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“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” Mt 5:33



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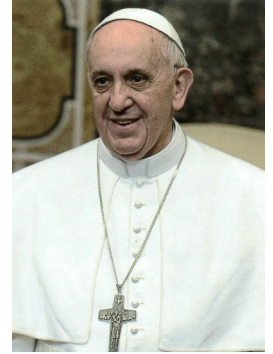
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Pope Francis: Marriage is an image of God

You can always go forward

Pope Francis told of how he met a couple who were celebrating 60 years of marriage. He said he asked them, "Are you happy?" They looked at one another, and with tears in their eyes, answered, "We are in love!"

It's true that there are difficulties, there are problems with children or with the couple themselves, arguments and fights... but the important thing is that the flesh remains one, and you can overcome, you can overcome, you can overcome. And this is not only a sacrament for them, but also for the Church, a sacrament, as it were, that attracts attention: "See, love is possible!" And love is capable of allowing you to live your whole life "in love": in joy and in sorrow, with the problems of children, and their own problems... but always going forward. In sickness and in health, but always going forward. This is beautiful.



The couple: the image and likeness of God

Man and woman are created in God's image and likeness; and for this reason, marriage likewise becomes an image of God. This makes marriage very beautiful, the Pope said. "Matrimony is a silent homily for everyone else, a daily homily."

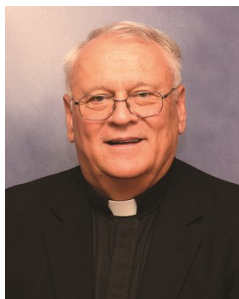
It's sad when this is not news: the newspapers, the TV news shows, don't consider this news. But this couple, together for so many years... it's not news. Scandal, divorce, separation – these are considered newsworthy. (Although at times its necessary to separate, as I said, to avoid a greater evil). The image of God isn't news. But this is the beauty of marriage. They [the couple] are the image and likeness of God. And this is our news, the Christian news.

Patience is the most important virtue

Marriage and family life is not easy, the Pope repeated. He pointed to the first Reading, where St James speaks about patience. Patience, he said, is "perhaps the most important virtue for the couple – both for the man and for the woman." He concluded his homily with a prayer that the Lord "might give to the Church and to society a more profound and more beautiful understanding of marriage, so that we all might be able to appreciate and reflect upon [the fact] that the image and likeness of God is present in marriage."

Vatican News, 25 May 2018

WELCOME FATHER DENNIS BURANOSKY



This weekend we welcome Father Dennis Buranosky to our grouping to preside at the 4:00 PM Mass at Saint Raphael Parish. Father Dennis is helping us celebrate World Marriage Day. Father served as pastor of the Church of the Assumption in Bellevue for a long time. Father Dennis retired last year but currently serves as Spiritual Director for the Retrouvaille Ministry. This special program helps couple heal and renew their marriages. The word Retrouvaille – (pronounced re – tro – vi with a long i) is a word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have

successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending this program. Father Denny gives Christ and the team couples all the credit for the spiritual and emotional success of the weekend. Once you meet and hear Father "Bear Paw" (his seminary nickname), you will know he is a humble priest and probably far more responsible than he realizes for saving many marriages on the weekends of Retrouvaille.

We welcome Father Dennis Burnanosky to our parish community on this World Marriage Day. Father will join us for the dinner that follows in the Cafeteria. Please come and join us.

Why Marry in the Catholic Church? (Excerpts from: For your Marriage)

If you are beginning to dream about getting married you may also be thinking about where to hold your wedding ceremony. Every couple wants their wedding to be a memorable event and wants the ceremony to have a special meaning. The wedding day is one of the most important days in a couple's life. You probably have friends who have found very creative ways to celebrate this day. Some may have selected natural settings such as beaches or mountains, or intimate settings such as a parent's or a friend's home.

