## ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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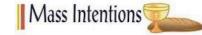
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# He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia



Monday, April 18 - 9:00 am Ints. Martin Robert

**Tuesday, April 19** - 9:00 am Ints. Magdelina Bezzubyk & George Plach

Wednesday, April 20 - 9:00 am Ints. Mary Motz

#### Thursday, April 21 - 9:00 am Ints. Paula Ospina; Ints. Maria Pinheiro; Ints. Camila Sepuelvada; Ints. Marianna Sel; Ints. Nancy Mendez; † Mary Germann

## Friday, April 22

9:00 am - Ints. André Denis 10:45 am – Easter Mass, St. Paul School

Saturday, April 23 - 5:00 pm

+ Epifanio Braganza; + Ralph Edward; + James Carney;
+ Karl Plach; + Deceased members of the C.W.L.;
+ Deceased members of the Thelucey family

## Sunday, April 24

9:00 am <sup>+</sup> Manuel & Virginia Rodrigues 11:00 am For Our Parishioners

## Please pray for:

Jasmine Leigh Emma Goodale Vanessa Rodrigues Albert Rodrigues John Scharer Doug Pudsey Peggy Evans Lee Olds Stephen Pustai Michael Smart Kyle Elliott Heather Allen Maritza Garcia Gonzalez Tom Olds Alban Olds

Joseph & Madeleine Zucco Sarah Scharer Elizabeth Talatala Asia Rae Landry Noah Landry Alison Zierl Rosario Herve Jill Olds Joanne Pringle Robert Connelly Jones Rodney Barbara Fisher Laurie Suddaby Christopher Ryan James Cook Milan Heck Frank Sicoli Rolando Mabalay Helen Weppler Jane Urquhart Laith Yousif Mary Lilly Vincent Stanford Marie Bond Ron Robertson Gary Olds Helen Sheehan Nicola Izzi John Bate

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

**Easter Sunday**, we read from the **Acts of the Apostles** to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The **Letter to the Colossians** reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The gospel is from **John's Gospel** and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <u>onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/</u> Used with permission.



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:** *Pope Francis writes:* "The rich heritage of *Christian spirituality, the fruit of twenty centuries of personal and* 

communal experience, has a precious contribution to make to the renewal of humanity. Here, I would like to offer Christians a few suggestions for an ecological spirituality grounded in the convictions of our faith" LS# 216

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate Earth Day This year's theme for is "*Invest in Our Planet*" which focuses on accelerating solutions to combat our greatest threat, **Climate Change**, and to activate everyone – governments, citizens, and businesses. **Everyone accounted for, and everyone accountable**, recognizes our collective responsibility to help accelerate the transition to an equitable, prosperous green economy for all, bringing back the health of our planet, protecting our species, and providing opportunities for all. The goal is to push aside the barriers erected by the fossil fuel economy and look towards new and innovative renewable energy that supports not only the greening of our economy but the promotion of **a sustainable and viable Earth Economy! Invest In Our Planet.** 

**What Will I Do?** Plastic pollution is one of the most important environmental problems that we face today. Calculate your personal plastic consumption: <u>https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-calculator-2/</u> then use our tips to help break free from single-use plastics. Unsubscribe to catalogs and donate to *The Canopy Project:* <u>https://www.earthday.org/campaign/thecanopy-project/</u> to save the trees! Enjoy spending time outside? Support the *Great Global Cleanup:* <u>https://www.earthday.org/campaign/cleanup/</u> and pick up trash while enjoying your outdoor activities. It is a great

way to save that plastic bottle cap from the landfill while you are on your morning walk! Be a part of the change. Change your diet to fight climate change! Try participating in meatless Mondays!

<u>https://www.earthday.org/eatmoreplants/</u> Consumer demand for renewable energy sources is rising. Renewable energy sources will help to reduce our carbon footprint and restore our earth. Call your utility and ask for green power: <u>https://www.earthday.org/actions/goclean-energy/</u> For more information on Earth Day 2022, the official theme, updates: <u>https://www.earthday.org/</u>, and how to get involved, please visit:

https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2022/

Please visit 52 ways website and learn how you can save OUR COMMON HOME in your every day life: <u>https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/</u>

## IN OUR PARISH

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION



April 10, 2022

Envelopes (135)	\$4,336
Loose	\$336
Share Lent (13)	\$244

Thank you for your continued support!

