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 OFFICE HOURS
 Mon-Fri
 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 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 year in advance.

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.

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 Cathoic 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

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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Monday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Pat Irwin Lewis

Tuesday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m. Int. Jean & Bob Boylan

Wednesday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m. + Bob Isard

Thursday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

+ Giacomo Corbacio; + Chris Lyons;

+ Jim Hanson; + Ruth Cassidy; + Aroldo Ciotti;

+ Federico Ursini

Friday, January 19 at 9:00 a.m.

+ Diane Svazas

Saturday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m.

+ Bev Butler; + Anne Saul;

+ Luigi DeBenedetto; + Michael Coo;

+ Epifanio Braganza; + Grace Farrugia

Sunday, January 21

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Walter Selihar

Please pray for the following:

Molly Laporte John Scharer Barbara Kennedy Mary Berry Nicola Izzi Maritza Garcia Doug Pudsey Sarah Scharer Gonzalez Rosy Santos Perez Michael Dowson Vincent Stanford John O'Bovle Jim Singer Milan Heck Frances Wentges Elizabeth Talatala Helen Weppler Peggy Evans Shelly Sterling Jane Urquhart Jill Ascah Asia Rae Landry Laith Yousif Lee Olds Noah Landry Michael Colameco Stephen Pustai Maria Szkitalinski Rozalia Bereznay Michael Smart Sr. Rosalie Siegler Mary Lilly

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.

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

 Sunday, December 31st
 \$12,972.00

 Monday January 1st
 \$3,983.00

 Sunday January 7th
 \$5727.00

Thank you for your continued support!

On the **Second Week of Ordinary Time**, John's Gospel offers us the story of the calling of the first two disciples. He asks them what they are looking for and when they ask where he lives, he invites them, "Come, and you will see."

"Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site: http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html Used with permission.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

"Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with

Christ who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age". Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 2018

Pope Francis writes: It is a "moral imperative" to protect migrant workers "and among these particularly men and women in irregular situations" as well as those "exiled and seeking asylum" or "victims of trafficking. "Defending their inalienable rights, ensuring their fundamental freedoms and respecting their dignity are duties from which no one can be exempted." (Sixth International Forum on Migration and Peace, February 2017)
Did you know? (http://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html) World wide:

- 1.-There are 65 million forcibly displaced people;
- 2.-There are 22.5 refugees;
- 3.-There are 10 million people who are stateless;

What is our response? Pope Francis encourages: "I wish to reaffirm that "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate".

Welcoming - offering broader options for migrants and refugees to enter destination countries safely and legally.

Protecting - to defend the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees, independent of their legal status.

Promoting - a determined effort to ensure that all migrants and refugees – as well as the communities which welcome them – are empowered to achieve their potential as human beings.

Integrate - the opportunities for intercultural enrichment brought about by the presence of migrants and refugees. Integration is not "an assimilation that leads migrants to suppress or to forget their own cultural identity. Rather, contact with others leads to discovering their 'secret', to being open to them in order to welcome their valid aspects and thus contribute to knowing each one better. Award Winning Documentary Film:

"Human Flow" by Ai Weiwei

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVZGyTdk_BY

IN OUR PARISH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. In this session we will learn more about, what does baptism mean? Why is baptism important? Why do we baptize the child? What are the effects of baptism? Come out **Wed. Jan. 17**th from **7pm to 8pm** in the Parish Centre to learn more about your baptism, often times which was chosen for you by someone.

CONFIRMATION: Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on January 27th at 10 am for St. Raphael school and parish program students and 1 pm for St. Paul school and parish program students.

ST. RAPHAEL'S 2ND ANNUAL CHILLI CHALLENGE: on



January 20th 2018, who will have the best chilli this year? Enter your chilli to win. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize to win. If you do not want to enter a chilli come out and be a

judge and taste them all. Buns butter and salad will be served with your chilli dinner. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$25 for a family. Please bring your own beer, wine, pop to this event. Please sign up to enter your chilli at the table where the tickets are being sold. Everything will be explained there. For further questions please email Renata at galwayrenata@gmail.com or call 905-637-2457. Tables seat eight so please ask family & friends.



