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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.

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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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

SECOND DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, January 16 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Francis Gomesz

Tuesday, January 17 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Carol Hrsan

Wednesday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m.
St. Raphael School Mass
Ints. Jennifer Downes

Thursday, January 19 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Fr. Wilfrid Murchland; + Fr. Leonard Strohmeyer;
+ Bev Butler; Ints. Sr. Doreen Schommer

Friday, January 20 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Niko Peros

Saturday, January 21 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Diane Raposo; + Clinton Cox;
+ Irene Bell; + Berthe Chevrier;

Sunday, January 22
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Adam Bugaj

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 Weppler
John O'Boyle	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Frances Wentges	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Diane Svazas	Irene Groves	

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 8th \$ 8,314.00

Thank you for your continued support!

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING MEETING: We invite all youth who are in grade 7 to 12 to meet regularly in our parish center. The first meeting will take place on **Monday, Jan 23rd** from 7 p.m. - 8.10 p.m. It is an opportunity for the youth to talk and to journey in faith, and share their joys and struggles. They will also have time for fun together. All youth are welcome. These meetings are supervised. We invite young adults (19-30) to be part of the planning team. If you are interested please talk to Fr. Francis.

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 Web Site, at the Welcome Desk in the foyer and in the parish office. When you have completed the form, please return it to the Parish Office.

TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN

We all want to have wonderful, full lives. We want this for ourselves and for our children. How do we get there? How do we do this? How can we get the most out of life? How can we live life to its fullest? We can live full and beautiful lives by committing ourselves to God, by abandoning ourselves to His Truth. This is how we respond to the call to be holy. John the Baptist proclaims and points to Jesus: There He is. **There is the Lamb of God.** Jesus is there getting baptized by John. There He is, accepting the way that would lead to the cross. There He is **calling us to join Him** and sacrifice ourselves for others. John said that he saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus. **The Spirit has descended upon us too,** calling us to holiness, calling us to trust in God, calling us to be light for the world. He is **calling us as the parish community of St. Raphael to be a sign, instrument and foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven- Together in God's Reign.** *Msrgr. Pellegrino and Fr. Frank,*

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN: THE REIGN OF GOD

The Sunday Liturgy of the Word in 2017 is **Year A, the Gospel of Matthew.** This coincides nicely with the process which the Parish Pastoral Council has been engaged in over the last few months. We have been working on a specific articulation of what **our Mission as the Parish Community of St. Raphael** can be, as well as a **Mission Statement** which will help guide us in our ministries as a **sign, instrument and foretaste of the Reign of God.**

The Infancy Account (chapters 1-2) of **Matthew's Gospel** proclaimed during Christmastime, brought us face-to-face with the mystery of the Incarnation, and gave us hints of the opening up of the **Kingdom of Heaven in Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection.** These saving events are the **Paschal Mystery** presented especially in chapters 26-28. The Paschal Mystery shows us the whole purpose of the Incarnation. Thus, in the Matthew's portrait, Jesus is, acts and speaks his message of the **Kingdom of Heaven.** The Kingdom of Heaven, various reactions to it, and the mission of the Church to continue Jesus' mission is Matthew's **central theme.** Note that Matthew, out of respect for the name "God", uses the expression the "Kingdom of heaven" rather than Kingdom of God. Another way of expressing this is: **"The Reign of God"** which implies a more dynamic sense of the metaphor Kingdom of Heaven.



7TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF

REFLECTION 'Nurturing the Nurturer':

Saturday, February 4th, 2017 from 8:45 am to 3:00 pm in St. Raphael's Parish Centre. Our theme this year will be

"Forgiveness a New Day". Our keynote

speaker will be Miriam Wright and we will enjoy a play by Elisa Lollino. **Tickets will go on sale Jan. 14th, 2017.** \$30.00 (or \$20.00 for members of St. Raphael's C.W.L.)

MEETING REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

Please gather on Monday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the church.



