

# 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

### 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

### 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)  
Catholics Come Home [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org) Vocations [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com)

THIRD DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT  
SERVING IN THE REIGN OF GOD



**Monday, March 20** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Anne Marie McCarthy

**Tuesday, March 21** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ San Giuseppe

**Wednesday, March 22** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ John Gerard Tobin

**Thursday, March 23** at 9:00 a.m.  
Ints. Donald MacNeil; + Joseph Lawlor;  
+ Otto Schlumpf; + James Maher

**Friday, March 24** at 9:00 a.m.  
+ Alvaro Trigo

**Saturday, March 25** at 5:00 p.m.  
+ Kevin Zelowsky; + Leonora Palango; + Nora Gattafoni;  
+ Lucy Adams; + Tim, Maureen Horan

**Sunday, March 26**  
9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. + Brian Torsney

**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
Jill Ascah		

*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, March 12<sup>th</sup> \$ 5,435.00

*Thank you for your continued support!*

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING:** Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearth Room.

**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 is supporting Dr. Simone's "**Canadian Food for Children**" charity. We are asking for donations of underwear, both tops and pants, for **children**, ages 1 to 12 years of age. 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 until March 25/26. For more info, contact Helen @ 905-634-7481 or [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com)

THIRD DAY OF THE LORD IN LENT  
FOLLOWING CHRIST TO THE CROSS AND  
RESURRECTION

**Pour out God's love to the thirsty compassionately**

As we follow Christ to the Cross and Resurrection, we focus on water and on God's self-revelation to seemingly unworthy people. God gives Moses and the people life-giving water in the desert despite their grumbling. Jesus reveals himself to the outcast woman from whom he asks for water. She was one of those who are in most need of help. She appears to be unworthy, and is like those who are thirsty in many different ways and to whom life is given: the doubtful, the sinners, the impatient grumblers, the wanderers. God's love for us is freely poured out on us in Christ, through the pouring out of his Blood on the cross. We recognize our need for God's grace and humbly open our hearts toward this transforming love so we can be instruments to pour out God's Love compassionately to all who thirst. *Fr. Frank*

**ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME:** a dialogue guide for Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*. Fr. Frank and Cecilia Racine will guide a discussion in the St. Francis room on **Mondays March 13, 20, 27, and April 3 at 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.** Please email Cecilia at [cecilia\\_racine@hotmail.com](mailto:cecilia_racine@hotmail.com) or talk to Fr. Frank if you plan to participate.

**ST RAPHAEL'S FIRST CHILI CHALLENGE: Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses. Tables of 8. If you wish to enter your chili to have a chance to win a prize please contact Renata: 905-637-2457, [galwayrenata@gmail.com](mailto:galwayrenata@gmail.com). The event is licensed to bring your own wine or beer, glasses will be available. Join us for a night of delicious food and lots of fun!



**FOUNDERS DAY MASS:** Come join with the Knights of Columbus at a Mass being held at St. Raphael Parish on **Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.** We will be gathering to Celebrate and Honour our Founder, The Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney. Refreshments and cake will be served after the mass. **ALL ARE WELCOME. Non-perishable food items will be collected at the mass.**



**ATTENTION ALL LADIES:** Please join us for an evening of prayer and relaxation. Anita, a yoga expert, will lead a session of chair yoga. If you have tried yoga in the past and found it too difficult, give "chair yoga" a try! Wear comfortable clothing. All are welcome to join the Catholic Women's League members for a "free session of chair yoga". The meeting will start at 7:15 p.m. with fellowship and refreshments followed by yoga. We will be having our draw for the winner of a \$30.00 restaurant gift card for those who renewed their membership before the end of February. For more information, contact Helen Sheehan @ 905-634-7481 or email at [thesheehanes@gmail.com](mailto:thesheehanes@gmail.com). **Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>:** the members of the CWL will lead the prayers for the Stations of the Cross using Mary's Way of the Cross.



**ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER  
World Water Day: March 22**

Pope Francis writes: *"Even as the quality of available water is constantly*

*diminishing, in some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatize this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market. Yet access to safe drink able water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity."* Laudato si #30 *"The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them."* Isaiah 41:17

**Did you know** that 884 million people live without access to safe clean drinking water? Water is a tangible expression of the good news we share. In the developing world, nothing is a better expression of God's love than safe drinking water and the life it offers—nothing, that is, except the love offered to us by Christ. Clean drinking water is good news for the health of children, the lives of women, education of the young, and the economies of the poor. A community transformed by the good news of life-giving water in Jesus' name is an easy place to embrace the good news of God's salvation.

<https://water.cc/prayforwater>

**Did you know?** The Government of Ontario has proposed a two year moratorium on water taking permits that could help protect Ontario's water supply from bottled water companies like Nestlé. Let's put the pressure on and ensure that local water resources are protected, all proposals for new and expanded water-bottling facilities are rejected, and local indigenous leaders are involved in all decision-making concerning local water resources. Contact your local MPP Eleanor McMahon [www.eleanormcmahon.onmpp.ca](http://www.eleanormcmahon.onmpp.ca) or the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Glen R Murray, [www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-environment-and-climate-change](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-environment-and-climate-change) and speak out about the access of multinational corporations to water in Ontario! **Water is not a commodity to be sold but is a human right for all!** We can all help by refusing to purchase bottled water!

**March 21: The First Day of Spring!** It is also International Day of Forests! Thank God for paper, furniture, houses, animal habitats, fruit, nuts, maple syrup and shade!

**March 22** at 7pm: Burlington Green's 2017 Eco-film Festival at Central Library! *"Sea of Life"* by Burlington filmmaker Julia Barnes. Julia herself will be speaking with the audience following the film! Film starts at 6:30 pm with doors opening at 6 pm. \$5 film admission. *"Sea of Life* dives into some of the most spectacular ecosystems on the planet." Visit [www.burlingtongreen.org](http://www.burlingtongreen.org)

**March 25:** Earth Hour, Power Down from 8:30-9:30 p.m. and do your part to reduce your energy consumption! Visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)



**MARCH 1 - APRIL 9 (8am to 8pm)**

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 Miehms at St. Dominic's (Oakville)** April 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm - Final Day Group Prayer outside the Oakville Hospital.

**DIOCESAN CHOIR:** The Diocesan Choir is seeking new members – the ability to read music and previous choral experience is an asset. The choir rehearses weekly on Monday evenings in Hamilton in preparation for major liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. If you are interested in singing in this choir, contact Sharan Fazari at [sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com)

**AN EVENING WITH THE ST. JOHN'S BIBLE: Wed. March 22 at 7:00 p.m.,** Holy Rosary Parish Centre, 287 Plains Rd. East. This is the first complete Bible to be handwritten and illuminated since the invention of the printing press. Join us as Mary Tessari shares the history of the Bible and leads us in a unique way of praying with the Bible, using one of the illuminations. A volume of the Bible will be on display for viewing. All are welcome.

**DISCOVER SERRA!** Serra is a Catholic organization which prays for, supports and fosters Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Members of SERRA CLUB of HALTON cordially invite you to attend an information meeting **Saturday, April 1st** at St. Paul the Apostle, 2265 Headon Road. We begin with 9 o'clock Mass, followed by breakfast. Although this event is free, please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Sidonia Polivka at 905 637-3061 or [sidoniap12@gmail.com](mailto:sidoniap12@gmail.com).

**SHARE LENT 2017: Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo:** This week, we meet with Cécile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. "Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights." This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's monthly donor program? More information can be found online at [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround). Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in 2006.

**Attention all trivia enthusiasts!** Assumption Catholic Secondary School is hosting its 13th Annual Trivia Night. It will be held on **Sat. April 1**, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm at the school. Cost is \$15 per player, with 6 - 8 players per team. The evening includes raffles, a 50/50 draw and team prizes for highest scores. To register, please contact: [Assumptiontrivia@gmail.com](mailto:Assumptiontrivia@gmail.com).

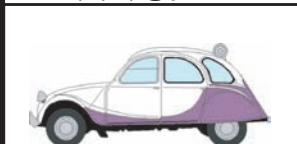


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