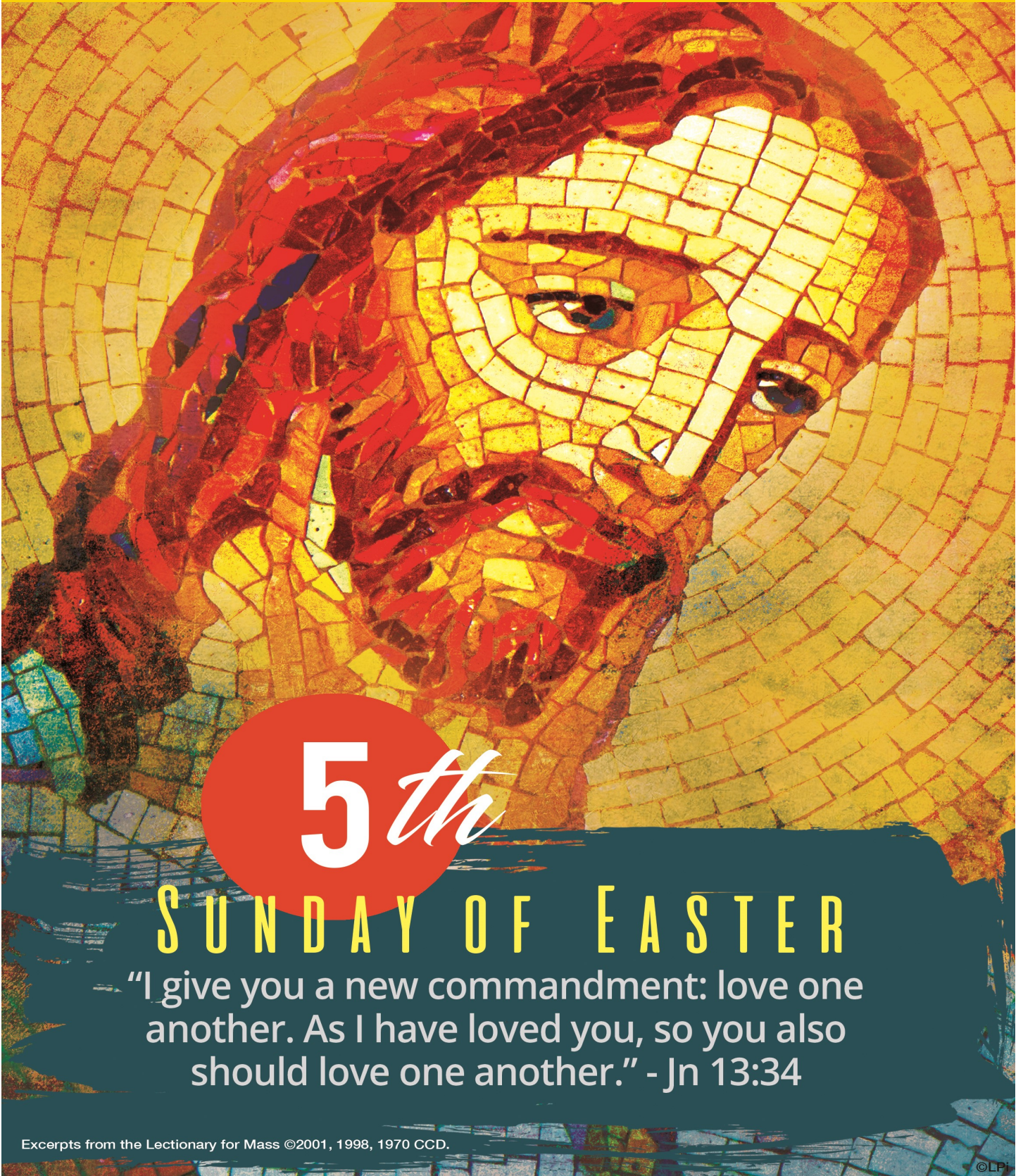


19 MAY 2019

THE PARISHES OF SACRED HEART & SAINT RAPHAEL



5th

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

Dear Parishioners of Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart Parishes,

