

6 JANUARY 2019

THE PARISHES OF SACRED HEART & SAINT RAPHAEL



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



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SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal

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Email: info@sacredheartpgh.org

Website: www.sacredheartpgh.org

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every family and adult should be registered as a practicing member of the parish.

Sacred Heart: Call the parish office: 412-661-0187

Saint Raphael: Call the parish office: 412-661-3100

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

shadymorningside@gmail.com

Please submit **10 days** prior to date you would like it to appear.
 Earlier before holidays.

SAINT RAPHAEL CONTACTS

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Email: parishcenter@straphaelpgh.org

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Parish Office Hours: Weekdays **9:00AM* - 5:00PM**

**Please note time change*

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Diocese Victim Assistance
Abuse Hotline:
1-888-808-1235

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Diocese requires a 6-month preparation period; a pre-marriage course is also required for each couple.

Sacred Heart: Call the parish office to speak with the priest.

Saint Raphael: Visit the marriage section of the parish website to complete the necessary paperwork.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By Appointment. Pre-Baptismal program required for parents.

Contact Sharon Smoller at

412-661-0187 ext.118 or faithformation@sacredheartpgh.org.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart: Saturday 3:30-4:30PM, 2nd Sundays after Masses, or by appointment.

Saint Raphael: Wednesday 6:00-7:00PM; Saturday 3:15-3:45PM, 2nd Sundays after Masses, or by appointment.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

RCIA is a process of discernment and formation.

Contact Sharon Smoller at

412-661-0187 ext.118 or faithformation@sacredheartpgh.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or the elderly.

Please call either parish office.

SACRED HEART—SAINT RAPHAEL FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place today during 9:00 a.m. Mass for children in grades K - 4. The children are dismissed with Sharon Smoller to the rectory library for the daily Mass readings and homily, and general intercessions. The children return to their pews for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Children's Sunday Faith Formation resumes today from 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Families will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for opening and prayer. Dismissal will take place from the classrooms.

RCIA Catechumen Anointing takes place next week during 11:30 a.m. Mass. A Catechumen is an unbaptized individual seeking to come into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil with reception of the Sacraments of Initiation; that is Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The anointing of a catechumen with the Oil of Catechumen symbolizes their need for God's help and strength so that, undeterred by the bonds of the past and overcoming the opposition of the devil, they will forthrightly take the step of professing their faith and will hold fast to it unflinchingly through their lives. Please pray for those who are on the journey in RCIA that they may continue to learn, understand and grow spiritually through study and prayer.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SEMINAR

Attendance is necessary prior to the baptismal ceremony. Please call the host to register, no later than the Monday before the class so that arrangements can be made.

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

7:30PM

Hosts and Presenters

Jason & Megan Spak 412-661-0236

1105 DeVactor Place

WISE MEN SEEK HIM STILL!



SACRED HEART CHURCH

310 SHADY AVE.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 - SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM Living & Deceased Members of the Sacred Heart Women's Guild

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 -

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Coraluppi & Tonzig Families
11:30AM Sam Rego
7:45PM Special Intention

MONDAY, JANUARY 7 - SAINT RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

12:05PM Deceased Members of the Gordon & Walsh Families

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

12:05PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

12:05PM Luis C. Dominguez

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

12:05PM Deceased Members of the William P. McCloskey Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

8:30AM Melissa McCague & Deceased members of the McCague Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM (Vigil) *TM Vicky Yehnert

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 -

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00AM *TM James Carey (Anniv.)
11:30AM *TM Douglas P. Hankey
7:45PM For the People

* Rev. Thomas Miller



MARRIAGE BANNS II

Grant Bacharach & Kendal Kingsley



SACRED HEART MINISTRIES

Prayer Chain

Is a loved one suffering physically, emotionally, spiritually? Add yourself or loved one to the list so others can pray on his/her behalf! It's easy and simple by calling: 412-371-1423 or 412-521-2930

Homebound Visits

Are you or a family member homebound? We would be most happy to bring Holy Communion to you. To arrange a visit, please call Sharon Smoller at 412-661-0187 ext.118 or faithformation@sacredheartpgh.org

Saint Vincent de Paul

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly from 6:00-8:00PM in the Bishop Winter Conference Center. New members always welcome. If in need, please call: 412-661-0187 x7.

