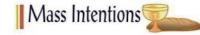
ST RAPHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY

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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia



Monday, April 22 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Pat & Harvey Malcolm

Tuesday, April 23 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Patti Teepell

Wednesday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m. + John O'Brien

Thursday, April 25 at 9:00 a.m. Ints. Sheila Francis; Ints. Genny Dowson; + Gilberto Velasquez; + Mary Coakley; + William McLaughlin 10:30 a.m. St. Paul School Mass at the school

> Friday, April 26 at 9:00 a.m. + Kathleen Dilworth St. Raphael School Mass

Saturday, April 27

11:00 a.m. Ints. St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League 5:00 p.m. + Epifanio Braganza; + Georgette Neziol; + Anna Marie Tucciarone; + Augus Reiter; + Don Ledou

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. + Manuel Francisca Rodrigues 11:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners

Please pray for the following:				
John Scharer	Molly Laporte	Barbara Kennedy		
Mary Berry	Nicola Izzi	Maritza Garcia		
Doug Pudsey	Sarah Scharer	Gonzalez		
Frances Wentges	Jim Singer	Milan Heck		
Peggy Evans	Elizabeth Talatala	Helen Weppler		
Jill Ascah	Asia Rae Landry	Jane Urquhart		
Lee Olds	Noah Landry	Laith Yousif		
Stephen Pustai	Sr. Rosalie Siegler	Mary Lilly		
Michael Smart	Alison Zierl	Vincent Stanford		
Kyle Elliott	Sarah LaFontaine	Bill & Lucie		
Karen Beeho	Rosario Herve	Jennings		
Harvey & Pat	Jill Olds	Paul LaFontaine		
Malcolm	Joanne Pringle	Frank Clarke		
Elizabeth Elder	Cathy Moore	Coral King		
Michael Colameco	Aileen Smith	Christina Sobra		
Tony Hymes	Marie Bond			
If you would like a loved one prayed for by the parish				
or included in the weekend Prayers of the Faithful,				
please call the Parish Office by Tuesday a.m.				

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday, April	14 th - Envelopes (266)	\$5071.00
171	- Share Lent (13)	\$1385.00
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Thank you for your continued support!

Easter Sunday, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to hear Peter's preaching about the Resurrection. The Letter to the Colossians reminds us "You have died and your lives are hidden with Christ in God." The gospel is from John's Gospel and gives us the first story of that Easter morning - Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to Peter and the "disciple Jesus loved" to tell them. They run to the tomb and discover for themselves that it is empty. Used with permission from University's Online Ministries web site.

http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html



ST. RAPHAEL GREEN CORNER Easter Sunday, Alleluia, Alleluia!!! Pope Francis writes: "On this glorious day, 'let the earth rejoice, in shining

splendour,' even though it is so often mistreated and greedily exploited, resulting in an alteration of natural equilibria. I think especially of those areas affected by climate change, which not infrequently causes drought or violent flooding, which then leads to food crises in different parts of the world." (Pope Francis, "Urbi et Orbi, Easter 2016")

Take some time today to reflect on all of the Lenten activities that you have performed during Lent, and how they have brought you into greater harmony with God's plan for creation and all life.

Easter Monday is Earth Day! Happy Earth Day!

Give a gift to our Common Home: plant a tree, a flower, or a bush and take care of it. This will be a valuable gift to our Earth. As you care for the Earth, and any living species you will receive the beauty of the day! Spend some time out of doors noticing the Earth as it blossoms forth into New Life! Enjoy the bulbs and flowers beginning to sprout and bloom in gardens. Notice the warmth of the sun that pushes the buds of trees into flower. Give thanks to God for the Risen gift of his son Jesus and the gift of all creation!

Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!!! Monday April 22nd is Earth Day! How can you be Earth Minded this week! Check out your recycling practises!

http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html https://www.earthday.org/campaigns/endangeredspecies/earthday2019/

Royal Botanical Gardens Plant Faire: 27/04/19 (Free admission; plant sales) https://www.rbg.ca/plant-faire

Happy Easter!!!

As we go through life we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness, frustration, and despair. In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave.

But we also experience little resurrections, when we know love, acceptance, mutual understanding and forgiveness, when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb. Lord, may the splendor of your resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and enable us to walk in radiant hope towards the kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes or broken dreams.

May this Easter Sunday inspire you to new hope, happiness, prosperity, and abundance. Wish you and your family a meaningful and grace-filled Easter!!! Fr. Francis, Fr. Roshan & Parish Staff

IN OUR PARISH

2019 BIBLE CAMP: July10 – 14 Registration forms are available on the bulletin board at our parish entrance and on our parish website: www.straphaels.ca. All registration forms must be received by in the parish office by Monday June 24th.

