

March 7th, 2010
Third Sunday of Lent
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 8th
 9:00 a.m. Sloane & Mark Munshaw, Spec. Int.

Tuesday, March 9th
 9:00 a.m. Martin Smith +
 Loretta Elliott, Spec. Int.
 Joan Lawlor, Spec. Int.
 Sori Karpizecz +
 Mr. Anthony Hagarty +

Wednesday, March 10th
 9:00 a.m. Emily Heald, Spec. Int.
 Connor McMahon, Spec. Int.

Thursday, March 11th
 9:00 a.m. The Gaudier Family
 Francis Foran, Spec. Int.
 Fr. Peter Knaapen, Spec. Int.
 In Thanksgiving
 Frank Gaspar, Spec. Int.

Friday, March 12th
 9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, March 13th
 9:00 a.m. Santo & Domenica Spagnolo +
 5:00 p.m. Charles Teilinger Sr., Spec. Int.

Sunday, March 14th
 8:30 a.m. For Our Parishioners
 10:00 a.m. Jon Daly +
 12:00 Noon The Costin Family

Please pray for the following:

Brian Kerr	Irene Cherniuk
Betty Smith	Anthony Pileggi
Sharon Coburn	Rick Long
Rob P.	Elaine Scott
Diane Fernihough	



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. The Monday Evening Charismatic Prayer Group also prays for those listed above.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION



Sunday, February 28 th	\$ 6,095.15
Envelopes	333
Debt Reduction	\$1,476.35

We wish to thank all our faithful contributors!
 Remember to Tithe a Tooney!



PARISH HAPPENINGS



Each Friday evening during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

Our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotions: Every Friday afternoon from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All welcome.

SACKCLOTH AND ASHES

This year the Decoration Committee is offering the theme of Sackcloth and Ashes. The ashes were offered on Ash Wednesday and we invite you to pick up a small swatch of cloth from the baskets of the entrance area to carry with you throughout the Lenten season. It will be a daily reminder of our need to turn away from our sins and turn to the Lord.



ST. RAPHAEL'S 2010 LENTEN PROJECT

St. Raphael's Social Justice Committee invite you to participate in a Lenten project in **support of Canadian Food for Children**. Every Sunday during Lent please offer your donation / almsgiving of the following needed supplies: **buckets with lids (for food storage and water collecting), flour, oatmeal, and sugar**. Please drop off near the St. Anthony's room at the designated signed area. If you have any questions about Canadian Food for Children, please call Charles Teilinger at 905 639-4760 or any questions about the Social Justice committee, call Jim or Leony Hettinger at 905-632-0792. Thank you for helping the poor and hungry in many countries in the world. Thank you for your past support in previous Lenten projects. All donations make a difference! *St. Raphael's Social Justice Committee*

"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME..." *Matthew 19: 13-14*
 "Let the Children come to me" ... this is a very special invitation from Jesus to all children to be more close to Him, to build a great friendship with Him, to know Him and love Him as their best friend. At God Squad Youth Group we have a great time growing in our Catholic Faith and making new friends in a fun and safe environment. God Squad is oriented for students from grades 4 to 7.

We meet every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Raphael's Parish Centre.

The meetings focus on the virtues, the saints lives, the sacraments and prayer. We also have some fun activities and social events like movie nights and sports nights. Together the members mature in their understanding of the Catholic faith and develop a sense of charity toward others. Hope is manifested in their lives as they learn that anything is possible with God.

If you think that your son and/or daughter would be interested in joining St. Raphael's God Squad Youth Group, please come to our next meeting.

The success of any youth group is built not just by the dedication and commitment of its members, but also by the understanding and support of their FAMILY as well

God Bless all,

Cristian L., Youth Minister, St Raphael's Parish

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

Wednesday, March 10th, 6:45 p.m., Hearth Rm

God Squad

Wednesday, March 10th, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Parish Centre

R.C.I.A.

Wednesday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m., St. Francis Rm

S.E.N.T. (Spirit Envisioned in Teens)

Thursday, March 11th, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis Rm

Knitting Group

Thursday, March 11th, 9:30 a.m., Parish Centre

Notice to God Squad and S.E.N.T. Members: There will be no meetings during the March Break. Meetings will run as normal after the break.

