson; + Raymond Laurette;
Ints. Don & Vicki Gravelle

Friday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Brian Geraghty

Saturday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Robert Ravenscroft; + Epifanio Braganza;
+ Diana Raposo; + Clinton Cox;
+ Manuel & Francesca Rodrigues

Sunday, April 23
9:00 a.m. + Merle Chenery
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is Risen!

Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!!!
**CHRIST THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT OF
GOD REIGNS**




Jesus the **Suffering Servant of God** continues to be present in our suffering brothers and sisters. However, he also is the **Victorious Servant of God** because of His triumph over the power of death through His resurrection. What does it take to believe in the Resurrection? Many might respond saying, "If we had only been there." If we had found the empty tomb, how would we have responded? As today's Gospel reveals, all we have in this story is the account of reactions to that tomb, which changed people's lives both then and now. Some who saw it believed that Jesus had risen. On this day, we rejoice and we ponder the blessings of this astounding mystery. May we continue **servicing in God's Reign** knowing that the Resurrection of Jesus empowers us to be His instruments and signs of His Reign and gives us a foretaste of the Resurrection to eternal resurrection glory. *Alleluia!*

ST. RAPHAEL VISION DAY: The Pastoral Team & Parish Pastoral Council invite you to take this opportunity to help shape the future of our St. Raphael Parish community. Join us on **Saturday, April 22nd** in the St. Raphael Parish Centre from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Lunch included. A \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the cost of lunch. Registration in the parish office or by email to ingrid.mayr@icloud.com

 **OPERA AT ST. RAPHAEL:** Presented by the **Southern Ontario Lyric Opera Company.** Join us for an evening of operatic arias & sacred music on **Friday, April 28th at 7:00 pm.** Tickets \$30, Available after all weekend masses, by calling (905) 637-2346, or galwayrenata@gmail.com. *All proceeds go towards the Accessibility Project.*

SPRING PLANT SALE: Spring has officially arrived and our thoughts turn to purchasing plants and planters to beautify our places. Once again we are hosting the elevator fundraiser offering high quality, organic plants and planters at the same price as last year. Order forms are available in the parish entrance and the parish office. **Please return completed form by April 23rd.** Delivery will be on Saturday, May 6th - *rain or shine*. When ordering remember Mom on her special day - May 14th. **Volunteers needed:** We are also looking for volunteers on May 6th to help unload and fill orders. If you are able to help please contact Sally at 905 639-9516.

 **CARD PARTY** - the Catholic Women's League annual fundraiser this year will be for the Accessibility project. Date: **Thursday, May 4th** @ 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Come and enjoy an evening of playing bridge or euchre. Make up a foursome with your family and friends. There will be fabulous desserts and refreshments; many door prizes and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are only \$15.00 and to order them call Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or email at thesheehanes@gmail.com

Please pray for the following:

Isabelle Wild	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Rosy Santos Perez	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
John O'Boyle	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco
Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Rose Hughes	Jill Ascah

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 9th \$ 6,567.00

Thank you for your continued support!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will take place on **April 23 at 2 p.m.** for students of *St. Raphael School and the Parish Program* and **April 30 at 2 p.m.** for students of *St.*

Paul School and the Parish Program. Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive the Body of Christ.

2017 BIBLE CAMP: July 10 – 14, 2017. Registration forms are available in the parish entrance, at the schools and on our parish website: www.straphaels.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for a few parishioners to join our gardening team. If you enjoy light gardening and would like to help out, please contact the parish office at 905-637-2346. Thank you!



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "On this glorious day, 'let the earth rejoice, in shining splendour,' even though it is so often mistreated and greedily exploited, resulting in an alteration of natural equilibria. I think especially of those areas affected by climate change, which not infrequently causes drought or violent flooding, which then lead to food crises in different parts of the world." ("Urbi et Orbi", Easter 2016)

Take some time today to reflect on all of the Lenten activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with God's plan for creation and all life. **Give a gift to our Common Home:** plant a tree, a flower, or a bush and take care of it. This will be a valuable gift to our Earth. As you care for the Earth, and any living species you will receive the beauty of the day! **Spend some time out of doors noticing the Earth as it blossoms forth into New Life!** Enjoy the bulbs and flowers beginning to sprout and bloom in gardens. Notice the warmth of the sun that pushes the buds of trees into flower. Give thanks to God for the Risen gift of his son Jesus and the gift of all creation! **Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!!!**



EARTH DAY: Saturday, April 22nd!