If you and/or your fiancé(e) is Catholic, you are expected to marry in a Catholic church unless you have received permission to marry elsewhere. But marrying in a church is much more than an obligation. It's an opportunity to hold a celebration that is joyful and meaningful, one that can have a positive impact on the rest of your married life. ... What is more meaningful than reciting wedding vows handed down by Christian tradition? What is more awe inspiring than a rite through which you enter a spiritual reality where God unites you as husband and wife and gives you an important mission? In the Catholic tradition, husband and wife accept a role in God's plan for humanity. They are to be ambassadors of God's love. Through their love for each other they show God's deep love for us, and they collaborate with God to keep humanity alive. The Catholic Church considers marriage a sacrament, a vehicle for God's graces to the couple and to the community.



The Vow of Permanence

The focal point of any wedding ceremony is the exchange of vows. The vows are a sacred pact through which the spouses embrace each other and, together, embrace Christ as their partner. The pledge they make is unbreakable because through their union with Christ they participate in the unbreakable pact between God and humanity: the covenant that was sealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

All couples who marry want their marriage to last a lifetime... But married life is difficult and today many couples find it hard to keep their promises. Many young people have grown up experiencing the pain of divorce. While wanting to marry, they find it hard to believe that marriages can last a lifetime. They are afraid to commit. One of the benefits of a sacramental marriage in the Catholic Church is the power of God's grace, which helps spouses keep their commitment and find happiness together...

Experiencing God's Grace

Couples of faith are more successful and satisfied in marriage not because they have fewer problems than anyone else. What helps these couples grow and overcome obstacles is the help they find in God's grace. Recently we asked some couples: "How do you experience God's grace in your marriage?"

A wife married 28 years said: "We experience God's grace in our marriage through the seasons of our life. He was present when we were newlyweds, when we had young children, and he is present now that we are empty nesters. He gives us strength in the tough times and celebrates with us the good times."

A husband married 43 years said, "I experience God's grace in the love and support I receive from my wife. Her care and patience are gifts I do not deserve. They are grace."

Another husband married 15 years said, "I feel God's grace when life gets out of control — loss of a job. I know I can turn to God and find the courage I need to carry on."

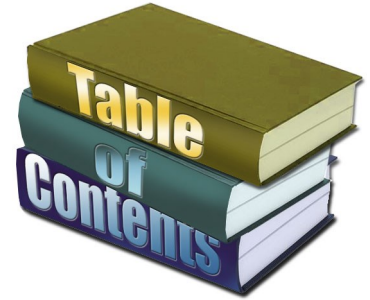
A wife married 20 years said, "There are times when we are having an argument and we go to church still upset with each other. We hear a reading that speaks right to us. We look at each other and smirk because we know that God has touched our stubbornness. This is grace." ...

Marriage in the Catholic Church is attractive not only because of its meaningful rituals and traditions, but because of its impact on your life and happiness. Couples can fully appreciate its value they look at married life through the eyes of faith. Then **you will see your wedding not as a one-day event but as the door to a great adventure that will last the rest of your life**, a journey that involves not just you and your spouse but one that includes God, your children, your community and all of society ... The Catholic Church invites you to give meaning to your life by embracing the vocation of marriage and forming a family that is dedicated to cultivating and sharing God's love.

When you are ready to make your commitment, speak to your pastor and ask for his guidance on preparing for such a noble vocation.

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ATTENTION ALL COUPLES BEING MARRIED SOON

Congratulations to all our couples preparing to be married. This is an exciting time for you and your families. The clergy team here at Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart parishes pledge our full support to you. Our team also includes wedding coordinators ready to help you plan a ceremony that will be beautiful and meaningful. And, of course, our Music Director J R Daniels and his assistant, Darlene Kiniry and their professional staff of cantors will be completely in your service.

There are many ways to make your Nuptial Mass or Wedding Ceremony very personal. You are welcome to involve family members and your closest friends in a variety of ways. If you haven't been to a wedding in one of our churches recently, we are sure the other bridal couples would not mind if you come on their wedding day to see for yourself, just how beautiful weddings at Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael are. All our couples married here tell us their guests admit they were pleasantly surprised by how deeply they were moved when they attended the beautiful weddings here.

