THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

CLERGY TEAM

Fr. Robert J. Grecco
Pastor
rgrecco@straphaelcgs.org

Fr. Aleksandr J. Schrenk
Parochial Vicar
aschrenk@straphaelcgs.org

In Residence
Fr. James McDonough
Fr. Jerome Etenduk
Fr. Robin Evanish

Deacons
Dcn. Kevin Lander
Dcn. Paul Lim
Dcn. Jim Mackin

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY:	4:00 p.m. at SSJ
	4:30 p.m. at SEAS
SUNDAY:	7:30 a.m. at SMOS
	8:00 a.m. at SEAS
	9:00 a.m. at SSJ
	10:00 a.m. at SMOS
	10:30 a.m. at SEAS
	11:30 a.m. at SSJ
MONDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SSJ
	12:00 p.m. at SEAS
TUESDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SMOS
	12:00 p.m. at SSJ
WEDNESDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SSJ
	12:00 p.m. at SEAS
THURSDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SSJ
	12:00 p.m. at SEAS
FRIDAY:	8:30 a.m. at SMOS
	12:00 p.m. at SSJ

Note: The schedule above does not list Holy Day or Holiday Mass Schedules.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER

330 3rd Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106

412-857-5356 | WWW.STRAPHAELCGS.ORG

For church locations and staff information, see page 20.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

For arrangements call
Dcn. Jim Mackin: 412-857-5356

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death. If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for that facility.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

PENANCE:

Saturdays

- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
  at St. Margaret of Scotland Church
- Noon to 1:00 p.m.
  at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Adhere to all posted safety protocol.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 19		**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
4:00 p.m.*	SSJ	Charles M. Sassano by Rita Sassano
4:30 p.m.*	SEAS	People of the Parish
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	Priests of St. Raphael Parish by the McCaffreys
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	Joseph Mihalic III by Family
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Louis Spezialetti Sr. by Millie and Larry Spezialetti
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	William Fisher by Sue and Matt Shick
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Leo Adamo by Connie Stover
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	James Stevenson by Kristina and Dennis Marquez
SEPTEMBER 20		**MEMORIAL OF SS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Dominic (Mickey) Pelle by Rosemarie Trombetta and Family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Evelyn McLaughlin by Deborah and Thomas Christopher
SEPTEMBER 21		**FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Carl Abinanti by Carol Martin
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Lou and Grace Fischer by Dorothy Gardner
SEPTEMBER 22		**WEDNESDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Michael Wudarsky by Aunt and Uncle
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Theresa (Terri) Meyer by Janet Magnelli
SEPTEMBER 23		**MEMORIAL OF ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Robert Lavorini by Fr. Grecco
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Gino Montani by Family
SEPTEMBER 24		**FRIDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Bill Fisher by Aunt Catherine
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Arch MacLennan by Patty MacLennan
SEPTEMBER 26		**THE PARISH SOLEMNITY OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**
4:00 p.m.*	SSJ	Spalla and Miele Families by Josie and Bob Soltis
4:30 p.m.*	SEAS	Judith Bellini by Darlene and Justin Luzar
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	The McCaffreys by Family
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	Bernard Schultz by wife, Rose Schultz
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Candida Spezialetti by Millie and Larry Spezialetti
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Rosemary P. Greig by the Miller Family
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Joseph Mihalic III by Family
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish

*anticipated Mass on Saturday evening

FROM THE PASTOR

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus and all of the parishioners who worked so diligently to make last weekend's picnic so enjoyable. It was a beautiful afternoon well spent in fellowship and Christian Joy!

I salute the men and women who are "stepping up" to form our Faith Formation faculty for the new Catechetical year. These faithful volunteers make it possible for the parish to assist the parents (who made the solemn commitment at the child's baptism) to act as primary teachers of Faith at home.

Catholics are often unaware of the requirements set forth for them to enter into marriage. For a valid, church-recognized union a **priest or deacon must witness the vows**. The exception would be the case of a "mixed religion" marriage with another baptized Christian (the priest then has to procure a "**mixed religion"** permission for the vows to be valid. Catholics marrying non-believers must involve a priest who will procure the "**disparity of cult**" dispensation. Additionally, many couples don't understand that if they are living together before marriage, they cannot receive the Eucharist. Couples that marry outside the Church are in the same position. They cannot receive the Eucharist because of how they entered into the marriage bond. What some may see as "negative" in all this is really the Church's manner of assuring that her children remain within the "family of faith" when beginning a married life and striving to raise their children as Catholic. If you find that you are in need of clarification about your own vows, please feel free to contact us. We have assisted many couples in "validating" their unions and made it possible for them to again receive the sacraments (and act as Godparents). Fr. Alek and I will be happy to help you.

Our first Patronal Feast will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend. The celebration continues with our neighboring parishes on Tuesday, September 28 at Archangel Gabriel Parish; Wednesday, September 29 (the universally observed Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael) at St. Michael the Archangel Parish; and Thursday, September 30 at our parish. Please see page 15 for details.

SAINT RAPHAEL
Pray for us!

NOVENA

Our First Feast Day Celebration

It is most fitting to re-visit and pray our special *Novena to St. Raphael the Archangel.* Begin the Novena on Tuesday, September 21, so that it ends on the Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.

Remove page 17 of this bulletin and fold the page in half.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Edith Moretti
Craig Stewart
Ann Zebracki

Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:

Anthony Anderson
Kathy Aspinall
Gary Baranowski
Clara Bielecki
Walter Bielecki
Anne Marie Birchok
Brian Bishop
Kelly Bittner
Jim Boerio
Donald Campbell
Dorothy Campbell
Elisa Carsia
Helen Cassidy
Kenneth Chase
John Chraska
Jean Conway
Rosemarie Cyprowski
Gina Dangelico
Katie Denke
Patty Drury
Kathi Dvorak
Jo-Ann Eller
Patti Eurich
Helen Fallon
Vicky Feeney
Lois Ferrie
Ron Ferrie
Rosemary Ferruzza
Suzanne T. Finnegan
Gabriel Fontana
Deborah Ford
May Frye
William Gabella
Dan Gardner
Dolores Gigliotti
Brandon Gross
Mark Hagelauer
Margaret Harkins
Wayne Hayes
Eileen Henefeld
Mary V. Hester
Patti Howcroft
Brent Jones
Noreen Joslyn
Patrick Joyce
Bob Karausky
Joanne Keating
Alice Kernan
Miriam Kist
Eleanor Kitt
Gregory M. Klemmer
Don Krally
Gloria Krally
Lori Krally
Darlene Kura
Helen Kurek
Jackie Kushner
Al LaBella
Mark Laird
Larry LaSota
Mary Ann Macino
Arch MacLennan
Laura Martin
Sam Martin
Carl Masciola
Gina Massengill
Bob McAleer
Kathy McGann
Paul McIsaac
Mary Jane Mericli
Virginia Miller
Joan Mondine
John Mostowy
Joyce Mostowy
Rocco Muffi
Robin Munko
Judi Novak
Theodore Novak
Mario Oliverio
Charles Perry
Diane Perry
Elizabeth Pfender
Nancy Pistella
Lou Pofi
Robert Prevost
Diane Pritchard
Bucky Recaldini
Dave Redman
Paxton Renk
Erica Rich
Florinda Rosemeyer
Alice Salla
Andrew Patrick Schade
John Schenk
Ann Scheuble
Mary Socci
Teresa Stacy
Jaime St. Ledger
John Stokan
William "Pat" Straughn
Judye Suhy
Bob Super
Rob Super
Rose Talmonti
Jerry Tokar
Allen Turske
Stephanie Vail
Mary Kay Walsh
James Walther
Shirley Westlock
Bucky Recaldini
John Zajicek
Kathy Zajicek
Regina Zelik

and all who are sick and in need of our prayers.

