

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

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

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Monday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Gilberto Velasquez

Tuesday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday, May 1 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Diane Svazas

Thursday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Harry Ketelaars; + Augus Reiter;
+ Eileen McHenry; + Larry Murphy

Friday, May 3
9:00 a.m. Ints. Roberta Scime
7:00 p.m. Ints. Doris Zammit

Saturday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Marie-Therese Pinto; + Thomas Daly;
+ Godofredo Elegado Sr.

Sunday, May 5
9:00 a.m. + Manuel Maria Furtado
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Frances Wentges	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Jane Urquhart
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Laith Yousif
Stephen Pustai	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly
Michael Smart	Alison Zierl	Vincent Stanford
Kyle Elliott	Sarah LaFontaine	Bill & Lucie
Karen Beeho	Rosario Herve	Jennings
Harvey & Pat	Jill Olds	Paul LaFontaine
Malcolm	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke
Elizabeth Elder	Cathy Moore	Coral King
Michael Colameco	Aileen Smith	Christina Sobra
Tony Hymes	Marie Bond	

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 a.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April 21 ST	- Envelopes (227)	\$5990.00
	- Easter Offering (280)	\$8530.00
	- Good Friday Collection (149)	3301.00
	- Holy Cross Fathers (1)	50.00
	- Loose	\$3294.00



Thank you for your continued support!

On the **Second Sunday of Easter**, as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we get a picture of how the early community gathered around as "Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles." **John's Gospel** gives us two post-resurrection stories that feature Thomas, the doubting apostle. "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER
Pope Francis writes: "It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential

"resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right."

Laudato Si #33

•**Want to help butterflies and bees, which are the most important pollinators?** Think beyond providing flowers for nectar in the height of summer. Many butterfly species we see in Canada don't migrate. You can provide habitat and food for their entire lifecycle — eggs, larvae, pupae AND adults — throughout the year. Whether you have a small plot in the big city or a few acres, transform your yard into a pollinator garden! **Overwintering habitat:** Consider not raking leaves to provide a butterfly nursery! Most butterflies in Canada overwinter as caterpillars, others as pupae. A few species winter as adults, hibernating in hollow trees, under bark and firewood piles, or in garden shed cracks and crevices. Few spend winter as eggs. It is important to leave some dead foliage on the garden over the winter to provide shelter for butterflies and bees! **Our Parish Garden is an amazing example of a well maintained Pollinator Garden thanks to Myrla Dewyk and her team! Thank you Myrla!** For more information see:

- <https://davidsuzuki.org/queen-of-green/create-pollinator-friendly-garden-birds-bees-butterflies/>
- Remember! Extinction is forever.

IN OUR PARISH

HOLY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER: The food we shared at this event was plentiful and very tasty. The fellowship was a blessing. Thank you to all who shared and participated in this Holy Week gathering.

THANK YOU! We would like to thank the parishioners who were involved in helping the whole parish community worship and pray during these sacred liturgies: *musicians, sacristans, decorators, altar servers, readers, communion ministers, ushers, collection counters, children's liturgy team, hospitality ministers, and maintenance staff.* A special thanks to the students of St. Paul and St. Raphael School who participated in the Good Friday 11 am service. We appreciate all you do for our community. May the risen Christ continue to bless you and your family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Thank you to all the ministries who conducted the Stations of the Cross during Lent. We would also like to thank the many parishioners who assisted with the preparations and presentation of the dramatization of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWERS: Among the many wonderful services which parishioners provide for the parish is the donation of flowers for our important liturgical celebrations. Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to add to the elegant liturgical décor of our worship space. Thank you to the members of the decoration group who work diligently, giving up their time to up keep the plants looking good during the year.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY: May 25th at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. We invite all students **grades 7 to 12** from our parish to join for #RallyUp. The day begins at **9am** and concludes at **8pm** (following a Mass and a BBQ dinner). St. Raphael parish would like to enroll and pay for our youth to attend. Please sign up at the parish office by **April 29th**.



CONFIRMATION: Our parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for our students on **April 30th at 7 pm** for St. Raphael School and parish program students and **May 1st at 7 pm** for St. Paul School and parish program students.



