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“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
- Mt 4:19





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## NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Once again the Catholic Church in our nation is marking our annual Catholic Schools Week. St. Raphael and Sacred Heart Parishes join today in praying for all of the students, families, teachers and staff of Sacred Heart School, and St Raphael Pre-School. We ask the Lord Jesus to continue to help our School in supporting our parents in forming their children in the rich tradition of our Catholic Faith.

We have been blessed again this past school year with the presence of our young people here at Sacred Heart School, especially as we welcomed many of the students from the former St. Raphael School - and three of the teachers from St. Raphael School as well. We hope that the Holy Masses we



celebrate weekly with our students, the prayer time we share with them, as well as the spiritual catechesis offered daily by our teachers, helps support the efforts of our Catholic families to bring their children to a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus. We are also blessed at Sacred Heart School with the presence of our students who are of a different faith tradition. We pray that the Lord our God will bring them, and their families closer to Him - through their participation in our School. We thank all our parents and families for their support of our School, and their sacrifice in providing this spiritual education for their children. We

thank our Principal, Mrs. Taylor, and all of our teachers and staff - for all of their continuing dedicated and loving service to our young people.

We are grateful also for the continued support of all Sacred Heart and St. Raphael Parishioners, whose generosity and prayers are so needed. We also pray for all of the Catholic Schools of the Eastern Region of our Diocese, of which we are a part, and for all of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, as the necessary re-organization of our Catholic Schools continues.

May our Catholic Schools continue to a part of the re-renewal and growth of our Catholic Faith in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Fr. John Sweeney, *school priest*

Sacred Heart Elementary School and Saint Raphael pre-school are so excited to celebrate this year's Catholic Schools Week.

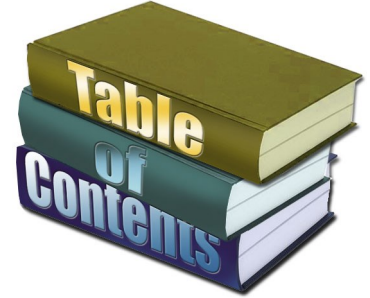
Catholic Schools week demonstrates the joy in action that a Christ centered school provides: to "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed" this year's CSW motto. We are blessed to start the week on Sunday celebrating Mass together and sharing in a Family Brunch at 10:00. On Monday, we are reminded of Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world" - On this day Sacred Heart students will celebrate the light of Christ by wearing neon colors. Tuesday leads us to Corinthians 12:14 "For the body is not one member, but many." This passage helps us know that we are a team: of learners and leaders. It is through these characteristics that we can truly serve God and succeed in any endeavor being part of God's team! On Wednesday, Sacred Heart celebrates our rich history by having a spirit day and our mission to serve by having a dance-a-thon for Haiti. Thursday is a day of appreciation, we are so thankful for the many gifts that we have in at SHES - None of which would be possible without God's love, our wonderful families, and dedicated staff. On Friday, we celebrate all school Mass together! We are so blessed to have Father Mele, Father Sweeney, Father Steve, Sister Lynn, all of our staff and all of our parishioners and families who consistently pray for our school. We truly have God's joy in our hearts always- but Catholic Schools week reminds us of the beautiful gifts we receive from a Catholic education - centered in love, learning, and service.

Kate Taylor, *Principal of Sacred Heart Elementary School and Saint Raphael pre-school*

*National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education observed in dioceses around the country. Now entering its 46th anniversary year, from January 26 to February 1, 2020, CSW will still host the traditional Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate.*

In this Bulletin, you can read:

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### 2020 PARISH GROUPING SURVEY

We want to congratulate the members of our Pastoral Council for the very successful execution of the survey conducted last weekend at both of our churches. We especially commend the members of the council who gave the directions for the survey. They spoke in a manner that honored everyone in the pew. They were a true example of servant leaders. Obviously, the congregation recognized the authority of these lay leaders because the response in the pews and online was overwhelming. We also commend our parishioners in the pews for the respectful manner in which they completed the survey. It was inspiring to see people seated at the end of each pew, standing up and passing the surveys over to the others to be completed. The fact that people were willing to move around in order for everybody to complete the survey, demonstrated how seriously everyone was taking the opportunity for all of us to voice their opinions. This dynamic response gives more evidence that people believe in the importance of lay leadership and specifically what our lay parish leaders are doing.