SHARE LENT COLLECTION - MARCH 21, 2010

As was stated in Bishop Tonnos' Lenten Pastoral Letter for 2010, the St. Joseph Health System International Outreach Program has been added as an option for Lenten Almsgiving. We have received pre-printed envelopes from the Chancery Office specifically for this purpose. These envelopes can be found in the gathering area of the church. Please make cheques payable to St. Raphael's Parish and remember to put your name and/or offertory envelope number on the envelope. All funds will be receipted at St. Raphael's and forwarded to the Chancery Office in Hamilton.



BOOMERANG CARDS: Boomerang Bridge and Euchre sessions are held on **Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun for only a loonie.



CWL Members: PLEASE send in your dues. We need to send the money to National. If we don't get the dues, you won't get the CANADIAN LEAGUE magazine.

CWL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. We will be finalizing plans for the Card Party to be held on Thursday, April 22nd. Hope to see you there.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



The Knights of Columbus are holding their **Annual St Patrick's Party and Dance**, this year on **Saturday, March 13th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2400 Industrial Street. Everyone is invited.

Featuring the Manning Irish Dancers, DJ, and Live Entertainment. The menu is Corned Beef, Cabbage and More. Tickets \$25. For tickets, please contact Steve Germann, 905 333 6472 or at the Hall, 905 335 5073

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish, 204 Park St. N. Hamilton is having a CABBAGE ROLLS SALE **Wednesday, March 24th** from 10:00 am - 6:00 p.m. Homemade delicious cabbage rolls only \$14/dozen. By order only! To order contact 905-529-6674 or cabbagerolls@slovakchurch.com Orders accepted until March 18th.

THE GARDEN PLANET: Come, deepen your faith with a special Lenten session offered by the diocesan Social Awareness Office. There will be a special focus on the Pope's 2010 World Day of Peace Statement, the two Canadian bishops' teachings on creation, and a showing of the Australian bishops' DVD, *The Garden Planet*. Chancery Lunch Room, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. **Thursday, March 11th**, 7-9 p.m. Fair trade coffee and munchies will be offered. Please register your intention to participate by calling (905) 528-7988 ext. 2233 or email dabaltaz@hamiltondiocese.com

AN EVENING WITH BISHOP TONNOS: A LENTEN REFLECTION FOR MEN

Join Hamilton Bishop Anthony Tonnos for an evening of worship, fellowship, good food and reflection on the spirituality of Catholic men in today's Church and world. When: **Tuesday, March 16th**, beginning with registration at 5 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by roast beef dinner and presentation. Where: Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, Dundas. Tickets \$25. Call John Towler, 905-639-5949, or Tom Mancini, 905-632-4692 to reserve your spot. Spaces are limited.

LENTEN PEACE & CREATION MASS WITH BISHOP

BERGIE: With a special focus on Pope Benedict's 2010 World Day of Peace Message. **Thursday, March 18th** at 7 p.m. Hosted by St. Margaret Mary Parish, Hamilton. All welcome. A small social and materials on Faith and Creation will be available after mass. For info, call the Social Awareness Office (905) 528-7988 ext. 2233 or email dbaltaz@hamiltondiocese.com

Assumption Catholic Secondary School will be hosting its **6th ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT** on **Saturday April 10th** from 7-10pm. All the funds will go to support the mission of Father Mark Wendling who is a graduate of Assumption. We encourage you to join us in your support of Father Mark by registering a team of 6 - 8 players. \$10 per player. There is no pressure for any individual to answer questions since you answer as a team. If you wish to play but don't have a team, we will find a team for you! For more information please contact Tina Di Clemente (Assumption teacher): diclementet@hcdsb.org or 905 634 1835 Ext. 418.

Board Seeks Public Input on Strategic Planning and Renewal Process

The Halton Catholic District School Board is currently in the process of developing a Strategic Plan to serve as a blueprint for the future in continuing its important role in Catholic education. As part of the consultation process with all members of the Halton community, you are invited to provide input to the Board in the development of strategies, indicators and expected outcomes of the Strategic Plan by attending a "**Strategic Planning Public Information and Participation Session**" to be held as follows:

Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Reding Catholic Secondary School, 1120 Main Street East, Milton

Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Secondary School, 2420 Sixth Line, Oakville

Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Secondary School, 5150 Upper Middle Road, Burlington Please RSVP to T. Stocco by telephone at 905-632-6300 ext. 181 or by e mail at stoccot@hcdsb.org. For further information on the Strategic Planning and Renewal Process, go to the Board's public website www.hcdsb.org/sprp. We look forward to your input.