For further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact any of our priests or deacons on our clergy team (listed in the bulletin). Come in and meet with one of us. We will be happy to share with you how we believe we can help make your wedding day everything we hope and dream it will be. Plus, it will be fun getting to know you better so on your wedding day you have someone you know that truly is grateful that you are being married in Church.



“The proclamation of the Gospel and its acceptance in faith reach their fullness in the celebration of the sacraments.”

— Pope Saint John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio* #55

***Familiaris consortio* (On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World)** is a post-synodal apostolic exhortation written by Pope John Paul II and promulgated on 22 November 1981.

PRAYERFUL BEST WISHES TO FATHER ED

We are happy for Father Ed Muge. We know for some time Father Ed has wanted to be closer to the campus of Duquesne University where he is working hard on his advanced degree in Moral Theology. Father Ed has been deeply loved by the people of Saint Raphael's where he has resided for the past several years. He is a very close friend of Father Chris Donley, so now he will be reunited with Father Chris as well as help Father Chris as part of Father's dynamic team. We all know downtown Pittsburgh is going to be set on fire with the Holy Spirit by the new vigor and solid spiritual and pastoral leadership of the clergy team there. Having a moral theologian in house will be an incredible asset.

Our own clergy team is hosting a farewell dinner for Father Ed. Father Ed has agreed to offer the 9:00 AM Mass at Saint Raphael Church on February 23. Parishioners of Saint Raphael's will have an opportunity to visit with Father Ed at that time.



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Office of the Bishop

February 3, 2020

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Dear Father Muge:

At the request of Father Christopher Donley, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, The Point/Uptown/Hill District, and after consultation with Father Joseph Mele, Administrator of the parishes of Saint Raphael, Morningside, and Sacred Heart, Shadyside, I am assigning you to take up residence at Saint Mary of Mercy rectory of Divine Mercy Parish, effective Monday, February 17, 2020.

Father Donley has shared with me that he is happy to welcome you as you continue to work on your academic studies at Duquesne University.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

+ *David A. Zubik*

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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cc: Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, VG
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GOD BLESS YOU FATHER ED AT YOUR NEW RESIDENCE AND DURING YOUR COMPLETION OF YOUR STUDIES AT DUQUESNE. WE LOVE YOU!

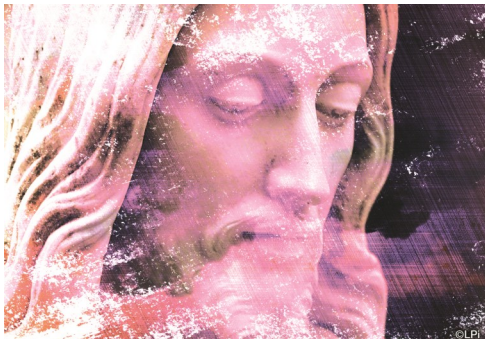
WEARY OF WORRYING, ANXIETY, NEGATIVITY?

If so, plan to attend a *bestpgpharish* Lenten experience with the potential to transform your spiritual life by bringing you closer to Christ.

On three Thursday evenings in March, Eileen Colianni will present

**"Putting on Christ: His Mind (March 5)
His Heart (March 12)
His Likeness (March 19).**

Location to be announced soon.



Showing up for these talks and being whole-heartedly present will renew your spirit, as well as give your daily life a tune-up.

So this Lent, why not learn how to fast from habits that hurt you, habits that crowd out Christ, instead of merely giving up your favorite snack?

If you want to know more, call Eileen (412.860.0224) for details.

Sacred Heart - Saint Raphael

GRAND OPENING Fish Fry



Saint Raphael Cafeteria

(1154 Chislett Street, Pgh, PA 15206)

Ash Wednesday, February 26th
from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Come out for our Ash Wednesday Service at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Raphael and stay for a **DELICIOUS FISH DINNER!** Our Fish Fry benefits Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart!