FIRST COMMUNION: Congratulations to St. Raphael school and parish program students who celebrate their First Communion on April 28th. St. Paul school and parish program students First Communion class celebration is on **May 5th at 2 pm in our parish.**



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wednesday, May 1st at 9:30 am** in the St. Francis room.

ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS: Please join our parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship on **Friday, May 3rd at 7 pm.** All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.



ST. RAPHAEL CWL SPRING FLING: Thursday May 23rd at 7 pm. View and try on fashion by NYGARD, plus receive a 10 % discount for all orders. Enjoy refreshments, scrumptious DESSERTS and visit our REPEAT BOUTIQUE featuring gently used jewellery and handbags; plus, door prizes. **Tickets on sale starting May 4th for \$12,** contact Charlie at bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca or 905-681-6221.



CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT: Join us on **May 6th at 7 pm** in the **Parish Centre** to view **"God is Not Dead III- Light in the Darkness."** After a deadly fire rips through Saint James Church, Hadleigh university leaders use the tragedy to push the congregation off compass, forcing the church to defend its rights and bringing together estranged brothers for a reunion that opens old wounds and forces them to address issues that pulled them apart.

2019 BIBLE CAMP: July 8 – 12 Registration forms are available on the bulletin board at our parish entrance and on our parish website: www.straphaels.ca **All registration forms must be received by in the parish office by Monday June 24th.**



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: All are welcome for Fellowship and Prayer.

For info. please call Wilma or Frank 905-870-0641.

Regular Monthly prayer time is Every Second Monday of the Month:

Mon. May 13 7:30pm

St. Raphael Church

12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE:

Please join us on **May 8th** for 12 Hours of prayer for Palliative Care at St. Raphael Parish. The day will begin with rosary and mass followed by short videos and discussion. Prayers will continue with Divine Mercy at 3pm and Stations of Cross at 7pm with focus on Reflections on Suffering and death. Discussion and videos will occur after the Stations in the church hall. For those who cannot join us, please offer your prayers for caregivers, the sick and dying and support of good palliative care. Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

EX CORDE FUND FOR SIDWALKS AND YOUTH

MINISTRY: The EX CORDE FOUNDATION was established by Bishop Douglas Crosby to give grants to help fund parish projects in the Diocese of Hamilton. We applied for a 2019 grant to help finance the improvement of our sidewalks and accessibility to our new elevator as well as to our youth ministry. A few weeks ago we received a cheque from the Foundation Committee for \$15,000 to help us improve our parish's accessibility and youth ministry. We are indeed, very grateful to the Diocese of Hamilton for this financial aid and give thanks to the EX CORDE FOUNDATION.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ASSUMPTION'S CRUSADER FOR LIFE PRO-LIFE SPRING FUNDRAISER: Monday, April 15 - April 29. A selection of hanging baskets and spring plants is offered for purchase until April 29th. Selection and purchase information is available at www.gobluego.ca Purchased spring flowers will be picked up from Assumption North Campus, 1433 Headon Rd on Tues. May 6th from 3:00-7:30 pm. All funds raised go toward the Crusaders for Life club and the March for Life rally in Ottawa, on May 9th & 10th. Contact Miss Adolphe at Assumption CSS 905-634-1835 for more information. Thanks for your support!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH FOR LIFE: Join in the march on **May 9th** in Ottawa. The day begins with Mass at **5:30 am** at St. Gabriel Church, Burlington. Then onto the bus to the Rally and march on Parliament Hill. Expected arrival back to St. Gabriel Church is **10 pm.** **\$30 per person.** Contact Ewart Harris 416-559-4071 or ewart.harris@kofc.org to reserve a seat.

MORNING OF REFLECTION: Join the Knight of Columbus for a "Morning of Reflection on God's Mercy" **May 11th from 8 am to Noon** at the **Columbus Hall,** (2400 Industrial St.) Friar Ed DeBono, OFM will reflect on "How God's mercy frees us from slavery of sin and strength us to imitate His mercy in everyday life." Breakfast at **8:10 am.** Free will offering. Limited space, contact Henry at hvalcheff@hotmail.com or 905-510-9182

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