

# 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

- Assumption High School 905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary 905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary 905.632.1424

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOTLINE

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*

The Diocese of Hamilton [HamiltonDiocese.com](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Holy Cross Vocations [www.holycrossvocationscanada.com](http://www.holycrossvocationscanada.com)  
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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Monday, April 23** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Paul Coles

**Tuesday, April 24** at 9:00 a.m.  
Special Intention

**Wednesday, April 25** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Byron Chambers

**Thursday, April 26** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Nicky Plach; Ints. Laura Mozina  
+ Shirley Bannan; + Terry Evans;  
+ Dal Harkness; + Doris Russell

**Friday, April 27** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Agnes Hayhurst

**Saturday, April 28** at 5:00 p.m.  
Ints. R. DeGuzman; Ints. Cathy Carr;  
+ Steve Pustai Sr; + Danilo Del Rosari;  
+ Doris Russell; + Ruth & Harry Gonsalves

**Sunday, April 29**  
9:00 a.m. + John & Maria Furtado  
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

**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 15 <sup>th</sup> - envelope	\$1703.00
Sunday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> - loose	\$247.00
First Communion	\$440.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

For the **Fourth Sunday of Easter** we reflect on the Paschal Mystery more deeply. **Psalm 118** says, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Peter quotes this psalm in preaching that the crippled man was healed, "in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead." In **John's Gospel**, Jesus tells us, "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

*"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: "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have*

*inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will." Laudato Si #2*

**Do you know?** In 2015 global plastics production has hit 322 million tons? According to the International Organization for Standardization plastics are produced each year to make bags, bottles, packages, and other commodities for people all over the world; only about ten percent of this plastic is properly recycled and reused. The rest ends up as waste in landfills or as litter in our natural environment, where it leaches dangerous chemicals into the nearby soil and water, endangering humans and wildlife alike. Plastic pollution is not only impacting our waters and marine life, but also the food chain and our overall health.

**Do you know** that presently in the Pacific Ocean, there is an island of floating plastic garbage that is now greater than the size of France, Germany and Spain combined? How can we help?

*Some ideas to "End Plastic Pollution":*

- Take and use recyclable bags whenever you shop for groceries or when you go to the Mall.
- Try to end using plastic drinking straws; use a glass instead!
- Place your plastic bags in your Blue Box – New starting this April the Halton Region will recycle clean, empty, dry plastic bags. Simply bundle plastic bags in a single bag and tie the handles to place in your Blue Box.
- Refuse to buy water in plastic bottles; use a refillable drinking bottle.
- Place all recyclable plastic items in the recycle bin.

### IN OUR PARISH



**A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS:** to all the students of St. Paul School, St. Raphael School and the Parish Program who received First Holy Communion this month.

**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)



### 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.



**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.



**12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE:**

All are invited to join in prayer and solidarity for good palliative care in our hospitals and community being held at our parish on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**. This is an annual initiative by the Canadian Catholic Women's League of Canada. You are welcome to join us for any part of the day or support us in prayer throughout the day.

- 8:30 - 9:00 Rosary in the church
  - 9:00 - 9:30 Mass in church
  - 9:30 - 10:00 Coffee and baked goods in parish center
  - 10:00 - 11:00 Value of Life (DVD presentation) and discussion in parish center
  - 11:00 - 2:00 Silent Prayer in Adoration chapel: sign name for prayer time
  - 2:00 - 2:30 The Way of the Cross: Reflections on Suffering and Sickness
  - 2:30 - 3:00 Prayer for Caregivers in church
  - 3:00 - 3:30 Divine Mercy Chaplet in church
  - 4:00 - 6:30 Silent Prayer in Adoration chapel: sign up to pray
  - 6:30 - 7:00 Quality End of Life Care (presentation)
  - 7:00 - 8:30 Presentations by Speakers in Parish hall:
    - Providing comfort in end of life: Carla Floriani, Occupational Therapist, St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton
    - Supporting end of life at home: Jane Langlotz, Care Coordinator, Palliative team, LHIN
    - End of Life Care, Carpenter Hospice: Nigel Jacobs and Dave Dyson, Carpenter Board of Directors
    - Partnership between Palliative Care and Funeral Service: How to get started with planning a funeral: Tom Flannery and Kathy Dandie, Dodsworth and Brown Funeral Home
- Donations accepted for Carpenter Hospice, Burlington*

**KITCHEN REMINDER:** In the past few weeks many items have been left behind in the refrigerator in the parish kitchen after parish functions. Only ongoing ministries (weekly/monthly) are allowed to store items properly labelled with their ministry name in the fridge. Please come and collect these items within the next two weeks. If you have any questions please contact Marlene @905-634-0733 or [mjc1@sympatico.ca](mailto:mjc1@sympatico.ca)

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Please join us to journey along with Bishop Robert Barron as he unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. From St. Francis of Assisi to St. Catherine of Siena, from St. Thomas Aquinas to Michelangelo, all the way to Blessed John Henry Newman and G. K. Chesterton, Christ's Incarnation is on display through the minds and lives of his Church's members. Our Spring programme (7 sessions) runs from **May 2 through to June 13**, each **Wednesday evening 7 pm to 8 pm** (a 30-minute video followed by a 30-minute discussion) in the **Parish Hall**.



**CARD PARTY:** Fundraiser for the Homeless. Welcome all men and women to the card party which will be held on **Thurs. May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7 pm** in the **parish centre**. It's only a few weeks away. You can play either bridge or euchre; eat delicious homemade desserts; enjoy refreshments and have a chance to win one of many door prizes. There will also be a 50/50 draw. Make up your foursome and order your tickets of **\$20.00** each by calling Lesley @ 905-512-2477 or Helen @ 905-634-7481. Tickets are also on sale in the religious articles store.



**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.



**PHOTO DIRECTORY:** One Final session will be held **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** for Ministry Group Photos and any families who were unable to participate earlier. **Please contact Liz Leonard at 905-634-3836.** Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and an 8x10!

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

**HALTON ALIVE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Members of Halton Alive are expected to attend or submit a proxy. Guests are welcome to attend. **Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** at **St. Gabriel's Parish** (2261 Parkway Dr. Burlington). Refreshments included. RSVP and more info at [www.haltonalive.com](http://www.haltonalive.com) or 905-632-3232

**DAY OF PRAYER:** Please join in a day of Prayer with the SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE at 11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton on **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm** (Mass). There will be Tea, coffee and muffins on arrival (offering basket). Please bring a bag lunch. To register please email [ssspertshire@sympatico.ca](mailto:ssspertshire@sympatico.ca) or call 905-388-3966.

**SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE RECEPTION: SING FOR JOY!** This takes place on **Sun. April 29 at 7 pm** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King**. Music will be performed by the Diocesan Choir, the combined choirs of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate and the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, and the Grand Philharmonic Choir. A highlight of the evening will be excerpts from Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. All are welcome!

**MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA:** The Burlington Knights of Columbus have arranged a coach bus to drive to Ottawa for the annual National March for Life on Thurs. **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. The day starts at **St. Gabriel parish** with a **5:30 am mass**, 6 am board the bus and at 1:30 pm join the Rally in Ottawa. The bus will arrive back at St. Gabriel parish at approximately 10 pm. **Cost is \$35** per person. Contact Ewart Harris by email at [Ewart.Harris@kofc.org](mailto:Ewart.Harris@kofc.org) or phone 416-559-4071.

**SUNDAY FUNNY:** *Forbidden fruits create many jams.*



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