Please check our website:

bestpghparish.org

for prices, menus, and locations
for our Friday Fish Fry during the Lenten Season

Volunteers needed

We hope volunteers from both parishes will join together to help at the

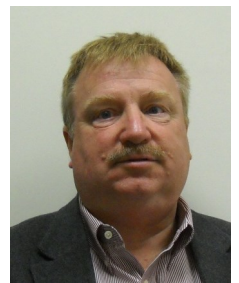
Kick Off of our **Fish Fry** on Ash Wednesday and for all following Fish Fry at Sacred Heart and Saint Raphael! To sign up for the Grand Opening and other Fish Fry at **Saint Raphael** go to <https://tinyurl.com/StRaphaelFishFryVolunteer>

StRaphaelFishFryVolunteer

To sign up for Friday Fish Fry at **Sacred Heart**, please call Lynn at **412-361-3131**.

It should be lots of fun for everyone.

Deacon Bill Hahn will undergo Cardiac Bypass Surgery on **February 25**. As a result, he will be recuperating for approximately four weeks. He asks that you keep him, and his family in your prayers. **Count on us Deacon Hahn!!**



An Introduction to Centering Prayer *One-hour that may forever change your life* **Saturday, February 22 from 10 to 11am** Sacred Heart Bishop Winter Room

Join us for a one-hour introduction to Centering Prayer – a prayer practiced by the Christian Desert Fathers & Mothers – that opens the mind, heart, & soul to experience the sacrament of the present moment and God's presence in our lives. You are also invited to attend the Sacred Heart Centering Prayer Group meetings on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30pm for Centering Prayer followed by a "prayerful reading" of the Sunday Gospels during Lent. To register contact Jack Shaw at 412-508-5383 or shaw.jack@verizon.net

We are very happy that parishioners at both parishes responded generously to the **Sisters of Saint Joseph** and their Auxiliary Members that were here last weekend selling tickets for their Annual Benefit. Preliminary reports are indicating that the response here at Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart parishes are two of the highest selling days ever! **Thanks to everyone for supporting the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Baden.**

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** for the St Raphael - Sacred Heart grouping is scheduled for **Monday, March 30 at 7:00 pm**, at Sacred Heart Church with Bishop William Walterscheid as the confirming bishop.



There will be a **preparation evening** on **Monday, March 23 at Sacred Heart Church from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

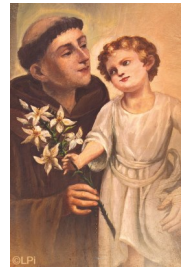
The evening will include prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and rehearsal. This preparation evening is for the students to be confirmed [not sponsors or parents]. More information to follow.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT - JOIN THE CHOIR!

One of the numerous ways to give to our grouping is to be part of our valuable parish choir. We are hoping some of you would just join us for Lent and Easter. If you have time and a bit of talent, we would love to have you. This is a great way to help make the Liturgy more beautiful, to grow spiritually and to make some new friends. Stop to see Mr. Daniels after any Mass. Please give this some serious consideration.

**SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA**

Plan to attend this powerful Novena in honor of Saint Anthony of Padua. This year Father Joe will deliver brief reflections about the life of Saint Anthony. Everyone knows that Father Joe has a personal devotion to Saint Anthony because he grew up in a family that instilled this in him. Like many in our area he knows the personal blessings people still receive through the intercession of this wonderful Saint. Our Novena will include a variety of liturgical music each week. Please consider joining us for all nine weeks. Saint Anthony is beloved around the world. There is rarely a church that doesn't have a statue of Saint Anthony because he is popular. He is ready to help you from heaven to discover the amazing power of Christ and the Lord's desire to answer every prayer made in faith!

**WELCOME to Birthright Volunteers - RED ROSE SUNDAY**

Birthright of Pittsburgh is an organization that provides assistance to pregnant women without regard to race, age, religion, or income. The essence of Birthright is love and compassionate support to women faced with difficult decisions regarding the life of their unborn baby. This weekend, **after all Masses at both parishes**, we will be accepting donations at the main entrance of our Churches in support for Birthright. In return, you will be receiving a small red rose button for any donation. Thank you for your support!



