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Archangel St. Raphael "God is my Healer"

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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

Fr. Frank Wagner, C.S.C. - Pastor

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Mr. Cristian Lecanda - Youth Minister

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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.

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.

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

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



Monday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ann MacDonald

Tuesday, February 9 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Tim McConnell

Wednesday, February 10
9:00 a.m. + Marcinasko Family
12:00 p.m. + Brian Speedie
7:00 p.m. Ints. Don Johnston

Thursday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m.
+ John O'Neil; + John Strybosch;
+ Florence Colby; + Marion van de Vrande;
Ints. The Olds Family

Friday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Jim Cox

Saturday, February 13 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Leonard Gauthier; + Peter Mateja;
+ Rose Pasquale; Ints Woodcroft Family

Sunday, February 14
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Duncan Spence

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
Tim Baillargeon	Arthur Vaz	



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, January 31st \$ 5,419.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



SHARE LENT CALENDAR: Get your 2016 Share Lent calendar! On Ash Wednesday Development and Peace will launch its annual Share Lent campaign with its theme for the year, **Create a Climate of Change**. Money raised through Share Lent provides vital support to the poor in more than 30 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. You can make

Share Lent a part of your own Lenten journey by putting up a Solidarity Calendar in your home (available in the bulletin today). Or you can download our Lenten Calendar app for free from the App store or Google Play! Learn more about the campaign at devp.org/sharelent. The Share Lent collection will take place on March 13th, Solidarity Sunday.

LENT/EASTER /PENTECOST 2016

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. It is a sacred time to renew our baptismal call to share more deeply in the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **LENT** is the season to **deepen our own baptismal covenant while accompanying our catechumens and candidates in their preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.** During the **SACRED TRIDUUM** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Paschal Vigil) we celebrate the Christian Passover, the Paschal Mystery. However, the liturgical celebration does not end with Easter. It continues on until the great **FEAST OF PENTECOST**, the outpouring of the Spirit. Our celebration of this Lent/Easter/Pentecost season is a foretaste of the desire of God for all of creation to participate in the enlightenment and transformation begun in the Paschal Mystery. It prepares us to share fully in the eternal glory of God. God's Mercy endures forever. In keeping with the traditional liturgical theme of LENT as indicated in the ASH WEDNESDAY scripture readings, we will celebrate conversion, turning (metanoia), a change of heart toward the Lord with all our hearts, as we give alms, pray and fast. Jesus in Matthew's gospel gives these as central ways of acting as His disciples.



ASH WEDNESDAY: We will have **Mass at 9 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.** We will also have a prayer service at 1:15 p.m. with the staff and students of St. Raphael's 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.*

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - FEBRUARY 11

The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (**Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes**) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral caregivers to a restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease. **It is an appropriate time to remember the corporal work of mercy: Visit the Sick.** In addition, it is fitting to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in a communal celebration around this time.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK FEBRUARY 13-14.

We will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after each Mass.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SOCIAL JUSTICE LENTEN PROJECT

- we are asking parishioners to donate school supplies to the Canadian Food For Children from **Saturday, February 20 to 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.

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**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 Six: Responsible Stewardship:** *"We are called, rather, to exercise responsible stewardship of creation, in order to protect it, to enjoy its fruits and cultivate it, finding the resources necessary for everyone to live with dignity." Pope Benedict XVI, 2009. "If we examine carefully the social and environmental crisis which the world community is facing, we must conclude that we are still betraying the mandate God has given us: to be stewards called to collaborate with God in watching over creation in holiness and wisdom." Saint John Paul II, 2002. "Nature, in a word, is at our disposition and we are called to exercise a responsible stewardship over it. Yet so often we are driven by greed and by the arrogance of dominion, possession, manipulation and exploitation; we do not preserve nature; nor do we respect it or consider it a gracious gift which we must care for and set at the service of our brothers and sisters, including future generations. Pope Francis, 2014*



**WINTER EVENING HIKE AND BONFIRE:
Sunday, February 21, 2016, 6–8 p.m.**

Discover the magic of winter by participating in this guided hike through the woods, under the light of the moon at the Royal Botanical Gardens. Capping it all off by a bonfire with a hot cup of cocoa. To register contact our Youth Minister, Cristian Lecanda: cala1271@gmail.com

36TH ANNUAL ST. RAPHAEL MEN'S RETREAT: Join a weekend of spiritual renewal at "Manresa", the Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre, 2325 Liverpool Road, Pickering, ON. from **Friday, Feb. 19th -21st**. The theme this year is *"The Visions of God given to Ezekiel – What insights are there for us?"* The retreat **begins Friday at 7:15 p.m. and closes Sunday with lunch at 12:30 p.m. 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. Everyone must have a reservation for this weekend. **Please call Stephen Pustai at 905-639-6428, Steve Gaspar at 905-632-7953 or Leo Blain at 905-467-0789.** Suggested offering is \$175 which includes accommodation, meals, retreat program and spiritual direction. See the brochure on our bulletin board or visit www.manresa-canada.ca



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, May 29, 2016** 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 parish entrance for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.



**COUPLES FOR CHRIST (CFC) FUNDRAISER
FOR ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH REFUGEE
SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:**

Couples For Christ and It's Ministries [Halton Chapter] is hosting a semi-formal Valentine dinner/dance on **February 13, 2016 from 6:30 p.m.** [after the 5:00pm mass] to raise funds for the Refugee Sponsorship program at St. Raphael Parish. All raised funds will GO to the said program of the parish. Please sign up after Mass in the foyer with our CFC and Handmaids of the Lord [HOLD]. The cost per adult is \$10.00 each and children under 12 years old are free. This is in "a first come first serve" basis due to hall capacity. Come and join us for an evening of food, friends, entertainment & fellowship for a great cause. For more information please contact: Rudy/Jane Javillo, [289] 838-4299; [905]464-7955



SAVE THE DATE! Our next Potluck Dinner and Movie Night is **Saturday, February 20th** following the 5 p.m. Mass. See the bulletin next week for details!

BOOMERANG CARDS: Bridge and euchre sessions are held in the Parish Centre on **Monday afternoons** at 1:00 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun for only a toonie.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: The Spring Prayer Vigil across from the new hospital in Oakville (3rd line at Dundas, NE corner) **starts on February 10th**. There is a one hour group prayer vigil on Saturdays at 10 AM and Sundays at 3 PM during Lent. For details contact Steve Germann. 905 333 6472 smrg@cogeco.ca **SAVE THE DATES:** Tuesday February 16th at 7pm - Mass & Rosary for the Unborn (St. Paul, Burlington), Thursday, March 3rd at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Crosby (St. Michael, Oakville) Tuesday, March 15th at 7pm - Mass & Rosary for the Unborn (St. Paul, Burlington)



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 prayer service this year was written by the women of Cuba and the theme is: *Receive Children. Receive Me.* Services will be held on **Friday, March 4, 2016 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.

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

ST. JOHN'S C.W.L. LENTEN RETREAT: Tuesday, February 16th from 9 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. with lunch and refreshments. Please get information and register by phoning Marie Arponen at (905) 637-1677. Father Mike Isabelle will be the facilitator.

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