If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please let us know so we can get you the proper spiritual care. Because of the HIPAA law, treatment facilities are not permitted to release your information to us unless you or your family give them permission to do so.

TABERNACLE CANDLE Dedications

At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
In honor of Catherine Kyle's 101st Birthday
by Family

At Ss. Simon & Jude Church
Arch MacLennan
by Patty MacLennan

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

9/9/2021 through 9/14/2021	$23,859

2021 Parish Share

2021 Goal	$355,255
9/8/2021 through 9/14/2021	$4,703
Received to Date	$391,365
Goal Exceeded	**$36,110**

If you would like to contribute to the parish, consider using our online giving tool. You can set up recurrent payments, or make a one-time gift!

Scan the code to learn more and/or get started now.
OR visit our **website:**
straphaelcgs.org

Note:
Churches are listed alphabetically in this bulletin and online.

Unless otherwise noted, the bulletin deadline is
Monday at Noon.
Email: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

CELEBRATING THE ARCHANGELS
September 28, 29, and 30
Join in our three-day Celebration of the Archangels. See page 15.

CASH BASH
Join us for the very first St. Raphael the Archangel Cash Bash hosted by the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild. See our advertisement on page 14, and learn how YOU can win a 55" television. Check out our last plea for donations on page 16.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS ARE BACK
Starting this Friday and ending on October 29! Come to Ss. Simon and Jude Church every Friday evening! See page 19 for more information.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
The St. Raphael Parish Women's Retreat will be October 15 to 17 at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center on the South Side. See page 13 for more information.

LADIES OF CHARITY
Meeting
This week! Please see page 13.

MEN'S RETREAT
All men of St. Raphael Parish, as well as friends and family are welcome to attend the men's Retreat on November 12 to 14 at the St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center. The theme of this year's retreat is "I will reveal to you an abundance of lasting peace. Finding Peace and Serenity in Christ."

The cost for the entire weekend, including the retreat program, five meals, and accommodations for two nights in rooms with a private bath is $275.00. For rooms that have shared facilities, the cost is $250.00.

To register for the weekend retreat, men can call the St. Paul Retreat Facility directly at 412-381-7676. If you would like more information, you can contact Joe O'Keeffe at 412-287 -1417, or Jim Grazulis at 412-278-0437.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Join our friends and neighbors for the Kick-off event starting this week. Join us in prayer throughout the 40 days. Save the date to take part in our parish day at Planned Parenthood. See page 16 for information.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS TODAY.

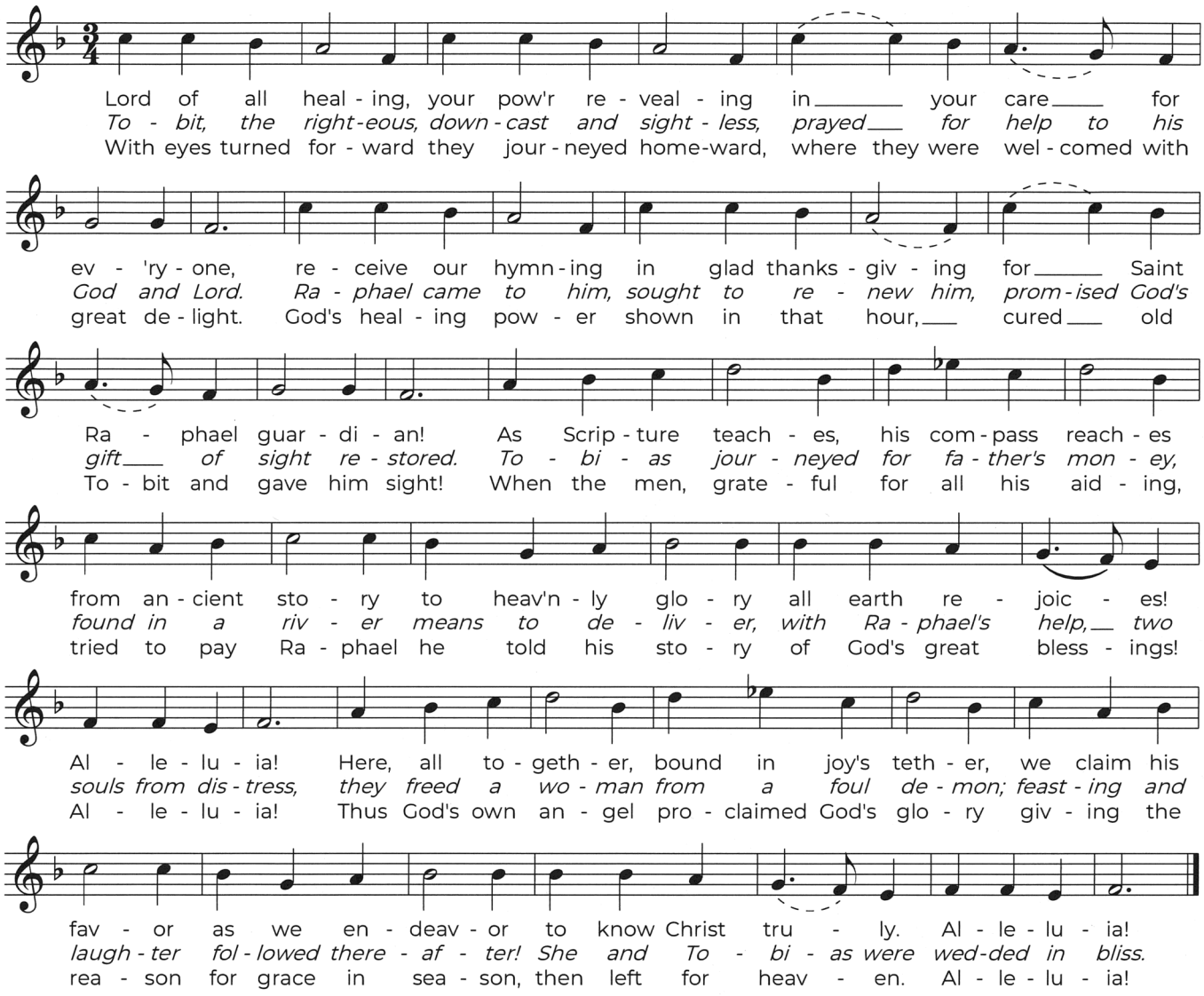
This weekend the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. Please take a moment to read more about this on page 10, and remember our catechists in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.
Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

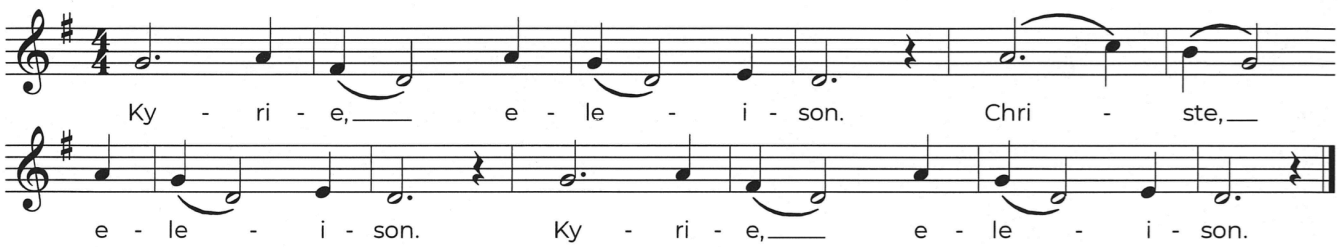
ENTRANCE HYMN | HYMN TO ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



