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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

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

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Mrs. Rosanne Nusca - Office Manager

Ms. Maureen Lawlor - Office Assistant

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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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Monday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Bill Southon

Tuesday, January 12 at 9:00 a.m.
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 13 at 9:00 a.m.
(*St. Raphael School Mass*)
Ints. Allison Wynn

Thursday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Marion van de Vrande; + Ronald LaFontaine;
Ints. Chris Brown; Ints. Jiordana Saade;
Ints. Richard & Christa Smith

Friday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Tony & Betty Baylis

Saturday, January 16 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Elliott Yarmon; + Jim Keefe; + Aileen Maguire;
Ints. Corral Family; Ints. Teachers & Staff of BCA

Sunday, January 17
9:00 a.m. + Paul Kosiancic
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

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	



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

New Year's	\$ 4,750.00
Sunday, January 3 rd	\$ 5,960.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

UPDATE ON PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN

We are into our third month of the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan and we currently have **31 parishioners/families enrolled**. If you are interested in more information, please pick up a pamphlet in the parish entrance or contact the parish office at 905-637-2346.



THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS OF THE RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE

A special **thank you** to the hard-working ladies in our **Religious Articles Store** who donate their time on weekends and weekdays to run the store for our parishioners and parish visitors. Thank you also to this group for their generous donation of the store's proceeds to our parish.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE SPIRIT-FILLED SON OF GOD DWELLS IN AND MINISTERS TO US

The baptism of Jesus is **another epiphany event: God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit are manifested**. That's why it is celebrated within the Christmas season. In the Jordan scene Jesus' true identity is announced: **He is the beloved, Spirit-filled Son of God**. The child of Bethlehem, now grown up, takes on the saving work of feeding the hungry, bringing justice and light to the nations, opening the eyes of the blind, freeing prisoners, comforting the afflicted. His ministry in the world is about to begin. Passing through the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus accepts his mission. Moved by the Spirit, the Word-Made-Flesh will draw the world back to His Father, accomplishing the purpose they have for humanity.
Fr. Frank with thanks to Margaret Bick

RITE OF COMMITMENT PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION

At the 9 and 11 a.m. masses today, our Sacrament of **Confirmation candidates** are participating in the Rite of Commitment. This Rite is the third one in which the parishioners pray for them and the candidates renew their baptismal vows holding their baptismal candles. This preparatory Rite reminds them that their forthcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is their affirmation of the baptismal promises made on their behalf by parents and godparents, as well as a reminder that in Baptism they were enlightened by Christ and made children of the light.



WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Our 6th Annual Women's Day of Reflection '*Nurturing the Nurturer*' will be on **Saturday, February 6th** from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., St. Raphael's Parish Centre. Our theme this year is "*The Fire in my Soul*". Our keynote speaker is *Dr. Josie Lombardi*, a wife, mother, teacher, theologian, author and a professor at St.

Augustine's Seminary. Tickets are \$30 and will go on sale Jan. 16th. (\$20 for CWL members of St. Raphael)

CULTIVATING AND CARING FOR CREATION: PAPAL TEACHING

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore"- "Praise be to you, my Lord". The following statements are from greenspiritv.com short video clip which you can find on youtube session three. Presence of God Man, being the image of God, has a true affinity with him too. On the basis of this teaching, development cannot consist only in the use, dominion over and indiscriminate possession of created things and the products of human industry. **SAINT JOHN PAUL II, 1987**

We are losing the attitude of wonder, contemplation, listening to creation; thus we are no longer able to read what Benedict XVI calls "the rhythm of the love story of God and man" **POPE FRANCIS, 2013**

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE: Our collection as of January 4th, 2016 is **\$41,506.00** towards our goal of \$425,000. Thank you for your donations!

ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISER SUGGESTIONS

As you know by now we will be raising funds for our accessibility project. In order to include all the parishioners in this worthwhile project we would like your ideas as to how we could meet our goal. If you have any interesting and innovating ideas as to how we can raise these funds please call or email the fundraising committee at 905-634-0733, Marlene Cox or mjc1@sympatico.ca

FUNDRAISING TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are putting together a fundraising team for our accessibility project and would like to have volunteers from the parish on this team. If you can spare several hours a month to attend meetings, to brainstorm ideas and to implement these ideas into fundraising projects then you are the person we are looking for on our team. If interested please contact Marlene @ 905-634-0733 or mjc1@sympatico.ca

THANK YOU!!! To all the amazing children who participated in the Christmas Eve and Epiphany Masses. The church was packed and many of you were first timers; but all showed a lot of courage and talent. I believe God was smiling at you!

Thank you, from the Children's Liturgy Team

P.S. A sincere thanks also, to the Knights of Columbus Council 7969, for donating 100 bracelets for our Christmas Eve mass.



ALL MEN ARE INVITED: CATHOLIC MEN FRATERNAL NIGHT hosted by the Knights' of Columbus at St Raphael Parish. Reason: To Introduce the new pastor and associate pastor.

Date: **Monday, January 25, 2016 in the parish centre.** Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Snacks: Pizza, subs, chips with drinks (beer, coffee, pop and water)

CASH CALENDARS: It is not too late to buy 2016 Knights of Columbus Cash Calendar. You have a chance to win money throughout 2016. Proceeds help those in need in the Burlington community. Call Ray Bartlett 289-795-3404.

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



CWL NEWS - next general meeting will be held on **Monday, January 18th @ 7:30 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. The Catholic Women's League theme chosen for the jubilee year of

MERCY is: One Heart, One Voice, One-Mission: Palliative and Hospice Care, which focuses on outward expressions of mercy towards our brothers and sisters as they reach the end of their lives. We will explore ways in which our council at St. Raphael and how our individual members can support this initiative. Pope Francis calls us to be the visible face of Christ in the world. *Reminder* - renew your membership for 2016 before the end of February and get your name into a draw for a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. Please contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 if you need more info.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COLLECTION UPDATE: To date we have collected **\$20,905.00**. Thank you for your very generous donations. We will be providing more details on this initiative in next week's bulletin.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: JANUARY 18-25

The 2016 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian is: Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord (cf. 1 Peter 2:9). The initial work on the theme for this year's Week of Prayer material was prepared by a group of representatives from different parts of Latvia. The relationship between baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the baptized to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord was inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter.

This calling forms the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2016. St Peter tells the early Church that in their search for meaning prior to encountering the Gospel they were not a people. But through hearing the call to be God's chosen race and receiving the power of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, they have become God's people. Baptism opens up an exciting new journey of faith, uniting each new Christian with God's people throughout the ages.

In the shared sacred texts of the Bible, we hear of God's saving acts in salvation history: leading his people out of slavery in Egypt, and the great mighty act of God: the raising of Jesus from the dead, which opened new life to all of us. As Christians seeking the unity of the Body of Christ we are all called to recognize the mighty acts of God in our own lives and the life of the Church.



POTLUCK DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT:

Join us on **Saturday, January 23rd** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Movie: *"The Good Lie"*. See bulletin next weekend 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.



SAFER STAIRS! Many thanks to our fellow parishioner, Lee Brown, for his time and effort in installing anti-slip safety tape on all of the stairs throughout the church.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HEAL YOUR HEART - Are you dealing with a loss in your life? (Death of spouse, child or miscarriage; divorce; job loss; loss of your home; health; a pet; culture; infertility; romantic relationship; ailing parents) There is help - you are invited to join us for a series of Group Bereavement Workshops intended to assist you in coping with the feelings associated with loss. Join us for this 6 week course being **held Wednesdays Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24** at St. Michael Parish, 181 Sewell Drive, Oakville. The evening session will run from 7-9 pm. For more information call ilse at 905-338-1778; to register go to www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. Cost is \$35 and includes material.

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