Young Adult Group

Comprised of men and women in their 20s and 30s seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ in fellowship with other young adults. We meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings (except during Advent and Lent) in the Bishop Winter Conference Center to discuss the Sunday's upcoming readings. We also host social functions throughout the year, regularly visit the Highland Care Nursing Home, and switch things up during Advent and Lent with specific events to help us enter these holy seasons. Feel free to send organizer Joe Wingenfeld an email at sacredheart20plus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Special Program With
Fr. Scott Seethaler
"The Gift That Keeps On Giving"

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Today at 1pm

As we celebrate Epiphany Sunday and the Gift of the Magi, please join us for an inspirational presentation from Fr. Scott.

11:30AM Mass
12:30PM Reception Church Hall
Coffee, Tea, Donuts & Sweets
1:00PM Fr. Scott
Auditorium

SACRED HEART WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 6

"The Gift That Keeps on Giving" 1:00PM
presented by Fr. Scott Seethaler
(Auditorium)

RCIA 6:30PM
(Bishop Winter Conference Center)

FOOD BASKETS AT SACRED HEART

When you are preparing your envelope for Sunday, please remember to bring along non-perishable food items for the poor, and place them in the baskets in the lobbies of the church. The food is given to East End Cooperative Ministry to be distributed to the needy in our area. Your participation in this food collection is appreciated.

January Food of the Month:
Rice-a-Roni

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit all article for the bulletin 10 days before you would like it to appear (earlier during the holiday season).
shadymorningside@gmail.com.

DONUT HOUR

Please join us for donuts and coffee in the Sacred Heart Auditorium (doors facing Emerson Street) after the 9:00AM Mass today.



BLESSING SCHEDULE

1st Sunday of the month: *Anointing*

2nd Sunday of the month: *Confession*

3rd Sunday of the month:

Blessing of children in the womb

4th Sunday of the month: *Blessing of Marriages*

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REMINDER

Anyone who volunteers in the school or with the parish ministries is **REQUIRED** by the diocese to be compliant with all Safe Environment clearances. If you have not registered on the Diocesan database you may do so by visiting www.diopitt.org and following the links. Thank you for your service to the parish!

RESPECT LIFE

"If there is a lack of respect for the right to life and to a natural death, if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology. It is contradictory to insist that future generations respect the natural environment when our educational systems and laws do not help them to respect themselves."
(Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*)

TUITION PAYMENTS

If you chose the 2 payment option for your tuition your second payment is due on **January 15th**. The quarter ends on **January 17th** and all tuition accounts must be up to date.

PRE-CANA WEEKEND

Bridgeville/Cecil Grouping will host a weekend marriage preparation program on February 8th & 9th at Saint Mary's Church (10 St. Mary's Lane, Cecil, PA 15321). Couples who are planning to be married in the Church must first attend marriage preparation, or "pre-cana" classes. Times for the weekend are:

Friday, February 8th from 6:00PM - 9:30PM

Saturday, February 9th from 8:30AM - 7:00PM

The weekend which is conducted by married couples in the parish is a blessed time to discover and further understand living the vocation and sacrament of marriage. The cost is \$60.00/couple to help cover materials and meals.

You must pre-register:

412-221-5213 or holychildparish@verizon.net

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED...

OLIVIA BRYNNE SENKO

RYAN MICHAEL TIMCHO

...AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

ELLENE MILIE SUMMERS

DAVID SUMMERS

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2019 Mass Book has many available dates for Mass Intentions. Please call the parish office to schedule Masses for deceased loved ones, in thanksgiving, birthdays, anniversaries, or for those in need of special prayers.

"FOR BY GOLD THE POWER OF A KING IS SIGNIFIED, BY FRANKINCENSE THE HONOR OF GOD, BY MYRRH THE BURIAL OF THE BODY; AND ACCORDINGLY THEY OFFER HIM GOLD AS KING, FRANKINCENSE AS GOD, MYRRH AS MAN."

— ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



SAINT RAPHAEL CHURCH

1154 CHISLETT ST.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS INTENTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE VILLA.
MASS TIMES ARE MON/WED AT 1:30 P.M., TUES AT 10:30 A.M. THURS/FRI AT 11 A.M., AND SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M.
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER.

