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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.

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

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.

PARISH SCHOOLS

- Assumption High School
905.634.1835
- St. Raphael's Elementary
905.637.3810
- St. Paul's Elementary
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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

EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

We turn to Jesus who is our Resurrection and our Life and whose mercy endures forever

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Santo Domenica Spagnolo

Tuesday, March 29 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Angelina Crock

Wednesday, March 30 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Darryll Malley

Thursday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Rita Martin; + Seamus Malone;
+ Mauro, Beatriz & Adelfa Santos;
Ints. Everett Brims

Friday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Ted Curtin

Saturday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Steve Pustai Sr.; + Ronald Martin;
+ Emetera Felisco; + Darryll Malley;
+ Marion MacDonald

Sunday, April 3
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. + Johanna DeBoer



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Today, we accompany Peter and the Beloved Disciple, making their way to the tomb.

Our faith, as St. Paul tells the Corinthians, rests on the reality of Jesus' Resurrection.

We base everything on the truth of the story. But establishing that truth is not a matter of science, history or archaeology. It's a matter of faith. We must call upon the Holy Spirit, who is present to the Church, to assist us. In the Easter Gospels, we hear the witness of the first followers of Jesus: Jesus was risen; they had experienced him, alive in their midst. Their testimony in the Spirit moves us to a faith-filled "Alleluia." We live in a skeptical age. There is no other story which so many skeptics "have accepted as true on its own merits." Our Easter Gospel is *a story of living faith*, in which we are participants, and to which we are now witnesses.

Fr. Greg Friedman OFM

ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

[Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si]

"The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home." (Laudato Si, #13 Pope Francis).

World Water Day was March 22nd: Did you know that over 75% of plastic water bottles end up in landfill sites and that it takes approximately 1,000 years for them to decompose? It takes 3 litres of water to package a 1 litre bottle of water! Care for the Earth! Purchase and use a refillable water bottle.

Easter Sunday "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!" Alleluia! (Psalm 118) ***"Son of God Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this Earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes! Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory! Praise be to you!"*** (A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation, Pope Francis Laudato Si)

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
Mary Berry	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
Doug Pudsey	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

Sunday, March 20 th	\$ 5,786.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,228.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SHARE LENT 2016!

Development and Peace wishes to thank all those who made a gift to the Share Lent campaign! Through your generosity **a total of \$6,960.00 has been collected to date.** This will serve the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

PARISH DAY 2016 will be held on **Saturday, April 16th** in the Parish Centre. ***"Nature as the Word of God"*** will be facilitated by Reverend John McCarthy, S.J., Ecologist. **Tickets are on sale after all Masses.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: A reminder that the parish office will be closed on **Monday, March 28th.**



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Thank you for your generous support. The month of March collection raised \$1,280.00 for the needy in our community

PIZZA & ICE CREAM SUNDAE FAMILY EVENT Our first ELEVATOR fundraising event will be held on **Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** Pizza, salad, make your own ice cream sundaes, beverages, cash bar, raffles, 50/50 draw. Entertainment by *Michael Keys*. \$12 adult, \$7 children. **TICKETS ON SALE** after all Masses. Contact Marlene 905-634-0733

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on APRIL 3, 5-7 pm

We require volunteers to help with the pizza and ice cream event. Clean up will be minimal. If you can spare 1-3 hours we would appreciate it. Please contact Marlene @ 905-634-0733



CWL FUNDRAISERS: Please support our fundraisers! The Catholic Women's League will be holding two fundraisers for our Syrian refugee family and elevator project. We ask that all CWL members and parishioners support these two fundraisers held in our Parish Centre: **Card Party on Thursday, May 5 @ 7:00 PM** and **English Tea on Saturday, May 7 @ 1 & 3 PM**. For more information contact Helen: 905-634-7481, helen.sheehan@cogeco.ca or Charlotte: 905-681-6221, bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca.

