

ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN

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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.

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

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.

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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**SIXTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME
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Monday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Clinton Cox

Tuesday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.
St. Raphael School Mass
+ Flo MacDougall

Wednesday, February 15 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Giberto Andreete

Thursday, February 16 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Giovanni Tucci; + Michele Centritto;
Ints. Lisa & Jason Starchuk; Ints. Irene Veiga

Friday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Jovita & Hospicio Almary

Saturday, February 18 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Jerry & Sally Rossini; + Peter Delorme;
+ Brad Cherrier; + John Tobin

Sunday, February 19
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Vera Pavlin

Please pray for the following:

Isabelle Wild	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
John Scharer	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Mary Berry	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
Doug Pudsey	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Sylvia Gzik	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Rosy Santos Perez	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
John O'Boyle	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Frances Wentges	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Diane Svazas	Irene Groves	Agnese Gagliardi
Peggy Evans	Michael Colameco	

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, February 5th \$ 5,805.00
Seminary Education \$ 1,359.00

Thank you for your continued support!

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING UPDATE: The Social Justice and *Care of Creation* meeting scheduled for February 14th has been cancelled. We hope to see you on **March 14th**.

2016 TAX RECEIPTS: Please pick up your 2016 tax receipt located (alphabetically) in the parish entrance next to the Religious Articles Store. *Please double check your name and address to ensure you are taking the correct envelope.*

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND: March 5 – 14, 2017 (10 days) Under spiritual leadership of **Fr. Francis Salasiar C.S.C.** There will be a final information meeting on **Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m.** in the parish centre.

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: THE REIGN OF GOD

In today's Gospel passage, Matthew makes a definite statement about his portrait of the person and the **mission of Jesus**. Jesus is clearly **initiating the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven, the Reign of God**. In fact, **Jesus himself says that he has come to fulfill the Law and the Prophets**. In Matthew's gospel, we will see how Jesus, in his words and actions, indeed his very person, is the fulfillment of the saving aspects of the lives and sacred Scriptures of the People of God prior to the conception of Jesus: individual persons and institutions, movements, events, feasts, attitudes and virtues. Certainly, Jesus the **teacher of the Torah**, wants us to **fulfill the goal of the Commandments**. But he urges us to go beyond the commandments in order to live the positive values protected by the Commandments: loving respect and reconciliation even for those who anger us, chaste relationships, fidelity in marriage, honesty and transparency in communication. These are some of the values that will give us the experience of the Reign of God in our everyday lives and be **signs of the Reign of God to others**. *Fr. Frank*



PARISH BREAKFAST: Join your fellow parishioners for a delicious breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus on

Sunday, February 26th after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the Parish Centre. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses. \$8/adult, \$4 children under 12 (free for children 5 and under)



ST RAPHAEL'S FIRST CHILI CHALLENGE:

Father Frank is challenging everyone in the parish to see who can make the best pot of chili. Mark down the date for **Saturday,**

March 25th. If you wish to enter your pot of chili please e-mail Renata at galwayrenata@gmail.com or call 905-637-2457. Please come to judge and sample. We will be having a chili dinner and the tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Cash Bar. Come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter. Great prizes for the winners.

DINNER FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY MARCH 4TH

Students from the various Culture of Life Clubs of the Halton Catholic School Board are hosting a Dinner Dance in the St. Raphael Parish Centre in order to raise funds to subsidize their trip to the **Annual March for Life** Event in Ottawa. Tickets are \$25 and include a wonderful dinner, coffee and dessert. There will also be a cash bar and 50/50 draw. Tickets will be on sale after masses.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found box located next to the St. Anthony room. There are a number of umbrellas, mittens, gloves, and eye glasses!

BOTTLE DRIVE: Please continue to support our ongoing bottle drive for the Accessibility Project by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. To date we have raised \$1,748! Thank you for your contributions!



ST. RAPHAEL EVERGREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: *"Together with our obligation to use the earth's goods responsibly, we are called to recognize that other living beings have a value of their own in God's eyes: by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory", (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2416) and indeed, "the Lord rejoices in all his works" (Ps 104:31). By virtue of our unique dignity and our gift of intelligence, we are called to respect creation and its inherent laws, for "the Lord by wisdom founded the earth" (Prov 3:19)."* Laudato si #69

We have now reached the half point of winter, and our hearts begin to turn to thinking about planting our gardens. Have you considered planting a few native species plants and flowers in your garden? If you are presently looking at seed catalogues, search out native species plants for our area. **Why Garden with Native Plants?** Native plants are adapted to local conditions so they are vigorous and hardy. Native plants in a garden ultimately create an easier garden to maintain. For example, they can withstand times of lower rainfall in the summer without the need for watering. They are resistant to a wider range of local pests and therefore do not require chemical intervention. They are adapted to local extremes of cold and heat. They can withstand competition from other plants, thus requiring less weeding. As a whole, they will save you time and money.

Did you know that the small bird population has decreased in Canada by 1/3? www.audubon.org

Check out: cwf-fcf.org/en/explore-our-work/forests-fields/wild-about-birds/ (Watch for further information and workshop presentations, to be **presented at St. Raphael Parish on April 25th**, about how you can include native plants and species in your garden!)

37TH ANNUAL ST. RAPHAEL MEN'S RETREAT: Friday, February 24th -26th, 2017. The theme is *"Are you kidding? Remembering and Reclaiming the Gifts of the Child"* presented by Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. Please call Stephen Pustai at 905-639-6428 or Jonathan Fowler 905-634-0248 for information or to inquire about next year's retreat. Suggested offering is \$180 which includes accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction. See the brochure on our bulletin board or visit www.manresa-canada.ca



CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT: Saturday,

March 4, 9 am - 4 pm. St. Joseph Mother House, 574 Northcliffe Ave. Dundas. Theme for the Day - *"Thy (God's) will (Not Mine) be done"*. Retreat will be conducted by both lay persons & clergy comprising of presentations, group discussions and reflection opportunities. Mass will be celebrated. Food & refreshments will be served. Cost: \$35 (Seating is limited) Hosted by the #5073 Knights of Columbus. Please reserve your seat by contacting: Rocco DeVito, 905-637-1220

The Serra Club of Hamilton celebrates the **14th Annual Priesthood & Consecrated Life dinner on Thursday, May 11, 2017.** For details refer to www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner or email celebrationprl@gmail.com or call Margaret 905-628-5682

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1PM. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.



LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: The Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on

Saturday, March 4th. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth. There will be a BUS

leaving from St. Paul the Apostle's parking lot, at a fee of \$7 per person. To take the bus and/or order tickets for this event, please call Celia Lobo, 905-319-2526. Visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

HALTON ALIVE: Perhaps you, or someone you care about, is considering an abortion. Others have gone through what YOU are going through right now! Watch the videos below to hear about the experiences of two women who have walked in your shoes!

<http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/healing-after-abortion.php>

FIND THE "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS":

"Keys" is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. **starting March 2nd**, at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 25, 2017** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the entrance of the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

THE SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH

will pray for you during the Novena to Saint Joseph, **March 11th to March 19th.** *Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?* You can participate in the Novena to Saint Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0

Married Singles Lifestyle – describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates.

Retrouaille teaches couples how to survive times like these. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress. For confidential information, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 24, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouaille.org

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