

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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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
- 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*

The Diocese of Hamilton [HamiltonDiocese.com](http://HamiltonDiocese.com) Holy Cross Vocations [www.holycrossvocationscanada.com](http://www.holycrossvocationscanada.com)  
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**Monday, September 25** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Nerina Massetti

**Tuesday, September 26** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Rosa Luppino

**Wednesday, September 27** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Mary Lynn Fazio  
**Feast of St. Vincent de Paul**

**Thursday, September 28** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Rose & Mike Tepsich; Ints. Roma Hodgson;  
Ints. Philomena Southall; + Aileen Maguine;  
+ Diane Svazas

**Friday, September 29** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Sr. Louise Vanderploeg  
**Feast of St. Raphael**

**Saturday, September 30** at 5:00 p.m.  
Joanne Smith Wareing; + Doris Stevens;  
+ Ronald Gili Ross; + Diane Svazas;  
+ Patricia & John Rolland  
+ Chester & Sylvia Gzik

**Sunday, October 1**  
9:00 a.m. + Bill Southon  
11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
**12:00 p.m. Feast of St. Raphael BBQ**

For the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** we receive the powerful parable about the landlord who represents God's way of caring for us. Though workers go out into his vineyard at various times of the day, he pays them all the same. When they grumble, he simply explains that he desires to be generous. How this can change our view of God and our own sense of justice?

*Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.*

**SHIFRA HOMES:** Bearing and raising a child is one of the most difficult and yet fulfilling endeavours for a mother. Shifra Homes, serves homeless, pregnant women between the ages of 16-27. Their maternity residence is the only one of its nature in all of Halton. Shifra home accepts women anytime during their pregnancy and supports them for subsequent months after the baby is born. Over the last two years they have expanded their program to create their **Seeds of Hope Program**. Seeds of Hope allows them to continue to support their young families as they transition back into the community and enables them to live independently with access to Shifra Homes' resources. At this time, the Catholic Women's League is asking parishioners to please consider supporting Shifra Homes, Baby Bottle Campaign.

**Starting the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>,** you will have the opportunity to support the work of Shifra Homes and pick up a baby bottle in the welcoming area for this campaign. For the next four weeks, you are asked to fill up the baby bottle with loose change, cheques, or bills and then return the filled baby bottle to the pick-up box located in the welcoming area. **Please return your baby bottle to the church on any weekend up until November 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions please contact Nancy Romic- Executive Director, 905-681-9633 X 222 or [nancyromic@shifrahomes.com](mailto:nancyromic@shifrahomes.com) or [www.shifrahomes.com](http://www.shifrahomes.com)

**DECORATING COMMITTEE:** Welcome back all members of the decoration committee. Hope you have all enjoyed a nice summer break. We will be meeting on Thursday **Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:30pm** in the Hearth room. The discussion topic is "Thanksgiving" a fall meeting. Parishioners, who would like to join this group, please contact Vivian Pulis co-ordinator for Decoration Committee (905) 637-5264.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION: The Journey of Faith September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 7 - 8 pm in the Parish Centre.** We are on a journey; we go from one point to another. As Catholics, we believe that we came from God and we are placed in this universe for a particular reason. And we are traveling to the end goal of eternal life. But it is good for us to reflect, how is my journey going? So, let us take this journey of faith within the journey of life. Please come out to reflect and to share fellowship together with your parishioners this coming Wednesday night. Some of the discussion points are: how is our journey going? What is faith? Why do we need faith? What is the most important things in life for you? What are you longing for, what are you searching?

**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	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler
Frances Wentges	Rose Hughes	Jane Urquhart
Peggy Evans	Estelle Jantz	Laith Yousif
Jill Ascah	Helen Sheehan	Michael Colameco
Lee Olds		

*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, September 17<sup>th</sup> \$5364.00  
Misson Co-op \$2422.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS:** All youth are welcome to attend! Our meetings will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. The meetings for the month of October are scheduled for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** September 27 - November 5, 8am to 8pm. Pray as a family this fall. Join this peaceful and effective International Prayer Movement. This prayer community has helped to save 13,305 women's lives. Your presence makes a difference - Choose a prayer hour from 8am to 8pm. Visit: [40daysforlife.com/oakville](http://40daysforlife.com/oakville) or Email: [40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com)



### ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe

water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by chemical substances and microorganisms. Dysentery and cholera, linked to inadequate hygiene and water supplies, are a significant causes of suffering and infant mortality. Underground water sources in many places are threatened by the pollution produced in certain mining, farming and industrial activities, especially in countries lacking adequate regulation or controls. It is not only a question of industrial waste. Detergents and chemical products, commonly used in many places of the world, continue to pour into our rivers, lakes and seas." **Laudato Si #29. September 13th is World Groundwater Day**

It is sometimes thought that water flows through underground rivers or that it collects in underground lakes. Groundwater is not confined to only a few channels or depressions in the same way that surface water is concentrated in streams and lakes. Rather, it exists almost everywhere underground. It is found underground in the spaces between particles of rock and soil, or in crevices and cracks in rock. **Polluted groundwater** is less visible, but more difficult to clean up, than pollution in rivers and lakes. Groundwater pollution most often results from improper disposal of wastes on land. Major sources include industrial and household chemicals and garbage **landfills**, excessive **fertilizers** and pesticides used in agriculture, industrial waste lagoons, tailings and process **wastewater** from mines, industrial fracking, oil field brine pits, leaking underground oil storage tanks and pipelines, **sewage sludge** and **septic systems**.

It is important that we consider the ways that we pollute groundwater in our everyday lives. Using pesticides and herbicides on gardens and lawns and using excessive amounts of salt in the winter on sidewalks and roads results in these chemicals going into our groundwater and flowing into storm sewers and out into our lakes and streams when it rains or snows. If we are to maintain a high quality of fresh available drinking water it is important to halt/reduce the use of these products. Once an aquifer is contaminated it may be unusable for decades.

It is also important to ensure that motor oil from gas powered engines does not leak into rivers, lakes and sewers. As well, it is important to properly dispose of chemicals such as paints, paint thinners/cleaners and any other chemical in proper ways at Local Waste Collection Facilities and not down storm drains on the road! None of these items should be disposed in regular garbage collections. See

<http://www.halton.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8310&pageId=151236#q5> for further information! We wish to thank those who brought old nail polish containers to the Church to be disposed of at a proper Waste Collection facility in Burlington: Norjohn Waste and Recycling Drop-off Depot, 5030 Mainway Ave. Burlington (Just off the Appleby Exit)

**THE FEAST OF ST RAPHAEL: OCT 1<sup>ST</sup>** Please come and celebrate this feast with your fellow parishioners. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a free BBQ for us. Bring your family, friends and a lawn chair to relax and enjoy.

**ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND MASS:** Please join your parishioners in a church wide adoration and praise and worship on Oct. 6th at 7 pm. This month's theme will be: Thanksgiving. The month of October is the month of thanksgiving. We will be reflecting on the blessings that God has given to us and praise God for all these blessings. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord.

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR:** Our country Canada is blessed with many cultures and different ethnicity. We are blessed with many gifts and treasures. We cherish the unity in diversity. As we celebrate Thanksgiving on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, let us all come together on **Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** to share fellowship with one another. We will share food, culture, entertainment and various traditions from around the world. (Italian, Portuguese, Kenyan, Indian, Pilipino, Sri Lankan, Chinese etc.) Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible as we will have limited seats. Tickets are being sold after all our masses in the front entrance for **\$15.00** and there will be a cash bar. If you wish to represent your country and would like to make a dish please contact Steve Germann at 905-333-6472 or [smrg@cogeco.ca](mailto:smrg@cogeco.ca) for details. It will be a very fun evening with entertainment. Please bring your family and friends!

### CATECHETICAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools is also available. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or visit [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) website and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

**100TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF FATIMA: family movie night. Holy Rosary Parish**, (287 Plains Rd. E) will be showing the movie THE 13TH DAY, the incredible true story of three children in Fatima, Portugal who were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world in 1917 by experiencing six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917. This culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13th. Come for **7:00 pm** to join in the praying of the Rosary at the Church and singing a hymn to Our Blessed Mother Mary, movie to follow at 7:30 pm. We ask that you make a **free-will offering**, proceeds will help to fund Jose Corral (a Holy Rosary 14-year-old parishioner) to join his "CONQUEST Boys Club" friends in a Rome pilgrimage during the Holy Week of 2018.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Cash Calendars** are available to purchase after all masses in the parish entrance.

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