This weekend I will preside and preach at all Masses at Saint Raphael's and next weekend I plan to preside and preach at all Masses at Sacred Heart Parish as a means of finally and officially introducing myself to you. Until now the Grouping Liturgy Schedule has allowed only for a hit and missed arrangement. I appreciate your understanding in this situation. As you may remember, I arrived during Holy Week and decided to follow the schedule that was already set. I filled in when and where I could. I am excited beginning this weekend to finally be able to speak to everyone that attends Mass on a regular basis in our parishes and share with you a little of my personal vision for priestly ministry among you. I hope you agree that the Holy Week and Easter Sunday wasn't the appropriate time to do this.

Just by way of brief introduction, I grew up in Swissvale. My mom and dad had five children. We were members of Madonna del Costello Parish. I attended Saint Anselm High School and our family home was close to Saint Anselm's on McClure Avenue so I was blessed to have two home parishes. I cherish everything I received from both faith communities. Two of my brothers have already gone to God. My brother Bart and my sister Mary have attended Mass at both Saint Raphael's and Sacred Heart and have already have met many of you. I have many nieces and nephews and along with their children we have easily over 50 "close" family members! We are a very diverse family with our joys and our difficulties like every family but we have always been there for each other in the good times and especially in any of the sorrows we experienced; like the loss of our loved ones. We truly have so much fun when we are together. My hardy laugh is typical of our entire clan. We are jokesters and love to pull tricks so beware when my family is around at parish events! I can I always say now "that I told you so" and warned you! I obviously love my family very much. They accompanied me in my vocation to the altar forty six years ago and still are a consistent source of strength for me in my priesthood.

I was ordained on May 5, 1973 by Bishop Vincent Leonard at St. Paul Cathedral. We had twenty eight members in my class. Father Sweeney and I are classmates. My first priestly assignment was at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Hopewell, Beaver County. I also served as a parochial vicar at St. Malachy Parish in Kennedy Twp., St. Sebastian Parish in Ross Twp., and St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Beechview. My first pastorate was at Christ the King Parish in Ambridge, Beaver County. I also was appointed a pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Plum Boro and later I returned to St. Sebastian as pastor for eight years. In 2008, Bishop Zubik asked me to serve on his Seminary Staff as director for spiritual formation. I eventually became vice rector and then rector of the Seminary. When the Bishop established a Secretariat for Leadership, he asked me to serve as its Secretary and appointed me an Episcopal Vicar. Eventually he merged the Secretariats for Leadership and Evangelization into one. I served as Secretary of the combined Secretariat for the last three and a half years. The purpose of the Secretariat was primarily to help prepare and offer training for the clergy and lay leaders that make up many of the leadership teams in our complex 57 groupings. That was a wonderful privilege helping to spiritually and professionally equip so many incredibly talented and gifted leaders. They shared more with helping each other from their own experiences and best practices than our Secretariat could ever do; however, it was a pleasure for me to provide them with some of the latest leadership skills available.

In terms of my interest outside of ministry, I love my little dog Bayley. She is my fourth beagle. Tip, Brynn and Knute were males. I hope I don't get in trouble by saying there is definitely a difference between Bayley and the guys! She is far more independent and strong-willed and I give in every time to her wishes! She has me wrapped around her "little paw".

I also love to exercise especially walking. I used to power walk every day and I am anxious to get back to my routine. For the time being, I am enjoying my strolls around Shadyside and Morningside. The people in Morningside keep asking me, "Where's Bayley?" They remember her from when I lived there in residence while I worked at my diocesan office. I also enjoy reading and learning (a lot). I enjoy baseball as my favorite sport. I used to play the bagpipes. I have a goal to crank them back up by Ligonier Days in the fall, so get ready. I enjoy leading tours and pilgrimages. I used to do that regularly in all my other parishes. I hope when things settle to organize a few for all us in our Grouping. Finally, my favorite pastime is to have a nice quiet dinner with a few very good friends, including my good priest friends. A quiet dinner means more to me than anyone can imagine. I appreciate conversations over a nice meal about topics that really matter. I hope sometime to enjoy that with many of you in the years ahead.

