

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 26th

9:00 a.m. Angela McGuckian, Spec. Int.

Tuesday, September 27th

Saint Vincent de Paul, priest

9:00 a.m. Renata Bottega +
George Lange +
Mary Donnelly, Spec. Int.
Pat Jagers, Spec. Int

Wednesday, September 28th

9:00 a.m. Amanda and Charles Teilinger,
Spec. Int.

Thursday, September 29th

Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, Saint Raphael, archangels

9:00 a.m. Audrey Quinn, Spec. Int.
Murray Johnston +
Elsie & Eddie McCabe +
Kate & Kenny McGowan +

Friday, September 30th

Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Tracey Campbell, Spec. Int.

Saturday, October 1st

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Gerard Kloosterman +
5:00 p.m. Brian Robinson +

Sunday, October 2nd

9:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Robert Pustai +

Please pray for the following:

Monty Wallace Margaret Cairns
Dorothy & Ken Weegar



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, September 18 th	\$ 8,170.00
Envelopes	329
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,554.50

We wish to thank all our faithful contributors!



BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced between Grace Lesiuk and Michael Henrich

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

"MATURING ADULTS - 50 PLUS"

"*The Spirituality of Aging*" is an audio-based program for interested men and women. It provides an opportunity for conversation and information as well as offers insight and gives affirmation. There are 4 sessions that take place on **Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. starting October 19th** through to November 9th. Registration is limited. Please contact Sister Rosalie.



An Invitation: To all interested in becoming Roman Catholic

We have an ongoing process to welcome new members to our faith community called **R.C.I.A., Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. This is a process of learning, reflection and discussion to help adults follow the longing in our hearts to find meaning, to discover God, and to come to know Jesus Christ and our Catholic way of life. We also invite baptized Catholic adults who have not been Confirmed or received First Eucharist. If you wish to join our group of inquirers in September, please call Friar Peter at 905-637-2346.



The annual **Blessing of the Animals** will take place on **Sunday, October 2nd at 1 p.m.** at the front of the church. All are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing!

Also, please join us at 9:00 a.m. Mass for the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** on **Tuesday, October 4th**.

FRIAR RETO'S ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS

There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area of the parish for those who wish to attend Friar Reto's Ordination and light reception on **Saturday, October 15th**. All are welcome! Please note the number of people from your family attending the lunch following the 10 a.m. Ordination Mass. You are also invited to attend Friar Reto's celebration of his First Mass on **Sunday, October 16th at 9 a.m.**

Save the Date: The Second Annual "Nurturing the Nurturer" Women's Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, February 4, 2012**. Our planning committee is being formed and we ask that all who are interested in helping us nurture the women of St. Raphael's join us for our **first planning meeting on Sunday, October 2nd** following the 11 a.m. Mass in the Hearth Room. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Miller at janetm0713@yahoo.com.

PARISH CENTRE KITCHEN CLEANUP

The annual kitchen cleanup will take place on **Monday, Sept 26 @ 9:00 a.m.** Volunteers from all ministries that may have used the kitchen in the past year would be appreciated. Even 1-2 hours would be a big help as it takes about 4 hours if we have 10+ volunteers. Please contact Marlene Cox @ 905-634-0733. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our facilities clean.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

"You may 'only' be someone in the world, but to someone else, you may be the world."

With this quote I would like to thank all our volunteers, team leaders, youth leaders and everyone who helped to make *Bible Camp 2011* a great blessing for our campers and the church community.

Thank you for all your prayers, support and donations. God Squad and SENT would like to offer everyone our prayers during the new year ahead as true gratitude for all your help with the past Bible Camps at St. Raphael's. This past Bible Camp we were blessed to have a great team of leaders who stepped up to do the best for every camper through crafts, music, games and team work. We accomplished our principal goal: To bring Jesus and build a strong friendship between our youth and Him. I would also like to invite our youth to participate in our God Squad meetings every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Our **first meeting** for the year is

Wednesday, October 12th.

