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OFFICE HOURS	Mon-Fri	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
	Tues & Thurs	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Saturday	9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
	Sunday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>	



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
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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.

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

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary
905.637.3810
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905.681.6394

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

Please visit these websites: The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com
Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE

Mass Intentions 

Monday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Lea & Franco Silvestri

Tuesday, April 19 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Michael Favalaro

Wednesday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Anita Bannan

Thursday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m.
+ David Green; + Darryll Malley;
+ Marion van de Vrande; + Betty Baylis

Friday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ted Neill

Saturday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Robert Colterman; + David Anthony Gismondi;
+ John Farkas

Sunday, April 24
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Jacqueline Charron-Cote

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Isabelle Wild	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Martin Dawson	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
John Scharer	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Mary Berry	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Doug Pudsey	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Robert Ravenscroft	Elizabeth Talatala	Godofredo
Sylvia Gzik		Elegado Sr.



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 afternoon.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 10th \$4,827.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

[Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'*]

"The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not

*only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things." Laudato si #233. As we approach **Earth Day on***

April 22nd this week, take an active part in experiencing **"Nature as the Word of God"**! Check out www.earthday.ca to learn how you and your family can participate in Earth Day Activities. See www.burlingtongreen.org to find out about Earth Day activities in our community and **Think Green!**

FOURTH DAY OF THE LORD IN EASTERTIDE

As a youngster in the 1950s, serving Mass in my home parish, I was always excited when a Franciscan priest who grew up in our neighborhood came home for a visit. He'd become a foreign missionary, and I loved to hear his stories of different lands and peoples. He inspired me to consider the priesthood, and a vocation to the Franciscans.

But I never actually became a foreign missionary. My Christian life—like that of most Catholics I know—is usually a lot less glamorous. My "mission field" is the inner-city parish where I'm pastor, and the broadcasting and webcasting world, where I'm part of what Saint John Paul II called "the new evangelization." Your "mission field" may be your home and family, your daily work, or your school.

So today, when we hear the exciting adventures of Paul and Barnabas in the reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, we may wonder: How can we answer the call from Jesus to "go out and preach to all nations"?

One way is to support missionaries we may know personally by our prayers and financial help. We can also match their zeal in our own witness to Christ, and sharing our faith with others where appropriate. Let our attitude be that of the Good Shepherd, whose care for us is proclaimed in today's Gospel.

Fr. Greg Friedman OFM



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

CELEBRATION will take place on **Sunday, April 24th** at 2 p.m. for students of St. Raphael School and **Sunday, May 1st** at 2 p.m. for students of St. Paul School and Parish Program. Most of the children have already received the Eucharist at Easter but this is a class celebration.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SHARE LENT 2016!

Development and Peace wishes to thank all those who made a gift to the Share Lent campaign! Through your generosity **a total of \$7,330.00 has been collected.** *This special collection is now complete. If you would still like to make a donation in support of Share Lent, please forward it directly to The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. (www.dev.org)*

FUNDRAISING FOR THE ELEVATOR I don't know about you, but I had a great time at the Pizza/Ice Cream/Music fundraiser on April 3rd... so, a **big piece and scoop of thanks** to all the volunteers who worked to make it a wonderful success and parishioners who enjoyed it as I did. This event raised \$1,430. 37! Last week we also received a substantial pledge over four years to help with the fund from **Smith's Funeral Homes** (a Burlington civic community company/ service). We appreciate the gift from Smiths with whom, although not a parish organization, we share the ministry of prayerful presence to people in their time of grieving. Although we have reached the \$140,000 level of actual money in the bank [and pledges], this donation of a pledge is a reminder that we will soon need to set up a way for parishioners to make **pledges over a four- to - five-year period of time** to cover a loan we will have to make from the Diocese of Hamilton. *Fr. Frank*