Please remember that you are still able to complete the survey if you have not already, The deadline for the survey is this weekend.

Surveys are available in Church or online at <https://bestpghparish.org/parish-survey>.

To date, we have received hundreds of completed survey forms. Once the forms are tabulated, a report will be printed in the bulletin for you.

Thanks to everybody who made this very important project such a huge success.



ON MISSION FOR  
**THE CHURCH**  
ALIVE!



**Please note that this is  
subject to revision.**

### Completing the Merger Process: Timeline for January 2021

| July 2020   | August 2020   | September 2020            | October 2020  | October 2020  | December 2020   | January 2021  |
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| Parish services meets with Advisory Councils to put final touches on Parish Assembly Material | Begin the process for submitting recommendations and merger petition to Bishop Zubik for New Parish | Conduct Parish assemblies | Administrator submits necessary documentation to Regional Vicar | Bishop Zubik meets with Priest Council to discuss merger petition | Bishop Zubik officially announces decree for a New Parish | Decree for a New Parish becomes effective.<br><br>New Parish Begins |



### A WONDERFUL STORY

Last Weekend, I addressed the people of Saint Raphael parishioners about our priests moving into one rectory. I touched upon how we need to save financial resources in order to put a new roof on the old school building. Someone already estimated the roof could cost over \$90,000. We will find out soon what exactly the cost will be.

After Mass, I baptized two little girls. After the baptisms, one of the young mothers wanted to give me a gift envelope. I expressed my appreciation but tried to politely not to accept the gift. Baptizing a child is enough of a gift for me and all priests. The young mother kept insisting that I accept the gift.

When she realized that I wouldn't do that; she finally returned a third time and told me this. *"Father, since you will not accept this card and money, please take it and use it for the new roof! I want my little girl and me to be the first to donate towards 'A New Roof Campaign'.* I laughed and so did everyone with us at the Baptism.

This kind of kindness is what makes Saint Raphael's so special. This spirit of goodness and generosity is typical of all the good people in both of our parishes. We really are blessed by many people just like this young mother.

I don't expect to initiate a roof campaign but I will make sure that when the time comes for us to replace the roof, we will use the young mother's gift to help pay the costs. I am confident that we will find a way to replace the roof. If we don't succeed, I have no doubt God will help us. God always surprises with intervening, especially when we are doing the right thing for the Kingdom of His Son! We just need to do what we honestly can and then totally trust Him to do the rest.

*Father Joe*



### PROGRESS ALREADY

Everyone read last weekend about my vision for Saint Raphael Campus to become the hub of pastoral activity for our new parish. Whether that will happen will depend upon what I am advised to do by the members of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Councils. Regardless, I explained that the buildings on both campuses are going to need lots of updating and hard work. I intend to begin with Saint Raphael Rectory. I am pleased that knowledgeable and skilled men have already come to the rescue to advise me as well. Electricians, carpenters, plumbers, flooring experts and systems analysts are being lined up to access what is best to remodel the rectory for the future. We will need to move forward modestly but we need to update the beautiful building we have.

We will keep people in both parishes apprised of the work that will be done as we move along. We hope some of our parishes that own remodeling companies or businesses will help us too. It will take everyone becoming involved to help. Please watch for regular reports of progress that will be published in the bulletin.

Thanks for your suggestions and expertise too.

### FATHER MELE'S ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE AT SAINT RAPHAEL'S

Just like Father Joe's talk to the Pastoral Council members a few weeks ago, the address he delivered at Masses to the people at Saint Raphael is now available on the Grouping Website. Please go to our website to read the text of Father Joe's pulpit talks. Father Joe will be happy to hear from you if you have questions or comments. Visit the website at [www.bestpghparish.org](http://www.bestpghparish.org).

The **Sisters of St. Joseph** will sell raffle tickets during the weekend of **February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** following Masses at both churches as part of the Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Luncheon, a fundraiser which benefits the Sisters and their ministries.

Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets have two numbers and are a one-month ticket based on the PA Pick 4 Lottery with winners every day in June 2020.

