

# 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](http://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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**FIFTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**Monday, February 6** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Robert Greene

**Tuesday, February 7** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Winifred DeCiccio

**Wednesday, February 8** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Maurice Fournier

**Thursday, February 9** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Francis Xavier Thoi Tran; + Joan Marcil;  
+ Jose Furigay; Ints. Lee Olds

**Friday, February 10** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Benedicto, Rio, Ofelia Reynoso

**Saturday, February 11** at 9:00 a.m.  
*World Day of the Sick*

**Saturday, February 11** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Diane Raposo; + Clinton Cox;  
+ Sandy Boyle; + Berthe Chevrier

**Sunday, February 12**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Michael Sharpe

**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 Wepler
John O'Boyle	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Frances Wentges	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Diane Svazas	Irene Groves	Agnese Gagliardi

*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, January 29<sup>th</sup> \$ 5,080.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING:** We invite all the youth who are in grade 7 - 12 to meet regularly in our parish center. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, Feb 6th from 7-8:10 p.m.** In this meeting, we will be talking about how the bible becomes the Word of God, an introduction to the scriptures, games and fun activities. All youth are welcome. We invite young adults (19-30) to be part of the planning for the upcoming youth meetings. If you are interested please talk to Fr. Francis.

**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.**

**PARISH BREAKFAST:** **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the Parish Centre. Tickets are on sale starting next weekend!

**MATTHEW'S GOSPEL**

**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: THE REIGN OF GOD**

St. Matthew continues to reflect on the consequences of taking seriously the Beatitudes of the Reign of God. Jesus now uses images of salt and light. He wants our good lives and works, infused with the saltiness of God's grace, to be the sign, instrument and foretaste of God's Reign by bringing light to our world. "Now, take that Light," the Gospel tells us, "and illuminate the world." The Light we have been given by God is meant for others to escape the darkness of the world. Did you listen to that first reading: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked when you see them and do not turn your back on your own, then **your light shall break forth** like the dawn." Jesus says, "You are the Light of the world, **your light must shine** before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father." Each of us is a unique reflection of God, light on earth. And why do we do what we do as Christians, as Catholics? Our actions in words and deeds, our reaching out to others as well as our union with God, our charitable life and our prayer life, are ways that we lead others to glorify our Heavenly Father. May we, in St. Raphael Parish, have the courage to be the people God created us to be.

*Fr. Frank, and Msgr. Pelligrino*

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11**

February 11 is *World Day of the Sick*, an observation started by St. John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organizations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance. At St. Raphael Parish, there will be a **9 a.m. Mass on Saturday, February 11.** We will also have the celebration of **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after the weekend Masses. Bishop Douglas Crosby will be the presider at the Masses on Sunday, February 12.**



**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](mailto:galwayrenata@gmail.com) or call 905-637-2457. Please help 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 4<sup>TH</sup>**

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.



**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 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. Did you know that you can calculate the impact of your Eco Footprint on our world, and learn about ways that you can develop ecologically sustainable practices at [www.burlingtongreen.org](http://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!**

**37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. RAPHAEL MEN'S RETREAT:** All men are invited to explore the possibility of attending this annual weekend of spiritual renewal from **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The theme this year is *"Are you kidding? Remembering and Reclaiming the Gifts of the Child"* presented by Fr. Philip Chircop, S.J. It is a SILENT retreat and it is a graced period in our faith history where we reflect on what is important in our lives. Above all, it is a time to develop our relationship with God who loves us very much, just the way we are. 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](http://www.manresa-canada.ca)

**SECULAR FRANCISCANS:** The next gathering of Secular Franciscans will take place in the St. Francis Room downstairs, on **Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm**. All those who are interested in knowing more about lay Franciscans are welcome to attend. For more info please contact us at 905-320-3293 or at [burlingtonsfo@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonsfo@gmail.com).

**ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?** It is necessary to register your family in order to be in "good standing" with regards to baptisms, weddings, pastoral references, etc. Registration Forms are available on our website, at the Welcome Desk, and in the parish office. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office.



**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

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY:** The Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$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.

**LEARNING TO COPE** (Level 1) is a ten week support program **starting Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 pm to 9:30 pm), at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, Hamilton. The program is for persons experiencing difficulties as a result of a separation or divorce. For more information, please contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Past participants are welcome to inquire about further Levels programs starting the same week.

**HALTON ALIVE:** Need help? There are many types of families that can love and support you and Halton Alive is one of them! Call, visit or email us if you're.....*Pregnant*. We can talk about options and what your future might look like. *Post-abortive*. You are not alone. We can work through the pain and grief together. *Scared*. Maybe you need some support or a shoulder to cry on? *Lonely*. We like visitors...come chill on our couch, we'd love to get to know you. *Looking for 'stuff'*. If you can't afford all the 'stuff' you need during or after a pregnancy we've got your back! *Need a job*. There are all kinds of practical needs, sometimes just finding a job can relieve a lot of pressure and stress. We can help with that too! There's a free 24hr hotline: 1-800-665-0570

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2016? 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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

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