

# ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

## TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN

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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

### 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](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

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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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# EIGHTH DAY OF THE LORD IN ORDINARY TIME TOGETHER IN GOD'S REIGN



**Monday, February 27** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Sharon Clark

**Tuesday, February 28** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Theresa Buttery

**Wednesday, March 1** at 9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Ints. Irene Veiga  
12:00 p.m. + Priscila Esperat  
7:00 p.m. + Joseph Tortola

**Thursday, March 2** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Lucy Adams; + Lina Vacca;  
+ Ed Krukowski; + Charles McGlynn

**Friday, March 3** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Lily Kelner

**Saturday, March 4** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Amparo Gutierrez Pareja; + Betty Nedelko  
+ Evelyn Harris; + Michael Dawson

**Sunday, March 5**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Sylvia Gzik

## LENTEN /EASTER /PENTECOST SEASON 2017 SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD

Our celebration of this Lent/Easter/Pentecost season is a **foretaste of the fulfilment of all God's creation participating in the enlightenment and transformation begun in the Paschal Mystery.** It prepares us to share fully in the eternal glory of God. Therefore, our liturgies must elicit a grateful and joyous response... **a foretaste, as it were, of the glorious Beatific Vision.**

**Lent** is a sacred time to renew our baptismal call to share more deeply in the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent is the season to **deepen our own baptismal covenant while accompanying our catechumens and candidates in their preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.** The **Ash Wednesday** scripture readings invite us to the process of conversion, turning (metanoia), a change of heart toward the Lord with all our hearts, as we give alms, pray and fast. Jesus in Matthew's gospel gives these as central ways of acting as His servant-disciples. The **Sacred Triduum** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Paschal Vigil) celebrates the Christian Passover, the Paschal Mystery of Jesus the Christ, the Suffering and Glorious Servant of God. However, the liturgical season does not end with Easter. The **Feast of Pentecost** celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church as the sign, foretaste and instrument of the Reign of God.



### ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 1, 2017

We will have **Mass at 9 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.** We will also have a *prayer service* at 10:45 a.m. at St. Paul School and at 1:15 p.m. in the church with St. Raphael School. The marking with ashes will occur at the three Masses and prayer services. There will also be an Ecumenical Celebration at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. *Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.*

### 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 Wepler
Frances Wentges	Elizabeth Talatala	Jane Urquhart
Diane Svazas	Maria Szkitalinski	Laith Yousif
Peggy Evans	Irene Groves	Michael Colameco

*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, February 19<sup>th</sup> \$ 4,856.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH

If you are interested in this method of giving, please pick up a form in the parish entrance or the parish office. *The monthly collection for February was \$4,931.00.*

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** It is with gratitude that we thank **Anthony Cheam** for the years of musical energy and prayerful commitment to the ministry of leading us in the music of our worship to God. He has gathered us in the unity of sacred song twice a month during the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Liturgy. May the Lord continue to bless him, his family and his career as a motivational speaker. *Gerry Tesolin*, who has, for many years, been a faithful music minister and cantor, has accepted to lead us in song each Saturday, accompanied by *Angela Kim*, our excellent keyboardist.

**LENTEN BOOKLETS:** You are encouraged to pick up *"Living Lent with Love"* by Pope Francis, located in the parish entrance. A \$2.00 donation is suggested to cover the costs of the booklets.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church following the 9:00 a.m. Mass and in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

**LENTEN PROJECT** - The Catholic Women's League will be supporting *Dr. Simone's "Canadian Food for Children"* charity. From March 4/5 to March 25/26 week-ends, we are asking our parishioners to donate for the **children**, ages 1 to 12 years of age - underwear, both tops and pants. They must be new and still in packages. For the **mothers**, we are requesting sewing kits or sewing utensils such as thread, needles, scissors, etc. They don't need to be new. Please place your donations into the box in the Welcoming Area. For more info, contact Helen @ 905-634-7481 or [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com)



# ST. RAPHAEL EVERGREEN CORNER

Pope Francis writes: "Pollution and waste and the throw away culture:

Account must also be taken of the

pollution produced by residue, including dangerous waste present in different areas. Each year hundreds of millions of tons of waste are generated, much of it non-biodegradable, highly toxic and radioactive, from homes and businesses, from construction and demolition sites, from clinical, electronic and industrial sources. The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth." Laudato si #21 "These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish."

