ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

Fr. Frank Wagner, C.S.C. - Pastor Fr. Francis Salasiar, C.S.C. - Associate Pastor Mr. Cristian Lecanda - Youth Minister

> Mrs. Rosanne Nusca - Office Manager Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tues & Thurs 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Sunday

closed on Statutory Holidays

MASS TIMES

CONFESSIONS

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

BAPTISMS & BECOMING

• For newborns, every first and third Sunday at 2:00 PM

· For school aged children, after

becoming Roman Cathoic call

the office for more information.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, anytime, day or night.

SACRAMENTS

Saturday Sunday Mon - Fri

Saturday

5:00 PM 9:00 AM

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

or by appointment

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM vear 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

The Diocese of Hamilton HamiltonDiocese.com Please visit these websites: Catholics Come Home www.CatholicsComeHome.org Vocations www.HamiltonDiocese.org

being catechized.

· For adults interested in

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 31

9:00 a.m. The Marquez Family, Spec. Int.

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 a.m. Sister Virginia Hanlon, Spec. Int.

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Durisin Family

Thursday, September 3

9:00 a.m. John Kosir + Sylvie & Hugues Dollie, Spec. Int. Mona Stolar + Joao Feteira + Rosemarie Rodrigues +

Friday, September 4

9:00 a.m. John Kosir +

Saturday, September 5

5:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners

Saturday, September 6

9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Kathleen James + Stella Musial +

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher Helen Plouffe Doug Ciceri Mary Berry Nicola Izzi Vincent Stanford Isabelle Wild Martin Dawson John Scharer Molly Laporte Sarah Scharer Jim Singer



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 Wednesday morning.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday, August 23rd

\$5,630.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

"Children are the future of our church" a direct quote from Father Frank. On Sept 19th/20th we are introducing the Children's Liturgy at <u>all</u> our weekend masses, in the St. Francis Room. **We need leaders and student helpers**. The commitment is about one hour a month. Training is provided, as are all supplies and materials. No prep work involved. We provide letters of reference as well as community hours. Please consider joining our program. Contact, Charlotte (anytime) for more information at 905-681-6221 or <u>bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca</u>.



BECOMING A ROMAN CATHOLIC: Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you a Catholic who has not received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, or do

you know someone who is a Catholic but has not received these Sacraments? Then maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the place for you or them. Every year thousands of adults are welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church through the RCIA process. The RCIA is a series of instructions, faith development and rituals designed to help adults and older children become full members of the Catholic Church. Classes are every Wednesday beginning on **Wednesday, September 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. and end on the Feast of Pentecost. For more information please speak to Fr. Frank or Fr. Francis. You may also contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.

FEAST OF ST. RAPHAEL

NOVENA: In preparation for the Feast of St. Raphael on Tuesday, September 29th, we will be having a Novena Prayer at every Mass beginning on Saturday, September 19th.

MASSES ON SEPTEMBER 29: In honour of our Patron Saint, St. Raphael, there will be a morning Mass at 9:00 a.m. *and* an evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. on September 29th. Each Mass will be followed by a small reception in the parish gathering area.

PARI SH GARDENS: Our newly formed Gardening Team invites families of our parish to meet at the parish on Saturday, September 19 and Saturday, September 26 to help enhance our gardens in time for the Feast of St. Raphael. Save the date! More details to follow soon.

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW PASTOR, FR. FRANK WAGNER: On Sunday, September 13, we welcome Bishop Douglas Crosby who will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m. A reception will be held in our parish centre following the 11 a.m. Mass. DESSERTS NEEDED: This will be a coffee/ tea and dessert function. If you could donate **desserts**, **veggie trays or fruit trays** it would be most appreciated. Please drop off at the parish centre before the 11a.m. Mass on Sept 13. Please indicate your donation on the sign-up sheet located in the parish entrance. Thank you for your continued support.



NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

For general inquiries use: <u>office@straphaels.ca</u> For bulletin submissions use: <u>bulletin@straphaels.ca</u>. Please update your address book. Thank you!

SUMMER BULLETIN: We will now return to a <u>weekly</u> schedule for our *printed* bulletins. Bulletins will be sent via e-mail starting next week. If you would like the bulletin e-mailed to you, please send your request to <u>bulletin@straphaels.ca</u>

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions will resume on **Monday**, **September 14**th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish centre.

POPE FRANCIS INVITES US TO A DAY OF PRAYER OF THE CARE OF CREATION ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

As Christians we wish to offer our contribution towards overcoming the ecological crisis which humanity is living through. Therefore, first of all we must draw from our rich spiritual heritage the reasons which feed our passion for the care of creation, always remembering that for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for us, "the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us." The ecological crisis therefore calls us to a profound spiritual conversion: Christians are called to "an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them." Thus, "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of the Day on the same date as the Orthodox Church will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our orthodox brothers. We live in a time where all Christians are faced with identical and important challenges and we must give common replies to these in order to appear more credible and effective. Therefore it is my hope that this Day can involve, in some way, other Churches and ecclesial Communities and be celebrated in union with the initiatives that the World Council of Churches is promoting on this issue.

PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Creator God, you make all things and weave them together in an intricate tapestry of life. Teach us to respect the fragile balance of life and to care for all the gifts of your creation. Guide by your wisdom those who have power and authority, that, by the decisions they make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful Earth may continue to show your glory and sing your praises. Almighty God, you have called us to tend and keep the garden of your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence for all your plants and animals who share this planet with us and whose lives make possible our own. Help us to remember that they too love the sweetness of life and join with us in giving you praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ through whom all things

We ask this through Jesus Christ through whom all things are created. Amen

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteers to help in our Religious Articles Store before and after the week-end Masses. If you are interested, or would like more information, please call the office at 905-637-2346.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE RED MASS: The annual Red Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on **Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m**. The St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild sponsors this annual Mass that originated in the 13th century. The faithful come together to invoke the wisdom of the Holy Spirit upon all those who work in the court system, law enforcement and protective services: we pray for Divine guidance and strength upon them and all that they do for society. The celebrant of the Mass is the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton. Father Ian Duffy, pastor of St. Ann's Parish in Ancaster, is the homilist. All are welcome to this great tradition of worship and prayer.

CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools are also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or go to <u>www.hamiltondiocese.com</u> and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

GRANDPARENTS MATTER...FOSTERING FAITH

Grandparents play a very special role in the life of their grandchildren. They offer unconditional love, but they are also memory keepers & memory makers, spiritual guides & mentors and role models & nurturers. When grandparents understand how they can influence their grandchildren in a positive way their time together becomes both productive and fun. Come and share an enlightening and thought provoking time on the importance of grandparents! The event will take place at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (715 Centre Road, Waterdown) on **Saturday, Sept. 12th** from 9 am- 12:30 pm. There is no charge for this event as it is being hosted and presented by Directors of the Pastoral Offices from the Diocese of Hamilton. Register by contacting Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or <u>mvenin@hamiltondiocese.com</u>

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM 2015-

2016: The "New and Improved" Foundations for Ministry Program is a course designed to offer lay Catholics the opportunity to learn more about the foundations of our Catholic faith: Church history, scripture, morality, sacraments and prayer. This foundation is useful to parishioners who serve in a variety of ministries. The course will be offered in Hamilton and Waterloo starting in October 2015. Contact Monica at the Discipleship & Parish Life Office at 905-528-7988, x 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information and for registration forms.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE-SEMINAR This new, engaging **four part seminar** provides the easiest way to unlock the mystery of the Bible and makes the complex simple. Mondays **Sept 14, 21, 28 & Oct 5, at 7pm** - St. Patrick's, 440 King St. E at Victoria Ave., Hamilton. No cost. No Registration. To learn more: 905-522-9828 or parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca



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