PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

A SPECIAL WELCOME to anyone visiting St. Raphael’s Parish this summer. We pray that you have a safe and restful summer and know that we welcome you throughout the year!

FRIARS FAREWELL! Join your fellow parishioners for a farewell reception on Sunday, August 10th following the 11 a.m. Mass in the Parish Centre. A sign-up sheet is available in the parish entrance.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIARS

Dear Parishioners,
This Saturday, August 2nd, was the first feast day of your friars' new Province (or jurisdiction): Our Lady of the Angels. As you may recall, the new Province, which came into existence on May 4th of this year, is the product of two provinces that spanned the Eastern seaboard and Ontario for over 100 years. This new Province now counts approximately 200 friars. The feast day of Our Lady of the Angels Province is celebrated now with great solemnity every August 2nd. Its name is derived from a uniquely Franciscan title of the Blessed Virgin Mary which refers to a church rebuilt by St. Francis in the first days of the Order. The friars of today wish to re-found their Province in the spirit of their founder's desire and inspiration to help rebuild the Church as St. Francis did the church of Our Lady of the Angels back in the 13th century. In a special way, we wish this newly formed Province will help rebuild the Church in more than only three ministry sites in Ontario and always remain faithful to its founder. So, as we say goodbye to the three “friars from Montreal” this year, let us pray in a special way to Our Lady for a continued increase of vocations to the Order, faithfulness to the life of ministry to God’s people and good deliberations at our chapter meetings this August (4 - 8). Our new Province website address is: www.olapprovince.org

ROSARY DONATIONS: We are accepting donations of your extra rosaries to give to those in hospital. A donation basket can be found in the parish entrance.

ST. RAPHAEL’S PARISH PICNIC

Save the date for Sunday, September 14th following the 11 a.m. Mass, in the church parking lot and the adjacent park. Join us to socialize with the new and old Friars and your fellow parishioners. The Knights of Columbus will barbeque and the Events Committee will run games for old and young.

DEDICATION AND BLESSING

The Knights of Columbus Council 5073 is dedicating a Pro-Life memorial stone to St. Raphael’s parish to be placed in front of the church. There will be a special dedication and blessing for our new stone on Saturday, August 9th following the 5 p.m. Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Attention all Men and Women Ages 18 – 39! You are invited to join other young adults for an evening of prayer, fellowship and refreshments at St. Raphael’s Parish on Friday, August 22, 2014, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Together we will pray, reflect and learn about living the joy of the gospel. For more information please contact; Cristian Lecanda at St. Raphael Parish 905-637-2346 ext.108 or by email @GodSquad@sympatico.ca or Mary Tessari at St. Patrick Parish, Burlington 905-632-6114 ext 22 or by email @mtessari@bellnet.ca

FEAST OF ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

The feast of St. Clare is celebrated every year on August 11th. St. Clare of Assisi and St. Francis of Assisi lived during the same period and in the same geographic area, during the late Middle Ages in Assisi, Italy. And although they came from different social backgrounds, they were true soul mates, helping each other discover how God might be working in their lives. Both founded orders for men and women respectively and both shared a love for Evangelical poverty that lives on today.

COLLECTION FOR COMBONI MISSIONARIES:

Your donations to date total $2534.00. Thank you for your generosity!
**LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS** will resume on **Wednesday, September 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Francis Room. We hope to see you there!

**JOB POSTING:** St. Raphael’s School is looking for paid lunchtime supervisors ($13.81/hr) interested in monitoring our school yard (12:00-12:40) and lunch period (11:40-12:00 indoors) each day or part thereof during the coming school year. If you are interested please contact the school at 905-637-3810. Please leave a message and Mr. Durran will call you back to provide you with particulars. This is a paid position and the kids really do enjoy your involvement on the yard. Teachers are also assigned to the yard and Mr. Durran is available most lunch hours if you are in need of any assistance. The children are well behaved and simply require an adult who cares about their well-being to monitor activities. Mr. Durran will job shadow with you for the first week or so to ensure your comfort with the role. Please call: 905-637-3810

**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 the fall, please contact the office at 905-637-2346.

**PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

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**DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**"REGENERATE 2014"**

Branches Catholic Ministries (who recently brought the Mary of Nazareth film to Southwestern Ontario) will be once again hosting an amazing event; a Catholic conference entitled “Regenerate(d) 2014” on **September 27th & 28th** at the Scotiabank Convention Centre Niagara Falls, Ontario. This conference will feature an engaging line up of renowned Catholic speakers. For more information or to purchase tickets call 905-685-7000 or [www.go2branches.com](http://www.go2branches.com)

**STEP INTO THE "RIVER OF GRACE"**

Join the hundreds of Catholics who will strengthen their spirits at the "2014 Bread of Life – Day of Renewal – "River of Grace". Refresh your spirit. Re-energize your life. **Saturday, September 20, 2014**, 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Oakville. Registration is $30 and includes a hot lunch and full day program. Discover more at [www.thebreadoflife.ca](http://www.thebreadoflife.ca) or info@thebreadoflife.ca or call 905.634.5433

**DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE**

Join us for a prayerful and spiritual pilgrimage on **October 17, 18 & 19** to The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA and Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, Lackawanna, NY. Cost is $315 Cdn. Funds p.p. Includes hotel, coach bus and most meals. Please call Adele at 905-643-7562 or Deanna at 905-304-3295.

**THE SERRA CLUB OF HALTON NEEDS YOU!**

We are seeking people to come together monthly at St. Dominic Parish in Oakville to promote and support vocations to religious life. We share Mass, a meal, have interesting speakers, and plan ways, as a group, to encourage young men and women to listen to God’s call. While this helps others, it is also a wonderful opportunity to deepen our own walk with the Lord and strengthen our faith community. SERRAN’s find ways to do this work in our everyday world of office, home, factory and family. Please join us for a meeting to learn more. Please contact Moira McQueen, (President) at moira.mcqueen@yahoo.com or Garth Brown (VP Membership) at garthbrown@sympatico.ca or 416-459-2730. We look forward to welcoming you!

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY WORKSHOP SERIES**

Sponsored by the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life of the Diocese of Hamilton. Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown. $ 25.00 (includes all three sessions)

**Wednesday, September 17**th, 1:00—3:30pm

**LIVING WELL:** Made in the Image of God...to be true to our natures as created in the image and likeness of God

**Wednesday, October 8**th, 1:00—3:30pm

**LIVING WISELY:** Gifts & Fruits of the Holy Spirit ...to live wisely rooted in the Spirit of God

**Wednesday, November 5**th, 1:00—3:30pm

**LIVING WHOLE:** The Beatitudes ...to become a whole person in right relationship with one’s self, others, God, and all creation

Facilitated by: Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND, D.Min., & David Dayler, Director Office for Discipleship. Each workshop will include, a presentation, and time for prayer, reflection, and conversation. To register for these sessions please contact: Monica Verin at 905-528-7988 ext 2238 or mverin@h Hamilt Endiocese.com

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Summer brings much needed time to relax and enjoy being together as a family; it restores balance in our lives. Fun activities and extra treats are part of the season as we relish family and friends in our lives. It is a great time for families to savour their faith as well. Slow down, enjoy and ponder your faith this summer.