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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
<i>closed on Statutory Holidays</i>		

MASS TIMES

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

WEDDINGS

Please contact us at least one year in advance.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM
or by appointment

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.

PRAYER BEFORE WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 AM in the Adoration Chapel
8:30 AM Rosary in the church

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

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, any weekend Mass.
- 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

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Monday, May 23 at 9:00 a.m.
† Rachael Scoccia

Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 a.m.
† Bob & Marie O'Rourke

Wednesday, May 25 at 9:00 a.m.
† Carrie Hayes

Thursday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Bill Gittens; † Vicki Gravelle; † Helen Samson
† Gloria Mogridge; † Cathy Scoccia;
† Linda Embro; † Teresa Wroblewska

Friday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m.
† Gord Hunt

Saturday, May 28 at 5:00 p.m.
Ints. Guy Denis; Ints. Esther Baya
† Jack Hall; † Linda Embro; † Eleanor Lynch

Sunday, May 29
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. † Marianne Hettinger



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER:
World Bee Day - May 20**
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 forever. The great majority of animal species including insects, 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." LS 33

The observance of World Bee Day worldwide aims to:

- Draw the attention of the world's public and political decision-makers to the importance of protecting bees
- Remind us that we depend on bees and other pollinators
- Protect bees and other pollinators, which would significantly contribute to solving problems related to the global food supply and eliminate hunger in developing countries; and halt the further loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystems

What would happen if bees became extinct? Where would we be without bees?

*** We may lose all the plants that bees pollinate, all of the animals that eat those plants and so on up the food chain. Which means a world without bees could struggle to sustain the global human population of 7 billion. Our supermarkets would have half the amount of fruit and vegetables. We are losing bees at an alarming rate. Possible reasons include the loss of flower meadows, the crab-like varroa mite that feasts on their blood, climate change, and use of pesticides.**

*** Bees are indispensable pollinators of most ecosystems. There are 369,000 flowering plant species, and 90% of them are dependent on insect pollination. Usually, a honeybee can visit 50-1000 flowers in one trip. Therefore, if each bee takes ten trips a day, a colony with 25,000 forager bees can pollinate 250 million flowers in a day.**

Many species of animals depend on bees for their survival because their food source, including nuts, berries, seeds, and fruits, relies on insect pollination. Pollination not only makes food available for other organisms but also allows floral growth, which provides habitats for animals, including other insects and birds.

In the words of A. Einstein "Life without these insects would be a global disaster. Man would have only four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man"

Please pray for:

Jasmine Leigh	Joanne Gray	Kyle Elliott
Helen Sheehan	Jane Urquhart	Alban Olds
Vanessa Rodrigues	Sarah Scharer	James Cook
Albert Rodrigues	Elizabeth Talatala	Milan Heck
John Scharer	Asia Rae Landry	Frank Sicoli
Helen Wepler	Noah Landry	Lee Olds
Peggy Evans	Alison Zierl	Doug Pudsey
Stephen Pustai	Rosario Herve	Laith Yousif
Michael Smart	Vincent Stanford	Mary Lilly
Heather Allen	Joanne Pringle	Marie Bond
Maritza Garcia Gonzalez	Robert Connelly	Tom Olds
Ron Robertson	Jones Rodney	Gary Olds
Joseph & Madeleine Zucco	Barbara Fisher	Nicola Izzi
Rolando Mabalay	Laurie Suddaby	John Bate
Joe & Marg Drennon	Christopher Ryan	Jill Olds
	Jean Damiani	

If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish or included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful, please call the Parish Office by Tuesday morning

In **John's Gospel**, we realize we are approaching Pentecost as Jesus begins to speak of his leaving the earth and of the coming of the "Advocate" - the Spirit of Truth. The image of the Trinity is clear: "when the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father...." To his disciples, the idea of his leaving fills their hearts with grief but Jesus reassures them, "it is better for you that I go" so that the Spirit can come to them. The Spirit "will guide you to all truth." Jesus promises, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy." "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/ Used with permission.

IN OUR PARISH



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May 15, 2022

Sunday Envelopes (108)	\$3,501
Loose	\$303
Pre-Authorized Giving (73)	\$7,641

Thank you for your continued support!