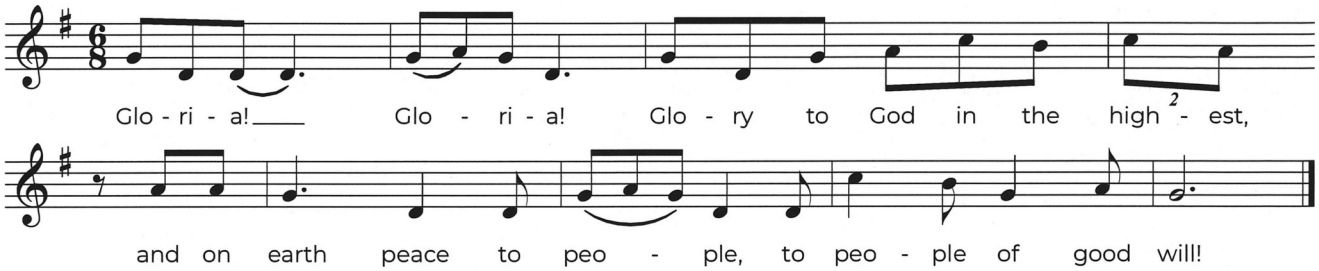
Tune: IN DIR IST FREUDE, 1591; by Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c.1554-1609 Text: Hymn to St. Raphael the Archangel: J. Michael Thompson, © 2021
Commissioned for the Parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, Diocese of Pittsburgh, PA

PENITENTIAL RITE / KYRIE

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do,
(all strike their breast as they say:)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



GLORIA



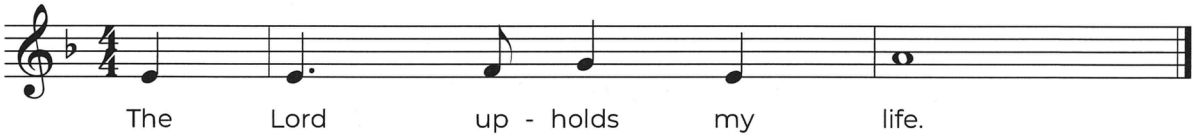
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING | WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say:
Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us;
he sets himself against our doings,
reproaches us for transgressions of the law
and charges us with violations of our training.
Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.
For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.
With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness
and try his patience.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 54:3-6, 8



O God, save me by your name;
by your power, defend my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the proud have risen against me,
and the ruthless seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, for it is good.

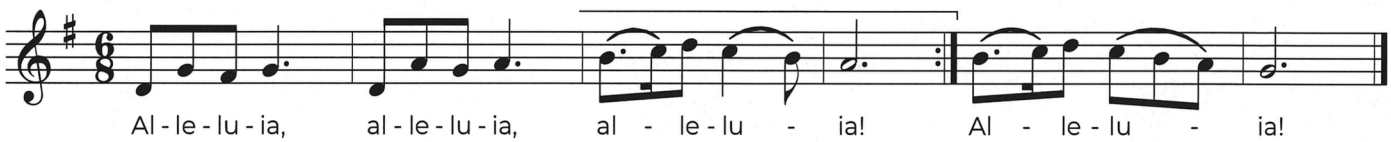
Text: Psalm 54 The Revised Grail, Conception Abbey © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: Michel Guimont, © 2011

SECOND READING | JAMES 3:16-4:3

Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.
But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.
And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.
Where do the wars
and where do the conflicts among you come from?
Is it not from your passions
that make war within your members?
You covet but do not possess.
You kill and envy but you cannot obtain;
you fight and wage war.
You do not possess because you do not ask.
You ask but do not receive,
because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | 2 THESSALONIANS 2:14



God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL | MARK 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey
through Galilee,
but he did not wish anyone to know about it.
He was teaching his disciples and telling them,
"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."
But they did not understand the saying,
and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house,
he began to ask them,
"What were you arguing about on the way?"
But they remained silent.

They had been discussing among themselves on the way
who was the greatest.
Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them,
"If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."
Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst,
and putting his arms around it, he said to them,
"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever receives me,
receives not me but the One who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

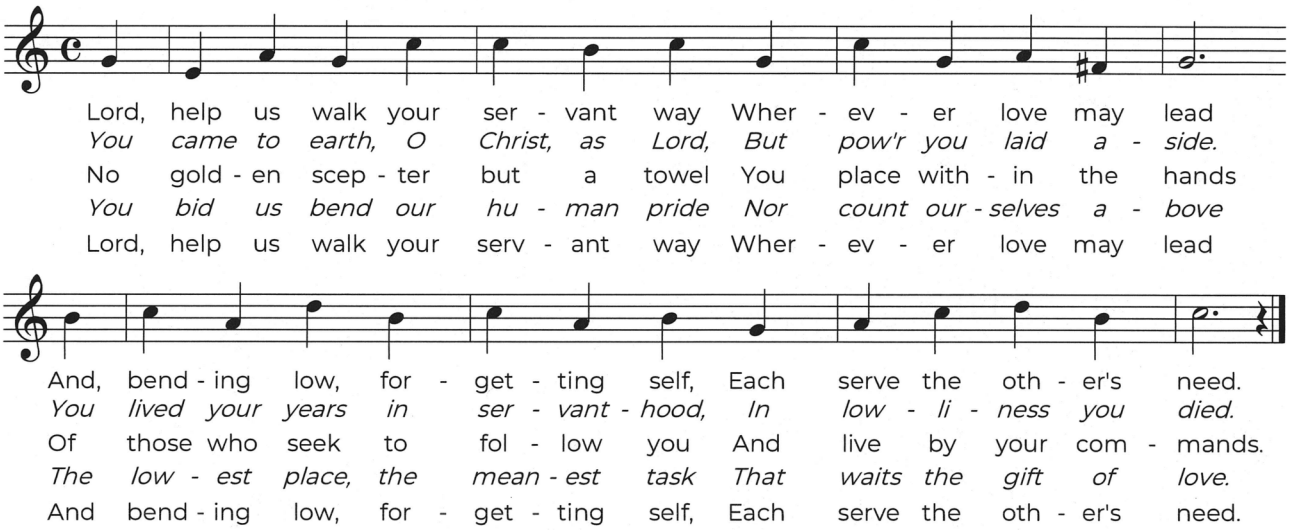
PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(bow at the following bold words)
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and
was buried, and rose again on the third
day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

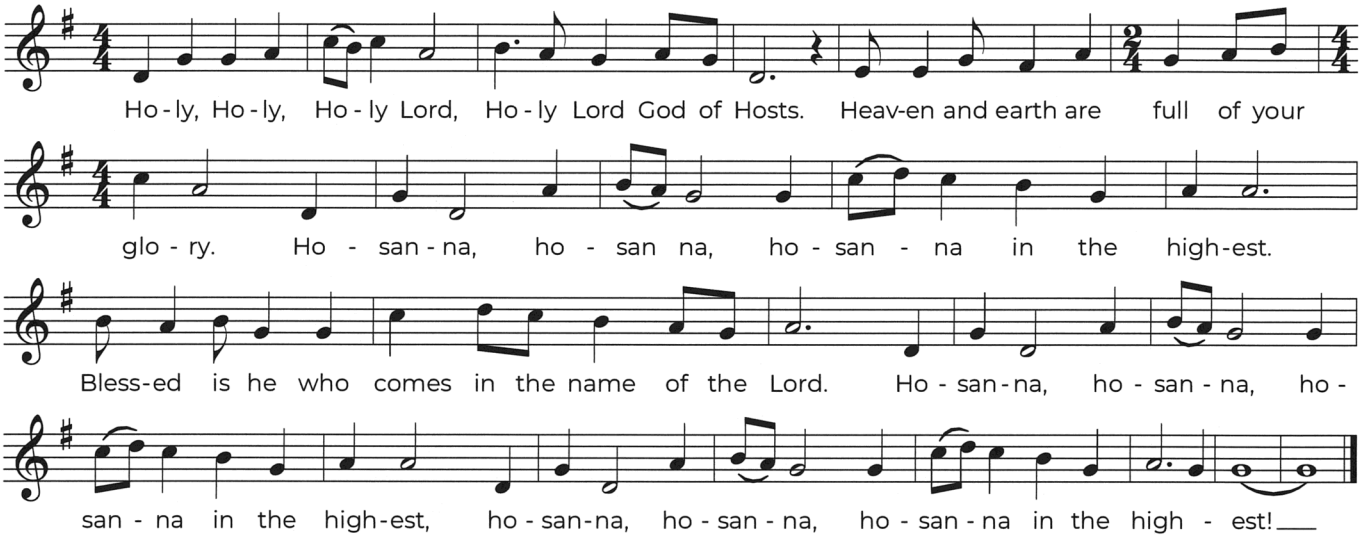
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and
the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through
the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN | LORD HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY

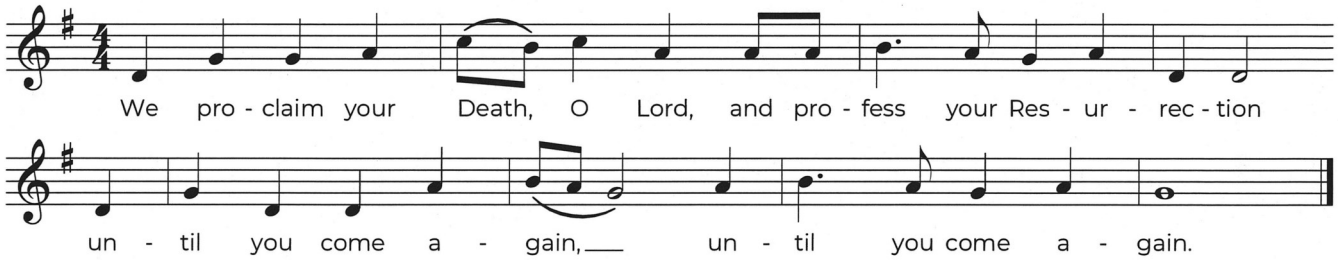


Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007, © 1997, GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: ST. ANNE, CM; attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727

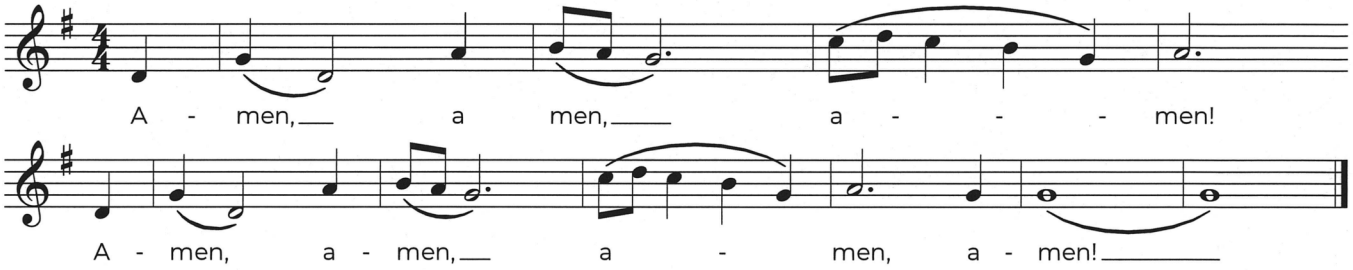
SANCTUS / HOLY



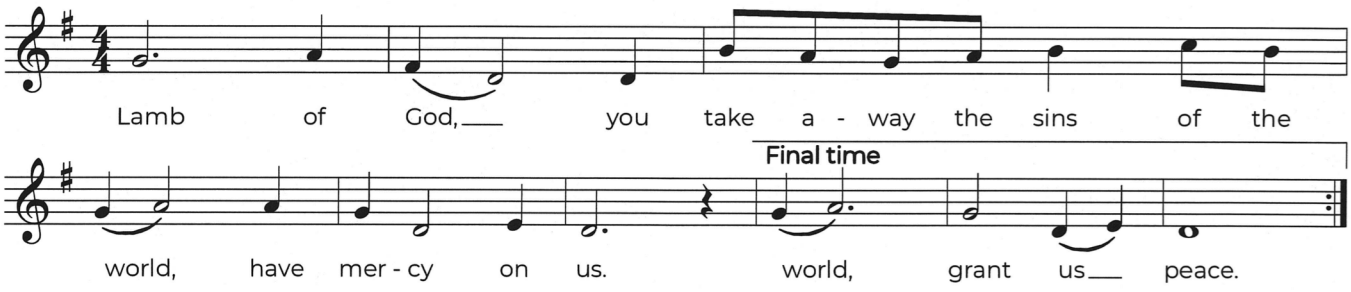
MYSTERY OF FAITH



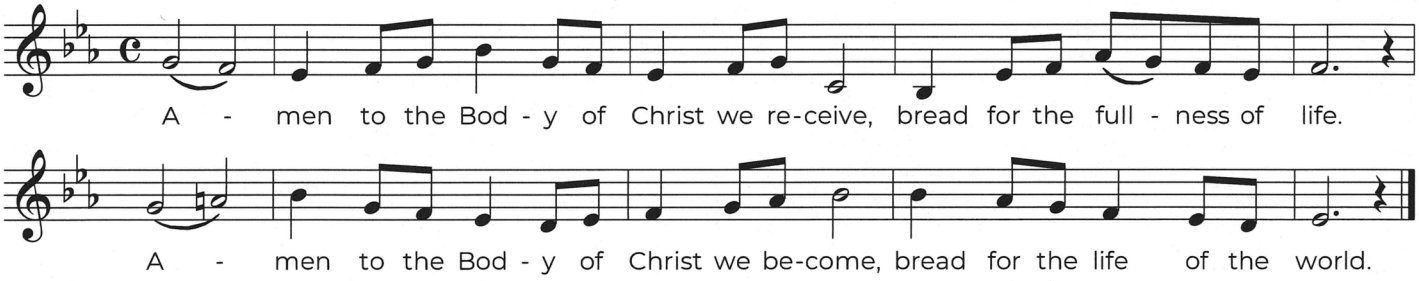
GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



