

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant

**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.

### 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)

### 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.

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- Assumption High School  
905.634.1835
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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*

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**FIFTH DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT  
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



**Monday, April 3** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Harm & Myrla Dewyk

**Tuesday, April 4** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Trevor Evelyn

**Wednesday, April 5** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ José & Margarida Rodrigues

**Thursday, April 6** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Jack Theurer; + Charles Zammit;  
+ Joseph Nedelko; + Martin O'Boyle

**Friday, April 7** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Sharon Carron

**Saturday, April 8** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Clinton Cox; + Manuel & Maria Furtado;  
+ Paquito Zambrona; + Raymond King;  
+ Krystyna Zuwala; Deceased Members Sheehan Family

**Sunday, April 9**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Members and Families of the SSVF

**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
Jill Ascah	Rose Hughes	

*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, March 26<sup>th</sup> \$ 4,742.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR EASTER:** Please submit bulletin announcements by 9 a.m. on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for the Easter bulletin.



**LADIES COFFEE MORNING:** All Ladies are invited this **Wed., April 5<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the St. Raphael Parish Centre from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. Lunch included. A \$10 donation is suggested to help cover the costs. Registration after all Masses.

**FIFTH DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT  
(SOLIDARITY SUNDAY)  
FOLLOWING CHRIST TO THE CROSS AND  
RESURRECTION**

**Serve with the spirit of new life in solidarity**

I'm grateful for this opportunity to write to you about **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Share Lent Campaign Women at the Heart of Change**. 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of Development and Peace reaching out to our sisters and brothers around the world through its annual Share Lent appeal. Together, we have been on a journey to seek a world free from poverty, violence and oppression – a world full of the peace of God. On behalf of all of those who count on our financial support, I thank you for being generous today and for helping to ensure that our parish, St. Raphael, will continue for the next 50 years the journey of love, compassion and solidarity that Christ has entrusted to all of us. It is the journey towards a fair world for all. **THANK YOU! Fr. Frank**



**SEDER SUPPER [JEWISH**

**PASSOVER] Tuesday, April 11.**

We invite you to participate in this ritual and festive meal as a special way of understanding and experiencing the annual memorial of

the **Exodus**, which is part of the history of Salvation we share with our Jewish brothers and sisters. This is the meal which Jesus celebrated at what we call the **Last Supper**. We need you to **sign up for this celebration**, since there are many details we must prepare for those who will share in the symbolic aspects of the meal. **Please see Fr. Frank if you would like to attend.** The supper will take place in the Parish Centre, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 13:** There are two events on this evening: **Soup Supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.** [make a soup to share with about ten people] and then stay for the **Holy Thursday Liturgy beginning at 8:00 p.m.** which includes washing of the feet [bring a towel if you would like a foot washed] and a special blessing and mandating of all parish ministries. **Please sign up for the Soup Supper.** A registration form is located in the parish entrance.

**GOOD FRIDAY DRAMATIZED STATIONS OF THE CROSS** We would like to invite all parishioners, their families and friends, to a drama presentation of the Stations of the Cross in the Church sanctuary, beginning at 8:00 PM. This will be the 20<sup>th</sup> year that St. Raphael parishioners have reenacted this solemn dramatization. We encourage all to attend and be part of this moving and reflective sharing of our Lord's passion.

**LENTEN PROJECT:** Thank you to all parishioners who donated underwear for children and sewing supplies for their mothers to the **Canadian Food for Children** (Dr. Simone). The missionaries tell us that these items are urgently needed. The Members of the Catholic Women's League are grateful for your generosity.