Thanks and hope to see many of you at the meetings.

God Bless you,

Cristian

Youth Minister



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.

Change 4 Life Baby Bottle Campaign for Shifra Home: Find a home for your change and change lives forever!

Please consider supporting Shifra Home's Change 4 Life Baby Bottle Campaign. Starting now you will have an opportunity to hear about the work of Shifra Home and pick up a baby bottle for this campaign on October 1 & 2nd. For the next four weeks, please fill a baby bottle up with your loose change/cheque/bills (you can pick a baby bottle up at the church doors). Your contributions will come together to create a home-like environment for young women and their babies at Shifra Home, a Christ-centered maternity residence and help us provide support services to young women during their pregnancy, childbirth and for a period after the birth of their baby. Please return baby bottles to the church any weekend through to October 29 & 30th. Questions? Please contact Gay Paige, Project Manager at 905-681-9633 or via email: gaypaige@shifrahomes.com. You can visit Shifra Home on the website www.shifrahomes.com. Coordinated by St. Raphael's Catholic Women's League



An Invitation to Knitters: Join our sociable group as we knit/crochet for our disadvantaged. We will provide patterns, needles and wool. If you can't join our group, you can take the materials home and bring them back when you are finished. Call Rose at 905-633-8455 for more information.

WELCOMED INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY THROUGH BAPTISM:

Nick Teerachai Boonkome
Max Pakaphol Boonkome
Muse Kanyanut Boonkome
Alicia Eliot Csordas

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Charismatic Prayer Group

Monday, September 26th, 7:15 p.m., St. Francis Rm.

Women's Retreat Planning Committee

Sunday, October 2nd, 12 Noon, Hearth Rm.

DIOCESAN/COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

LIFE CHAIN 2011

Please join LIFE CHAIN 2011 on **Sunday, October 2**, 2:30 to 3:30 pm at Fairview St. & Maple Ave., Burlington. Life Chain is a silent hour of prayer and witness to the sanctity of life in the womb. Please spend one hour that could save the life of a baby and spare his or her mother of the trauma of abortion. See www.haltonprolife.com or call 905.632.3232 for details.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH BREAKFAST: The Knights of Columbus of St. Patrick Parish, 196 Kenwood Ave. invite you to attend their breakfast on **Sunday, October 2** between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. in the parish hall. The cost is \$7 per adult, \$5 for children 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free. Breakfast includes Bacon, Eggs, Beans, Pancakes & Syrup, Toast, & Jam & Fruit along with Coffee, Tea & Juice. Advance tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of Sept 24/25 and at the door, space permitted. Get your tickets early. For further info or tickets, call Ignatius 905-632-5586.

Refugee and Immigrants Day Mass

The Ethnic Parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton cordially invite you to attend this special celebration: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, as Celebrant. **Sunday, October 2nd** at 1:30 p.m. at The Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton.

Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Today Catholic communities across our country are involved in the annual collection which supports the pastoral work of our Bishops nationally and internationally. It is in the interest of all the Church in Canada for this Collection to be as effective as possible. The Church needs to maintain its services in order to carry out its mission at the heart of our world, by responding to pastoral needs and providing spiritual leadership. The Bishops of Canada thank you in advance for your charity, for your commitment to the Church, and to your generosity in following Christ.

Please join us for our **3rd annual "2000 Hail Marys"** on **Saturday October 8th** at St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish, 475 Mary St., Hamilton. 2000 Hail Marys prayed from 8:00 a.m. to 7:15 p.m., Divine Mercy sung at 3:00 p.m., Holy Mass at 7:15 p.m. Outdoor candlelight procession to follow with burning of petitions. Honouring our Blessed Mother we come together to pray for more vocations. This is an all day event. Everyone is welcome to come and go throughout the day as many different churches and communities come together to celebrate Mary and pray for vocations. After the procession, we invite you to come back to the church hall for refreshments and to see displays of different religious communities. For more info please call Pat at (905) 529-3921.