This year, the Annual Solemn **Saint Anthony Novena** will be a 9 week devotion beginning April 21 and concluding on Tuesday June 16, three days after the Feast of Saint Anthony.



## Your Christmas Gift to Our Parish

This year we reached out to everyone asking you to consider an extra special gift to the parish at Christmas. People were very understanding of this appeal and responded according to their love. We were deeply moved by the extra generosity of so many people. We could tell that people gave from their hearts. It is apparent that many, many people took seriously this appeal and we want to express our profound gratitude.

### December 25, 2019 Christmas Collection is \$86,550.64

We thought we would also publish a summary report of the weekly collections in our Grouping in general. We have combined for this report collections from both parishes into one for each week. The amounts you read are from the overall Grouping. Naturally the collections are still deposited in separate parish accounts and recorded separately as well. We hope this summary gives you a glimpse of what things are beginning to look like already so you can imagine how they will continue to increase when we become **one new, vibrant parish**. Everyone is doing a fantastic job in cooperating with each other.

December 21 and 22, 2019: \$15,689.00

December 28 and 29, 2019: \$17,324.00

January 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary: \$4,729.00

January 5 and 6, 2020: \$14,393.00



**THANK YOU, EVERYONE,  
FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY!**

## PLEASE PLAN AHEAD TO JOIN US SAVE THE DATES

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM



Easter Triduum (Latin for “three days”) is the center, the core, of the entire year for Christians. These Three Days mark the mystery around which our lives are played out. Adults in our faith community are asked to *please plan ahead* so that the whole time from Thursday night until Easter Sunday is free of social engagements, free of entertainment, and if we are healthy enough, even free from meals except for nourishment. We measure these days – as our very salvation in the life of God. **This year we are inviting both of our parishes and our visitors to join together and celebrate the Easter Triduum as one family.** The following schedule contains the dates and times of each integral liturgy in the one sacred movement of the Triduum:

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| <b>Holy Thursday</b> | April 9, 2020<br><b>7:00 PM EVENING MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER</b><br>Saint Raphael Church<br>(Seven Church ‘Walk’ will follow immediately for those that wish to join us) |
| <b>Good Friday</b>   | April 10, 2020<br><b>1:30 PM THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b><br>Sacred Heart Church<br><b>7:00PM THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b><br>Saint Raphael Church                        |
| <b>Holy Saturday</b> | April 11, 2020<br><b>8:30 PM EASTER VIGIL</b><br>Saint Raphael Church<br>(Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at Noon, location to be announced)                              |

**BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN CHURCHES.  
PARKING ATTENDANTS WILL ALSO BE ON DUTY.**

## AFTER THE STORMS HEALING OUR HURTS; RESTORING OUR SPIRITS

Please reserve Thursday evenings **February 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** to attend “**After the Storms: Healing, Forgiveness...Hope**”, a 2-session program designed to focus on parishioners’ healing in the wake of several storms which have battered our faith community recently.



Join Eileen Colianni, counselor, retreat facilitator, and speaker on psychological/spiritual topics, as she shares psychological strategies and spiritual encouragement for healing the hurts and grieving the losses you, our parishioners, have suffered -- again and again -- during the last 18 months.

Much of Eileen’s input will also be helpful for healing more personal hurts .

*His Divine power has given us all we need for life and godliness. 2 Peter 1: 33*

### Locations:

February 6: Holy Angels Conference Room at Saint Raphael

February 13: Bishop Winter Room at Sacred Heart

Plan to be present so that we can begin to make our name – *bestpgghparish* – a reality!

## SPIRITUAL PLANS FOR THE JOURNEY OF LENT

Plans are under way for a grace-filled Lenten season of conversion and renewal for all our parishioners at Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart. We will provide all parishioners a Lenten packet of materials to assist you and your family. We will not be able to mail the packets to you like we did before Advent, but the packets will be ready for you to take home on the weekend before Lent begins. (The weekend of February 22 – 23) Ash Wednesday is on February 26, 2020. We will also distribute some of the packets at the Lenten Fish Fries at a Welcome Booth we are planning to host for all our visitors.

The Lenten packets will include daily spiritual reflections, a wallet-size Stations of the Cross devotional card so you pray the Stations at work or school, the Lenten version of the popular liturgical calendar that was designed by our own office staff, a Lenten Good Friday Mite Box that will benefit the Ladies of Charity, Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Hearts for Haiti and the people they serve in these ministries.