HAPPY EASTER !!! As we go through life we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness, frustration, and despair. In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave. But we also experience little resurrections, when we know love, acceptance, mutual understanding, and forgiveness, when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb. Easter is a feast that gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. The act of passion, death, and resurrection communicates God's everlasting love for us. We are given new life and love even though we remain unlovable. May this Easter inspire you to new hope, happiness, prosperity, and abundance. Let us continue to celebrate the love of God with one another. Wishing you and your family a meaningful and grace-filled Easter!!! Fr. Francis & Parish Staff

### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS:

St. Raphael School & Parish Program – Sunday, April 24, 1pm St. Paul School & Parish Program – Sunday, May 1, 1pm

### **CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS:**

St. Raphael School & Parish Program – Saturday April 23, 2pm St. Paul School & Parish Program – Saturday April 30, 2pm

ALTAR SERVERS: The Altar Server Ministry is in need of new servers. Registration forms are now available online or at the parish office. Servers choose their preferred mass time and are asked to assist at special celebrations and masses throughout the year. Students in Grade 4 and up are welcome to register to volunteer with this ministry. New servers will have an opportunity to be trained and shadow serve before officially starting. Please consider assisting at the Table of the Lord as this is an important and rewarding ministry. For further information visit the parish website or contact the parish office at: straphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com

**CENACLE PRAYER GROUP:** The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle is restarting in the St. Anthony room on Monday, April 18. Please join us on Mondays after the 9 am Mass. We pray the Rosary, read one of the messages given by our Lady to Fr. Gobbi from the book "To the Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons", and make a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information contact Sylvia Heald 905-632-4862



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY: Women of all ages join us via Webinar May 21, at 9:30am, for our monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives. Refresh,

restore and renew our faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to <u>michele@forgionegroup.com</u> or <u>leonyhettinger@bell.net</u> See you soon.



ST. RAPHAEL ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE: Come out for an evening of fellowship and fun on Saturday, April 23, at 6pm. Who will win the coveted Silver

Spoon for the best chilli of 2022? Enter your chilli to win. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. If you prefer not to compete, come out to sample the amazing creations entered by your fellow parishioners and cast your vote. Please bring your own beer, wine, spirits, and soft drinks to this event. Tables seat eight so please bring your family & friends. Tickets **\$10 per person, children under 12** and **Chefs' tickets** are **free**, and will be available after each weekend mass in the welcoming area. Call the parish office for more information or email: <u>Straphaelburlington@hamiltondiocese.com</u>



**PARISH BREAKFAST – MAY 1:** Knights of Columbus Council 5073 will be hosting PARISH BREAKFAST **Sunday May 1** after

both the 9am and 11am Mass. Enjoy bacon, scrambled eggs, sausages, home fries, pancakes, pork & beans, toast, juice, tea, and coffee. There are no tickets. Admission is by making a "donation" when you arrive at the Parish Hall door. There will be a 50 -50 draw. The funds raised will be used by Knights of Columbus Halton Columbus Charities to help the people of Ukraine. Each breakfast sitting will be limited to 150 persons. Please register your family on the sheets in the Parish Main Lobby

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE RELIGIOUS**

**ARTICLES STORE:** The Religious Articles Store will be opening up again before and after the weekend masses. Volunteers are needed to help run the store at the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am masses. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Angie Lappin by phone 905-333-5718 or email: <u>chris.lappin@sympatico.ca</u>

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** A reminder that the office will be <u>closed</u> on **Monday, April 18.** 

## **IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**LIFE TALKS CONFERENCE:** Join Halton Alive at the Life Talks Conference featuring Canadian leaders, experts and advocates for Life. Become a more effective ambassador for life this year by attending Life Talks and/or sponsoring a young person! Life Talks takes place from **9:30am** – **4:30pm on April 30,** at St. George's Church, 4691 Palladium Way, Burlington. Tickets are available for \$35 (\$20 for students) at <u>https://www.haltonalive.ca/lifetalks</u> or by phoning: 905-632-3232

**HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY MASS:** The Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to announce that the Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 11:00am. Please be advised that this Mass will take place outdoors. All are welcome!



**SUNDAY FUNNY:** Why did the Easter Egg hide?

Because he was a little chicken.