Catholic Men's Fellowship is an opportunity for men from Saint Raphael and Sacred Heart to deepen their understanding of the faith, using books, video presentations, and other study materials as a

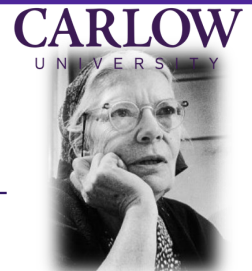
springboard for reflection and conversation. **Meetings are held the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. We meet in the Bishop William Winter Conference Room at Sacred Heart in the even-numbered months** (February, April, October, and December) and **in the Holy Angels Conference Room at St. Raphael in the odd-numbered months** (January, March, May, September, and November). On February 15th, we will begin a new study program, using ***The Ten Commandments: A Catholic Men's Workbook* by Andy Lucas**. To be added to our email list, or for more information, please contact Deacon John Vaskov at deaconjohn@bestpgpharish



Brotherhood, Bonfire
Saturday, February 29 @ 8pm,
The firepit behind St. Raphael Church.

Come enjoy an evening of fraternity with the men of our parish, as we bond over the ancient practice of burning things. Feel free to bring an indulgence of your choice, or just your appetite for conversation and fellowship. To RSVP or ask a question, call or email Nick O'Donoghue, 412.225.8239, nicholas.odonoghue@gmail.com

Pax Christi will be showing a documentary about **Dorothy Day** on **Sunday March 1st, 2020**, at 2:00PM. The showing will be at the Sisters of Mercy Mother House on Carlow's campus, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213



Run with Vagabond Missions: Vagabond Missions is asking you to help break the cycle of hopelessness by running with them in the 2020 Pittsburgh Marathon! This inner-city youth ministry is working to bring teens around the country into a life-giving relationship with Christ. It has reached over 4000 teens and brought 130 teens into the Church. By fundraising and running in the race, you provide much-needed support as we look to serve more teens, primarily in Pittsburgh's Hill District and Philadelphia. Don't feel called to run the full 26.2? With fundraising opportunities from the full 26.2 to a Pet Trot, all will have options to participate! Our runners also receive perks such as Vagabond swag and a pre-race dinner! For more information visit vagabondmissions.com/marathon or Shannon Keating at shan-non@vagabondmissions.com.

Black History Month

We propose throughout the month that you could look closely at the life of those black men or black women who are On the Road to Sainthood. We call them Leaders of African Descent.



Fr. Augustus Tolton (1854-1897)

Fr. Augustus Tolton was the first Roman Catholic priest in the United States publicly known to be black when he was ordained in 1886. A former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, Tolton studied formally in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on Easter Sunday at the Cathedral Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. Fr. Tolton led the development and construction of St. Monica's Catholic Church as a black 'National Parish Church', completed in 1893. Tolton's success at ministering to black Catholics quickly earned him national attention within the Catholic hierarchy. "Good Father Gus," as he was called by many, was known for his eloquent sermons, his beautiful singing voice and his talent for playing the accordion.

At the age of 43, on July 8, 1897, he collapsed and died the following day at Mercy Hospital as a result of the heat wave in Chicago. After a funeral which included 100 priests, Tolton was buried in the priests' lot in St. Peter's Cemetery in Quincy, which

had been his expressed wish.

On June 12, 2019, Pope Francis authorized the promulgation of a "Decree of Heroic Virtue", advancing the cause of Servant of God Augustine Tolton. With the promulgation of the decree of heroic virtue, Tolton was granted the title "Venerable".

Julia Greeley (1833 and 1848-1918)

Julia Greeley was born into slavery, at Hannibal, Missouri, sometime between 1833 and 1848. Freed by Missouri's Emancipation Act in 1865, Julia subsequently earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico—though mostly in the Denver area. Julia entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parish in Denver in 1880, and was an outstanding supporter of all that the parish had to offer. The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen. Every month she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. A daily communicant, Julia had a rich devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessed Virgin and continued her prayers while working and moving about. She joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was active in it till her death in 1918. As part of the Cause for Canonization, Julia's mortal remain were transferred to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7, 2017.



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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.

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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 (for Sacred Heart parishioners) or faith.direct/PA723 (for Saint Raphael parishioners). We hope that you will find this a convenient way to support our parishes!

