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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.

### 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](http://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
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- St. Paul's Elementary  
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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*

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE  
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD



**Monday, May 22** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Rose and Andy Condron

**Tuesday, May 23** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Michael Sharpe

**Wednesday, May 24** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Sylvia Gzik

**Thursday, May 25** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Kara Heald  
+ Souls In Purgatory; + Gary Kitching  
+ Fr. Len Strohmeier; + Charles Maggio

**Friday, May 26** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Frank Brajer

**Saturday, May 27** at 5:00 p.m.  
Ints. Cathy Carr; Ints. Dave Skura;  
+ Clinton Cox; + Rosa Spencieri;  
+ Sylvia Gzik;

**Sunday, May 28**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Michael Sharpe

**THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT OF GOD REIGNS**  
**“The Father will give you another Advocate”**  
**[Sixth Sunday of Eastertide]**

**Fiddler on the Roof** gives us one of the most realistic, tender moments of cinema when Tevya asks his wife “Golde, do you love me?” The whole musical poses this question in a variety of ways. It portrays an arranged marriage of 25 years, young people with far more romance than prospects, and the question of how parents must juggle their love for children whose commitments clash with their elders’ beliefs and traditions — all in the midst of persecution. After considering her 25 years of washing, cooking, bearing children and laboring beside her husband, Golde answered Tevya “I suppose I do.” It was a well-thought-out response. With no stars in her eyes, Golde’s graying hair and calloused hands, her constant awareness of him and their children served as the evidence that verified her answer. One of the unique features of **today’s Gospel is that Jesus speaks for the first time of the disciples’ love for him.** Previously he’s told his disciples that he is the way, the bread of life, the light of the world — all descriptions of himself that speak of what he wants to offer them. Jesus often called his disciples to believe in him and to trust him, but now he gets to the **deep, interpersonal level of loving him for who he is.** The only other time in the Gospels that Jesus speaks of disciples’ love for him is after the resurrection when he asks Peter if he loves him (John 21:15-16). **Sr. Mary M McGlone**



**PENTECOST ALL NIGHT VIGIL** in the **Adoration Chapel.** Let us pray for a **fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit** on St. Raphael Parish especially for those who are sick and suffering. The vigil will take place on **Saturday, June 3, beginning at 9.00 p.m. and ending June 4 at 9.00 a.m.** in time for Sunday morning Mass. There will be a signup sheet in the welcoming area for those who would like to participate. Please indicate the time you will pray in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



**2017 BIBLE CAMP: July 10 – 14, 2017,** for children from J.K. to Grade 6. Registration forms are available in the parish entrance, at the schools and on our website: [www.straphaels.ca](http://www.straphaels.ca).

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** A reminder that our Children’s Liturgy Program will break for the summer (as of May 14th) and resume in the fall on Sept. 16th. Heartfelt thanks to our leaders, helpers and families who supported our program.

**CONFIRMATION: PARENTS MEETING**

We are beginning the process of preparing our young people for the sacrament of confirmation. The celebration will take place in Jan. 2018. If you have children who are in public or private school, who are in grade 6 this year and will be going to grade 7 this coming September, please call the office for your registration package. The first meeting for the parents and students will take place on **May 23rd** at 6.45 p.m. in the church.

**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
Rosy Santos Perez	Jim Singer	Milan Heck
John O’Boyle	Catherine Gee	Helen Weppler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco
Jill Ascah	Rose Hughes	Rita Waters
Denise Casey		

*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, May 14<sup>th</sup> \$ 5,365.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH**

We currently have 44 parishioners/families enrolled! 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 May was \$4,956.00.*

**NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE:** There is a promise of marriage between *Connie Ng and Eldridge D’Mello*. The wedding will take place on May 27th.



**PLEASE NOTE:** the Parish Office is CLOSED on **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** for VICTORIA DAY.

There will be **no Boomerang cards session** this **Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** due to the Victoria Day holiday.