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3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM *TM For the People of the Parish

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 -

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:00AM *TM Filippo Scolieri, Carmella Scolieri,
and Frank Febbraro (*Maria Scolieri*)
11:00AM *TM Francesco, Palma, and Rocco Pietropaolo
and Filippo and Maria Didomenico
(*Mr. and Mrs. Giuseppe Pietropaolo*)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7 - SAINT RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

9:00AM Maureen (Mullen) Knapp (*Family*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

9:00AM *TM James & Elaine Marchewka
(*Dina, Jim, Julia, Ava, & Bella*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

1:30PM (Villa) Sr. Jane Fadgen (*Carol Valenty*)
7:00PM *TM Elisa Didiano, Francesco & Giuseppina
Costa, & Anthony Fusca (*Rosa Fusca*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

9:00AM *TM Linda Rotondo
(*Frank and Maria Serrao*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11- CHRISTMAS FERIA

9:00AM *TM Thomas Albert Morrissey & Thomas Carl
Morrissey (*Julia Morrissey*)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 - CHRISTMAS FERIA

3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM Tom Murray and Francesca & John Gasbarro
(*Jo Murray & Family*)

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 -

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9:00AM For the People of the Parish
11:00AM Maria Annunziata Varrasso (*Rosa Tolomeo*)

* Rev. Thomas Miller



SAINT RAPHAEL MINISTRIES

Homebound Visits

Please call the Parish Center to arrange for visits or Holy Communion to be brought to the sick at home or in the hospital.

Food Bank

We invite you to consider donating generously to our food bank. The number of families we serve has increased to 26. You can make a special donation in the form of food, or money (to be used to purchase food. Make checks payable to St. Raphael). Check the list on the cabinet in the back of the church to see what is needed. Food Bank operates on the first and third Thursday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. The Food Bank is for all families living within the parish lines of St. Raphael and Messiah Lutheran Churches. You are eligible if you are on a fixed income, are having financial difficulties, or are on public assistance.

MOVIE NIGHT

Please join the ladies of Saint Raphael for a movie night on Friday, January 11th at 7:00PM in the Activities Room. We will be watching "The Way", with Martin Sheen. Please RSVP to Lauren at (716) 572-9877 or lauren.odonoughue@gmail.com

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

December 22nd & 23rd
Christmas, December 24th & 25th

Not available at time of printing

2018 Parish Share Program as of Thursday, November 29, 2018

Diocesan Assigned Goal:
\$113,295.00

Amount Pledged: \$81,117.00
Amount Paid: \$80,693.00
Balance Due (*based on amount pledged*) \$424.00

Monthly Calendar Raffle Tickets

RETURN POLICY: Stubs and unsold tickets must be returned by the 1st of the month. If your ticket wins, but has not been returned to the Parish Center on time, the winnings will not be honored.

PAYOUT PROCESS: Winning checks to be expected 2-4 weeks after winning number is drawn.

****DOUBLE DRAWING DOES NOT QUALIFY****

Date:	Winning No:	Winner's Name:	Amount:
12/11	#028	Judy Geada	\$50.00
12/12	#104	Unsold	\$50.00
12/13	#088	Unsold	\$50.00
12/14	#995	Unsold	\$50.00
12/15	#801	Annette Gierlach	\$50.00
12/16	#800	Lorie Ulmer	\$100.00
12/17	#534	Arlene Fatalino	\$50.00

SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 8

Choir 7:15 - 9:00PM

Wednesday, January 9

Adoration 8:00AM -7:00PM

Confession available beginning at 6:00PM

Cub Scout Meeting - 6:30-8:30PM
(Auditorium & Rms. 24, 26, 19)

NOTE! 2019 MASS BOOK

*Requests for Mass and Sanctuary Candle intentions for **January—April, 2019**, will be taken at the parish center.

*A stipend of \$10 is asked for a Mass Intentions and \$5 for each Sanctuary Candle.

*If requesting both a Mass **AND** candle intention, please remember that **separate checks are required**—one for the Mass and one for the candle. A single check **will not** be accepted.

* A registered adult (+18) parishioner may request only ONE Mass intention.