How can you be Earth Minded this week? Check out your recycling practices! www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html.

Get involved with the Earth day activities in our community! See the many earth day activities taking place in Burlington this week! www.burlington.ca/en/live-and-play/environment.asp. Plan to reduce your carbon footprint by taking out and servicing your bicycle! Ride your bike to school or to complete errands! Ride to Mass! www.burlingtongreen.org/index.php?option=com_acymaili&ctrl=archive&task=view&mailid=305&key=NCmfMQMw&subid=955-qH77HfIAvgjhSP&tmpl=component Remember that local stores and services offer environmental strategies to help you reduce waste production! Bring your own grocery bags when you shop! Recycle clean plastic bags at Food Basics! Refrain from using the Drive Through at local coffee shops! Park and Order Inside! **Happy Earth day to all!**

Remember to write on your calendar to attend: St Raphael Parish presents: **Pollinator Gardens and Biodiversity on Tuesday April 25th at 7pm!** No Charge (Bring a non-perishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul food box)

WEEKLY BULLETIN: Bulletin submissions must be received by *Tuesday morning* of each week in order to be published for the upcoming weekend. Please send bulletin submissions to bulletin@straphaels.ca.

HELP SAVE PAPER! If you would like to receive the weekly bulletin via e-mail, please send your request to bulletin@straphaels.ca Thank you!



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: A reminder that the office will be closed on **Monday, Apr. 17th**.



CWL GENERAL MEETING to be held on **Tuesday, April 18th @ 7:15 p.m.** Come and join your sisters in prayer - Alleluia - Christ is Risen! We will be discussing social justice issues and our fundraising projects. If you need more info, contact Helen @ 905-734-7481 or email: thesheehanes@gmail.com

ANNUAL MASS WITH NEW CATHOLICS Each year, our Bishop invites those who are baptized or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church to a celebration of the Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This year's celebration takes place on **Saturday, April 22 during the 5:00 p.m. mass.** All are invited to participate in this special liturgy as a sign of welcome to the newest members of Christ's Body in the Diocese of Hamilton.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD: Deacon Kevin D'Souza will be ordained to the priesthood on May 6th, 2017 at 11 a.m. by Bishop Crosby, at Christ the King Cathedral in Hamilton. He will say his First Solemn Mass on May 7th at 11 a.m. at St. Gabriel's Church, Burlington. He would like to invite you all for this special occasion.

WALK FOR LIFE CONFERENCE! Support the Culture of Life in Halton on **Saturday May 20th**, by joining Halton Alive for the annual 5K walk in Burlington, BBQ lunch and inspiring speakers! Don't miss this opportunity to hear TWO excellent pro-life speakers and raise funds for a great cause. For more details and to register go to: www.haltonalive.com/W4L or call: 905 632 3232.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY

We are meeting monthly for prayer and fellowship. The 3rd Monday of every month. **Next gathering is April 17:** Christian Reform Church, 3416 New St. Please join us. For any questions, please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:

Sun., April 23. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Street, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. \$7.50/adult and children under 10 free. For more information Gerry Kelly at (905) 637-0315 or Michael Enright at (905) 315-1784.

DEMENTIA UNDERSTOOD: This workshop aims to demystify dementia by clarifying the causes and manifestations of the disease, and will also support care givers by offering practical tips. This workshop is for both professionals and any individual working with or has family members with dementia. **Thursday, April 20th from 7-9:30 p.m.,** Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. For more information, or to register (walk-ins that evening are welcome) contact the **Family Ministry Office** at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or look on our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com. The event is free and all are welcome, so bring a neighbor or friend.

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