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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

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| Saturday | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM |
| Mon - Fri | 9:00 AM |

CONFESSIONS

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| 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
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

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Monday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Marion van de Vrande

Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Patricia Taylor

Wednesday, May 25 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Darryll Malley

Thursday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Rachael Scoccia; + Ron Ciancone
+ Gerry Lyons; + Ron Torjussen
Ints. John & Ellen Lynch

Friday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Vitto Mimma Spagnolo

Saturday, May 28 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Joan Rocca; + Robert Ravenscroft;
+ Madeline Tinline; Ints. Esperanza

Sunday, May 29
9:00 a.m. + Margaret Thompson
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

We're told that the great Saint Augustine was once walking along the seashore trying to figure out the mystery of the Trinity. He came upon a child filling a hole with bucket after bucket of water from the ocean. "You can't empty the whole ocean into that hole," the saint laughed. Looking at the learned Augustine the child replied, "**And neither can you ever completely understand the mystery of the Trinity.**" Today's feast invites us to reflect on one of the most profound truths of our faith—that God is Three—and One. **Three equal persons, one God.** If even Saint Augustine couldn't exhaust that mystery in thousands of words—what can I hope to do in just ninety seconds?

Perhaps we can allow our Sunday Gospel to instruct us: Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit will teach us what we need to know. The Spirit, Jesus says, works in union with Jesus and with the Father. These words come from **Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper**, when the disciples were troubled about their future. The Lord wanted to console them, **that he and the Father would remain present to them through the working of the Spirit.** There is consolation in those words for us as well, as we face the fears and questions of our time in the Church and in the world.

Fr. Greg Friedman OFM

CORPUS CHRISTI [BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST]

Next weekend Masses will call us to a special celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Weather permitting, we will conclude the Mass with a short procession to the New Street lawn for the **final Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.**



Thank you to all who supported the **Catholic Women's League Dessert Card Party.** A BIG thanks to the members who donated desserts; door prizes and their time. This year's card party was a very successful fundraiser. The CWL will be donating \$2,000 to the elevator fund and \$100 to refugee fund (this project has the money needed at this time). We will also be donating \$250 to St. Raphael's St. Vincent de Paul and \$100 to the Bible camp.

Please pray for the following:

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| 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 | Helen Weppler |
| Sylvia Gzik | Elizabeth Talatala | Jane Urquhart |
| Rosy Santos Perez | | |



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 15th \$5,112.00
Pre-Authorized Giving Plan
- Monthly Donation (May) \$4,260.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Thank you for your generous support. The month of May collection raised \$1,135.00 for the needy in our community.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING MARRIAGE: There is a promise of marriage between *Tara Hutchinson and Karl O'Blenis.* The wedding will take place on June 11th.

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. **Registration deadline is June 10th**

LIVING Laudato Si'



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

International Day for Biological Diversity [May 22] Pope Francis writes: "*Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species*

which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right." Laudato si' #33. Many pollinators are disappearing at alarming rates (including honey bees, bumble bees, and other native bees). Pesticides are weakening pollinator immune systems, leaving them more open to parasites and pathogens. You can help by planting a pollinator garden! See: savebees.org to find out how to help.

MAY 22, 2016

PARKING LOT SALE/ BBQ FUNDRAISER

On **Saturday, June 18** a Parking lot sale and BBQ fundraiser will take place in our parish parking lot. Tables/space will be available to rent after all masses for the next 4 weeks. 8' tables are \$35 and 6' tables are \$20. The sale will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will host the BBQ and we will be selling hot and cold beverages and ice cream sundaes. If you would rather donate items to St. Vincent de Paul please contact Margaret @ 905-681-6140. For all other info please contact Marlene 905-634-0733.



SUNDAY DINNER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Bring your family and join fellow parishioners for an evening of delicious food and great music on **Sunday, June 26 at 6 p.m.** Doors

open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Buffet dinner includes penne, roasted chicken, Italian sausage, roasted potatoes, salad, bread, dessert. Cash bar. Cost: \$25/adult, \$10/child (12 and under). Tickets on sale after Masses starting this weekend. *Proceeds of this event go directly to the St. Raphael Accessibility Project.*

STAY TUNED: Individual and Group (Parish) Ideas, Initiatives and Action Plans development at **Parish Day 2016 "Nature as the Word of God"** will be appearing in next week's bulletin.