THE HOLY ANGELS PRAYER GARDEN

A way to memorialize a loved one in perpetuity on our sacred grounds. The sale of memorial blocks will begin on Monday, November 5, 2018 in the Parish & Education Center from 7:30AM—5:00PM and will continue to be sold during regular office hours until the last block is gone. There are 9 8"x8" (\$500), and 117 4"x8" (\$250). Blocks will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. You may select from the unsold blocks. A maximum of 2 names may be engraved on each block. Sales will continue through March, 2019. All blocks sold by March 31, 2019 will be engraved by April 30, 2019. In addition, there is one bench available for a donation of \$5000, which will be recognized with a special plaque.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To Cavacini Garden Center for their generous Christmas donation of beautiful poinsettias to Saint Raphael Church. A much appreciated addition to our wonderful celebration!



A NOTE ABOUT GROCERY GIFT CARDS

There are no more Giant Eagle gift cards available. Once the current supply of Shop & Save is depleted we will no longer be selling grocery gift cards.

Thank you for your support of this fundraising effort!

HELP OUR SCHOOL WHILE SHOPPING AT HOME WITH SCHWAN'S

You can earn money for St. Raphael's by food shopping at home - just order from Schwan's website (schwans-cares.com/c/43228). Your order will be delivered to your home and the school will earn 5% until March 23rd. There are tools on the website to make it easy to share this campaign with family and friends—they can also help St. Raphael's while enjoying the convenience of shopping at home.

Questions? Email Jerry Maloney at ispx@protonmail.com.

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

Janusry 6th	For the People of the Parish
Janusry 7th	Maureen Knapp (Mom & Dad)
January 8th	James & elaine Marchewka (Dina, Jim, Julia, Ava, & Bella)
January 9th	For the People of the Parish
January 10th	For the People of the Parish
January 11th	For the People of the Parish
January 12th	Giuseppe F. Labate (Rose Labate)
January 13th	Robert Delaney (Sr. Judith Kenaan)




Visit www.faithdirect.net and use Saint Raphael's church code: **PA732** sign up for electronic giving.

Schedule for Weekend January 12th & 13th, 2019

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Regina McManus	John Fitzpatrick Norma Fitzpatrick Paul Gensler Donna Gensler Denny McManus	Grace DiGiacomo Olivia DiGiacomo
9:00 AM	Diane Stockey	Pasquale DiDomenico Joan Graham Annette Inesso Joleine Keenan Joanne Lemon	Robert Lemon Miles Wienand
11:00 AM	Ron Protz	Margaret Schneider Domenic bertucci Nancy Bosack Roy Cook Jim Gabriel	Sophia Lopresti Clara LoPresti

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

MON 1/7	TUES 1/8	WED 1/9	THURS 1/10	FRI 1/11
PTG Board Meeting				



Praying
for children
who are
hidden from
sight,
but not
hidden
from God...
Praying for
the protection
of unborn people ...

9 DAYS FOR LIFE:
MONDAY, JANUARY 14 –
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22
www.9daysforlife.com

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 28th - February 2nd



Catholic Schools
Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

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SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

MON 1/7

TUES 1/8

WED 1/9

THURS 1/10

FRI 1/11



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 28th - February 2nd



“Long before the rocks
shook and pushed upward
to become mountains,
God dreamed of you.”
9 DAYS FOR LIFE:



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Warm Gifts for Cold Nights

Epiphany Sunday
January 6, 2018

Socks, Mittens & Blankets
(Or any gently warm clothing)

During all Masses on Epiphany Sunday
At

Sacred Heart & St. Raphael Parishes

We will be collecting "Warm Gifts" for the homeless

Donations Will Go To:
Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh
&
Pittsburgh Mercy's Operation Safety Net

Catholic Charities is collecting "Warm Gifts" to give to the homeless and those in need at the downtown Winter Warming Station opened January through March.

&

Operation Safety Net's "Winter Shelter" operates from Nov. 15 to March 15
7pm to 7am – every night – including weekends and holidays.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

As Catholics we are charged with the responsibility to defend and to protect the sanctity of human life. In particular we must care deeply about the lives of the most vulnerable in our world especially the unborn who have no voice of their own. We mourn the loss of tens of thousands of babies each year through abortion. Each year the annual March for Life in Washington DC is an opportunity to join with tens of thousands of people as we celebrate the gift of human life and advocate for the rights of the unborn children in our country.