~ Father Joe

HOLY HOUR FOR UNITY AND HEALING

Please join as brothers and sisters at a **Holy Hour for Unity and Healing** in each respective parish in our Grouping. Both Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael faith communities have shouldered much over the past 24 months. We have all suffered the revelation of misconduct by trusted leaders of our Church. Almost everyone feels a sense of confusion related to the creation of the 57 Groupings, not knowing for sure what exactly is ahead. Many people found it extremely difficult to go through major moves and shifts in administration, including the loss of a pastor. Please join me in Adoration of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Come, encounter Him in prayer and worship, asking Christ for His transformative love to heal our brokenness and unite us by dispelling our sad divisions. The Holy Hours to be conducted at Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael can be a starting point again for an ongoing process of engagement with our assigned clergy team, and me, our lay pastoral staff members and our lay leaders who serve as advisory council members so that we can all better understand where we've come from, where we are going and how many need healing before we can embrace the future. In addition to Adoration we will listen to the Scriptures proclaimed. I will deliver a few words in reflection, and then we will celebrate Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I desire that every family is represented at these spiritual events that can profoundly bring our parishes many graces and a spirit of reconciliation and peace. Help our parishes take a giant step forward!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in You! Saint Raphael the Archangel, Pray for us.

Saint Raphael Holy Hour for Unity and Healing:
May 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Sacred Heart Holy Hour for Unity and Healing:
May 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM

PASTORAL GATHERINGS

Hopefully you have already heard that as another means to get to know each of you better I will be conducting two open forums; town hall-like meetings in June. In parish life we call these meetings **Pastoral Gatherings**, but they are designed in the model of town hall meetings. I am interested to hear from all parishioners in both parishes in our Grouping about:

- any of your ideas about what you think can make us a vibrant new parish
- concerns you have regarding moving forward
- what you believe we may need to think about before we do or can move forward
- and also any questions that you may have about the current state of affairs in our Faith Communities or even in the Church at large.

Obviously we may not be able to cover everything during these two evenings; however, it will be a start. Listening to you will help me gauge how many more **Pastoral Gatherings** we may need to schedule and how soon and how often they need to happen. I have always found **Pastoral Gatherings** to be an effective way open and honest means to deepen relationships in a faith community. They have not always been easy but in the long run they are one of the best ways to build sincere and lasting relationships of trust. Sometimes everyone needs to vent and publicly air some deep feelings and certain complaints and get answers to their questions. **Pastoral Gatherings** can be an appropriate place to do that.

The **Pastoral Gatherings** are scheduled as follows:

Saint Raphael: June 25, 2019 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Multi-Purpose Room.

Sacred Heart: June 27, 2019 7:00 – 9:00 PM
School Auditorium.

WELCOME!

We are pleased to announce that two **Focolare Communities** recently moved into our Diocese.

A community of men now live in Squirrel Hill and a community of women now live in Stanton Heights. We welcome both communities and hope to have everyone in our parishes within the Grouping get to know the members of Focolare. We know they will make a huge difference in our neighborhoods. We are happy they are our neighbors. The **Focolare Movement**, which is also called "Work of Mary" is an ecclesial Movement of Spiritual and social renewal. It is made up of persons of different ages, races, cultures, and walks of life. Its spirituality is truly rooted in the rediscovery of the Gospel. It is present in 194 countries and has centers in 81 different cities.

"May they all be one...so that the world may believe" (John 17:21) is the sentence in the Gospel which ignited the initial spark. Its aim is to contribute to an ever-increasing unity within the Roman Catholic Church and among Churches - a unity which is brought about by living mutual love. Love one another as I have loved you... living this brings about our own sanctification and influence the world around us. This influence then shows itself with an ever increasing dialogue among believers of different religions and with those without any specific religious convection. The Focolare has 2 million people who adhere to it or sympathize with it in some way. Its influence spreads to millions more, a number difficult to quantify.

The Movement was founded by Chiara Lubich in Trent, Italy, in 1943 during the Second World War.