We are also exploring materials for young families with small children as well. Many families have asked us to repeat the special packets for little children.

If you have a certain Lenten devotional item you want us to consider including in the Lenten packets, please contact Barb Melnick at [barb@bestpgghparish.org](mailto:barb@bestpgghparish.org). Barb will be sure to pass your recommendation along to the planning committee.

We are scheduling a wide array of Lenten devotions, services, special Lenten Masses and many Lenten Programs at both Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael. We want this Lent to help every member of our Grouping make the best Lent ever. We believe you will be touched deeply when you read how much work has gone into making this coming Lenten very holy and very powerful as we journey with Christ in His Passion and Resurrection. His Holy Cross is our guide!



***WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU, BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS, YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD***



### Ladies Movie Night

Please join us to watch the movie *Bella* at 7 PM, Friday, February 28th in St. Raphael's library. There will also be snacks, discussion and prayer.





**CAREER EXPLORATIONS Grades 4-8.**



The students have been busy learning about different careers such as: Epidemiologists, FBI Investigators, Antique Appraisal Specialists, Jurors, and even creating a Halloween Catapults. They have been experiencing what their jobs require them to do and make some difficult decisions based on the facts. They seem to enjoy some more than others.

**MATH Grade 5**

The students have been working hard in learning different skills and concepts. We are now learning division through practice, group work, partners, problems of the week, and even having fun playing games



**SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER AT CHOO LA AH**

Choolaah has partnered with SHES for a Fundraising Event! On **Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** from **11am-9pm**, come to **Choolaah** located at 6114 Centre Ave in East Liberty to dine and **Choolaah will donate 30% of your purchase back to SHES!** Tell any team member when you are ordering that you are there to support Sacred Heart Elementary School for SHES to receive credit for your order. Offer valid on dine-in and take-out only. Thank you for your support!

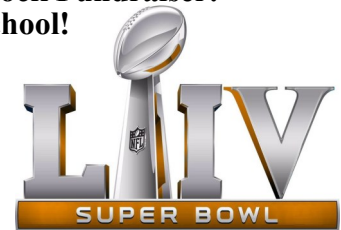
**Kindergarten and Preschool Registration**

We are accepting registrations for new students for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have younger children who you are planning to send to Sacred Heart Elementary School next year, you should start the process now. Kindergarten and Preschool are filling up for next year and wait lists may be starting by the end of January. Registration forms are available at the school office or on our website. A tour can be scheduled upon request.

**SACRED HEART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SUPER BOWL POOL FUNDRAISER**

**Sacred Heart Elementary School is sponsoring a Super Bowl Block Fundraiser!**  
**Please consider purchasing a block to support our school!**

The cost of one block is \$20.00  
Payout of \$125.00 end of first quarter score  
Payout of 250.00 for the halftime score  
Payout of \$125.00 end of third quarter score  
Payout of \$500.00 for the final score



There are 100 blocks, numbered 1-100. Each participant will select their block(s), by number, to be purchased. Block numbers will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. If your preferred block numbers are taken, block numbers will be randomly assigned. All unassigned blocks will be assigned to SHES. There is no advantage to one block over another.

The numbers around the outside of the block will be randomly assigned once the block is full. Once numbers are assigned to games, the block will be emailed to all participants. All payouts will be sent to the address provided.

**Please return form by January 29**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of blocks purchased:** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$20.00/block**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to Sacred Heart Elementary School. Forms and payment can be mailed or turned into the school office. Sacred Heart School, 325 Emerson St., Pgh, PA 15206; ATTN: Super Bowl Pool.**

**Preferred Block Choices:** 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 5<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Contact Lauren Messina [llgst14@gmail.com](mailto:llgst14@gmail.com)**



## Prayers for Life Mass

**Wednesday, January 29 at 7PM**

As a prayerful faith community we will conclude our “9 Day Novena for Life” with a special evening Mass at St. Raphael Church on Wednesday evening January 29.



January 22 was the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe Vs Wade legalizing abortion.

The Church comes together at this time to pray for the protection of all unborn children. As individuals, we too are called to pray for the protection of life in the womb and for the respect of all life created by God.

