

# 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  
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- St. Paul's Elementary  
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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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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DEVINE MERCY



**Monday, April 9** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Shirley Bannan

**Tuesday, April 10** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Edna Pierce

**Wednesday, April 11** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Doug Carlisle

**Thursday, April 12** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Erma Oterga; + Fanci Sarf;  
+ Fr. Hughes; + Valerie Zamora;  
+ Ernest Neiser

**Friday, April 13** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Alexander Eberspacher

**Saturday, April 14** at 5:00 p.m.  
Ints. Shelley Hamer & Family;  
Ints. Wanda Kotlarz; + Philomena Bocarro;  
+ Maureen Cadorette; + Anne Yurincich  
+ Catherine & Francis D'Mello

**Sunday, April 15**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Boleslaw Berek



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**

*Pope Francis writes: "Some forms of pollution are part of people's daily experience. Exposure to atmospheric*

*pollutants produces a broad spectrum of health hazards, especially for the poor, and causes millions of premature deaths. People take sick, for example, from breathing high levels of smoke from fuels used in cooking or heating. There is also pollution that affects everyone, caused by transport, industrial fumes, substances which contribute to the acidification of soil and water, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and agrottoxins in general."* *Laudato Si' #20*

It is our responsibility to protect the environment, which gives us resources to find the cure of some diseases.

Did you know?

- At least half of the world's people are currently unable to obtain essential health services.

- Almost 100 million people are being pushed into extreme poverty, forced to survive on just \$1.90 or less a day, because they must pay for health services out of their own pockets.

- Over 800 million people (almost 12 percent of the world's population) spend at least 10 percent of their household budgets on health expenses for themselves, a sick child or other family member. They incur in so-called "catastrophic expenditures".

- Incurring catastrophic expenses for health care is a global problem. In richer countries in Europe, Latin America and parts of Asia, which have achieved high levels of access to health services, increasing numbers of people are spending at least 10 percent of their household budgets on out-of-pocket health expenses (World Health Organization).

"Jesus taught that if we would "first seek God's Reign" (Matthew 6: 33) and obey his command to "love God and love one another" (Matthew 22: 37-40), all the rest would take care of itself. We would no longer defy the laws of nature but seek to live in harmony and sustainability with Earth and all her creatures." *Richard Rohr*

This week reflect on living in harmony and sustainability with all the Earth and all Earth's creatures!

**Please pray for the following:**

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Michael Dowson
John O'Boyle	Vincent Stanford	Milan Heck
Frances Wentges	Jim Singer	Helen Weppler
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Jill Ascah	Shelly Sterling	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Asia Rae Landry	Michael Colameco
Stephen Pustai	Noah Landry	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Rozalia Bereznay	Mary Lilly
Denise Brooke	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Bill & Lucie
Clive Ottaway	Barbara Kennedy	Jennings

*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**



Easter Sunday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$14,541.00
Share Lent	\$235.00
Good Friday	\$2,811.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

On the **Second Sunday of Easter**, as we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we get a picture into how the early community lived their life of faith by sharing everything in common. In John's Gospel, Jesus appears to the Apostles, hiding in fear, and gives them the gift of his Spirit, calling them to forgive sins. We are reminded that the gospel is written, that we might come to believe in our Lord and have life in his name.

*"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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**IN OUR PARISH**

**HOLY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER:** The food and fellowship 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 many 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, hospitality ministers, children's liturgy team, and maintenance staff. We appreciate all you do for our community. May the risen Christ continue to bless you and your family.

**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.

**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!

**DEAR ST. RAPHAEL PARISHIONERS:** On behalf of Development and Peace, the St. Raphael Social Justice and Care of Creation Committee would like to thank you for your many prayers and generous donations to the "Together in Peace" Share Lent 2018, Campaign. Your on-going commitment to social justice through the promotion of building peace around the world is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in the people of St. Raphael parish. Please continue to pray for the members of Development and Peace as they work in establishing social justice throughout our world.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** will take place on **April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** for students of St. Raphael School and the Parish Program and **April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** for students of St. Paul School and the Parish Program. Please keep these children in your prayers as they receive the Body of Christ.



**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. Please RSVP to your ministry leaders by April 10<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all committee leaders RSVP the names of volunteers who will be attending by April 10<sup>th</sup> to the office.



**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.



**CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY CALENDAR:** Please join us for the following events:  
**Mon, Apr 9** – No Prayer Meeting - Cancelled  
**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.

**2018 BIBLE CAMP:** July 9 – 13. Registration forms are available in the parish entrance, at the schools and on our parish website: [www.straphaels.ca](http://www.straphaels.ca)



**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.



**CARD PARTY: Fundraiser for the Homeless.** This year's CWL annual spring card party will be held on **Thursday, May 3 at 7 pm** in the **Parish Centre**. The card party has been well attended for many years and we encourage you to tell your friends and family members to get their tickets soon and make up your foursome. For only \$20.00 you can enjoy playing either bridge or euchre; eat delicious desserts and have a chance to win one of many door prizes. We will also have a 50/50 draw. To order your tickets, please call Lesley @ 905-512-2477.



**PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Final sessions are available on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and **May 1<sup>st</sup>** for Ministry Group Photos and any families who were unable to participate earlier. **Please schedule your sitting by contacting Liz Leonard at 905-634-3836.** Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and one free 8x10! It won't be complete without YOU in it

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION:** The 30th Divine Mercy Celebration will be held on Sunday, **April 8** at **St. Gabriel Church**, Burlington. We are pleased to welcome Bishop Emeritus Matthew Ustrzycki as our celebrant. Program – 2 pm Confessions; 3 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Readings & Chaplet; 4 pm Video of Divine Mercy & Sister Faustina, and refreshments. For information call 905-335-6902.

**AMORIS LAETITIA: "The joy of Love"** An overview of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter be explored by the Diocesan Family Ministry Office in each Deanery. Register with Lena at 905.528.7988 ext. 2249, or online by clicking on Upcoming Events at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The event takes place **Thursday, April 12th** from 7-9 pm at **St. Matthews Parish**, Oakville.

**PSALMS VOLUME OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE:** Visit the **Bishop Farrell Library & Archives** (698 King St. West, Hamilton) to learn about the Bible and engage with this beautiful work of sacred art. The Library will be open **Sunday, April 15** from **10:00 am to 2:00 pm** and **April 17, 18, 19** from **10 am to 4 pm**. All 7 volumes will be on display during the April 29 Sing for Joy Concert at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. For more information visit: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/stjohnsbible/>

### **SUNDAY FUNNY:**

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