Chiara and her first companions discovered the Gospel in a new way as words of life - to be lived. It generates a way of living that, inspired by Christian principals, responds to the wide-spread longing for meaning and authenticity in life and contributes to bringing unity into the world.

For more information: 412-450-8668 or 412-904-4022

**Saint Anthony's Relic Visits
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
On Sunday, June 9**



**A Messenger of
Hope**

The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua. Saint Anthony will be visiting you in the form of a first-class and precious relic from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by Friar Alessandro Ratti, an OFM Conventual Franciscan.

**Sacred Heart
Catholic Church**

**310 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh**

**Administrator:
Father Joseph Mele**

**Mass time:
7:45 PM**

Veneration begins at 5:00 PM



“Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ!” Pope Saint John Paul II

In the Apostles' Creed, we recite
 “I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints....”

The saints bring us closer to Jesus.
 Do not be afraid to call upon Saint
 Anthony of Padua who is among
 the Communion of Saints in Heaven
 very close to God.

“Relics are parts of the body of a saint who was the Temple of the Holy Spirit.” Pope Francis

~How To Venerate~

The Franciscans encourage people to TOUCH the reliquaries. One may touch the reliquary with their hand, any religious object such as rosary beads, prayer cards, Bibles, prayer books as well as photos of ill family members. We allow photography because the Franciscans think it is a beautiful thing to share the experience through photos with a loved one who is not able to attend. In this digital age, we also see people finding a loved one on their cell among their photos and then touching the reliquary with the cell phone ever so gently. Our relics are first class relics of the saint - actually body parts of the saint. One reliquary contains a fragment of the saint's floating rib and the other contains skin layers of the saint's cheek. 2nd class relics are an object that a saint might have possessed in her or his lifetime – their habit, rosary beads or prayer book. As for a third-class relic, we pass out holy cards inside the prayer petition envelope. The prayer is a beautiful prayer to the miraculous saint which you may recite anytime while venerating. Any religious object that you touch the reliquary with will become a third-class relic of the saint. We Catholics know that only God performs miracles. We call upon the communion of saints to intercede on our behalf to lift our prayers and petitions to God in Heaven.

Prayer petitions with holy cards will be distributed to allow parishioners to write their prayer petition and intentions to the saint. People touch their prayer petitions to the reliquaries. The writing of a prayer petition is a worldwide tradition when venerating a relic of a saint. Father Alessandro will bring the petitions back to the Pontifical Basilica in Padua and place them at the tomb of Saint Anthony. The tour officially ends back at the Tomb of Saint Anthony where the Friars will gather to pray for the saint's intercession upon our intentions and petitions. The 24/7/365 live webcam of the Tomb: <http://www.santantonio.org/en/basilica>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19th

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

As I Have Loved You, So You Also Should Love One Another – When Jesus is asked what the greatest commandment is, his response is to love God above all and to love our neighbor as our self. As Christians, this is what we strive for every day. We work to have our hearts formed so that in all things, at all times and in all circumstances we can show love for God and love for others. This commandment to love, however, is not something we have to learn on our own. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to love others as he has loved us. This invitation offers a beautiful moment of reflection to recognize how he has loved us. He has given us life, gifts and talents, family and friends to love us, and faith that we may realize with trust that we are never alone. The love of Jesus for us is unconditional and sacrificial and the more we reflect on this love the more we realize how we are called to love one another. While this call of Jesus should inspire us to open our eyes and ears to see and hear the needs of others and to respond in love, it also should lead us to love others even when there is no particular reason to, simply because they are our sisters and brothers. As the On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative calls us to building God's Kingdom, may it be rooted in the opportunities we have to love others as God loves us. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Forty days after Easter, we celebrate the saving mystery of Jesus ascending to the right hand of the Father to be in glory forever. Our Mass schedule for the grouping is different from past years! Please consider the invitation to participate in this important Holy Day of Obligation!

