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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

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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See the Book of Tobit, especially chapter 12

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**ASCENSION OF THE LORD
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD**



Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Sylvia Gzik; + Alicia Barreda Elias

Tuesday, May 30 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Vito Maria Mimma Spagnolo

Wednesday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.
+ Frank Brajer

Thursday, June 1 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Mary Lynn Fazio; Ints. Rose Hughes;
Ints. Arleen Gaspar; + Sylvia Gzik;
+ Tony DeSanti

Friday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Ints. Molly & Michael Doherty

Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m.
+ Marjorie Noonan; + Michael Braganza;
+ Mary & George Oravec; + Bill Parks;
+ Frances Roberts

Sunday, June 4
9:00 a.m. + Maria & John Medeiros Branco
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

**THE VICTORIOUS SERVANT OF GOD REIGNS
ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Today we hear the end of the Gospel of Matthew, who presents Jesus as saying: "Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age". (Mtt 28.20) **Although we no longer experience Jesus' physical presence in the world today, we experience the Presence of the Divine in and through the Gift of Creation.** Each time we look into the eyes of those whom we love and hold dear, we see Christ's presence. Each time we experience a beautiful sunrise or sunset, Christ is present! Each time we experience the beauty of the created order of plants and animals, Christ is present! **Each time we receive the Eucharist, Christ is present** and we become the Body of Christ, risen among us, as members of the Church! **Christ is Risen, Christ is truly Risen, Alleluia!**



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.



COFFEE HOUSE: Save the date! **Saturday, June 3rd** 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.

FR. FRANCIS IN INDIA: I will be in India from May 30 to June 25 to visit my family primarily and to join the celebrations of our Parish's 75th Anniversary, my Parish Priest's 25th Anniversary and the feast of our Parish Patron, St. John the Baptist on June 22-24. I request your prayerful support during my travels and my visit to India. The weather over there is 39°C :)



TRY OUT THE NEW ELEVATOR! Our much-needed elevator is now available for all to use! This past weekend Fr. Frank and Fr. Francis officially "opened the doors" with a special blessing and

thank you to everyone who made this project possible. Please see the insert for a copy of this blessing.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: We will be having a farewell dinner for Fr. Frank on **Friday June 30th** in the Parish Centre. More details to follow.

MARRIAGE BANNIS: There is a promise of marriage between *Elisa Marie Cherubini and Michele Berlingieri*. The wedding will take place on Saturday June 17th.

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 21st \$ 4,242.00
Pope's Pastoral Works \$ 1,322.00

Thank you for your continued support!



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.

SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED: Sprinkles, Rice Cakes, Animal Crackers, Graham Crackers, Marshmallow Creme, Raisins, Ice cream cones (sugar or regular), Cupcake Papers, Granola Bars (Peanut Free), Fruit Roll ups, Cereal, Cheerios Fruit Loops. Please bring donations to the parish office. **A reminder that we do not use plastic water bottles and encourage everyone to use their own reusable water bottle.** Thank you!



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis Writes: "God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe". [54] **The Canadian bishops rightly pointed out that no creature is excluded from this manifestation of God:** "From panoramic vistas to the tiniest living form, nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. It is also a continuing revelation of the divine". [55] **The bishops of Japan, for their part, made a thought-provoking observation:** "To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope". [56] **This contemplation of creation allows us to discover in each thing a teaching, which God wishes to hand on to us, since "for the believer, to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a paradoxical and silent voice". [57] We can say that "alongside revelation properly so-called, contained in sacred Scripture, there is a divine manifestation in the blaze of the sun and the fall of night". [58] Paying attention to this manifestation, we learn to see ourselves in relation to all other creatures: "I express myself in expressing the world; in my effort to decipher the sacredness of the world, I explore my own". [59] (You Love All that Exists, CCCB, 4/10/03) Laudato Si' #85**

"The ultimate purpose of other creatures is not to be found in us. Rather, all creatures are moving forward with us and through us towards a common point of arrival, which is God, in that transcendent fullness where the risen Christ embraces and illumines all things." (P19. On Care for our common home, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice)

RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE, HALTON REGION

Saturday June 3rd at Maple View Mall (900 Maple Ave, lower parking lot by The Bay) from 9 am to 1 pm.

Saturday June 10th at the Milton Go Station Parking Lot (780 Main St.E. Milton) from 9 am to 1pm
Cost \$45- cash and proof of your residency.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

Pre-Authorized Giving allows those who wish to have their monthly donations debited directly from their bank accounts. St. Raphael Parish has had this program in place since November 2015.

Why Should I Participate? • Convenience: Your offering is deducted from your account once each month and automatically deposited in the Parish account. • You can plan your giving in advance for the whole year. • You can continue to support the Parish when you are away.

Advantages for St. Raphael Parish: • A regular, dependable flow of contributions to the church, **especially over the summer holiday months.**

• A reduction of processing time for the Volunteers who count the collection every Sunday.

We respect that giving is a very personal thing, but we hope the implementation of this optional plan will be a source of convenience for you. Brochures are available in the parish entrance or in office.

BOTTLE DRIVE: Please continue to support our ongoing bottle drive by placing your clean, empty liquor and beer bottles in the designated bins. A special thank you to the volunteers who collect the bottles every week! To date we have raised \$2,218. Thank you for your contributions!

ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT: You are invited to participate in this tournament to help those in need in our local community hosted by the Knights of Columbus 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** 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

ANTI-OPPRESSION TRAINING HOSTED BY GOOD SHEPHERD: Katherine Kalinowski and Cole Gately from the Brothers of the Good Shepherd will be running their comprehensive training on identifying and challenging oppressive structures within our communities. This is an excellent opportunity to come for a day of learning and reflection. **June 8th**, 8:30 am-4:30 pm at the **Chancery of the Diocese of Hamilton**. Open to all parish volunteers in the Diocese of Hamilton. Refreshments will be provided Please RSVP to Sarah Guinta at the Office of Justice and Peace, 905-528-7988 ext 2259.

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!

CATHOLIC MEET-UP: SUMMER HIKE FOR YOUNG ADULTS A way for Catholic Young Adults (19-39) to meet & connect. **Saturday June 10th @ 10:30 am.** 7200 Appleby Line, Milton ON. 10:00 am - Meet at St. Thomas (715 Centre Rd, Waterdown); Carpool to Rattlesnake Point. Or meet us directly at Rattlesnake Point 10:30 am - Arrive & Meet-up. Bring a bag lunch and plenty of water! Look for the car with the 'Meetup Monk' sign. Check out the 'Hamilton Catholic Young Adults' Facebook Page or e-mail Steventebay22@Hotmail.com.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. The Mass is for couples married 25, 40, 50, 60 or 60 plus years in the year 2017. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). To register for the celebration, please see www.hamiltondiocese.com.

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