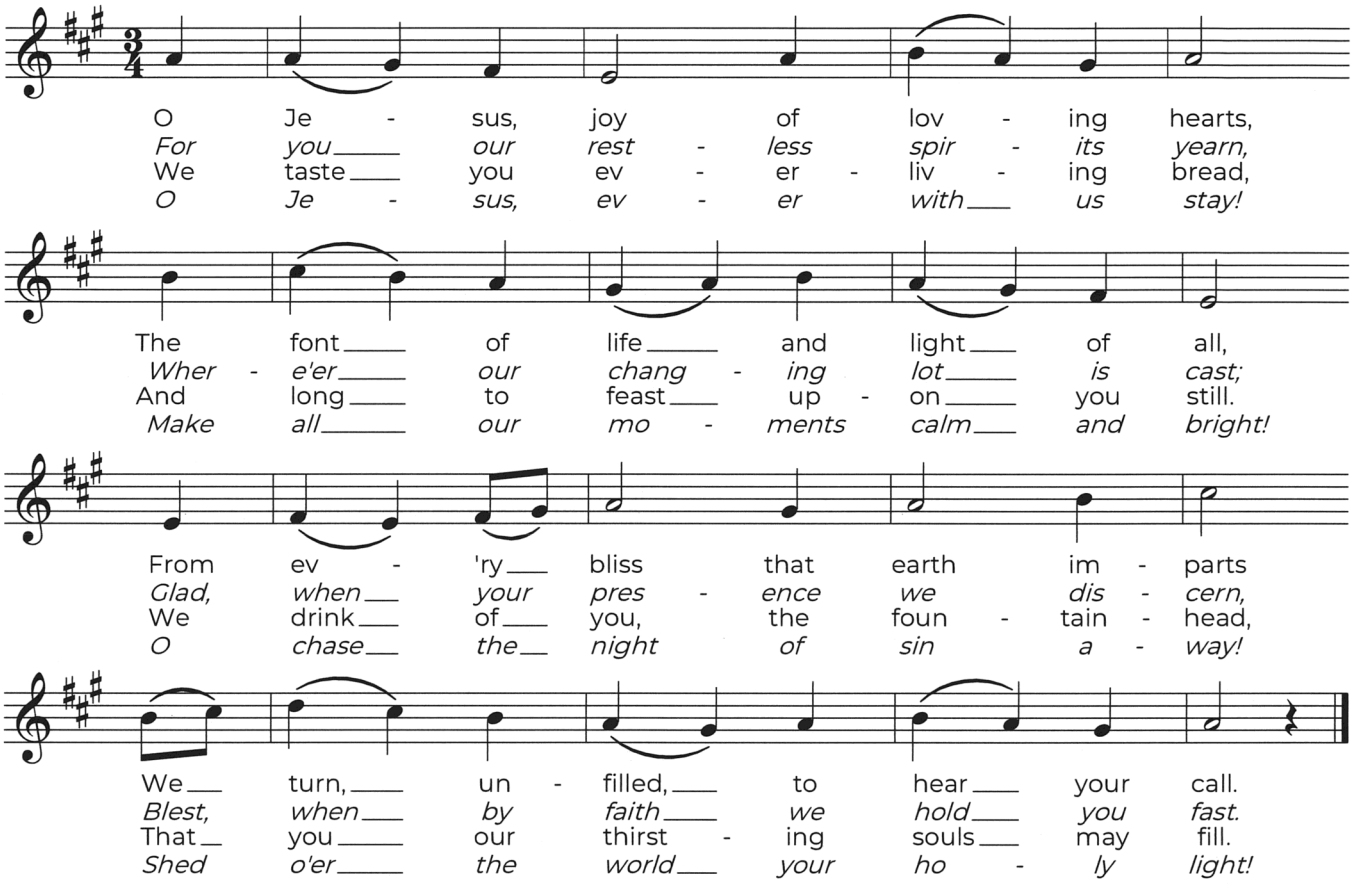
COMMUNION HYMN | AMEN TO THE BODY OF CHRIST



1. Jesus said, “I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. What you do for my loved ones, my poor and my least ones, that you do also for me.”
2. Jesus said, “I was homeless and you took me in; I was naked, and you shared your cloak. What you do for my loved ones, my poor and my least ones, that you do also for me.”
3. Jesus said, “I was sick and you visited me, In distress and you came to my help. What you do for my loved ones, my poor and my least ones, that you do also for me.”
4. Jesus said, “You are blest who have cared for the weak, Who have welcomed the stranger as guest. What you do for my loved ones, my poor and my least ones, that you do also for me.”
5. At the judgement one day, may we hear Jesus say, “Come, receive now the joy of your God. What you did for my loved ones, my poor and my least ones, that you did also for me.”

Tune: Michel Guimont, b. 1950 Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b.1939 © 2008 GIA Publications, Inc.

RECESSIONAL HYMN | O JESUS JOY OF LOVING HEARTS



Tune: WAREHAM; William Knapp, 1698-1768
Text: *Jesu, dulcedo cordium;* attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; paraphrased by Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

From the Order of the Mass: Lectionary excerpts ©1970, 1986, 1992, 1998, 2001 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc. Washington D.C. All rights reserved. The English translation of some Psalm responses, some Alleluia and Gospel verses, some Summaries, and the Titles and Conclusion of the Readings, from the *Lectionary for Mass* copyright 1968, 1981, 1997, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc., Washington D.C. All rights reserved. All music and texts reprinted with permission. Mass Ordinaries: *Jubilation Mass* by Fr. James C. Chepponis, b.1956. OneLicense.net # 700896-A.

Celebrating the Sacraments
Baptism

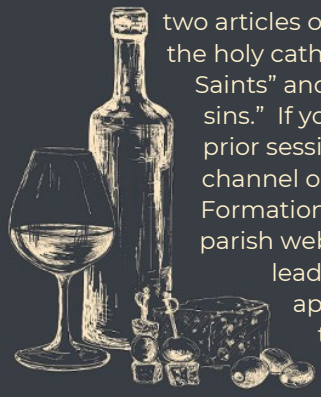
We welcome Emersyn Grace Orrison to our family of faith. Emersyn was baptized by Fr. Grecco at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. She is the little sister of Addison, and her parents are Kelly and Dan Orrison. Her proud godparents are Cassie and Ben Orrison. Congratulations and God's blessings to the entire family.

We'll see more of baby Emersyn next month as her name was pulled to be the very first St. Raphael Baby of the Year.

Wine, Cheese & The Creed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m., Fr. Alek will be back for his monthly "Wine, Cheese, and the Creed" course at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. Due to this month's cancellation, next month will be a "double header" covering two articles of the Apostles' Creed: "(I believe) in the holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints" and "(I believe in) the forgiveness of sins." If you want to catch up on any of the prior sessions, go to our parish YouTube channel or click on "Continuing Faith Formation" under "Our Ministries" on our parish website. Fr. Alek's presentations will lead you to a deeper understanding and appreciation of what we profess each time we recite the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed that we recite weekly at Mass.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This weekend the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday for those who are called to hand on the faith as a catechist. Today offers an opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

The USCCB has designated this year's theme to be: *"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."* This image by El Greco, illustrates the Gospel account of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes. The past year made us realize the need for healing, not only physical and emotional healing, but most importantly, spiritual healing. Only with a relationship with Jesus the Divine Physician can we be healed, despite our suffering, whether personal or worldly. The words we pray at Mass, "Say the Word and my soul shall be healed" are a profound reminder to be open to the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist. In our prayer we humbly ask him to say the word, and with faith, each one of us have hope of Jesus entering under our roof and healing our souls.

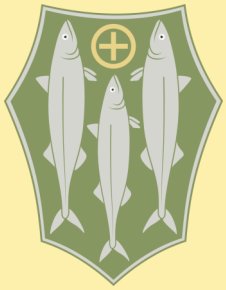
Thank you to all the faith-filled volunteers who are commissioned today:

Rose Ann King
Michelle Frego
Kathy Mackin
Brady Baranowski
Peggy Sembrat
Linda Deitrick
Kacey Steiner
Maggie King
Cindy Duggins
Marc Loniero
John Frego
Joann Redondo
Tracey Rockhill
Denise Edeburn
Terri Reffert
Amyjo McDade
Kevin McDade
Caitlin Doyle,
Allison Ware
Mary Doyle
Rich Pfender
Chris Kohan
Devin Powell
Rachelle Patel
Nancy Morgan

We truly appreciate your hard work and dedication to bring the "good news" of Jesus Christ to our youth.

Caring Corner

CARING + GIVING + SERVING



The wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits. *–James 3: 17*

On January 4, the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel was established. Now we are approaching our first Patronal Feast. Despite challenges, the last nine months have, like a period of gestation, resulted in nearly miraculous growth and development. Let's consider just a few good fruits of our merged parish.

