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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Monday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.
+ Dave Ramsahoye

Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Angela Belcastro

Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Frank Barich

Thursday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Huguette Galante; Ints. Marie & Frank Calzonetti
+ Arnold Palango; + Denise Casey;
+ Donald Collins; + Sean Browne;

Friday, January 5
9:00 a.m. Ints. Lori Kendall
7:00 p.m. + Elaine Mueller

Saturday, January 6 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Madeline Beverly; Ints. Mary & Mike Gilles
+ Joseph Amato; + Algis Gurinskas; + Sean Browne

Sunday, January 7
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Francis Onuska

Please pray for the following:

John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Rosy Santos Perez	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
John O'Boyle	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler
Peggy Evans	Helen Sheehan	Jane Urquhart
Jill Ascah	Shelly Sterling	Laith Yousif
Lee Olds	Asia Rae Landry	Michael Colameco
Stephen Pustai	Noah Landry	Maria Szkitalinski
Michael Smart	Rozalia Berezny	Mary Lilly

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, December 17th \$8962.00
Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday is the wonderful **Feast of the Holy Family**, and there is a wonderful variety of readings from which to choose. **Luke's Gospel** is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents searched for him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

New Year's Day, is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**. In addition, it is a celebration of **World Day of Prayer for Peace**. It marks the midpoint in the Christmas Season.

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<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "Care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes the capacity for living together and

communion. Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers and sisters. Fraternal love can only be gratuitous; it can never be a means of repaying others for what they have done or will do for us. That is why it is possible to love our enemies. This same gratuitousness inspires us to love and accept the wind, the sun and the clouds, even though we cannot control them. In this sense, we can speak of a "universal fraternity". **Laudato Si #228**

At the beginning of the New Year, our hearts and minds turn to New Year's resolutions! Perhaps our resolutions for this year could include a way that we might develop ecological attitudes and environmentally friendly habits that would support our efforts towards peace and justice in our world and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of our beautiful planet.

"Green" New Year's Resolutions: Sustainability Starts at Home Consider working towards **Zero waste in your Home: Follow the 5 R's; Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot!**

<https://www.thestar.com/life/homes/2017/10/23/zero-waste-lifestyle-is-healthier-easier-cheaper-than-you-might-think.html> **Involve your whole family in Energy Conservation:** Last out, Lights out! **Use Natural Cleaning Products** <http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/cleaning/tips/a24885/make-at-home-cleaners/> <https://harmony1.com/green-new-years-resolutions/> **Buy Less and Use less of Everything!** Think, "**Do I need it or Do I want it**"? This New Year make a commitment with yourself to be **become more familiar with Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato si**, On care of our Common Home!

IN OUR PARISH



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wednesday, January 3rd 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, January 5th at 7 pm**. The theme is New Life in Christ. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.



BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre games will resume on **Monday January 8th at 1:00pm** in the Parish Centre. Come out for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: SACRAMENTS. Please join us on **January 10th at 7 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Centre** to learn more about the Sacraments. You are cordially invited to journey along with Jesus as his followers. Hope to see you all there.

ST. RAPHAEL'S 2ND ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE on



January 20th 2018, who will have the best chilli this year? Enter your chilli to win. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to win. If you do not want to enter a chilli come out and be a judge and taste them all. Buns butter and salad will be served with your chilli dinner. Tickets are **\$10 for adults and \$25 for a family**. Please bring your own beer, wine, pop to this event. Please sign up to enter your chilli at the table where the tickets are being sold. Everything will be explained there. For further questions please email Renata at galwayrenata@gmail.com or call 905-637-2457. Please invite family and friends.

ALTAR SERVERS: The Altar Server Ministry is in need of new servers for 2018. Registration forms are now available online or at the parish office. Servers choose their preferred mass time and are asked to assist at special celebrations and masses throughout the year. Students entering Grade 4 and up are welcome to register to volunteer with this ministry. New servers will have an opportunity to be trained and shadow serve before officially starting. Please consider assisting at the Table of the Lord as this is an important and rewarding ministry. For further information visit the parish website or contact Gabriela at gabriella.starcevic@gmail.com.

YEAR-END DONATIONS: Parishioners and visitors who wish to make a year-end donation to St. Raphael Parish for 2017 should do so **on or before Sunday 31st, 2017 at the 11 am mass; donations received by this date will be receipted for 2017. Donations received after 11 am mass on Dec 31st, 2017 will be receipted for 2018.** As a registered charitable organization, the parish must comply with these CRA guidelines. Your understanding and your timely support is appreciated.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES: Donating stocks or mutual fund shares is one of the smartest ways to support the Church while realizing significant tax savings. When you give a gift of shares to a registered charity, there are no capital gains taxes applied to the fully realized amount of the gift. In this way, the Church receives the full value of the securities, you receive a tax receipt for the full value of the gift, and you pay no capital gains tax on any increase in the price of those donated securities. For more information about making a gift of securities or to download a Share Transfer Form, visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/stewardship-and-development/securities or contact Francis Doyle by email at fdoyle@hamiltondiocese.com or by phone 905-528-7988 ext. 2235. All calls are confidential.

BOTTLE DRIVE: We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the beer, wine and liquor bottle drive. Since the beginning of this fund raising effort we have raised \$3138.30 towards the elevator. The bottle drive **will end** after the New Year, **January 14th**. Don't forget to bring all your holiday cheer empties in before the 14th. We would like to extend our thanks those who have graciously given of their time to take the empties to the beer store and sort and organize returns.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS: PHOTO DIRECTORY



In preparation and to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our parish in 2018 we are having a parish pictorial directory published to help us all get to know one another by name and strengthen our faith community. We invite everyone to please sign up after weekend masses to take your family photos to make our photo directory as complete as possible! IPC Canada offers this service free to our parish by making the portraits available to all the participants. Everyone will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and one free 8x10 for participating!

THANK YOU! The Accessibility Project collection envelopes for the month of December totaled \$3698. Thank you for your generous donations.

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please pick up your 2018 envelopes in the parish entrance, by the elevator. Forms to enroll in our Pre-Authorized Giving Plan are also available in the parish entrance or the parish office. Please contact the office if you require any assistance.

DID YOU KNOW? The Funeral Luncheon Ministry offers light catered lunch receptions for all bereaved families of St Raphael's Parish. This service is offered Mon-Fri every week of the year. We can accommodate up to 200 guests. If you would like to volunteer we would be happy to have you on our team. Also, we are always trying to improve this ministry. If you have suggestions please contact Marlene @ 905-634-0733/mjc1@sympatico.ca



CWL MEMBERSHIP: reminder renewal. It is that time of the year to renew or start a new membership in the Catholic Women's League - the largest Christian women's organization in Canada! If you use offertory envelopes, simply look for the blue envelope (second from the front) for the 2018 year or a plain envelope, complete with your name; full address; phone number and email address (if available) and include the fee of \$25.00. If you complete your membership before February 28, 2018, your name will go into a draw for a \$30.00 restaurant gift card

SHIFRA HOMES BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - St. Raphael's held a baby bottle fundraiser for Shifra Homes this past October. Many bottles were taken home by our parishioners; however over 90 bottles have not been returned. Kindly return the bottles to the welcoming area or office. If you made a contribution this year and have not yet received a tax receipt, please call Nancy Romic at 905-681-9633 X 222.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, December 25th: Closed
Tuesday, December 26th: Closed
December 27th – 29th: 9AM – 4PM
Monday, January 1st: Closed
Tuesday January 2nd: Closed
January 3rd – 5th: 9AM – 4 PM

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