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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord, For fields of grain Gold and ripe from summer's rain,
For hillsides bright with scarlet trees
That rustle in the autumn breeze,
For friend so dear, For those we love,
For all thing sent from heaven above...
We thank thee, Lord.





Monday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Sylvia Heald

Tuesday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Roma Hodgson

Wednesday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. St. Raphael School Mass In Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m.

- + Joseph Heintz; + Proceso Laurente Sr.;
- + Rosa Subido; Ints. Nora & Liam Mullin

Friday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. + Aileen Maguire

Saturday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m. + Jordan Broctor; + Julia McQuinn; + Clarice & Vibart Wight; + Laura Ferris; Ints. Frances Wentges

Sunday, October 16

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners 11:00 a.m. + Terry Evans

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 Sylvia Gzik Jim Singer Milan Heck Rosy Santos Perez Catherine Gee Helen Weppler John O'Boyle Elizabeth Talatala Jane Urguhart Frances Wentges Maria Szkitalinski Laith Yousif Diane Svazas

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, October 2nd

\$ 5,844.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

R.C.I.A PROCESS: We are now in the Inquiry Stage. Classes are every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and end on the Feast of Pentecost. For more information please speak to Fr. Frank or contact the parish office at 905-637-2346

OFFICE CLOSED: Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving, **Monday, October 10**th

BOOMERANG CARDS: There will be <u>no Boomerang</u> <u>cards</u> on Monday, October 10th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Cards will resume on Monday, October 17th.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE – This week we welcomed our family, *Marwan, Yasmeen,* and *Mohammad* to Canada! The Sponsorship Committee is busy helping them with all their social, personal, and legal needs as well as to settle into their apartment. We will continue to provide updates.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME

We hear today the touching episode when Jesus heals ten lepers and returns... "praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan." It is fitting for God's people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. The bountiful produce of the earth is a visible sign of the many blessings God wants to shower on us through Christ. Our God also wants us to share the good of the earth with all people. Cf Colossians 3: 15-17 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. May we all be Samaritans with gratitude in our hearts and generosity in our actions.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING: There will be a registration meeting for all the parents of St. Raphael & St. Paul schools and Public schools on Monday, October 24 at 6.30 p.m at St. Raphael Parish center. All Parents are requested to bring the registration form and a copy of the Baptism certificate of your children who will be receiving their first communion. Those who do not have the registration form please contact the parish office.



MINISTRY FAIR: Please mark the date for our ministry fair which will take place on the October 22/23 weekend, after each mass. The role of the laity is essential in

accomplishing the mission of the Church. Each of us is called to be of service to one another. 'It is critical to realize that, according to the Church itself, our vocation and mission as laypeople derives from our Baptism and is strengthened through Confirmation. As members of God's family and his Church, we are no longer on our own. We are intimately and mystically united to the Lord and each other'. And so we receive the call to serve one another. During the ministry fair, the parish as a whole will have the opportunity to know the different ministries of the parish and to sign up for most of these ministries. There will be a meeting for all Ministry Leaders on Tuesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Centre.

THANKSGIVING DINNER & DANCE: Couples For Christ and It's Ministries [Halton Chapter] is hosting a semiformal Thanksgiving dinner/dance in the **St. Raphael Parish Centre** on **Saturday, October 29** from 6:30 p.m. [after the 5:00pm mass]. Please purchase your tickets after Mass in the foyer. The cost per adult is \$20.00 and children under 12 years old are free. There will also be a cash bar. This is a "first come, first serve" basis due to hall capacity. Come and join us for an evening of food, friends, entertainment & fellowship!

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY: Thank you for your generous donations! To date we have collected \$370.00 for our refugee family to use for household items.