ST. RAPHAEL EVERGREEN CORNER MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2017: "Migration

today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security"

"Migration, climate change, and the environment are interrelated. Just as environmental degradation and disasters can cause migration, movement of people can also entail significant effects on surrounding ecosystems." (International Organization for Migration)

The World's Displaced Peoples (UNHCR: unhcr.ca)
United Nations Refugee Agency Canada: 65.3 million people forcibly displaced worldwide; **21.3 million** refugees; **10 million** stateless people! Each of us can do our part to address the effects of climate change that is rapidly taking place in our world today. Let us consider what we can do to change our lifestyles to reduce the effects of climate change. Perhaps reducing the temperature in our homes when we are not there or at night when we are sleeping could be **one small environmental action.** By turning down the thermostat, we reduce the amount of carbon emissions that we emit into the atmosphere. One small collective action can go a long way to reduce the **effects of climate change that so greatly impacts the lives of our poorest brothers and sisters in the developing world.**

BOTTLE DRIVE: Please continue to support our ongoing bottle drive by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. Thank you for your contributions!



CWL GENERAL MEETING will be held on **Monday, January 16 @ 7:15 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. We will be welcoming new members; hearing from Fr. Frank about our parish mission and show the CWL DVD entitled "*For God and Canada*". We hope to see many of you there. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Sheehan, President at 905-634-7481 or email: helen.sheehan@cogeco.ca

CWL MEMBERSHIP: Catholic Women's League memberships are due for 2017. Please complete the blue envelope found in the offertory envelopes (or use a plain white envelope) and clearly print your name; address; phone number and email address (if you have one) and enclose \$25.00. If we receive your membership before the end of February, you will be eligible for a draw of a \$30.00 restaurant gift card. The draw will be made at the March general meeting. Good luck to all!



SAVE THE DATE: Join your fellow parishioners for a delicious breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus on **Sunday, February 26th** after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses in the Parish Centre. Tickets on sale after Mass in February.

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH MASS: Many heartfelt THANKS to all the amazing musicians, leaders, helpers, readers, performers and their families, for sharing their talents to orchestrate such an uplifting and special Christmas Mass. Last but not least, thank you to Father Francis and Father Frank for their support. This surely made Jesus smile!
The Children's Liturgy Team

KNITTING GROUP will start on **Wednesday, January 25, 9:45 a.m.** in the St. Francis Room. We will meet monthly to share ideas, patterns and get wool for your projects. Call Rose 905-633-8455 for more information.

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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SWING: The Burlington Knights of Columbus are presenting a tribute to Dean Martin & Ella Fitzgerald with the Toronto all-star big band! **Sunday, January 29, 2017, 2:00 MATINEE** at The Burlington Performing Arts Centre. You can reserve your "GIFT OF SWING" by calling the box office at 905-681-6000. The ticket price is only \$45.

CATHOLIC MEET-UP: Sunday, January 22nd at 6 pm
A way for Catholic Young Adults (19-39) to meet and connect! This month we are meeting up for a unique dining experience: Korean BBQ! Spring Grill House (1441 Upper James St, Hamilton); Reservations under 'Justin.' Come out, meet some amazing people, share the Faith and chill with great food and conversation! For more information see 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults on Facebook' or e-mail jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com.

VOCATIONS: St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 mking@hamiltondiocese.com, www.hamiltonvocations.com

32ND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER FOR THE C.Y.O.: Thursday, March 2nd. Proceeds from this annual event enable children with special needs and those in financial need the opportunity to attend our C.Y.O. Camp Marydale and Camp Brébeuf camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment - all for a great cause. Presentations include His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, our 2017 Honourary Camper Family, the 2016 Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inductees presentation and the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation. For more information contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca

DAY of PRAYER: SISTERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE
11 Perthshire Court, Hamilton. **Friday, January 27th,** 9:30 am to 3:00pm. Bring a bag lunch. Tea & coffee, muffins. (Suggested offering \$20.00). To Register: 905-388-3966 or ssspertshire@sympatico.ca

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