**This Special Evening of Prayer for Life Will Include:**

**Adoration 6pm, Rosary 6:30pm & Mass at 7pm**

**Please join us for all or part of this evening as we pray for the respect of all life.**

A reception will follow Mass in the St. Raphael School with light refreshments



**A PRAYER FOR LIFE** (by St. John Paul II)

*Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen*

## Sunday, February 9, 2020 - “your light must shine!”

at the 9:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated.

This is for children in grades 1 through 4.



After the opening prayer of the Mass, Father will invite the children to come forward to the front of the church. Arianna Narduzzi and Christina Narduzzi [our Faith Formation teachers] will lead the children to the Rectory Library.

The children will hear the Scripture in simple language. There will be prayer and singing.

The children will return to your family in the main church during the Creed.

All children in grades 1 through 4 are very welcome!



**Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life annual Lenten campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>!** We are called to unite the Body of Christ in

and around Pittsburgh in this on-going spiritual battle to end abortion. Since 2010, during our twice-annual 40 Day campaigns, with the help of hundreds of churches, groups and individual Christians, we have successfully maintained a prayer vigil on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh. God has used this prayerful witness to save precious lives from abortion, and to save souls as well.

**Substance Addiction Ministry Presentation** Fr. Michael Decewicz will speak at 7:00pm, **Wednesday, February 12** at St. Anne Church - Harkins Hall. Fr. Michael's talk is “The Challenge of Loving the Addict/Alcoholic” and is based on the parable of the Prodigal Son found in the Gospel of Luke. Fr. Michael is the Director of the diocesan Addiction Recovery Ministry and is Senior Parochial Vicar at St. Juan Diego Parish in Sharpsburg. No registration and the program is free. Harkins Hall is in the basement of St. Anne Church, 400 Hoodridge Drive. Please contact Jim Hanna, Pastoral Associate, for further information at 412-531-5964.

**Rotary Pancake Breakfast** The Lawrenceville Rotary Club will hold its 17th annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon at New Bethel Baptist Church, 221 43rd St., Lawrenceville. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and real Pennsylvania maple syrup will be served, as well as juice, coffee and tea. Gift baskets will be available at silent auction. Proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations and Rotary International projects. For information contact James Heinrich at [jheinrich81354@gmail.com](mailto:jheinrich81354@gmail.com)

### RETROUVAILLE

Does your marriage need a rebirth? Retrouvaille has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels from disillusionment through deep misery. For confidential information, please call 412-277-3434 or email [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). We will be hosting two weekend retreats in 2020: **January 31-February 2** and **September 11-13**. Call today to begin the healing process or [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



In Pennsylvania, as of the first week of January 2020, **Allegheny County** is the epicenter and has the most flu cases of the state at 5,175. Last year at this time, there were only 212 recorded flu cases. PA Department of Health recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

In addition to getting vaccinated, you can take everyday preventive actions like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others.



On Thursday, **January 30 at 7 pm** in the St. Raphael's conference room, we will begin planning for our annual bazaar. We hope that the 2020 Bazaar will be an opportunity to come together as a community across our grouping, and we hope that members from both St. Raphael's and Sacred Heart will be able to join us in planning for the event. If you are interested in helping but unable to attend on 1/30, please contact Ed LoPresti, [edlopresti@earthlink.net](mailto:edlopresti@earthlink.net), 412-781-3048.

### Parish Retreat for Men of St. Raphael and Sacred Heart

The annual parish men's retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, South Side, will begin the evening of Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, and end at noon Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020. The cost for the weekend is \$215. Historically a Sacred Heart retreat, the men of St. Raphael are encouraged to attend. Come and get to know your fellow parishioners during a weekend of renewal, recollection and relaxation. Questions? Contact F.J. Lucchino at 412-654-3111 or [fjucchino@gmail.com](mailto:fjucchino@gmail.com).

In order to more carefully manage our parishes' funds, in the near future, we will be discontinuing the practice of mailing the **Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper** to all registered parishioners' homes. If you are an individual in need of this service, we will be happy to continue it for you. We just ask that, by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**, you contact Barb Melick at (412) 661-3100 ext 110, or by e-mail at [barb@bestPGHparish.org](mailto:barb@bestPGHparish.org). Of course, we will have copies of "the Catholic" available in both of our churches each weekend.

