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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
	Sunday	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
	<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>	



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
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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.

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- 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

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

THIRD DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT
We turn our hearts to Jesus who mercifully offers another chance



Monday, February 29 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Paul Kosiancic

Tuesday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Ted Neill

Wednesday, March 2 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Ed Krukowski

Thursday, March 3 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Fr. Wilfrid Murchland; + Marion van de Vrande;
 + Elizabeth O'Kelly & Rose McPhail;
 Ints. Lily Kelner

Friday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.
 + Mark Pogue

Saturday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m.
 + Ed Filipowich;
 Ints. Tony & Betty Baylis

Sunday, March 6
 9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. + Joyce Carlin



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Today's readings remind us that we live with the "burden" of choice. The burning bush reminds us that God is a patient, passionately loving God who hears the cries and suffering of his people. The fruitless fig tree reminds us that our God is the God of another chance. Mercy is available to all. And yet, we have the freedom to act; and our actions have consequences that sometimes bring pain and suffering to ourselves or others. We may have unleashed suffering that we can't reverse. The gifts of repentance and mercy are freely given by God, but we must choose to accept and embrace them. **We thank God for Jesus, the merciful face of the Father, who always offers us another chance.** *Fr. Frank*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church **following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m.**

SHARE LENT PILGRIMAGE – Week 3: Building community in Indonesia.

The 3rd week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word kampung has come to mean 'slum' in the local language, but its original definition is 'community.' Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in a kampung, has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. "My home is my heaven," he says, "because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the kampung."

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE: Our fundraising for this Gospel inspired outreach to the fleeing families from Syria has reached our goal in order to apply to the BVOR (Blended Visa Office Referred) Program through the Diocese of Hamilton Refugee Office and the Federal Government. Much thanks to the **School Sisters of Notre Dame** for their very generous \$5000 donation. Also, we are indeed grateful to the **Couples for Christ** whose very successful and fun-filled Dinner Dance made possible their \$2700 donation. Not only did they donate the food, DJ, decorations, and door prizes, but they also supported a wonderful community building event by their joyous presence. We hope they might help us through future events to continue strengthening our spiritual and material resources. Our fund now is \$32,270. We have already collected many household items for the family and when we know who our family will be, we will look for some more donations in kind. The Refugee Committee will be making our application through the Diocese in about two weeks.



LADIES COFFEE MORNING: All Ladies are invited this **Wed., March 2nd** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room.

Please pray for the following:

Maureen Fisher	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy
Isabelle Wild	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia
Martin Dawson	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez
John Scharer	Vincent Stanford	Michael Dowson
Darryll Malley	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Mary Berry	Catherine Gee	Doug Pudsey



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 afternoon.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, February 21st \$ 4,272.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOCIAL JUSTICE LENTEN PROJECT

- we are asking parishioners to donate school supplies to the Canadian Food For Children until **Sunday, March 13**. Please fill back packs; cloth or vinyl bags (good sturdy reusable bags) with three-holed lined paper, pencils, erasers, markers, rulers, etc. These supplies will allow children from third world countries to go to school and get an education which, as we know, is best tool for a better future. Kindly put your donations in the designated box in the Welcoming Area opposite to the St. Anthony Room.

THE HOUR OF JESUS: THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN

SCRIPTURE STUDY WITH FR. FRANK WAGNER CSC
 Mondays from 7:00- 8:30 P.M. (Feb. 15 - March 14)
 Tuesdays from 1:30-3:00 P.M. (Feb. 16 - March 15)
 St. Raphael Parish Centre

**CULTIVATING AND CARING FOR CREATION:
PAPAL TEACHING**

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord". The following statements are from a greenspiritv.com short video clip which you can find on youtube, **Program Nine: Creation and Spirituality** *In beholding the glory of the Trinity in creation, man must contemplate, sing and rediscover wonder. Saint John Paul II, 2000. There exists a certain reciprocity: as we care for creation, we realize that God, through creation cares for us. Pope Benedict XVI, 2010. Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all always with great respect and gratitude. Pope Francis, 2014*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

NEXT YOUTH MASS: Saturday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE CAMP 2016 (July 11-15/2016): all Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 students are invited to be a part of our youth leadership team. Our first meeting for those interested is **Wednesday, March 2nd** at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the parish centre. For more information please call Cristian at the church.

YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS: Our next meeting is **Friday, March 4th** at 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. We will continue with our "The Reason Series" and conversation.

* There will be a social evening on **Friday, March 25.**

More details will soon be available, stay tuned!

* There is a weekend Discernment Retreat at St. Peter's Seminary in London on **March 4-6/2016.** For more information go to HamiltonVocation.com

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE At this time, we thank you for your donations which have resulted in \$52,491, some of which we have already used in the various contracts undertaken. We have signed contracts with our architect, our construction site manager and Brant Elevator, Inc. who will construct the actual elevator. We have applied for the \$42,500 grant from the Diocese of Hamilton. We have begun sending out requests for donations to a variety of businesses and corporate institutions. Fundraisers have already begun (bottle collection) and are planned. We hope all parishioners will support them and help build our parish community spirit as well. We are hoping that parishioners will either offer donations in kind and service, or introduce us to businesses that might provide this help.



PIZZA & ICE CREAM SUNDAE FAMILY EVENT

Our first ELEVATOR fundraising event will be held on **Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** Pizza, salad, make your own ice cream sundaes, beverages, cash bar, raffles, 50/50 draw.

Entertainment by Michael Keys. \$12 adult, \$7 children.

TICKETS ON SALE after all masses starting March 5th.

Contact Marlene 905-634-0733

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Hall is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more? Call 289-260-7352 for more information or visit our website www.kofc5073.ca

DECORATING COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearth Room.

SAVE THE DATE! PARISH DAY 2016 will be held on Saturday, April 16th in the Parish Centre. The theme this year is **"Caring for God's Gift of Creation"**. Stay tuned for more details.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Ladies...please share in this worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. The theme is: *Receive Children. Receive Me.* Services will be held on **Friday, March 4th at Wellington Square United Church**, 2121 Caroline Street @ 1:30 p.m. and for the evening service at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3455 Lakeshore Road @ 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Helen @ 905-634-7481.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: The best way to assist your children to thrive is to give them a good sense of security and self-worth. These feelings are best accomplished when parents understand their role as leaders of their families: they set the rules, make sure the rules are followed and discipline when necessary. In order to assure good balance in their family role as leaders, parents need to spend quality time with their children, which helps their children know they are loved, valued and important. Parents need to be an authoritative figure in their children's lives, which means they can't always be the fun friend, but they can love their children enough to help them become healthy and well-functioning adults!



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bottle drive. Please bring your empty bottles and/or donations to the trailer located in our parking lot on March 5th between 11am-3pm. Proceeds will be going to **Burlington's Special Olympic athletes** participating in the Provincial School Championship Games in June. Thanks in advance for your support.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Bishop Crosby will celebrate a **Mass for Life** on **Thursday March 3rd** at St. Michael Parish in Oakville. There will be refreshments provided by St. Michael's CWL after Mass. For information contact Steve Germann. 905 333 6472 or smrg@cogeco.ca

PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW: A reminder for those planning to attend the **Community Consultation Meetings** for each community under review in March 2016 to register online prior to the event: <https://survey.hcdsb.org/2016MPAR.aspx> The information that you provide in this registration form will give organizers a sense of who will be in attendance at the Community Consultation Meeting as well as the number of attendees to expect. The meeting dates are: **Burlington Southeast QEW** (Ascension, St. Patrick and St. Raphael): **Wed., March 2** at Assumption S.S. at 7PM, **Burlington Southwest QEW** (St. John and St. Paul): **Tuesday, March 8** at Assumption S.S. at 7PM

* If you would like to challenge the proposed closing of St. Raphael and St. Paul schools, please fill out the **petition** which you can do online at <https://www.change.org/p/st-paul-st-raphael-schools-need-saving-help-us>.

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