Wednesday May 29

4:00 pm - Sacred Heart

7:00 pm - St Raphael

Thursday May 30

8:30 am - Sacred Heart

9:00 am - St Raphael

12:05 pm - Sacred Heart

7:00 pm - St Raphael

SCAM ALERT

We have been notified by several parishioners of receiving emails from either Father Thom or Father Mele asking for help with gift cards to be sent to individuals in need. These are SCAMS! Do not reply to these emails, buy gift cards or send money in response to the requests. These emails may seem to be genuine in need - do not respond at all! There is no "good old Catholic guilt" in not helping the scammers!



ENDOW

All women from the entire parish are invited to join in studying St. Hildegard of Bingen. Endow will begin on Tuesday, June 11, and finish Tuesday, July 30. We will meet in the Activities Room at St. Raphael's from 7 - 9 pm. For more information or to sign up, please email Rosemary Callenberg at tobie.rose@gmail.com.

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE FOR VOCATIONS

Come to praise God for the four men to be ordained to the priesthood on June 23 at 7 pm at St. Paul Seminary! Bishop Zubik and Father Michael Ackerman will preside over a holy hour and time of adoration. Mirella Brun del Re will lead praise. There will also be opportunity for confession and a light reception.

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.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE AWAY FROM THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Only one third of Catholics attend Mass on a regular basis -
Let's invite them back!

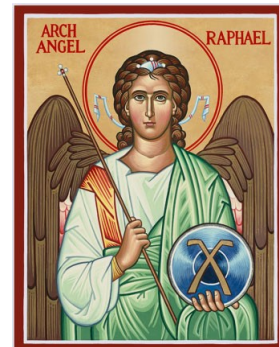
Visit CatholicsComeHome.org to:

View the TV commercials that are helping bring hundreds of thousands of souls back "home" to the Church.
Learn and grow deeper in your faith, support this ministry, and share the web page with your friends and family.
"Like" CCH on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/caholicscomehome.otg

Help bring your friends and loved ones back to the Catholic Church!



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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

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 a priest.

Saint Raphael: Call the parish office to speak with a priest.

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.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

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

Please call Fr. Steve Palsa - Parish Chaplain

412-720-3553

SACRED HEART - SAINT RAPHAEL FAITH FORMATION



The Sacrament of Confirmation for Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart will be conferred on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 during 11:30 a.m. Mass with the Most Reverend Bishop David A. Zubik at Sacred Heart Parish.

Confirmation rehearsal for Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart Candidates and Sponsors will take place on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. If your sponsor is unable to attend this rehearsal, please have a parent stand in place for this rehearsal only.

On Confirmation Day, Bishop Zubik requests that candidates, sponsors and parents be *seated in the church thirty minutes prior to the start of Mass.* Therefore, it is necessary that Candidates and Sponsors gather in the auditorium on June 9 no later than 10:30 a.m. for final instructions.



Love one another as I have loved you

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR CATECHISTS & TEACHERS

**June 18—20, 2019
North Catholic High School**

Responding to the Universal Church's call for a "New Evangelization" and our local Bishop's call to be "On Mission for the Church Alive!", we are once again offering an intensive and formative Summer Institute for three days in June. We have invited outstanding professors, writers, and artists to meet with teachers and catechists to talk through how best to infuse the schools and parishes with a Faith that speaks to all aspects of life and learning. In addition to class time, participants will share Mass, meals, conversation, and cultural events. It will be three days of immersion in the rich culture of Catholicism. In this short but intense time, we hope to taste some of what Christ promised John 10:10 where he says that he "came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

- ♦ Online registration opens April 23rd and runs until Midnight, June 4th.
- ♦ Cost: \$78.00
- ♦ Catechetical Hours: 18 hours for attending all events
- ♦ Breakfast & Lunch included
- ♦ Each day ends with an optional cocktail hour to continue conversation

For more information, call 412-456-3112

SACRED HEART CHURCH

310 SHADY AVE.
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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 18 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:30AM Special Intention
3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM (Vigil) Paul (Java) Lisowski

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 19

9:00AM Robert Wall
11:30AM Vincent B. Wankiiri
7:45PM Janice Abraham Alexander

MONDAY, MAY 20 - SAINT BERNARDINE OF SEINA

12:05PM Helen Cade & Hayley Thomas

TUESDAY, MAY 21 -

SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS

12:05PM George & Anne Cherque

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 - SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