TRIP TO INDIA!!! We are organizing a trip to India from Nov. 4th to Nov. 20th 2019. If you would like to attend this trip, please talk to Fr. Francis. If you are unsure, we will have an **information session on April 25th at 7 pm** in the **parish centre.** This session is for those who have already booked as well as those who are interested to know more. The last date for registering is May 6th, 2019.



CONGRATULATIONS: to St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League council on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary. On

Saturday April 27th a special Mass will be celebrated at **11 am** followed by a luncheon in the parish centre. Parishioners are welcomed to attend this Mass. Members with service of 40+ years will be honored and new members will be inducted. Please note: the next **General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday April 23rd**. Please attend to discuss the 60th Anniversary celebrations; 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 8th and the upcoming Fashion Show on May 23rd.

CONFIRMATION: Our parish will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** for our students on **April 30th at 7 pm** for St. Raphael School and parish program students and **May 1st at 7 pm** for St. Paul School and parish program students.

FIRST COMMUNION: St. Raphael school and parish program students First Communion class celebration is on **April 28th** at **2 pm in our**

parish. St. Paul school and parish program students First Communion class celebration is on **May 5th at 2 pm in our parish**.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY: May 25th at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. We invite all students grades 7 to 12 from our parish to join for #RallyUp. The day begins at 9am and concludes at 8pm (following a Mass and a BBQ dinner). St. Raphael parish would like to enroll and pay for our youth to attend. Please sign up at the parish office by April 29th.

ST. RAPHAEL CWL SPRING FLING: Thursday May 23rd at 7 pm. View and try on fashion by NYGARD, plus receive a 10 % discount for all orders. Enjoy refreshments, the scrumptious DESSERTS and visit our REPEAT BOUTIQUE featuring gently used jewellery and handbags; plus, door prizes. **Tickets on sale starting May 4th** for **\$12**, contact Charlie at bcarpenter2@cogeco.ca or 905-681-6221.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING AT ST. RAPHAEL PARISH:

We currently have 48 families enrolled in our preauthorized giving plan! If you are interested in this method of giving, please pick up a form in the parish entrance or the parish office. *Our current monthly collection is \$5231.00.* Changes to this monthly amount will be posted in our bulletin.

SUNDAY FUNNY:

Easter is the only time it is a good idea to put all your eggs in one basket! *Have a joyous and blessed Easter!*

IN OUR COMMUNITY

ASSUMPTION'S CRUSADER FOR LIFE PRO-LIFE SPRING FUNDRAISER: Monday, April 15 - April 29. A selection of hanging baskets and spring plants is offered for purchase until April 29th. Selection and purchase information is available at <u>www.gobluego.ca</u> Purchased spring flowers will be picked up from Assumption North Campus, 1433 Headon Rd on Tues. May 6th from 3:00-7:30 pm. All funds raised go toward the Crusaders for Life club and the March for Life rally in Ottawa, on May 9th & 10th. Contact Miss Adolphe at Assumption CSS 905-634-1835 for more information. Thanks for your support!

HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY SPRING MEMORIAL

MASS: Most Reverend Anthony Tonnos, Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate the Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington on Sat. **April 27th** at **11:00 am**. Please call 905-522-7727, or visit <u>www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca</u> for information. All are welcome!

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH will celebrate **The Feast of Divine Mercy** on **April 28**, with 2 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Confession / Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary / 4 pm Holy Mass. Main Celebrant: Fr. Mark Gatto and Concelebrant: Fr. Ross Campbell. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THE SERRA CLUB OF HAMILTON: The Celebration of Priesthood & Consecrated Life Dinner sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton will be held on **Tuesday April 30th**, at Liuna Station. For details please check their website www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner or call Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MARCH FOR LIFE: invite you to join them in the March for Life on **May 9th** in

Ottawa. Help make a difference. The day begins with Mass at **5:30 am** at St. Gabriel Church, Burlington. From there you will board a bus to the Rally on Parliament Hill and march through downtown Ottawa. Expected arrival back to St. Gabriel Church is **10 pm**. The cost is **\$30 per person**. Reserve your seat today by contact Ewart Harris 416-559-4071 or <u>ewart.harris@kofc.org</u>

8TH ANNUAL HCCEF CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC: on Wed. **June 12th**. Help students & families in need. The tournament is at Piper's Heath in south Milton. All are welcome. Golfers, sponsors & prizes are needed. Early Bird pricing for golf ends April 30th, so sign up TODAY at <u>www.hccef.org</u>. If golf is not your thing, consider attending dinner only, or donations are always welcome.

VOCATIONS: The Lord is risen, it is true! Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton email <u>vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</u> or call 905-528-7988. To join Holy Cross Fathers please visit <u>www.holycrossvocationscanada.com</u> or speak with Father. Francis.