**PITTSBURGH**  
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### Bible Study

Join us every Friday morning, from 10:00 to 12 noon at Sacred Heart in the Bishop Winter Conference room starting on Friday, **January 31**. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. The study is 10 sessions and will end on Friday, April 3 if there are no cancellations due to bad winter weather. The cost will be \$20.00. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Pat Miller at 412-731-3164, or email [pscjam@comcast.net](mailto:pscjam@comcast.net).



### Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast

Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on **Feb. 8, from 9 am to Noon** at the Double Tree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Guest speaker Fr. Levi Hartle wants to share his experience of God with you. Before he was born Fr. Levi was consecrated to the Lord by his mother, and was brought up in Christ as a child. At age 18, God spoke clearly to him in a profound prophetic word that established his life path to the priesthood and bringing people into the mystery of God. Cost of the breakfast is \$25. Student rate is \$15. To register, call Donna, 412-364-0969 or Pam, 412-461-8906 or go to [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org). Registration deadline is January 31.



As you would probably assume, currently, each of our parishes has its own bank account in which it manages the \$10 contributions that individuals make to the priests for mass intentions. However, in our continuing efforts to prepare for the merging of our two parishes into one, and in keeping with Diocesan directives, we have begun the process of combining the two separate stipend accounts.

In this effort we ask that, effective immediately, if you are paying mass stipends by check, please make the check payable to **MASS STIPEND ACCOUNT**. Also, we remind you to **not** include any other payments (such as for sanctuary candles) or donations when writing a check for stipends.

Other than the endorsement on the back of the check that you can see after the check is cashed, you will not notice any other change. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

### eGiving with *Faith Direct*

This month we are introducing to our Sacred Heart family, and re-introducing to our Saint Raphael family, a new and exciting way to contribute to our parish offertory and diocesan collections - *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make offertory contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through credit/debit card. Just think - no more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door to Mass! Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to our parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, utilities, car or tuition payments.

Please consider taking advantage of this new opportunity. You will be receiving more information in your U.S. mail and/or via e-mail in the next couple weeks. You may also get a preview of the options and even enroll by visiting [faith.direct/PA1027](http://faith.direct/PA1027) (for Sacred Heart parishioners) or [faith.direct/PA723](http://faith.direct/PA723) (for Saint Raphael parishioners). We hope that you will find this a convenient way to support our parishes!



**Nearly 600 families took home the blessing kit for the feast of Epiphany.**

**Fr. Joe recently stopped at a local home and was very happy to see the markings over the door where that family lives. May all the homes in our parishes be filled with peace!**



ORDER OF FRIAR SERVANTS OF MARY  
USA Province

December 29, 2019

Rev. Joseph M. Mele  
Sacred Heart Parish  
310 Shady Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4389

Dear Fr. Mele:

Just a short note to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to you and your parish communities of St. Raphael & Sacred Heart for their very generous donations of \$5,501.30 in response to our Mission Appeals presented by Fr. Timothy M. Kremen, O.S.M. the weekends of September 14/15 & September 21/22, 2019, respectively. Through their prayers and generosity our Servite Missionaries will be able to continue their ministries to the people they serve and for the formation of their young Servite Seminarians. Our missions are blessed this month (December) with the priestly ordination of two young Zulu Men as Servite Priests.

Please extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to your parish community and assure them that they will be remembered in the prayers of all Servites, especially those serving in our Missions in KwaZulu-Natal, Republic of South Africa. We ask that you request your parishioners to pray for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

May the Good Lord continue to abundantly bless you and your parish community with his generous mercy and love, especially during this Christmas season and New Year-2020, I remain.