12:05PM Dudley & Bridget Newell

THURSDAY, MAY 23 - EASTER WEEKDAY

12:05PM For the Intentions of
the Ford & Reilly Families

FRIDAY, MAY 24 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:30AM Gordon & McCague

SATURDAY, MAY 25 - SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE

3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM Helen Chuka

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 26

9:00AM David Valentovich
11:30AM Frank Salley
7:45PM Mary & Joseph Cherico

WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 5/12/19

\$7,487.54

2019 Parish Share Program

Diocesan Assigned Goal: \$120,182.00

As of 5/20/19

*Amount Pledged: \$96,499.00
Amount Received: \$92,592.78*

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.

May Food of the Month:

Rice

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. You may not continue to volunteer until your certifications are completed. If you are a parish minister, catechist, school or parish volunteer and unsure of your status, please check with Melissa Nosenchuck (shadymorningside@gmail.com). 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!



John Hyland & Elizabeth Siegfried II

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

*CHRIS OGURCHAK
LEE & STEPHANIE LAWAND*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED...

HARPER OLIVIA JOYCE

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS: MEMORIAL BOOK

During Memorial Day weekend at Sacred at Sacred Heart & Saint Raphael there will be a Memorial Book for deceased loved one who served our country in the Army, Navy, Airforce, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserve or National Guard. You are invited to enter names of any family member who are now deceased in this book as we honor them for their service in protecting the freedoms we enjoy today. The Memorial Book will be carried in the procession during the Memorial Day Mass. *At Sacred Heart, the Memorial Book can be found in the Mary Chapel.*



SACRED HEART WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 19

Haiti Bake Sale After all Masses

Forgiveness Study 6:30PM
(Bishop Winter Conference Room)

Band Concert 7:00PM
(Auditorium)

Tuesday, May 21

Holy Hour 6:00PM
(Church)

Wednesday, May 22

Saint Vincent de Paul 6:00PM
(Bishop Winter Conference Room)

Thursday, May 23

Centering Prayer Group 7:00 - 8:30PM
(Bishop Winter Conference Room)

Choir Practice 7:45PM
(Cafeteria & Choir Room)

Sunday, May 26

EECM Shelter Meal
(Please see article on this page for information.)

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. Our activities consist of scripture study, adoration, social gatherings, and volunteering in our community (e.g. praying the rosary with residents of the Highland Care Nursing Home). Feel free to send organizer Joe Wingenfeld an email at sacredheart20plus@gmail.com if you have any questions.

PHONES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

We have heard from a number of people and we appreciate you bringing the phone situation to our attention. Work is being done by an outside telecommunication company and the staff to bring our telephone and voice mail systems for our grouping up-to-date. Callers will soon find it easier to connect with or leave a message for a clergy or staff member. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we are working hard to resolve these issues.



MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass books at **both churches** are now open for intentions for the remainder of 2019. **Please Note:** When requesting a Mass, please give the office your telephone number so that you can be notified if there is a change in the Mass schedule.

BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

Please return all Sacred Heart School Pastor Signature Sheets to the Principal, Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor will meet with Father Mele to have them signed.
Thank you.

19th ANNUAL HAITI BAKE SALE TODAY!



NEW GROUPING WEBSITE

Please visit our new combined parish website for useful information and helpful articles!

sacredheartsaintraphael.org

EECM SHELTER MEALS

This is an opportunity for our parishioners to serve the community. Meal are cooked and served at EECM Community House on the fourth Sunday of the odd months (six times a year), and the next one is May 26th. First Shift arrives at 4:30 p.m. to start cooking the meal; Second Shift arrives at 6:00 p.m. to finish cooking and serve the meal. For more information, people can contact me at 412-600-0340 or rshope@howardhanna.com.