SAVE-THE-DATE

The **2020 Parish Bazaar** will be **August 14-16** (Friday through Sunday) on the grounds of St. Raphael's, benefiting our parish grouping. Help is needed planning and organizing in the coming months, particularly related to the parade, the big raffle, the basket raffle, Bingo, funnel cakes, and advertising. We're also seeking a deputy chair for the bazaar. If you would be interested in helping in advance or volunteering during the weekend of the Bazaar, please take a moment to fill out a brief survey at <https://tinyurl.com/ParishBazaar2020> and let us know how you might like to help; or you can contact Ed LoPresti (edlopresti@earthlink.net, 412-781-3048). Our next planning meeting will be **Monday February 24 at 7 pm** in the Holy Angels conference room at St. Raphael's. And don't forget to set aside donations for our annual flea market and used book sale!

Every woman in our grouping is welcome to nourish their spirits and dive into the history and grace of the Rosary as we journey through the **ENDOW** study of "Rosarium Virginis Mariae," Pope John Paul II's 2002 landmark Apostolic letter.

Weekly sessions begin Tuesday, March 3rd and run through April 28th in both the morning and evening, so find a time that works for you! Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and encouragement together as we learn more about our Blessed Mother!

Mornings: 9-11 AM Bishop Winter Room, Sacred Heart
Evenings: 7-9 PM Library at St. Raphael's

For more information and to register for study materials, email straphaelsacredheartwomen@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Elementary Cafeteria

February 23, 2020 10am-12pm

Save the Date. Pancake Breakfast fundraiser organized by the Boy Scout Troop of 373. Food will be served after the 9:00 am mass (10am) of February 23. Stop by for a hearty breakfast and support our local scouts.

**MORNINGSIDE LADY BULLDOGS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION**

Spring 2020 Softball

Aged 6-15 Years Old

Deadline: **February 22, 2020**

or when spots are filled

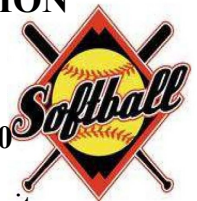
After February 22, 2020, please visit our Website for registration updates.

Please contact

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Or register on our website:

www.morningsideladybulldogs.com

**Ladies Movie Night****CHANGE OF DATE!!**

Please join us to watch the movie Bella at 7 PM, Friday, **February 21st** in St. Raphael's library. There will also be snacks, discussion and prayer.

**Teens, You're FIRED!**

FIRED up with the Holy Spirit!

We need you to lend that fire to your teen community! You have the unique opportunity to help create a brand new **Catholic youth ministry program in the East End of Pittsburgh**. Come to St. Mary Magdalene Parish, St. Bede Church, on **February 23 from 1-2pm**. We will meet in the family room located inside the church. Come share food, friendship, and faith! For more information contact Melissa at viatormelissa@gmail.com

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Placement Test for incoming freshmen will be held on **Saturday, March 7th from 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon**. Please contact Mrs. Lyons at [412-751-2020](tel:412-751-2020) to register.

**Spring Open House**

Thursday, March 5th 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Incoming Freshmen, spend time with current students and find your place in our clubs, activities, and sports. Parents, attend workshops and find answers on Financial Aid, College in High School, School Counseling and other topics. Please contact Mrs. Lyons at [412-751-2020](tel:412-751-2020) for more information.



Pittsburgh's 40 Days for Life annual Lenten campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26th! 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.

Help Wanted!

Our grouping is seeking individuals who would be willing to join our wonderful and dedicated team of collection counters. Individuals who have banking backgrounds, are experienced with Excel software, and/or just have a high comfort-level handling cash and working with numbers are asked to inquire. You should be a registered parishioner of either St. Raphael Parish or Sacred Heart Parish, and you should be available on weekday mornings (as a general rule). After training, and the necessary time to formulate the teams and schedule, we are hoping that the commitment would be one four-to-five-hour period, one morning every four or five weeks. You will be asked to interview and provide references as part of this process. If you meet the above criteria and are able/willing to provide this type of service to our parishes, please call Michael McGrath, Parish Business Manager, at (412) 661-0187, ext. 118 and leave your name and phone number. Please understand that in anticipation of our parishes merging into one next year, you may be asked to be on a team that processes the collection for either parish, or both parishes. Thank you for considering this essential ministry.



UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference

Discover the Freedom God has for you!

Saturday, March 14 from 8:15 am until 4:00 pm at St. John Baptist de la Salle Social Hall, 497 Athena Dr., Delmont 15626

Video presentation by author **Neal Lozano** and live teachings by **Father Joe Freedy** and **Alicia Hartle**

Join us for prayer, teaching and practice using the FIVE KEYS TO FREEDOM and opportunities for personal ministry from our ministry teams. Event sponsored by Unbound Pittsburgh-Greensburg Team. \$25 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Kim Hutchins 412-817-5465, hutchins@hssop.org or Rose Parente 412-551-0101, antkatdan@yahoo.com. Online registration available at <https://unbound-pgh-gbg-mar14.eventbrite.com>

Update on facility improvements

As Father Joe mentioned last weekend in his homily and as a means of routine transparency, we want to provide you this report. Last week we included the improvements made at Sacred Heart campus in the past several months; the report for Saint Raphael contains the list of projects we anticipate in the very near future

1. Repair of the current **security system** and additional equipment to assure the safety of our campus.
2. Expensive necessary repairs of the interior of the **rectory**. Fortunately much of this work will be done by families living in Saint Raphael Parish who want to help us restore this stately building. Fr. Joe is consulting a number of specialists who are advising him on a number of details that need attention in the rectory. Although projections for this work are estimated to be very high, the parishioners that Father is consulting assured him that the work can be done by them for a mere fraction of what it would normally cost. Fr. Joe will also consult with the Pastoral Staff, Pastoral Council members and, of course, the Finance Council members to determine the use of the rectory in the future. Some groupings have turned a rectory into their central business administration offices; some have rented the rectory to religious communities or other Catholic organizations or other related uses. Father will keep you informed as we move forward so that by the time of the establishment of our new parish, we will make the best decision for everyone concerned.
3. Father Joe informed everyone that the old school building needs a new roof. Inspections and estimates are being made at this time. The interior of the old school is also being studied. There are Catholic organizations as well as community organizations that are expressing interest in the space. The interior of the old school, as everyone knows, will need much work; but jobs that we can certainly manage.
4. **Gallagher Hall** is in the process of being cleaned and should be suitable for multipurpose in the near future.
5. The **Pastoral Center** (the new school) is in excellent condition. A special cleaning will need to be done since conditions merit that from when the elementary school closed. Once again, the use of the building in the future is being evaluated. Hopefully more information can be made available to you about this, sooner than later.

Saint Raphael

As of February 2, 2020

Sacred Heart**Parish Share Program**

Diocesan Assigned Goal

\$2,479.00

Amount Received as of end of January 2020

\$2,301.00

Parish Share Contributions will be updated monthly

Offertory Collection

\$4,677.00

Offertory Contributions

\$6,401.00

\$494.00

Cash/Looses Checks

\$1,152.00

\$10.00

Christmas Offertory

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\$2.00

Emergency Projects Collection

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Children's Offertory

\$1.00

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St. Vincent de Paul Offertory

\$1.00

\$15.00

St. Anthony School / DePaul Institute

\$35.00

\$19.00

Solemnity of Mary Offertory

\$15.00

Thank you for your generosity!**SAINT RAPHAEL WEEKLY PARISH SCHEDULE****Tuesday, February 18th**

RCIA 7:00PM
 (Holy Angels Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 19th

Adoration 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Confession 6:00 - 7:00PM
Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 - 9:00PM
 (Multi Purpose Room)

Sanctuary Candles - February 16 to February 22

Saint Raphael Kathy Joller (Family)
Sacred Heart Barbara Thiel (M. Ward)