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**

Pope Francis writes: "Not everyone is called to engage directly in political life. Society is also enriched by a countless

array of organizations, which work to promote the common good and to defend the environment, whether natural or urban..... Thus, a community can break out of the indifference induced by consumerism. These actions cultivate a shared identity, with a story, which can be remembered and handed on. **In this way, the world, and the quality of life of the poorest, are cared for, with a sense of solidarity, which is at the same time aware that we live in a common home which God has entrusted to us.** These community actions, when they express self-giving love, can also become intense spiritual experiences." Laudato si #23

Solidarity means the support that people in a group give each other because they have the same opinions or aims. The neediest people suffer for many different reasons; poverty, injustice, climate change and lack of education. The Earth, "Our Common Home", struggles under the effects of Climate Change! Let's help the Earth recover from all the illness that it endures by demonstrating our solidarity with all the created order. **April is Earth Month!** Stand in solidarity with people all around the world who "Care for Our Common Home". Check out the many Earth Day events that will take place in our community: e.g. Community and Neighbourhood Clean Ups, Tree Planting, Eco Festivals;

[www.burlington.ca/en/live-and-play/environment.asp](http://www.burlington.ca/en/live-and-play/environment.asp)



**MARCH 1 - APRIL 9 (8am to 8pm)**

Join this peaceful, and effective International Prayer Movement. Choose a prayer time from 8am to 8pm. [www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Saturdays @ 10am & Sundays @ 3pm - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital) **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

**Bishop Crosby's letter to Prime Minister Trudeau on money for Reproductive Rights:**

Our Bishop, as President of the CCCB has written a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau concerning the recent decision by the Government of Canada to provide **\$650 million** toward "sexual and reproductive health and rights". Bishop Crosby states in his letter that **the policy and vision of the government conflict with the principles** instinctively shared by the majority of the world's population and consistently upheld by the Catholic Church: **to defend and protect human life from conception to natural death.** A PDF copy of his letter is available on the Diocesan website. For further questions around this issue, please contact Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 [complete letter in bulletin and on bulletin board]

**KNITTING GROUP:** St. Anthony's Room - **Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All who crochet or knit are welcome. If you need a pattern, needles, yarn, help with a pattern, join us. We only meet when the need arises. Work at home at your leisure. Call Rose Hughes for more info 905-633-8455.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** Tickets \$30, Available after all weekend masses, by calling (905) 637-2346, or [galwayrenata@gmail.com](mailto:galwayrenata@gmail.com). All proceeds go towards the Accessibility Project.

**CHILI CHALLENGE:** A special thank you to Renata, Gabriella, Tricia, Myrla, Jim, Leony, Rocco, Tizzia, Ashley and everyone who helped make this night possible. It was a great evening with many delicious chili dishes! This event raised \$820 towards our Accessibility Project. Congratulations to our winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Fr. Francis Salaslar, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Myrla Dewyk, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Melida O'Keefe. Great job everyone!



**SPRING IS HERE:** Join a discussion on **Pollinator Gardens and Biodiversity** with Sean James, on **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre, sponsored by St Raphael Parish Social Justice and Care Of Creation Committee.

**Thanks to Rosanne Nusca:** We are sad to announce that Rosanne Nusca is moving from Burlington. Therefore, she has resigned her position as the office manager. She has been a wonderful support and a great team player. She has contributed immensely to the functioning and smooth running of the parish. She will be here with us until the end of the school year. It is a loss for our parish, but we wish her and her family good luck and best wishes.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** As mentioned above, due to the resignation of Rosanne, we are looking for a new office manager. If you are interested in this position please contact the office at [office@straphaels.ca](mailto:office@straphaels.ca) for the scope of work and for a detailed job description, or meet Fr. Francis to get a hard copy of the same. Resumes will be accepted until April 20, 2017.

**DEMENTIA UNDERSTOOD:** Canadian statistics (2015) indicate that 564,000 people are currently living with dementia and within 15 years this number is projected to increase to 937,000. This represents 1.1 million Canadians affected directly or indirectly by the disease. The 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The event is free and all are welcome, so bring a neighbor or friend.

**NEW LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CDs:** You are encouraged to purchase one or more CDs for yourself and family members to listen and reflect during your **Lenten journey.** Located next to the Religious Articles Store. Cost: \$5.00



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