Laudato si #22

From plastic bags to pesticides - most of the waste we produce on land eventually reaches the oceans, either through deliberate dumping or from run-off through drains and rivers. This includes: solid garbage e.g. plastic bags, balloons, plastic bottles, and other forms of plastic wrappers. Plastic garbage, which decomposes very slowly, is often mistaken for food by marine animals. High concentrations of plastic material, particularly plastic bags, have been found blocking the breathing passages and stomachs of many marine species, including whales, dolphins, seals, puffins, and turtles. Plastic six-pack rings for drink bottles can also choke marine animals. Plastic garbage can also return to shore, where it pollutes beaches and other coastal habitats.

Did you know that the oceans are home to 80% of all life on earth? About 300,000 marine species have been identified living in our oceans! Some marine scientists think that there are at least double that number and possibly 10 million species on the ocean floor alone! (On Care of Our common Home Laudato si: The Encyclical of Pope Francis on the Environment, Commentary by Sean Mc Donagh P.95)

**These are but a few reasons to stop using plastic bags. Instead use refillable grocery bags or carry cloth bags that can be washed and reused!** Check out more reasons to ban plastic bag use: [www.conserve-energy-future.com/reasons-why-plastic-bags-should-be-banned.php](http://www.conserve-energy-future.com/reasons-why-plastic-bags-should-be-banned.php) **Did you know that any clean plastic bag can be recycled at Food Basic and at Fortino's? Why not gather any clean plastic bags that you have accumulated and drop them off in their recycling bins?**

## DINNER FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Students** from the various Culture of Life Clubs of the Halton Catholic School Board are hosting a Dinner Dance in the St. Raphael Parish Centre in order to raise funds to subsidize their trip to the **Annual March for Life** Event in Ottawa. Tickets are \$25 and include a wonderful dinner, coffee and dessert. There will also be a cash bar and 50/50 draw. Tickets will be on sale after masses.



**LADIES COFFEE MORNING:** All ladies are welcome to gather on **Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, for coffee and fellowship following the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Francis Room.

## ST RAPHAEL'S FIRST CHILI CHALLENGE: MARCH 25

Get your money ready... tickets go on sale starting March 5th. Tables of 8. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. If you wish to enter your chili to have a chance to win a prize please contact Renata @ 905-637-2457 or [galwayrenata@gmail.com](mailto:galwayrenata@gmail.com). The event is licensed to bring your wine or beer, glasses will be available. Join us for a night of delicious food and lots of fun!

## THANKSGIVING FOR WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

**2017:** With gratitude I wish to thank all who contributed to the Women's Day of Reflection held on February 4th here at St. Raphael's. The uplifting spiritual day centered on the theme of Forgiveness and over 100 women were registered. We were blessed with teaching from Miriam Wright and enjoyed the play Prodigal Daughter by Elisa Lollino. Thank you to Father Frank for presiding the Mass and his support for this day. Thank you for all who contributed including setting up/ clean up, kitchen volunteers, choir members, decorating, gifts and programs. A big thank you to all the committee members. Look forward to our 8th annual Women's Day of Reflection in February, 2018. *Leony Hettinger*

**CENACLE ROSARY GROUP:** Please join us for the Rosary every Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Anthony Room. The Rosary forms part of the Cenacle of the Marion Movement of Priests and is centered round the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Through our Consecration to Mary, we open our hearts to our Mother and allow her to lead us to her Son, Jesus and so along the path to holiness and ultimately to Heaven. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Sylvia Heald 905-632-4862

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: March 1 - April 9 (8am to 8pm)

Pray as a family this Lent. Join this peaceful, and effective International Prayer Movement. Our prayer community has helped to save 12,668 women's lives. You make a difference - Choose a prayer time from 8am to 8pm. Visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Oakville) Email: [40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com](mailto:40daysforlife.oakville@gmail.com)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Saturdays @ 10am & Sundays @ 3pm - Hour of Group Prayer (Oakville Hospital) March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Mass for Life with Bishop Miehm at St. Dominic's (Oakville) April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2017 - On

**Friday, March 3rd** join our neighbours in celebrating the WDP at Holy Rosary Church, 287 Plains Rd., E @ 1:30 p.m. or for the

evening service at Appleby United Church, 4407 Spruce Ave. @ 7:00 p.m. Too often, women have the intimate experiences of armed conflict, violence, social injustice, and human rights violations. What might Canadians learn from women of the Philippines, a country on the front lines of climate change, foreign mining and resources interests, a regional insurgency and social upheaval due to migration, who wrote the World Day of Prayer 2017? How will we answer the question, "Am I being unfair to you?" For more information, contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or email at [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com)

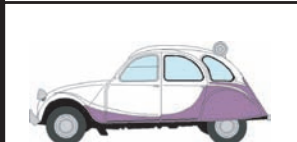


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