**Saint Raphael Minister Schedule for February 22nd - 23rd**

	Lectors	EMoHC	Altar Servers
4:00 PM	Ron Protz	M. Scolieri / K. Somma Candy & Tom Venezia Peggy Vath	Brian Lemon
9:00 AM	Diane Stockey	J. Graham / A. Inesso J. Kanaan / J. Lemon Eleanor Minyo	Robert :Lemon Micah Brooks
11:00 AM	Regina McManus	Deacon Hahn D. Keller / J. LoPresti Pam & John Matia	Michael Knecht Seamus Knecht

Sacred Heart Weekly Parish Schedule**Sunday, February 16th**

Religious Education 10:00 - 11:30AM
 (Cafeteria)

Tuesday, February 18th

Forgiveness Study Group 6:30 - 9:00PM
 (Bishop Winter Room)

Thursday, February 20th

Centering Prayer 7:00 - 8:30PM
 (Auditorium)
Choir Practice 7:30PM
 (Choir Room)

Friday, February 21st

Bible Study 10:00AM
 (Bishop Winter Room)

Saturday, February 22nd

Centering Prayer 9:00 - 11:30AM
 (Bishop Winter Room)

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

**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!

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

Marriage Banns

Nicholas Sloan & Caroline Stevens III

Please pray for this wonderful couple as they prepare for a happy life together.



Please pray for our recently deceased and their beloved families

Sara Paravati
Christopher Brinsko

**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

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Help Wanted!

Father Steve is the parish chaplain. He attends to ten nursing homes and one hospital.

On Sundays and Thursdays, Father Steve has Mass at Kane Community

Living Center in Glen Hazel [Kane Hospital] – an Allegheny County facility. The Mass is at 1:15 pm. Volunteers are needed to transport residents from units to the chapel. This work of mercy [visiting the sick] would be a two hour commitment once a week or once a month. Please give Father Steve a call at **412-720-3554** for more information.

SAINT RAPHAEL CHURCH

1154 CHISLETT ST.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

SACRED HEART CHURCH

310 SHADY AVE.
PITTSBURGH, PA 15206

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - WEEKDAY

3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM(Vigil) Deceased of Cook & Kelly Family (*C. Roy Cook*)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM For the People
11:00AM Genevieve & Ed Michalski (*Jan & Frank*)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE
SERVITE ORDER**

9:00AM Gennaro D'Acunto (*D'Acunto Family*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

9:00AM Josephine McManus (*Daughter, Margaret*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

6:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
7:00PM Living, Fabian L. Ballesteros (*Joe DeSousa*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - WEEKDAY

9:00AM Robert S. Runzo (*Runzo Family*)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

9:00AM Antonino Scolieri (*Daughter*)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE
APOSTLE**

3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00PM(Vigil) Pasquale & Caterina Tavella (*Theresa Scolieri*)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM Mr & Mrs Gerardo & Assunta Runco
(*Mr. Guy Runco*)
11:00AM Mildred Dawson (*Timothy Bosack*)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - WEEKDAY

8:30AM Father William Kohler (*Friend*)
3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM (Vigil) Terrance Keough (*J.R. Daniels*)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM Physical Well Being of Dr. George Pavlic
11:30AM Tony Romito (*Michael Romito*)
7:45PM Special Intention (*Michael McGrath*)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF
THE SERVITE ORDER**

12:05PM Melissa McCague (*James McCague*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

12:05PM Malachy Reddy (*Mary Reddy*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

12:05PM Patricia A. Janis
(*Focolare Movement in Pittsburgh*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - WEEKDAY

12:05PM McCague & Gordon Families (*James McCague*)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

8:30AM In Thanksgiving for the life of Ariel Silvaggio
12:05PM Juan Carlos Duque
(*Focolare Movement in Pittsburgh*)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE
APOSTLE**

3:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30PM (Vigil) For the People

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM Melissa McCague (*James McCague*)
11:30AM Joseph Crisanti (*Dr. John Perry*)
7:45PM McCague & Gordon Families (*James McCague*)

Please note that there are openings for **Mass Intentions at Sacred Heart Church.**
Please contact Manon at 412-661-0187 ext. 110 or manon@bestpghparish.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 February 16, 2020**

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19