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER Thanksgiving Weekend World Food Day: Oct 16

Pope Francis writes, ".... today that

the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone. For believers, this becomes a question of fidelity to the Creator, since God created the world for everyone. Hence every ecological approach needs to incorporate a social perspective which takes into account the fundamental rights of the poor and the underprivileged." Laudato si #93

As we celebrate **Thanksgiving Day** this week, let us be thankful for the abundance of food and material goods that we enjoy in our society. We must always be mindful of ways to respectfully use what we have been given and how we can share what we have with our brothers and sisters in our community who have less. We must help our children to adopt healthy attitudes toward the consumption of food and material goods and assisting them to learn to share with our neighbours at home and in the developing world. **What can I do to share this week?** Assist with local food drives and community outreach programs such as our parish St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish actively supports and provides for the needy of our parish and community!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: When a person is seriously ill, it is appropriate to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing of the Sick). Formerly, this sacrament was called "extreme unction" and was most often celebrated when a person was near death. However, today this sacrament is celebrated with those who are seriously sick, people who are diagnosed with life threatening illness, patients before surgery, elderly people who are very weak, and sick children old enough to be comforted by the sacrament. The Anointing of the Sick is no longer regarded as the "last rites". It is celebrated only with the living and may be celebrated several times, especially if the person's health gets worse. This wonderful sacrament is ideally celebrated when the sick person is conscious; where possible, family members ought to be present to participate in this celebration of the Church. It is also most fitting, as with all the sacraments, to celebrate the Anointing in a communal setting of the Church. We will have a communal celebration after all the Masses October 15/16 which is the weekend nearest to the Feast of St. Luke (October 18), traditionally held to be a physician.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: This year, World Mission Sunday will take place on October 23. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster

strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural and health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

EX CORDE GRANT: The EX CORDE FOUNDATION was established by Bishop Douglas Crosby to give grants to help fund parish projects in the Diocese of Hamilton. Our hydro bill at St. Raphael Parish for June 2016: \$1946.82, July 2016: \$2197.52 and August 2016: \$1835.78. It would be similar for September 2016 as well. All the other months we have an average cost of \$1150. The increase over the summer months is due to the excessive use of the air-conditioner every year. We would like to reduce the price, at least for the portion of the lighting, throughout the year. We, therefore, requested a grant from the Ex Corde Foundation to change most of our lighting, especially in the parking lots, part of the Church and the halls into LED lighting. They have granted us \$14,000 for this project. We are very thankful to the Ex Corde Foundation for their ongoing support of parishes.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Wednesday mornings at 7AM to join Jude Malone in loading and unloading donations to Canadian Food for Children at their warehouse in Port Credit. Return to the church by 12:30pm. Please contact Jude at 905-802-8616.

JUBILEE FOR FAMILIES: Join us for the Jubilee of Families on Saturday, October 15. Participants will have a chance to see the new Saint John's Bible and enter the Cathedral Basilica through the Holy Doors. Come and celebrate family since this Jubilee is intended for all people of faith as the Church is a family of families! Parent or not, single or married, young and old, plan to attend – there will be a program for children and a special workshop for grandparents. Come as a family, come on your own, all are welcome. For more information and to register see the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com (look under upcoming events), or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIM SUNDAY: All are welcome to come to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton for a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage and pass through the Doors of Mercy on Sunday, October 16th. The Doors of Mercy will open at 2:00 p.m. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 p.m., the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction will begin at 3:00 p.m. Pilgrims are welcome to stay for the 4:00p.m. Mass.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM:

Men interested in learning about the Permanent Diaconate Formation program in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to attend the information session on **Sunday, October 16**th at St. John the Baptist Church in Guelph. The meeting will be held after 11:00 a.m. Mass. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Peter Gittens at diaconateformation@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988, ext. 2258.

OUR LADY OF CAPE, Queen of the Rosary, statue is coming to St. Charles Garnier Church (129 Hughson Street S.) on **Saturday, October 15**. The day begins with Holy Mass at 9 am, followed by adoration, the rosary in various languages, Healing Mass at 5 pm with anointing with Holy Oil and procession. All are invited to attend.

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