CHRISTIANS ON A JOURNEY: Please join and invite your friends to "Christians on a Journey" for the 2018 World Week Of Prayer For

Christian Unity. Every year in January Christians around the world celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, reflecting on scripture together, participating in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and sharing fellowship. The song of Moses and Miriam (Ex 15:1-21) was chosen as this year's motif - a song of triumph over oppression. The ecumenical service will start at 6:30 pm Sun. Jan 14th at St. Raphael Church, This service will be followed by 8 days of evening prayer in other churches at 7:30pm:

Mon Jan 15 - Holy Cross Lutheran Church (3455 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington)

Tues Jan 16 - New Street Christian Reformed Church (3416 New St. Burlington)

Wed. Jan 17 - Port Nelson United Church (3132 South Dr., Burlington). (Continued Rotation schedule to be announced.) For more information, please call Wilma Malick at 905-870-0641.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! This is the theme for the Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 10th. We welcome Author, Mary Lou Rosien for a three part talk on our journey of faith. Get your tickets after mass, or by phone: Charlie 905-681-6221; Lesley 905-512-2477 or email to St.RaphaelsWDR@gmail.com. It's not too late to sponsor and promote your Angel for the day either! Call today!

THANK YOU: The Decoration Committee would like to thank all parishioners who brought in flowers to our Parish for Christmas in memory of a loved one. The plants looked lovely and the church was radiant. Thank-you to everyone who gave of their time and energy to put up the Christmas decorations, the church looked spectacular!

BOTTLE DRIVE: We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the beer, wine and liquor bottle drive. Since the beginning of this fund-raising effort we have raised \$3,138.30 towards the elevator. The bottle drive for the accessibility project will end on January 14th. After Jan 14th St. Vincent de Paul will take over this project and all the proceeds will go towards helping the poor. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Lesley Cairns and all those who have graciously helped her by giving of their time to sort, organize and return the empties to the beer store.



PHOTO DIRECTORY: We still have a number of February photo sessions available for you and your family to become a part of this special directory. Sessions will also be available in April

for Ministry Group Photos and any families who were unable to participate earlier. Please choose the time and date for your sitting after mass, or by contacting Liz Leonard at 905-634-3836. Everyone who participates will receive a free copy of the parish photo directory and one free 8x10! It won't be complete without YOU in it.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: members will be collecting after all Masses **this weekend**. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those requiring receipts for 2018.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: January 2018 **general meeting** will be held on Monday, **January 15th at 7:15 pm** in the **parish centre.** We hope to see many of our members

then since we will discussing your ideas and suggestions which were shared at the November meeting. You have given us great ideas which we need to further explore. We need your input! Kindly remember to renew your membership before the end of February to get your name into the draw for a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. All CWL general meetings are held on the third month of each month except when there is a holiday (moved to next week).

LETTER FROM SHIFRA HOMES:



Dear Helen & Church Family,
First and foremost, Shifra Homes would like to take this opportunity to thank you for another extremely successful baby bottle campaign that your parish conducted on our behalf during the months of October and November. We are proud to announce that your campaign raised \$6261.26! I would like to thank and acknowledge Helen Sheehan, President of the CWL, for her tireless dedication to our yearly campaign. Blessings,

Nancy Romic, Executive Director, Shifra Homes Inc.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

"SWING" IN JANUARY: The Burlington Knights Of Columbus are proud to sponsor a Tribute To Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Tommy & Jimmy Dorsey performed by The Toronto All - Star Big Band on Sunday, January 28, 2:00 pm at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Enjoy a terrific afternoon of Swing! You can reserve tickets by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. Tickets are \$45.00.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: 2018 Share Lent Campaign, "Building peace through dialogue". Please attend one of the Hamilton Diocesan workshops to explore how you and those around you can become "artisans of peace".

Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018 – 7:00 pm at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish (280 Limeridge Rd. W, Hamilton) or Wednesday, Jan 17, 2018 – 7:00pm at St. Michael Parish (181 Sewell Dr., Oakville). Please call Rita 905-525-1198 for more information.



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