- We had packed churches at our Triduum liturgies and increasing attendance at Mass, even before the obligation was reinstated.
- Before live meetings were allowed, our St. Vincent de Paul Society met via Zoom so that there would be no break in their readiness to provide support to those in need. A member recently observed that because of the merger, there are more resources from our generous parishioners to aid people in substantial ways.
- Our parishioners joyfully gathered for the first Mass of Fr. Joseph Uzar in June. This native son of Carnegie was celebrated as a new Diocesan priest by our entire parish community.
- Many parishioners have eagerly participated in continuing faith formation provided via our monthly Creed series and special Angels course this month.
- Our parish achieved its Parish Share goal in record time.
- We rolled up our sleeves together even as raindrops fell and had a very fun and highly successful parish festival.
- The live Partners in Prayer and online Prayer Chain from two of our former parishes are now united in lifting the intentions of our parishioners with faith in the power of prayer.
- Our newly commissioned St. Raphael Ladies of Charity are feeding three times as many homeless people as one parish did before in cooperation with Operation Safety Net and have embraced a new ministry to cook for and serve homeless veterans on a monthly basis.
- We had a wonderful parish picnic attended by hundreds of parishioners of all ages, even as it competed with the Steelers' opening game! The Knights of Columbus took the lead with support of the Christian Mothers and Ladies of Charity to make a festive day for all members of our parish.

Many other groups, individuals, events, and activities could be mentioned here were it not for the limited space! As we celebrate St. Raphael the Archangel's Feast, let us be grateful for the leadership of our priests, the service of our staff and volunteers, and the faith and love of our parishioners for Christ and each other. May our healing archangel continue to help us to see the blessings of growing together as a parish family.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & WOMEN'S GUILD MEMBERS

Please come to our "cooking day" on Wednesday, September 29, at 9:00 a.m. in St. Luke Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. We're preparing our famous meatballs and other yummy food for the Cash Bash.

A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF
SSgt. David Blackhall, USAF
SPC Casey Busch, Army
SSgt Kristiana Coote, USAF
LTC Ronald Gaudelli, Army
Sgt. Kyle Lamb, USMC
1LT Matthew Montanaro, Army
2ndLt. Anthony Palumbo, USMC
2ndLt. Anthony Redondo, USMC
Cpl. Jordan M. Rush, USMC
TSgt. Justin F. Smith, USAF
Sgt. Gregory Timmerman, Army

May we pray for your loved one who is actively serving in the military?
Please send his or her name, rank, and branch to Mary Kay Smith: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

The Parish of
St. Raphael the Archangel

ROSARY MARCH

A rosary march will be held on **Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church.** All parishioners of every age, and families of Guardian Angel Academy, are invited to join us as we process and recite the rosary on the grounds of St. Margaret's church. *(If inclement weather, recitation of the rosary will take place inside the church). Please be sure to bring your Rosary.* For information contact Sharon Smoller: ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

JULY-AUGUST 2021 REPORT

Despite the typical summer diversions and the vacations we have enjoyed, you continue to be generous to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and have taken no vacation from the special collections. We sincerely thank you and ask God's blessings on all our parishioners.

Your donations give a hand up to the working poor in our neighborhoods, whose monthly budgets can be upset when faced with loss of employment or the need to relocate. For example, one family we recently helped was a single mother with two children whose apartment lease ended in August. She faced the challenge of finding a place with less expensive rent, plus affording moving costs. She had the good fortune of finding a house she could afford, which offers a better environment for her children. Our conference assisted with her first month's rent.

Another single mom was directed to us by a social service agency that assisted her with finding an apartment and initial rent, and we were able to provide the furniture she needed.

Then there was the man, with compromised health conditions, who lost work for nine months during Covid, but was able to manage most of his housing expenses, except for a sewage bill in arrears.
We paid that bill, which was just one of eight utility bills with which we assisted.

# of People/Families	Assistance	Expenditure
8	UTILITIES	$ 1,736
2	TAXES	$ 347
1	CAR PAYMENT	$ 653
1	FURNITURE	$ 330
1	MEDICAL	$ 300
1	INSURANCE	$ 158
1	I.D.	$ 32
TOTAL 15		**$ 3,556**

Congratulations to the NEW (and official) St. Raphael the Archangel Christian Mothers & Women's Guild! The members began their inaugural season the best way possible: at the table of the Lord. Special thanks to Fr. Robin for presiding and blessing the new officers: President—Lori Dedola; Vice President—Judy Castello; Treasurer—Betty Graziani; Secretary—Mary Matlak. Many thanks to the new board members, and to all who attended.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & WOMEN'S GUILD

FALL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

We are offering a six week Bereavement Support Group to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Whether your loss was recent or not, you are welcome to join us for prayer, support, discussion, and fellowship. Our small group will provide a safe, confidential place to share experiences and move through grief and sorrow toward healing, but is not counseling. The group will meet live from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on October 7, 14, 21, and 28 and November 4 and 11 in the Church Hall at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. Registration is limited and current CDC recommendations will be observed. Please contact Laura at (412) 857-5356 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to register, or for additional information.

Ladies of St Raphael the Archangel parish, just a reminder that if you are thinking about joining the Ladies of Charity because you would like to help with feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the homebound/nursing homes, or any of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, come to the next **meeting on Tuesday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall at Ss. Simon and Jude Church where you will meet ladies with similar hearts.

PICNIC PRIZES!

Here are the winners from the basket raffle at the Parish Picnic. Thank you to everyone who participated.

1. Stadium Seats - Trudy Witwicki
2. Pittsburgh Sports Basket - Phyllis Timbario
3. Cutting Board & Giant Eagle gift card - Peg Hunter
4. Lottery Tickets - Judy Castello
5. Boy Bookbag - Anna Bittner
6. Lego Sets - Vince Dlugos
7. Girl Bookbag - Joe Schmitt
8. Purse with Cash - Mary Jane Charitan
9. Wreath - Mary Ann Kelly
10. Wine, Shop, & Dine - Milly Bradley
11. Dining Out Gift Cards - Ken Pintwala
12. Dual Wireless Charging Pad - Lori Dedola
13. Lazy Susan - Karen Maurer

PRAYERS IN NEED

Each week on page 3 of this bulletin we list those who have asked for our prayers. We know that many parishioners and clergy take that list to prayer every week (some daily!). If you or a loved one are listed there and have experienced healing, please share your story with our care minister, Laura O'Keeffe (laura@st.raphaelcgs.org). And be sure to let Mary Kay Smith know so she can remove your name from the list (mksmith@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5321)

As we approach the Feast Day of our healing archangel, let us be sure to take some time and pray for those listed on our prayer list, and for *all* parishioners and neighbors in need of healing.
St. Raphael the Archangel, hear our prayers.

Raphael's Ramblers

This Tuesday, September 21, come and join us for our last evening walk of the summer! We have had a great time praying, walking, talking, and breathing fresh air. What fun it has been to meet other members of our St. Raphael Parish family in a relaxed setting. All are welcome to meet at the Blessed Mother Shrine in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot at 7:00 p.m. for opening prayer. In case of heavy rain or thunderstorms, we will cancel.

Women's Retreat
OCTOBER 15 TO 17

Join us!

The women of the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel will be on retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center on the South Side from October 15 to 17. The theme of this year's retreat is

"Finding Peace and Serenity in Christ."

The retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. The cost for the weekend is $275.00 for rooms with a private bath or $250.00 for rooms with shared facilities. A $75.00 deposit is required. Included are accommodations, five meals, conferences, and workshops in this beautiful setting overlooking the city. You will have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Eucharistic Adoration; morning and evening prayer; Mass; free time to rest, read, pray, and explore the grounds; and fellowship with other like-spirited women. Treat yourself and our Lord to the gift of peaceful, prayerful time with Him! Register online at the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center website or by calling 412-381-7676. For more information, contact Regina at 412-343-0130 or Laura at 412-429-1583.