THE JOY OF LOVE: THE FAMILY

This is the title of the new Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis. It comes to us as his reflection on and follow up to the last two Synods on contemporary family life, its challenges and opportunities. We can see that it is certainly in line with his encyclical *The Gospel of Joy* and the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**. The whole document is a "must read" for all of us. The media, of course, focuses on issues such as divorce, annulments and same-sex relationships. Obviously, these are important. However, I would recommend that you start by reading chapter four where Pope Francis has made a wonderful commentary on St. Paul's "hymn of Charity" from the first letter to the Corinthians [which is a favourite choice by couples preparing for marriage as a reading at their wedding Mass]. Pope Francis applies it to the realities of marriage and the family. It is an essential context for the content of the preceding and following chapters. Google: www.vatican.va and click on Francis Apostolic Exhortation. *Fr. Frank*

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE: There is a promise of marriage between *Cindy Jarvis and Brian Phillips*. The wedding will take place on April 30th.

SUMMER 2016 BIBLE CAMP: July 11 – July 15 for children from J.K. to Grade 6. For more information please take a registration form from the Parish Entrance as well as St. Raphael and St. Paul School Offices.

YOUTH MINISTRY: UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING: Friday April 22 / 7-9 p.m. We meet in the St. Francis Room.

MAKING A CHANGE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY

A day of renewal and reflection for Young Adults (ages 18-35) Guest Speaker: Michael Chiasson, Access 52 Ministries. **Sunday, April 24, 2016**, 1:00 - 7:00pm (dinner included). McNally Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. \$5.00 offering suggested. To register or for more information contact: Christina Mines, cmiles@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988 ext 2239



CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Monday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. We will continue our discussions regarding spiritual and corporal works of mercy during this Jubilee Year of Mercy as they reflect our fundraising events - Card Party and English Tea. Please call Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 if you can donate prizes for one of these two events. Your support is greatly appreciated!

CARD PARTY FUNDRAISER - THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

The Catholic Women's League annual Dessert Card Party this year will be held as a fundraiser for our Syrian refugee family and elevator projects. Get a group together to play bridge or euchre! There will be fabulous door prizes; a 50/50 draw and delicious desserts to enjoy for only \$15.00. Tickets are available in the Religious Articles store or by calling Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481.



A MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER FOR ST. RAPHAEL'S ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT.

Give Mom or Grandma a special treat. Make reservations for you and your family or friends at St. Raphael's English Tea Party, on

Saturday May 7th, Two sittings: 1 pm – 2:25 pm or 3 pm – 4:15 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (5 -12), under 5 free. Kids can make a free corsage for Mom or Grandma. Enjoy tea (English or herbal) or coffee or juice, plus tea sandwiches and goodies. Come out and support our fundraiser and have some fun. Contact Charlie - 905-681-6221 bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca or Jen - jenlandry76@gmail.com for reservations. Tickets available after weekend masses.

REDUCED OFFICE HOURS: Please note that there will not be *evening* office hours this upcoming week (Tuesday and Thursday). The office will also be closed on Saturday, April 23rd. **NEW SATURDAY OFFICE HOURS:** Starting Saturday, April 30th, the office will be open from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., instead of 9 a.m. to noon.

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY -- The Untold Story Of An Unknown Masterpiece. A special showing of this remarkable film about a miraculous vision and the image it gave rise to, two nights only. Two Showings: **April 22 & 23, 7:30 p.m.** St. Thomas the Apostle, Waterdown - Parish Hall 715 Centre Road, Waterdown, 905 689-4857

HEROIC CATHOLICISM: You are invited on **May 28th** to join Tim Staples and Tanya Granic Allen at the Canada Christian College in Toronto in what is going to be another amazing day filled with prayer, faith and fellowship. In a world where it is increasingly more difficult to practice our faith, the world and the Church requires people to practice heroic Catholicism. All info and to purchase tickets: www.ServiamMinistries.com/events/heroic/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

HEAL YOUR HEART - Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents) There is help – you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. The goal of the workshops is to provide definitive actions that will mend conflicting emotions that hold you back from enjoying life. Join us for this 6 week course being held **Wednesdays April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1** at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville. The afternoon sessions will run from 1 - 3 pm. For more information call Ilse at 905-338-1778; to register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

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