"THIRD SATURDAYS" BIBLE STUDY:

Women of all ages join us via Webinar **June 18**, at **9:30am**, for our monthly one-hour webinar igniting passion for reading the Bible and applying the Word to our lives.

Refresh, restore and renew our faith. No bible experience required. Pray and share together with other women. To sign up please RSVP to michele@forgionegroup.com or leonyhettinger@bell.net See you soon.

EUCHARIST TO HOME BOUND OR HOSPITAL: To

receive communion in your home (within our church boundaries) or at Joseph Brant hospital please contact the parish office 905-637-2346 with your name, phone number and address or hospital room number. When you register at the hospital be sure to write "Catholic" and "Saint Raphael Parish" in the space provided on the registration form.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - ICE CREAM

SOCIAL AND FUN: Welcoming CWL members and any woman interested in joining to a social gathering after the 11 am mass on **May 29**. We hope to host outdoors (weather

permitting) off the parking lot in shaded area or indoors as back up. Come mingle and have light hearted fun! (12 - 1:30 pm). If you have any questions please call Leony Hettinger at 289-795-1559 and leave a message.

2022 BIBLE CAMP: The St. Raphael Parish Summer Bible Camp will run from July 4 – July 8. Further details regarding registration to follow.

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP: The Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle has resumed weekly in the St. Anthony room, please join us on Mondays after the 9am Mass. We pray the Rosary, read one of the messages given by our Lady to Fr. Gobbi from the book "To the Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons", and make a consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information contact Sylvia Heald at 905-632-4862.

IN OUR COMMUNITY



WALK FOR LIFE: Will you walk with Halton Alive? With each step, we commemorate the 100,000 unborn lives lost to abortion every year in Canada and reaffirm our commitment to supporting women experiencing

unplanned pregnancies. A pro-life fundraiser the whole family can enjoy! Date: **Sat., May 28** Time: 9:30am (walk, BBQ lunch and kids games included) Location: The lawn of Burlington Christian Fellowship, 2054 Mountainside Dr. Burlington. Or choose to walk in your own neighborhood! Join a team or create your own! Get started today www.haltionalive.ca/w4l

ReStart: Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to our upcoming zoom session on **Thursday, June 9, at 7pm**. Visit the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to register or learn more.

ACCOMPANYING FORWARD ONLINE TALK: The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to present Accompanying Forward – An Afternoon with Roy Petitfils on May 27 at 1 pm for a virtual conversation about accompanying young people as they try to navigate their new realities and their mental health. Roy is a Catholic author, speaker and psychotherapist with more than 25 years of experience ministering to youth and young adults in parishes, dioceses, and schools. Registration can be found by [clicking here](#) or on our Diocesan website under Youth Ministers Events and Resources.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE: If you wish to donate to the Ukraine Relief fund please mail your cheque to Knights of Columbus **Halton Columbus Charities**, write in the memo line: "**Ukraine Relief**" **4072 New Street Burlington L7L 1S9** (St. Raphael) or drop it off at the parish office. All the funds raised will go to Knights of Columbus Councils in Poland and Ukraine so they can supply medical aid, critical supplies, and shelter to Ukrainians. You will receive a charitable donation receipt.

JOIN THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL: May 26, 7 – 9pm for our last screening of the season, *He Named Me Malala*. This documentary provides an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Register online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/>

SACRED HEART PARISH 100TH ANNIVERSARY: This June 15th, Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton, will be celebrating 100 years. Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, June 5th 2022 at 10:00 am, and this will be followed by brunch at Michelangelo's. Prices are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children (ages 3-10).



PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH: As the buds begin to sprout and the weather allows us to head outdoors more often, take some time to discuss the importance of God's created world with your children. Point out the connectedness of each of us to nature and our dependence on it to survive. Help them understand that every person is tasked with being a steward of God's world. Explain how we can each participate in caring for nature and remind them that when we each do our part, nature thrives and so do we. From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



SUNDAY FUNNY: A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean you *know* what the Bible means?" the son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father, "what does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy answered excitedly, "It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!"

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