Come to the
St. Raphael the Archangel
Ca$h Ba$h

SOLD OUT!

Sponsored by
The Christian Mothers & Women's Guild.

Saturday, October 2 in St. Luke Hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

This event is sold out.

Though we cannot sell any more tickets to attend the event, you may still buy a ticket for chances to win every 15 minutes throughout the evening!
Call Lori Dedola to get a ticket: 412-302-8719

Ca$h Ba$h TV Raffle! Going on NOW!

Get your chances to win a 55" 4K Ultra HD TV with voice activated remote!

Look for folks selling before and after Masses in the next two weekends.

Or call Lori Dedola for your chances: 412-302-9143.

1 ticket for $3
2 tickets for $5
5 tickets for $10

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Ca$h Ba$h

Many thanks to Leo J. Henney Funeral Home & Puhlman's Flower Shoppe for donating this prize!

VOLUNTEERS

You are required to complete a new follow-up course entitled, "Protecting God's Children Maltreatment 3.2 with Vulnerable Adults Combined." This interesting online class only takes about an hour of your time. Go to our website to learn more and start today.
No computer? No problem! Call Karen Maurer for information: 412-857-5356.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

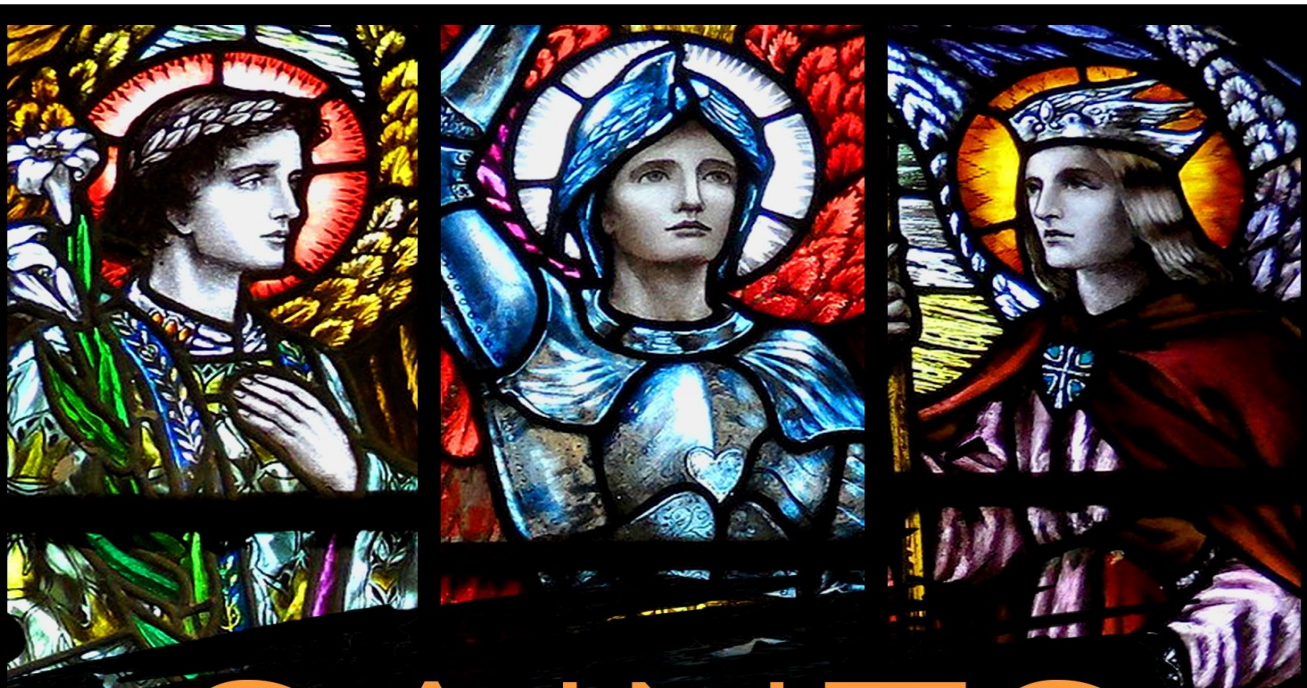
The 2021 - 2022 year for children in grades K - 8 began last week. Registrations and tuition must be received prior to a child attending class.
Please contact Sharon Smoller for more information at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356.

CANDLES FOR SALE

St. Raphael the Archangel Candles are available to purchase for personal use. Cost is $7 each or $12 for 2 candles. They may be purchased at the Parish Administration Center located in Carnegie during office hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Sharon Smoller at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356.

PICTURES

Send your Parish Picnic photos to Mary Kay: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org.



SAINTS

GABRIEL | MICHAEL | RAPHAEL

ARCHANGELS

©LPi

- A TRIDUUM CELEBRATION OF THE ARCHANGELS -

Join the South Hills "Archangel" parishes as we celebrate our joint patronal feast of the Archangels: Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael. Each evening celebration will begin with Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a reflection on each Archangel appropriate to the host parish that evening. These celebrations are free to attend. Each evening will end with fellowship and refreshments.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

1. **Archangel Gabriel Parish,** at Holy Trinity Church (5718 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township, 15136) on **Tuesday, September 28,** with prayer and talk by Mr. Michael Aquilina.
2. **St. Michael the Archangel Parish,** at St. Bernard Church (311 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, 15216) on **Wednesday, September 29,** with prayer and talk by Mr. Adam Blei.
3. **The Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel,** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (330 Third Avenue, Carnegie, 15106) on **Thursday, September 30,** with prayer and talk by Mr. Aquilina.

THE PRAYER SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

We encourage "car-pooling" if you plan to visit each of the Archangels in those days.

CASH BASH BASKETS

Christian Mothers & Women's Guild

Heidi Hartman has graciously offered to chair the **Gift Basket Raffle** at the Cash Bash. We are looking for folks to donate items to be used in our baskets.

Help us to create extraordinary prizes so we can get top dollar for our Parish. We will take gifts, gift cards, and bottles of cheer. Donate one item or create an entire basket of gifts!

Businesses and groups in our community are welcome to donate on behalf of the organization or business.

If you have questions, or want to make arrangements for pick-up, please call Heidi: 412-260-9280.

Pittsburgh 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

From September 22nd – October 31st, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. *If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact*:

- Campaign Director Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com
- To adopt a time slot for your group, contact Fran Morrow at franmac98fmc@gmail.com
- To sign up for hours as an individual, contact Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com

- **19,198 babies saved!**
- **221 abortion workers converted!**
- **112 abortion centers closed!**

Visit our websites for more info at:

40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh (or) 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

Join us for one (or both) of our TWO AMAZING KICK-OFF EVENTS!

Sept. 20th 6:30-9:00 pm at St. John Neumann Parish *"Bringing Pro-Life Pittsburgh Together", featuring testimonies and informal social.*

Sept. 21st 7:00 pm Kick-off Mass at Epiphany Church, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!

Fr. Chris Donley presiding, Homily by Fr. Tim Deely.

TAKE PART ON OUR VIGIL DAY: Join our St. Raphael the Archangel Parish family during Respect Life Month at the annual vigil outside Planned Parenthood. **Our parish has pledged to pray between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20.** We witness and pray peacefully for innocent preborn babies to have a chance to live, for women in crisis pregnancies to have the support they need to choose life, and for our government and society to work toward a culture of life in which the most vulnerable members are cherished and loved as our Creator loves them. We need to fill the entire four hour shift, and any amount of time you can give is appreciated. Please contact Laura at 412- 857-5356 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to sign up for a time.

