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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
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- St. Raphael'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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**SEVENTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME
TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN**



Monday, February 20 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Theresa Buttery

Tuesday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Joseph Bruno

Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Mauro, Beatriz & Adelfa Santos

Thursday, February 23 at 9:00 a.m.
+ David Drennan; + Michele Centritto;
+ Leonora Palango; + Nora Gattafoni

Friday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Grace & Archie Barbour

Saturday, February 25 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Clinton Cox; + Anthony Fenton; + Anne Bottos;
Ints. Brian & Charlotte Carpenter

Sunday, February 26
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Ints. Nicky Plach

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
Rosy Santos Perez	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
John O'Boyle	Catherine Gee	Helen Wepler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	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 12th \$ 4,467.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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.*

SAVE THE DATE! The **2017 Bible Camp** is scheduled for July 10 – 14, 2017. Details and registration will be provided next month.



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) *We will be joined by our sponsored Syrian family, Marwan, Yasmeen, and Mohammad at the 12noon breakfast! Please stop by and say hello!*

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: THE REIGN OF GOD

In the first major writing of Pope Francis to the Church, the *Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel*, he urged those preaching to use their homilies to bring the joy of the Lord to the world. This weekend, all three readings tell us that the world does not have to be a place of hatred with its accompanying anger and violence. A Savior has come who has presented a new way of living, **a new law, a Law of Joy**. We can experience the Reign of God even now. The Law of Joy says if we check our desire for vengeance, we can live in peace with ourselves and our God. If we refuse to be dominated by hatred, we can remain united to the One who is Love Become Flesh. If there is only one person in the workplace who lives by this New Law, the workplace will experience the presence of the Lord in that person. With the Grace of the Holy Spirit working through this person, the workplace can become a place of joy. All the pettiness that we suffer from others, all the hatred that others cast on us, all the scheming that others might attempt, does not matter. What matters is the Love of God and the joy we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **The New Law of the Kingdom of God, calls us to forgive, to turn from anger, to be kind, and to live in peace. The New Law of the Reign of God is the Law of Joy.**
Msr. Joe Pelligrino



ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 1, 2017

We will have **Mass at 9 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.** We will also have a *prayer service* at 10:45 a.m. at St. Paul School and at 1:15 p.m. in the church with St. Raphael School. The marking with ashes will occur at the three Masses and prayer service. *Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

MUSIC MINISTRY: We happily welcome as our new choir director at the 11 o'clock Sunday Mass **Mary Jane Guibao-Wheeler**. She has already demonstrated for several weeks her energetic musical talent in leading the choir and the congregation. Please pray for her and the choir as they lead the liturgical music which helps us to celebrate in full, active and conscious participation in the Holy Eucharist.

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.



FAMILY DAY OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20th. Have a great day!

BOOMERANG CARDS: Card games are cancelled for this Monday, February 20th due to the Family Day Holiday.



ST. RAPHAEL EVERGREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: *"Climate Change's worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming*

decades. Many of the poor live in areas particularly affected by phenomena related to warming, and their means of subsistence are largely dependent on natural reserves and eco- systemic services such as agriculture, fishing and forestry. They have no other financial activities or resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters, and their access to social services and protection is very limited. For example, changes in climate, to which animals and plants cannot adapt, lead them to migrate; this in turn affects the livelihood of the poor, who are then forced to leave their homes, with great uncertainty for their future and that of their children." Laudato si #25

In our First Reading today from Isaiah we are reminded that the fast that God has chosen for us is "to loose the bonds of injustice" of the poor and to "let the oppressed go free"! God reminds us of our great responsibility for all of our brothers and sisters especially the poorest in our world and all of God's created beings. Climate Change affects all of us but affects the least and the poorest of our world. It is our responsibility as members of the Body of Christ to do what we can in our small everyday ordinary actions to reduce and be responsible with the amount of resources of our world that we consume. We can develop ecologically sustainable practices at www.burlingtongreen.org. Check out this website and **discover Green Living tips**, services and ideas to help you live a more environmentally sustainable life to protect our planet and to arrest climate change so that the very poorest of our world and God's creatures can all survive and thrive! **Check out the "Adapting to our Changing Climate in Canada" poster at the back of our Parish Foyer!**

SAVE THE DATE: In light of Pope Francis' encyclical "*Laudato Si'*" on the care of creation, St. Raphael church is hosting **Sean James**, a master gardener with an expertise in biodiversity and pollinator gardens to talk in our parish centre on **Tuesday, April 25th** at 7pm.



CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT: Saturday, March 4, 9 am - 4 pm. St. Joseph Mother House, 574 Northcliffe Ave. Dundas. Theme:

"*Thy (God's) will (Not Mine) be done*". Retreat will be conducted by both lay persons & clergy comprising of presentations, group discussions and reflection. Mass will be celebrated. Food & refreshments. Cost: \$35 (Seating is limited) Hosted by the #5073 Knights of Columbus. Please reserve your seat: Rocco DeVito, 905-637-1220

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.

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on **February 20** to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication. It also focuses on the goal of achieving full employment and support for social integration.

METANOIA is a Greek word. That's **repentance** in English. Blessed Pope Paul VI in the APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION PAENITEMINI states: *Christ, who always practiced in His life what He preached, before beginning His ministry spent 40 days and 40 nights in prayer and fasting, and began His public mission with the joyful message: "The kingdom of God is at hand." To this He added the command: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."*(33) *The Kingdom of God announced by Christ can be entered only by a "**change of heart**" ("**metanoia**") that is to say through that intimate and total change and renewal of the entire man—of all his opinions, judgments and decisions—which takes place in him in the light of the sanctity and charity of God, the sanctity and charity which were manifested to us in the Son and communicated fully.* (34) Metanoia, then is about the growth in the spiritual life in all its aspects with the help of God's grace. It is a turning from what keeps us from turning to God with all our heart. It is the change of heart we are invited to have especially during the Lenten time.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 - Before the World Wide Web, there was the World Day of Prayer, an international event that has been connecting women (and all people) in a meaningful way for almost a century. Too often, women have the intimate experiences of armed conflict, violence, social injustice, and human rights violations. What might Canadians learn from women of the Philippines, a country on the front lines of climate change, foreign mining and resources interests, a regional insurgency and social upheaval due to migration, who wrote the World Day of Prayer 2017? How will we answer the question, "*Am I being unfair to you?*" On **Friday, March 3rd** join our neighbours in celebrating the WDP at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd., E @ 1:30 p.m. or for the evening service at Appleby United Church, 4407 Spruce Ave. @ 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or email at thesheehanes@gmail.com



CWL GENERAL MEETING - Tuesday, February 21 (Monday - Family Day) @ 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Join us for an evening of prayer; discussion of our Lenten project and fun (we will be playing the gift exchange game). For more info, contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or thesheehanes@gmail.com **REMINDER** - renew your membership or sign-up as a new member and have your name included in a draw for a \$30.00 Restaurant Gift card. Simply place \$25.00 for the membership fee in the blue offertory envelope or a plain white envelope and write your name, full address, phone number and email and drop it in the collection at Mass before the end of February. Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Women's League.

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