

ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

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

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

**THIRD DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME
TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN**



Monday, January 23 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Byron Chambers

Tuesday, January 24 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Joseph Lawlor

Wednesday, January 25 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Mairead Roche

Thursday, January 26 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Donald Dunn; + Laurenso Chinh Pham;
+ Michael Sharpe; + James O'Neill

Friday, January 27 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Clinton Cox

Saturday, January 28 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Marion van de Vrande; + Erin Fisher;
Ints. Tom Quinn; Ints. Marlene & Jim Cox

Sunday, January 29
9:00 a.m. + Terry Evans
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

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 15th \$ 5,524.00

Thank you for your continued support!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

We currently have 44 families enrolled in our pre-authorized giving plan! If you are interested in this method of giving, please pick up a form in the parish entrance or the parish office. *The monthly collection for January was \$4,931.00.*

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.

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

THE KINGDOM OF GOD: THE REIGN OF GOD

Already during Advent and Christmas of this liturgical year 2016-2017, we began reflecting on the life of Jesus prior to the beginning of his public ministry. We learned how **Jesus as an infant and young boy**, was already **fulfilling the history of the Reign of God** among the people of Israel. Then, Matthew presented Jesus' baptism and temptation (more about this on the first Sunday of Lent) when Jesus was affirmed and moved by the Spirit of God. Now, on this 3rd Sunday of Ordinary time, Matthew describes the way **Jesus begins to carry out his mission**. Jesus proclaims: **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near"**. Going throughout Galilee with his newly called followers, Jesus **proclaimed the good news of the kingdom** and cured every disease and every sickness among the people. These were the **signs and foretastes of the Reign of God**, signs that the breaking in of the merciful power of God was happening. *Fr. Frank*



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Since the month of September, Fr. Francis, along with the teachers and parents of the students in St. Raphael, St. Paul and public schools have been preparing candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation in school, at home and in the Parish. The Parishioners of St. Raphael Parish have accepted to pray for these young men and women in the Rites of Acceptance, Enrolment and Commitment celebrated during Sunday Liturgies. The students have participated in three Parish evening preparation events. On **Saturday January 28th Bishop Douglas Crosby OMI** will preside at the **Sacrament of Confirmation with the celebration of the Sealing of the Holy Spirit: 10:00 a.m. St. Raphael school / 1:00 p.m. St. Paul school and parish program.** We pray that St. Raphael the Archangel will advocate for them in the presence of God during their journey of life, just as Raphael did for young Tobit. We pray that this concluding Rite of the Sacraments of Initiation will be **the beginning of full participation in the life of the Church as a disciple of Jesus**. I thank all those who have participated in the journey of faith of these young people to this point in their lives. May the young people continue to grow in age and wisdom before God and the Church and civic societies. *Fr. Frank*



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 on sale after all Masses.** \$30.00 (or \$20.00 for members of St. Raphael's C.W.L.)

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.



ST. RAPHAEL EVERGREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: *"I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet.*

*We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organizations committed to raising awareness of these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek **concrete solutions** to the environmental crisis have proved **ineffective**, not only **because of powerful opposition** but also **because of a more general lack of interest.**"*

Laudato si #14

It is indeed the time to consider the change of heart that each of us must make because climate change impacts our lives and to a greater extent, the lives of our sisters and brothers in the developing world. "Pope Francis is adamant about our desperate need for that wisdom of heart which enables us to see the dignity, the preciousness, and the suffering of every other living thing, especially but not exclusively, our fellow human beings." (On Care of our Common Home, A dialogue guide for Laudato si; www.cccbpublications.ca)

This week as we begin **Working Together for Peace, Social Justice and Ecological Health**, with our neighboring Christian Churches, may our prayers and dialogue be guided by the Holy Spirit to bring about God's Reign of justice and peace for all of the created order.



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!

37TH ANNUAL ST. RAPHAEL MEN'S RETREAT: Please note that this annual weekend of spiritual renewal is full. Please pray for those participating from **Friday, February 24th -26th, 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

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



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.

BOTTLE DRIVE: Please continue to support our ongoing bottle drive for the Accessibility Project by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. To date we have raised \$1,676! Thank you for your contributions!



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins this **Sunday, Jan. 22**, at the Christian Reform Church, 3422 New St. at 6 pm. See the printed schedule posted on the bulletin board or on the parish website (www.straphaels.ca) for the week-long schedule. Come to as many as you can. For more info, please call Wilma or Frank (905 870 0641)



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

RAFFLE TICKETS: The Knights of Columbus will be selling \$5 tickets in support of Special Olympics Ontario and local charities in the foyer. Please support this worthy cause.

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE: On **February 18th** join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine for Serviam Ministries' 2nd annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, Adoration and Confession will take place. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/ or info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 11** at 9 a.m., the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Celebrant Father Ted Slaman, St. Gabriel's Church, 2261 Parkway Dr. Refreshments to follow in the Parish Centre. For more information call 905 335 6902.

VOCATIONS: *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."* Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com, www.hamiltonvocations.com

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