CONFIRMATION 2017: A reminder that there will be a Confirmation meeting for Parents next **Monday, May 30th**, 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the church.

Rite of Acceptance for Confirmation: Sunday, June 5th at **9 a.m.** for St. Raphael School and **11 a.m.** for St. Paul School. Please be at the church 30 minutes before the Mass.



PLEASE NOTE: the Parish Office is CLOSED on **Monday, May 23rd** for VICTORIA DAY.

There will be **no Boomerang cards session** this **Monday, May 23rd** due to the Victoria Day holiday. Cards will resume on Monday, May 30th.

ALL ARE INVITED: Year of Mercy Special Observance for Burlington Parishes SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS on **Friday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Raphael Church. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on Mercy. Guest Homilist: *Monsignor Raymond Modeski*. Light reception to follow.



Ordered plants will be available for pick up on Saturday May 28th from 10 -11 am only.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED: We are looking for a part-time housekeeper for St. Raphael's Rectory and office area. If interested, please call the parish office at 905-637-2346.

"WALK FOR LIFE" 2016: Sat., May 28th

We are raising money to help support our community projects by hosting a BBQ and 5K walk. Pledge forms: <http://haltonalive.celect.org/walk-for-life>.

RITE OF ORDINATION: Kevin D'Souza, who is studying for the priesthood for the diocese of Hamilton, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in June. The rite of ordination, by the Bishop, will take place during the 7 PM Mass on **Friday, June 10th**, 2016 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church (715 Centre Road) in Waterdown. There will be a reception later in the parish hall. Kevin would like to invite you all to attend.

BURLINGTON ECO FILM FESTIVAL: Screening of "*This Changes Everything*" Documentary Film by Naomi Kline and Avi Lewis. *Where:* Burlington Central Library. *When:* **Thursday June 2nd at 7pm** (doors open at 6:30 pm) *Cost:* \$5. All are welcome! Get together with friends and **see a film that gives hope for the future of our planet Earth!**

NOVENA FOR LIFE THREATENED BY BILL C14: A group of Ottawa Doctors have requested our help to organize a NATIONWIDE NOVENA to "Our Lady of Good Success" to STOP EUTHANASIA in Canada. Please pray a Novena to Our Lady of Good Success in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord TO INTERCEDE FOR CANADIANS FOR TRUE WISDOM CONCERNING THIS FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE ABOUT THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE. Begin at any time, at least nine days before June 6, 2016 when BILL C14 will be put before Parliament for the vote.

BILL C-14 ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION

-protection for health care workers, ensuring they do not have to provide or refer for euthanasia/assisted suicide;
-expand palliative care and support service for the vulnerable. Please contact Karina Gould our Burlington MP: karinagould@parl.gc.ca 905 639 5757
777 Guelph Line, Suite 209 Burlington, ON L7R 3N2

FT. McMURRAY FIRE: Bishop Crosby has encouraged us to come to the aid of the people of Ft. McMurray, by sending donations directly to the **Canadian Red Cross** (*individual donations will be matched by the Alberta and Federal Governments*), or directly to Bishop Terrio where Ft. McMurray is located: The Most Rev. Paul Terrio, Bishop of St. Paul, 4410 – 51st Avenue, Saint-Paul, AB, T0A 3A2

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY SPRING MASS: Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass on **Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 am** at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington. All are invited to attend. For information: (905) 522-7727, www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca.

FUN EVENING & SEMINAR: Gavel Media presents a fun and entertaining evening with Financial Advisor Andrew Oproiu. Please join us **Saturday June 4, from 6 - 8pm** in St. Raphael's Parish Centre for an informative financial session with **great food, live classical music, and a family friendly Comedian. Experience a great session** with one of Canada's top young advisors on **current trends in Financial Management**. Tickets are \$10. All proceeds *go directly to St Vincent De Paul* and the amazing work they do in our community. Everyone is welcome!

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