Gratefully yours,

*Bro. Michael, OSM*

Bro. Michael Callary, OSM  
Servite Mission Procurator



Saint Raphael**As of January 5, 2020**Sacred Heart

\$126,954.00

\$47,018.00

\$5,712.00

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\$11.00

\$117.00

\$10.00

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\$10.00

\$11.00

\$40.00

\$31.00

\$3,215.00

\$1,829.00

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**Parish Share Program**

Diocesan Assigned Goal

*Amount Received as of 12/29/19***Offertory Collection**

Offertory Contributions

Cash/Looses Checks

Immaculate Conception Offertory

Solemnity of Mary Offertory

Children/Youth Christmas Charities

Religious Retirement Fund Collection

Christmas Flowers Collection

Children's Offertory

Maintenance Collection

St. Anthony School / DePaul Institute

Christmas Offertory

**Faith Direct - January 4, 2020****Solemnity of Mary**

Offertory Contributions

Cash/Looses Checks

Sunday Offertory

\$120,182.00

\$152,687.00

\$6,945.00

\$1,696.00

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\$309.00

\$30.00

\$20.00

\$20.00

\$3.00

\$100.00

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\$565.00

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\$1,543.00

\$849.00

\$40.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**SAINT RAPHAEL WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE**Tuesday, January 28th**

**RCIA** 7:00PM  
*(Holy Angels Conference Room)*

**Wednesday, January 29th**

**Adoration** 9:00AM - 7:00PM  
**Confession** 6:00 - 7:00PM

**Saint Raphael Minister Schedule for February 1st - 2nd**

|                 | <b>Lectors</b> | <b>EMoHC</b>   | <b>Altar Servers</b>            |
|-----------------|----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>4:00 PM</b>  | Regina McManus | M. Scolieri / K. Somma<br>Candy Venezia<br>Peggy Vath / Phil Conway          | Brian Lemon                     |
| <b>9:00 AM</b>  | Diane Stockey  | J. Lemon / J. Miller<br>Eleanor Minyo<br>Charlene Newman<br>Lido Ramacciotti | Robert :Lemon<br>Haley Moore    |
| <b>11:00 AM</b> | Mary Lou Foley | Deacon Vaskov<br>M. Schneider / D. Bertucci<br>N. Bosack / Roy Cook          | Michael Knecht<br>Seamus Knecht |

Sacred Heart Weekly Parish Schedule**Monday, January 27th**

**Life in the Spirit (Church)** 7:00 - 8:30PM

**Thursday, January 30th**

**Choir Practice** 7:30PM  
*(Choir Room)*

**Saturday, February 1st**

**Men's Fellowship** 8:00 - 9:30AM  
*(Bishop Winter Room)*

**Hearts for Haiti** 10:00 - 11:30AM  
*(Bishop Winter Room)*

**Sanctuary Candles - January 26th to February 1st**

**Saint Raphael** Mary Kennelly, Marion Fischer, Harriet Kineave & Kyle Houpt *(Bill & Nancy Bosack)*  
**Sacred Heart** Thomas Cukas *(Diane & Charles Schieb)*



**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.

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*By Appointment. Please call Barb Melick at 412-661-3100 to make arrangements.*

A baptism preparation program is required for parents who are presenting their first child for baptism.

For information on this monthly program, please contact Barb Melick at 412-661-3100 ext. 110.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Sacred Heart:** Saturday 3:30- 4:30PM  
or by appointment.

**Saint Raphael:** Wednesday 6:00-7:00PM;  
Saturday 3:15-3:45PM or by appointment.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

*Interested in becoming a Catholic?*

*RCIA is a process of discernment and formation.*  
Please call Father John Sweeney at 412-661-3100

**ANointing of the Sick**

*For those seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or the elderly.* Please call Fr. Steven Palsa - Parish Chaplain  
412-720-3554

## Baptism

*Congratulations to the family of  
**Jordy Patrick Hixson**  
**Luna Rae Mercalde***

***Alice-Rosse Marie McAvoy**  
who were recently baptized!*

*May God bless family and friends as they  
share faith over the years!*

**ADORATION AT SAINT RAPHAEL**

*Every Wednesday*

You are invited to come and pray the rosary at 6:30pm with  
the following schedule:

**9:00AM to 7:00PM All Day Adoration**

**6:30PM Rosary**

**7:00PM Mass**

**ADORATION AT SACRED HEART**

*First Friday of the Month*

**8:45AM to 11:45AM**

*First Sunday of the Month*

**6:30PM to 7:30PM**



*Please pray for our recently deceased and  
their beloved families*

**Bernadette Greene**

**Joseph Yannotti, Jr.**

**Glenn Cannon**

**Lois Marshalek**

**Santo Marcello**

## Marriage Banns

*Rachael Brozewicz & Mike Dorben III*

*Elisse Audra Periotis & Brian James Hilderbrand II*

*Please pray for these wonderful couples as they  
prepare for a happy life together.*

**Music at Mass**

Kyrie: W-317

Gloria: W-320

Alleluia: W-326

Sanctus: W-353

Mysterium Fidei: W-356

Great Amen: W-355

Agnus Dei: W-384

**Divorced, Widowed, Separated?**

The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone - In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women seeking to pass through the grief and pain and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey.