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER**

Pope Francis Writes: *"In assessing the environmental impact of any project, concern is usually shown for its effects on soil, water and air, yet few careful studies are made of its impact on biodiversity, as if the loss of species or animals and plant groups were of little importance. Highways, new plantations, the fencing-off of certain areas, the damming of water sources, and similar developments, crowd out natural habitats and, at times, break them up in such a way that animal populations can no longer migrate or roam freely. As a result, some species face extinction. Alternatives exist which at least lessen the impact of these projects, like the creation of biological corridors, but few countries demonstrate such concern and foresight. Frequently, when certain species are exploited commercially, little attention is paid to studying their reproductive patterns in order to prevent their depletion and the consequent imbalance of the ecosystem."*

Laudato Si' #35

**May 22nd The International Day for Biological Diversity** was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, by its resolution 55/201 in December 2000, to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. <https://www.cbd.int/ldb/> **Biodiversity refers to the variety of different types of plants and animal life in a particular region.** Within the City of Burlington there are numerous areas of rich biodiversity! Consider your own backyard or your balcony garden. They are the home to numerous species of plants, animals and insects. Consider the patches of woodland or rural forest areas. Have you noticed the numbers of different species of trees, flowers, birds and other small animals that live there? Have you thought about the marshy areas where you will see a variety of water plants such as reeds and grasses that shelter and provide habitats and food for water birds and creatures such as frogs, toads and insects? When you walk along the shoreline of **Lake Ontario**, notice the variety of water birds such as the majestic Trumpeter Swans and the variety of ducks and geese that frequent the area. All of these areas provide a habitat, water and food for the variety of wildlife that is found there. We can support and maintain biodiversity in our community by being respectful of all of the areas that we visit. Use Waste Bins! Recycle! And Walk Gently! (<https://www.burlingtongreen.org/local-issues/conserve-natural-habitat>)



**CWL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the parish centre at 7:15 p.m. We will be saying the scriptural rosary and **invite other parishioners to join at this time.** We will also be discussing future social justice initiatives. We hope to see many of our members at this meeting. For more information, contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com)

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** Children in grades 3 and up are invited to sign up to become altar servers. Servers are needed especially for the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in becoming an altar server is asked to please email Gabriella at [straphaelchurch3@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelchurch3@gmail.com) or leave their contact information at the church office.



**COFFEE HOUSE:** Save the date! **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Our musician will be Daniel Currie, guitarist and singer. BYOB and bring your own munchies! Free admission.

**SPRING CEMETERY MEMORIAL MASS:** On **Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am, Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the cemetery office at (905) 522-7727, (800) 661-5985, or visit our website at [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca).

**ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:** You are invited to participate in this tournament to help those in need in our local community hosted by Council 5073. This Charity Golf Tournament is one of the many ways we raise money and help the less fortunate in Burlington. Please join us on **Thursday June 15, 2017** starting @ 11 AM. Details: - Golf \$160 (incl. Cart, Dinner, Prizes), Century Pines, 592 Westover Rd. Above the Roundabout at Highways 5, 8, & 52 in Troy, Ontario. Please check our website for details: [www.kofc5073.ca](http://www.kofc5073.ca)

**AN INVITATION FOR PRAYER AND CONVERSATION:** The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and Office for Vocations welcomes young people aged 16-29 to take part in evenings of prayer and conversation surrounding Pope Francis' announcement of the Synod of Bishops for Youth, Faith Formation and Vocational Discernment. Sister Margaret Kane, CSJ will be facilitating conversations across the Diocese regarding this topic so as to help gain a pulse of the experience of faith and faith formation for youth today and how to best support the young people of Hamilton Diocese. Let the church hear your voice! **Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:00pm - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown and **Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:00pm - Holy Family Parish, Hanover. Please RSVP to Christina Mines, Director of Youth Ministry: [cmines@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:cmines@hamiltondiocese.com)

**CATHOLIC MEET-UP: BOARD GAMES CAFÉ:** A way for Young Adult Catholics (19-39) to meet & connect. **Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:30 pm. Mancala Monk Board Games Cafe. (1229 Cannon Street East, Hamilton, ON). <http://www.mancalamonk.com/> A night of food, board games and great company! When inside look for the 'Meetup Monk' sign. Come out and meet others who share the Faith! Check out 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults' on Facebook or e-mail [Steventebay22@hotmail.com](mailto:Steventebay22@hotmail.com) for info.

**BIRTHRIGHT:** Come Celebrate on **Sunday, June 4** from **2 – 4 pm** at 370 Main St. East Unit M1 (Main and Emerald) Birthright Hamilton is celebrating **45 Years of Life and Love** of caring for those needing help with a difficult or unplanned pregnancy (before or after birth). The support of the community has allowed us to offer our services free of charge no matter the need and so we want to celebrate with you! Are you a donor, former volunteer or client, friend of Birthright and the service we provide? Help us celebrate and have a tour of our new offices and have a sweet or two! We look forward to greeting you!



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