The March for Life will take place on **Friday, January 18**. A bus will depart from the **St. Paul Cathedral** Parking Lot on the morning of Friday, January 18 at 6:30 am and will return to the Cathedral Parking Lot the same day at about 11:00 pm. There will be a special Mass for all that morning at 5:45 am in the Cathedral. The cost for the trip will be \$30 per person. Father Adam Potter and Deacon Tom Berna will be leading the March for Life bus trip. To register, please contact the Cathedral rectory at 412-621-4951 or email the Cathedral office at info@saintpaulcathedral.org and in the email please include your name and your telephone number. A bus will also depart from **St Sebastian** Parish. Father John Sweeney will be on this bus. For more information and to register, please call 412-364-8999.

RESPECT LIFE

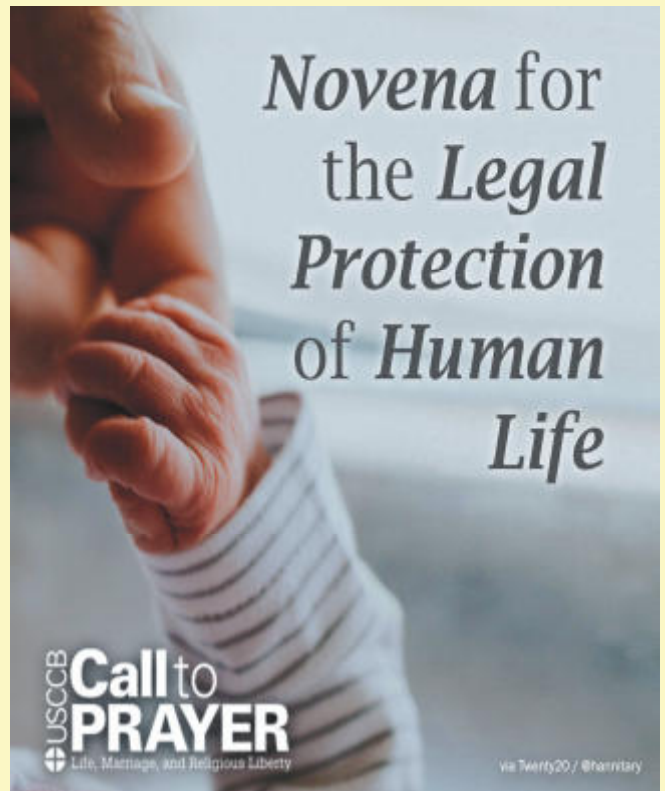
Reflection: God has carefully, lovingly created every person—in His own image and likeness—to be in a loving relationship with Himself. From each tiny child knit within a mother's womb, to every person approaching death, all are loved perfectly and completely by God. "It is therefore a service of love," Pope Saint John Paul II explains, "which we are all committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, *especially when it is weak or threatened*." (*Evangelium vitae*, 77).

In a world in which the most vulnerable are so often overlooked and disregarded, Christ calls us to embrace and uphold the unconditional dignity of every human life. In doing so, we help to build "a new culture of life, the fruit of the culture of truth and of love" (*EV*, 77).

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, **9 Days for Life**, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. *Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!*

The right to life is the foundation for many issues that relate to respect for human life. Let us pray: *May a culture of life grow ever stronger in our communities.*

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www.9daysforlife.com**



RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

You Can Help Your Marriage

Do you feel alone?

Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue ...or have you just stopped talking to each other?

Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming weekend call 412-277-3434 or email: 3041@retrouvaille.org

IMPORTANT NOTE:
REGARDING 2018 STATEMENTS

If you would like a 2018 donation statement for tax purposes, please call the parish office at 412-661-0187.

Please allow several days for your request to be fulfilled. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2019

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Administrative Support and Medical & Dental Services

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do at Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center (CCFHCC). We would not be able to accomplish our mission without the commitment and support from dedicated volunteers. We are currently in need of volunteer physicians, dentists, nurses and administrative support to provide compassionate, dignified care to our patients regardless of religious affiliation, race or ethnicity. All patient services are provided free of charge. If you have a heart for service, we would love to have you join us. If interested and for more information about volunteering at CCFHCC, please contact Katya Slater at kslate@ccpgh.org.



Wednesday Adoration

All day every Wednesday at

St. Raphael Church

beginning at 9:00 am

until Benediction at 6:45 pm

[Confessions are available from 6:00 to 6:45 pm every Wednesday]

*As Pope Francis explained,
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