—Ad created by 40 Days for Life

Golden Agers

Join us for our Annual

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON AND CRAFT SHOW!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT 1:30 P.M. in St. Luke Hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Enjoy a generous buffet of Roast Turkey Breast with Homemade Gravy, Stuffing, Steamed Vegetables, Whipped Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Pumpkin and Apple Pie, Coffee and Tea.

The cost is $15 | Reservations must be made by October 20. | Contact Don Cain: 412-279-0885

DAY 8

September 28

TUESDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For an increase of joy in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, in the psalm today, we cry out “God is with us.” Today, give us the grace to abandon ourselves to your greater design for our lives. As we continue the work of our new parish, help us to realize that happiness is to be found in following your will wherever it leads us. Free us from all self-regard, self-reliance, and self-importance, and fill us instead with the joy of your grace through the reassurance that God is indeed with us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 9

September 29

FEAST OF SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL

For an increase in humble trust in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, with your help and the help of the mighty archangels we know we are not alone in the struggles in our lives and world. Help us to find your holy presence in our brothers and sisters. Calm our anxieties and fears and guide us according to your will. We ask for humble faith, obedient to the promptings of your Spirit and trusting in your providence.

Saint Raphael, offer my prayers to God as you offered those of Tobiah, so that through your intercession I may obtain the graces necessary for the salvation of my soul through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Michael, pray for us.
Saint Gabriel, pray for us.
Saint Raphael, pray for us.

A NOVENA TO ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

DAY 1

September 21

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE

For the clergy of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, on this feast of Saint Matthew we ask you to pour forth your blessings upon our clergy — the priests and deacons of our new parish. As they minister at your altar, instruct us in your Word, and lay down their lives for your people, confirm them in the grace of their ordination. Shape their hearts according to your Sacred Heart, making them single-minded in service to you and to the Church. By your grace make them shining examples of a holy and joyful life lived for your glory and the salvation of others. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

After each prayer for the day, conclude with the following:

Prayer to St. Raphael

Glorious archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by your gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler to the unfortunate and refuge of sinners, I entreat you to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life, as you once assisted the young Tobias in his journeying. And since you are the “physician of God,” I humbly pray to you to heal my soul of its many infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor is for my greater good. I ask especially for angelic purity, that I may be made fit to be the living temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

— Pope Leo XIII. (adapted)

Say one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.
Saint Margaret of Scotland, pray for us.
Saints Simon and Jude, pray for us.
Saint Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

DAY 2

September 22

WEDNESDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For the families of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, when you took on our humanity and dwelled among us, you lived as a member of a human family, growing in grace and truth under the protection of Saint Joseph and your Blessed Mother. May we always look to the Holy Family of Nazareth as an inspiration and guide, and grant that the families of our new parish may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic Churches. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 3

September 23

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

For the children of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, out of the mouths of children you have fashioned a perfect hymn of praise. Through the intercession of St. Padre Pio, look with kindness on the children of our new parish. Your Son gladly welcomed little children, taking them in his arms, blessing them, and holding them up as an example for all. Bless our children, too, that they may grow in Christian maturity and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's witnesses in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 4

September 24

FRIDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For the elderly, sick, and homebound of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the elderly of our parish, along with the sick and the homebound. Let us always minister to them with the care and affection which are their due, and let them praise you for the goodness which you have shown them throughout their lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 5

September 25

SATURDAY OF THE 25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

For the unemployed and those experiencing financial hardship in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to be close to the unemployed and those facing financial hardship during these trying times. Inspire us to be brothers and sisters to all those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide our leaders and the people of our new parish to use their public and private wealth so that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 6

September 26

THE PARISH SOLEMNITY OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

For an increase of devotion in the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate Mass today and honor our patron St. Raphael, stir in our hearts the water of devotion. Fill this parish with the desire to honor and love you in all things, so that the good work you begin in us now may come to perfection in heaven. Through the intercession of St. Raphael the Archangel, make this journey rich in devotion and rooted in love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DAY 7

September 27

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

For the staff and volunteers of the parish

Lord Jesus Christ, in your kindness bless the staff of our parish and the generous volunteers who make possible the many ministries of our churches. Deepen in all of us an awareness of our gifts and talents, showing us how they might be used for your glory and the salvation of our neighbors. Call us to a greater zeal and fidelity, and as we labor in your Church, prosper the work of our hands for the furthering of your Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

SEPT. 24 - OCT. 29

Ss. Simon & Jude Church

1607 Greentree Road | Scott Township | Pittsburgh, PA 15220

5 PM to 8 PM

FOOD • BEER • LIVE MUSIC* • FUN • GAMES • BONFIRE • S'MORES

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Our parking attendants will be ready to help you get in and out with no problems!

*Oct. 29–Live music will be replaced by Halloween-themed music. Join us for the party!

THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Serving the Catholic Community in Carnegie, Green Tree, and Scott

412-857-5356 **STRAPHAELCGS.ORG**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
330 3rd Ave.
Carnegie, PA 15106

St. Margaret of Scotland Church
310 Mansfield Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Ss. Simon and Jude Church
1607 Greentree Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

THE PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER IS LOCATED AT 330 3RD AVENUE IN CARNEGIE
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
MASSES AT SSJ STREAMED LIVE
Please join us at straphaelcgs.org and click the "Livestream" button. The Mass schedule is on the front cover.

CLERGY TEAM

Pastor
Rev. Robert Grecco
rgrecco@straphaelcgs.org

Deacons
Dcn. Jim Mackin
Baptism Coordinator
jmackin@straphaelcgs.org

Dcn. Kevin Lander
klander@diopitt.org

Dcn. Paul Lim
RCIA Coordinator
pLim@diopitt.org

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Aleksandr Schrenk
aschrenk@straphaelcgs.org

In Residence
Rev. Jerome Etenduk
etendukj@duq.edu

Rev. Robin Evanish
revanish@diopitt.org

Rev. James McDonough
jmcdonough@diopitt.org

Chaplain
Rev. Michael Yaksick
myaksick@diopitt.org

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms
For arrangements please call Dcn. Jim Mackin.

Marriage
Arrangements must be made with one of the priests *at least six months before* the proposed date of the wedding.

Penance
Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, and Noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Church

Anointing
Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death.
If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

Note:
You must be a registered and active parishioner for at least **six months** before requesting sacramental sponsor forms. Please allow **three weeks** for completion.

SCHOOLS

Guardian Angel Academy Elementary School
Principal: Robert Munz
rmunz@guardianangelacademy.org
915 Alice Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Ss. Simon and Jude Pre-school
Director: Trish Costantino
office1625@gmail.com
1625 Greentree Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

PARISH STAFF

Offices: 330 3rd Avenue | Carnegie, PA | 15106

Business Manager
Tim Thorsen
busmgr@straphaelcgs.org

Facilities Manager
Tim Castello
tcastello@straphaelcgs.org

Faith Formation
Sharon Smoller
ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org

Care Ministers
Karen Maurer
karen@straphaelcgs.org

Laura O'Keeffe
laura@straphaelcgs.org

Communications
Mary Kay Smith
mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

Music and Livestream
Béla Pater
bpater@straphaelcgs.org

Safe Environment
Karen Maurer
karen@straphaelcgs.org

Administrative Assistant
Cathy Mulkerrin
cathy@straphaelcgs.org

Maintenance
Paul Marcinizyn
maintenance
@straphaelcgs.org

Livestream questions: livestream@straphaelcgs.org

Flocknote
Text StRaphaelCGS to 84576
Learn more: flocknote.com

Sacramental Records
412-456-3158

Saint Vincent de Paul
412-444-5424

SVdP Food Pantry
at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
412-489-5848

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Mondays by Noon
mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

DIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE
1-888-808-1235
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093
CHILDLINE: 1-800-932-0313