Please plan to join us on **February 8, 2020** from 8:45am to 4:00pm at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229. Fee is \$25.00. Register at

[www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com](http://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com) or calling Rob at 412-584-5575 or Mary at 412-523-2405.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

**CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON & SHIRA**

**JOHNSON-DIODATI**

**DAVID & LAUREN RUDY**

**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](http://www.diopitt.org) and following the links.

Thank you for your service to the parish!

**SAINT RAPHAEL CHURCH**

1154 CHISLETT ST.  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**

310 SHADY AVE.  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 - CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOS-**

3:15PM **TLE** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00PM(Vigil) Mariangela Liberto, Angelina Liberto & Paolo Liberto (*Vittoria & Concettina Liberto*)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00AM William, Theresa & Joan Eberhardt (*Family*)  
11:00AM Mary Kennelly, Marion Fischer, Harriet Kineavy & Kyle Houpt (*Bill & Nancy Bosack*)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27 - SAINT ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN AND RELIGIOUS FOUNDER**

9:00AM Mary Alioto (*Maria & Rosa Scolieri*)  
1:30PM (Villa) Concetta Costa (*Ralph & Rosa Barbieri*)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 - SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**

9:00AM Walter Bazner (*Linda*)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 - WEEKDAY**

6:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7:00PM Giuseppe, Palma & Caterina Serrao (*Maria Serrao & Family*)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 - WEEKDAY**

9:00AM Bob McFadden (*Loretta McFadden*)  
11:00PM (Villa) Eleanor Anater (*Ladies of Charity*)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 - SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**

9:00AM Mary McGraw (*C. Roy Cook*)  
11:00PM (Villa) Mary Kennelly (*Mary Exler*)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - WEEKDAY**

3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:00PM(Vigil) Kenneth Blazer (*Blazer Family*)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

9:00AM Venerando & Vittoria Costa (*Family*)  
11:00AM For the People of the Parish

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 - CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOS-**

3:30PM **TLE** Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30PM (Vigil) For the Poor Souls

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00AM Joseph Crisanti (*Edward Blank*)  
11:30AM Joseph Crisanti (*Dr. John Perry*)  
7:45PM For the People

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27 - SAINT ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN & RELIGIOUS FOUNDER**

12:05PM Gerald Baker (*Lorraine Baker*)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 - SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

12:05PM Joseph Crisanti (*Edward Blank*)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 - WEEKDAY**

12:05PM Anna & Donna Lee Gray (*Louise Gray*)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 - WEEKDAY**

12:05PM Luis C. Dominguez (*Family*)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 - SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST**

8:30AM Roman J. Knihnicky & Roy Shoop (*Sacred Heart Teachers & Students*)  
12:05PM Robert D. Byrnes, Sr. (*Dom Marasco, Sr.*)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - WEEKDAY**

8:30AM Sr. Bridget James O'Brien (*Friend*)  
3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation  
4:30PM (Vigil) Living & Deceased Members of Coraluppi & Tonzig Families (*Luisa Coraluppi*)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

9:00AM Terri Corcoran (*B. E.*)  
11:30AM Angela Bianco (*John & Mary Krauland*)  
7:45PM Thomas Malloy (*Friend*)

Please note that there are openings for **Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart Church.**  
Please contact Manon at 412-661-0187 ext 110 or [manon@bestpgphparish.org](mailto:manon@bestpgphparish.org).

**Mass Schedule at the Villa**

Vincentian De Marillac  
5300 Stanton Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Monday and Wednesday at 1:30PM  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:00AM  
Sunday at 10:30AM

**Readings for the week of January 26, 2020**

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17  
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 [Lk 1:32b]/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 [cf. 3a]/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41