CWL LENTEN PROJECT A big thank you to all our parishioners who donated school supplies to Canadian Food For Children. A total of 36 backpacks and 36 reusable vinyl bags filled with schools supplies were sent. A detailed report can be found on the CWL bulletin board in the Welcoming area.

SUMMER 2016 BIBLE CAMP: July 11 – July 15 for children from J.K. to Grade 6. For more information please take a registration form from the Parish Entrance as well as St. Raphael and St. Paul School Offices.

YOUTH MINISTRY: UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH MASS: Saturday, April 2nd at 7 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING: Friday April 8 and 22 / 7-9 p.m. We meet in the St. Francis Room.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Thursday April 7 / 7-9 p.m. at Fionn Maccool's Pub, 350 Dundas St. East, Oakville. Speaker Bishop Daniel Miehm, "*A personal encounter with Pope Francis and his vision for the Church*"

GOSPEL OF LUKE, REFLECTION SERIES: Wednesday April 13 / 7:30-8:00 p.m. @ Holy Rosary Parish Burlington. "*The Power of the Parables*" with Bishop Daniel Miehm. For registration please contact Monica Verin at the chancery office (905) 528-7988 x 2238.

MAKING A CHANGE IN THE YEAR OF MERCY
A day of renewal and reflection for Young Adults (ages 18-35) Guest Speaker: Michael Chiasson, Access 52 Ministries. **Sunday, April 24, 2016, 1:00 - 7:00pm** (dinner included). McNally Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. \$5.00 offering suggested. To register or for more information contact: Christina Mines, cmines@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988 ext 2239



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You are invited to visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StRaphaelsParishBurlingtonOntario

BOOMERANG CARDS: There will be **no card session on Monday, March 28th**. Cards will resume on Monday, April 4th, 2016.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Assumption Catholic Secondary School is hosting their 12th annual Trivia Night on **Saturday, April 9, 2016**. This is a popular, long standing fund raising event in our community. All of the proceeds generated during the evening are given back to the local area. This year donations will be made to the St. Raphael Syrian Refugee Fund, the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation and the Hamilton Naturalists' Club. Cost is \$15 per player (teams of 6 – 8). Please contact Tina DiClemente (Assumption teacher) at diclementec@hcdsb.org or 905 634 1835 #2022 to reserve a table to play.

FOUNDER DAY MASS: Knights of Columbus Members and their families are reminded that our annual Founder Day Mass recognizing our founder, Father Michael Joseph McGivney, will be held at **St. Raphael Church on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 7 p.m.** Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall after Mass. Families are being asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Partnership Food Bank.

LAUDATO SI: A LOOK AT THE NEW ENCYCLICAL

Senior Adult Workshop Series: 4 Wednesday afternoons April 6 & 20 May 4 & 11, 1:30- 3:30pm
Please register by March 30th.

Evening Series: 4 Tuesday evenings **May 3, 10, 17 & 24, 7 - 8:30pm. *Please register by April 22nd.*
Both workshops take place at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. In this workshop/ study series we will explore the themes and major components of Pope Francis' Encyclical on the environment & the impact it has on our lives. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost is \$75 and includes text & resources.. For further information contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or mverin@hamiltondiocese.com; www.hamiltondiocese.com**

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus Hall is available for celebrations, meetings, socials and more? Call 905-580-3472 for more information or visit our website www.kofc5073.ca

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH: In this Year of Mercy, the Pope calls each of us to engage in works of mercy. In marriages we can do this by striving to have a conciliatory spirit. This can be done by comforting our spouse when they are having difficult days, forgiving our spouse when they offend us in word or deed and by patiently bearing wrongs, while expressing what we need instead. Marriage is a place of intimacy and love - both are strengthened when we purposely practice a conciliatory spirit. (From: *Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250*)

COME AND JOIN US AT THE PILGRIMAGE SITE: To celebrate The Feast of Divine Mercy at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish (Jubilee Pilgrim Church) 19 Viewpoint Ave., Hamilton, Ontario L8V 2S4 on **April 3, 2016** (Sunday) from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation / 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass.

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