SAINT RAPHAEL CHURCH

1154 CHISLETT ST.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS INTENTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE VILLA.
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM Daniel Kirsch (*Roseanne & Tom Giuntini*)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 19

9:00AM For the People of the Parish
11:00AM Filippo & Maria G. Suppa (*Family*)

MONDAY, MAY 20 - SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA

9:00AM Anna Guttilla (*Renee Davidson*)

TUESDAY, MAY 21 -

SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALANES & COMPANIONS

9:00AM For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 - SAINT RITA OD CASCIUS

6:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00PM George Kane (*Kevin Koehler*)

THURSDAY, MAY 23 - EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00AM Amanda Costa (*Parents & Brother*)

FRIDAY, MAY 24 - EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00AM Phillip & Rose alexander (*Family*)
11:00AM (Villa) Anna Guttilla (*Renee Davidson*)

SATURDAY, MAY 25 - SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE

3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM Katherine Joller (*Elmer & Carol Reis*)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 26

9:00AM For the people of the Parish
11:00AM Veteran's Day Mass (VFW)

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.

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

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA

Beginning on 4/16 there will be a thirteen week Novena to Saint Anthony. Please join us at Saint Raphael Church on Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM.



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. 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.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY: 5/12/19

\$5,640.00

2019 Parish Share Program

Diocesan Assigned Goal: **\$126,954.00**

As of 5/10/19

Amount Pledged: \$24,286.00

Amount Received: \$19,809.00

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:
5/3	#644	Fran Bosser	50.00
5/4	#334	Audrey Hunter	50.00
5/5	#876	Arlene Fatalino	100.00
5/6	#941	Mary Schwer	50.00
5/7	#310	Rita Huff	50.00
5/8	#449	Unsold	50.00
5/9	#057	Patty Simcic	50.00

SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 19

Pastoral Council Prayer Service 4:00PM

Pastoral Council Meeting 4:30PM
(Holy Angels Conference Room)

Tuesday, May 21

Bereavement Group 7:00 - 9:00PM
(Holy Angels Conference Room)

Choir 7:15 - 9:00PM

Wednesday, May 22

Adoration 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Confession 6:00 - 7:00PM

Ladies of Charity 6:30PM
(Multi-purpose Room)

Thursday, May 23

Holy Hour 6:00PM
(Church)

Cub Scout Meeting 6:30PM
(Rooms 19, 24, & 25)

Next Sunday, May 26

Veteran's Breakfast 8:00AM - 2:00PM
(VFW)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

May 19th	For the People of the Parish
May 20th	For the People of the Parish
May 21st	For the People of the Parish
May 22nd	For the People of the Parish
May 23rd	Amanda Costa (<i>Parents & Brother</i>)
May 24th	Maria G. Suppa (<i>Family</i>)
May 25th	For the People of the Parish
May 26th	For the People of the Parish

SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Monday, May 20th

The Bulldog Pub
1818 Morningside Ave., Pittsburgh

15% of total sales from 4:00 - 9:00PM on those dates will be donated to Saint Raphael School.
(Donations will be matched by our anonymous benefactor!)

SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUPS

"Lifeline of Listening Friends" is a faith-based program that offers support for people who are grieving a loss of a loved one due to suicide. For information and to find a support group near you contact Jack Shaw at 412-508-5383.

Love
one another. As I have
loved
you, so you must
love one another
John 13:34

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

NATALIE GRABOWSKI
MATTHEW & LINDSAY BLINKY

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED...

RICHARD KELLY

REMEMBER OUR VETERANS: MEMORIAL BOOK

During Memorial Day weekend at Sacred at Sacred Heart & Saint Raphael there will be a Memorial Book for deceased loved one who served our country in the Army, Navy, Airforce, Marines, Coast Guard, Reserve or National Guard. You are invited to enter names of any family member who are now deceased in this book as we honor them for their service in protecting the freedoms we enjoy today. The Memorial Book will be carried in the procession during the Memorial Day Mass.



At St. Raphael, the Memorial Book can be found in front of Church by the St. Anthony statue

Wednesday Adoration

Every Wednesday at St. Raphael Church
8:00 am until 7:00 pm Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 - 7:00 pm
6:30 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Mass

Schedule for Weekend May 25th & 26th

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Danielle Leach	Candy Venezia Tom Venezia Paul Gensler Donna Gensler Denny McManus	Grace DiGiacomo Olivia DiGiacomo
9:00 AM	Jerome McMahon	Deacon Hahn Joanne Lemon Janelle Miller Eleanor Minyo Charlene Newman	Robert Lemon Miles Wienand
11:00 AM	Ed LoPresti	Pam Matia John Matia Carole Piriano Janice LoPresti Denise Keller	Sophia LoPresti Clara LoPresti

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

MON 5/20

TUES 5/21

WED 5/22

THURS 5/23

FRI 5/24

Chess Club



4th Grade Trip
Frick Nature Center



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Sacred Heart students participated in a variety of service learning experiences during Lent. They contributed their dimes, nickels, and pennies and put their energies into positive Catholic action.



APPLES FOR STUDENTS

The Giant Eagle "Apples for Students" Program wrapped up on March 16. Our PTG has been given an awards check for \$1,633.00. We appreciate your participation in the "Apples for Students" Program by registering your Advantage Card to earn credit for our school. Encourage family and friends to become supporters of the program.

Go to: gianteagle.com and enter our school ID#: 0938. We begin earning points for the 2019-20 school year on September 1st.



Apples
for the
Students

WORKS OF MERCY

The first graders raised funds for *Beverly's Birthdays*, an organization founded in 2011 to ensure that homeless children in the region celebrate their special day. BB provides children with gifts, treats, and a wonderful birthday party!

The second graders contributed to the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* to take care of those in need of the necessities of life. The core work of the Society is visiting the elderly, the housebound and sick as well as providing financial and prayerful support to many neighbors.

The fourth graders love to support *St. Jude Hospital Research Hospital*, and in doing so they help to defeat childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Fifth graders, together and the Pre-School youngsters, assembled Fifty Breakfast Bags for families who live at *Ronald McDonald House*, when the children are being treated at our own Children's Hospital.

All of the children demonstrated positive Lenten practices by performing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

Students entering grades Kindergarten through grade two are invited to participate in our Creative Kids Camp. The camp offers a fun and exciting intro to summer. The theme is "Oh the Places You'll Go" and campers participate in various stories, activities, and crafts as they travel to fun and interesting places. Everyday is an adventure. The camp takes place at the school for a one or two week session, June 10-14 and/or June 17-21, from 9:00-3:00. Cost is \$250.00 per week. Come make new friends and have fun with old friends. Space is limited, so register soon.



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Field Day Rain Date

7th & 8th Grade
Field Trip



Band Concert



8th Grade
Class Trip



Perks to Pray & Play

Support a Nonprofit Today!

STEP 1: PICK A NONPROFIT

Choose a nonprofit from our list of pre-authorized organizations

OR

Tell your organization about the program & have them call us. We'll get them registered!

STEP 2: REGISTER

Register your Perks card under your organization

Registration forms are at the Service Desk in all four of our Mihelic Shop 'n Saves

STEP 3: SHOP

After each 6-month period, we calculate 2% of your qualified purchases & give that amount back to your organization in gift cards

STEP 4: SPREAD THE WORD

The more people that are registered, the more your organization gets back in gift cards!

Glenshaw Shop 'n Save
917 Butler Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Rochester Rd. Shop 'n Save
814 Rochester Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15229

MIHELIC'S
SHOP 'N SAVES

Route 8 Shop 'n Save
5375 William Flynn Hwy
Gibsonia, PA 15044

Pines Plaza Shop 'n Save
1130 Perry Hwy
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

After much anticipation, the second graders received Jesus for the first time on April 26th. Their excitement and love of Jesus was obvious throughout their Mass. They sang with angelic voices and responded to the mass with enthusiasm and joy. May their love for Jesus continue to grow throughout their lives and spread to others.

God bless them!

Mrs. Adams



SAFE ENVIRONMENT REMINDER

If you are planning to volunteer for *any* school activities (including the bazaar) you **MUST** have all your safe environment clearances. Please visit diopitt.org to update or register for your clearances. Contact Melissa Nosenchuck at shadymorningside@gmail.com with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Raphael's Bazaar
August 8-11, 2019

