

# THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**NOVEMBER 14, 2021** 

# Welcome!

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# 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

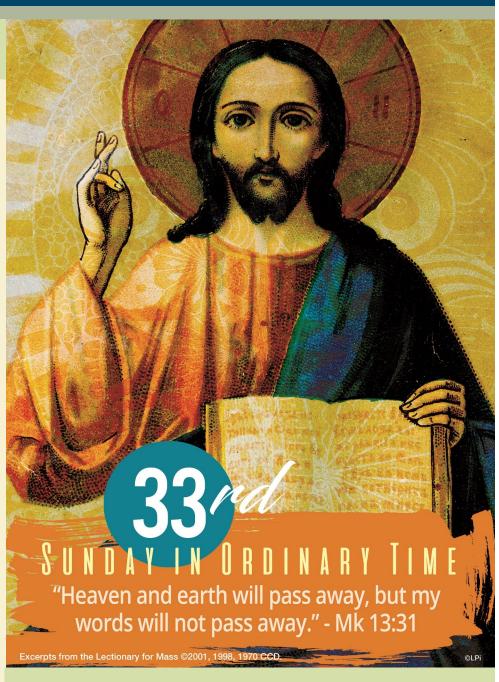
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

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.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | St. Margaret of Scotland Church | Ss. Simon and Jude Church

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

# **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

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NOVEMBER 14		THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
4:00 p.m.*	SSJ	Mary Barus by the Godzinski Family		
4:30 p.m.*	SEAS	Kathy and Don Gruda by Mary Louise Gruda		
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	Jeannette and Joseph McCarl by the McCarl Family		
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	Lora Cook by Kim and Mel Cook		
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Ann Zebracki by Emily Schumacher		
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Virginia Slebonick by Rosanne and Ron Schad		
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Anna Marie Mauti by Janice and Augie Mauti		
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	Ruth Hoerster by Giulia and Jim O'Keeffe		
NOVEMB	ER 15	MONDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish		
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Gerald Matthews by Kathleen Matthews		
NOVEMBER 16		TUESDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Dolores S. Chilberti by Bobbi and Jim Henry		
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Edward M. Flohr by Jean Fauth		
NOVEMB	ER 17	MEMORIAL OF ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY		
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Spiritual & Physical Wellbeing of Luisa & Giorgio Coraluppi		
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Kathy and Joseph Driscoll by Janet Magnelli		
NOVEMB	ER 18	THURSDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Debbie A. Bailey by Bobbi and Jim Henry		
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Agnes and Dom Romano by Eileen and Tony Romano		
NOVEMB	ER 19	FRIDAY OF THE 33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Jeremiah Sullivan by Children and Grandchildren		
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Ann Zebracki by Adam Schumacki		
NOVEMBER 21		THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
4:00 p.m.*	SSJ	Rossanah Abraham Etenduk by Donna & Christopher Azzaretto		
4:30 p.m.*	SEAS	In Thanksgiving - Mary & Charles Matlak 50th Wedding Anniversary		
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish		
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	Elizabeth Marszalek by Mary Ann Marszalek		
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	In Thanksgiving for Faith Formation Volunteers by Sharon Smoller		
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Louis Vignone by the Greentree Post Office		
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Lora Cook by Kim and Mel Cook		
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	Mary Ann Shalamon by Joe and Bob		

<sup>\*</sup>anticipated Mass on Saturday evening

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

# FROM THE PASTOR \_\_\_

"In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them. Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 958)

We recently completed the "October Count" for the diocese. It seemed a good time to publish the attendance numbers as we have them for the past years. We have not yet recovered our pre-Covid numbers, although attendance in definitely increasing weekly. The chart on page 10 is for your information. (Please do not listen to any rumors that some folks may start because of this!)

The schedule of Masses for the Christmas Holy Day has been determined (See page 4). Although we didn't have reliable 2020 holiday attendance numbers because of Covid (and the unexpected heavy snowfall on Christmas Eve into Christmas Day) we are maintaining the number of Masses from last year. In the future, there may not be a need (or available priests) for the schedule as published this year. No 3:30 p.m. Mass is permitted this year. We are in need of Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Readers for each of the Masses. Please call the office and make your commitment soon.

#### REMINDERS

On Sunday, November 21 the Church completes its liturgical year of grace, 2021, with the Solemn Feast of Christ the King. A Holy Hour with exposition of the Eucharist as well as sung evening prayer will take place at 4:00 pm. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

An invitation.... Let us help you to welcome back to Church and the full practice of the Catholic Faith a family member or friend who has drifted away. Father Alek and I are happy to help answer questions, alleviate concerns, sacramentally reconcile, whatever possible...to assist those who want to return to the grace of Christ during the coming Advent season and beyond. Please feel free to call us in order to schedule an appointment for a loved one who would like to "come back".

A special reminder to all who have generously supported the Parish Share Program 2021: As the calendar year comes to a close, please review your pledge card to determine how soon you are responsible to complete your pledge. Please note that if you wish to have the full contribution reflected as your charitable giving for 2021 tax purposes, the completed pledge must be received by December 31.

# Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

**Anthony Balestra** Charles Moffatt Marjorie Morgan

Richard Pfender Joseph J. Price III son of Gail and Joe Price Alice Salla



Please pray those who have asked for our prayers: Mark Laird Larry LaSota John Linn Mary Ann Macino Arch MacLennan Laura Martin Sam Martin Carl Masciola Gina Massengill Kathy McGann Paul McIsaac Mary Jane Mericli Virginia Miller Joan Mondine John Mostowy Joyce Mostowy Rocco Muffi Robin Munko Pat Murdzak Judi Novak Theodore Novak Mario Oliverio Tom O'Shea **Charles Perry** Diane Perry Elizabeth Pfender Nancy Pistella Carol Poecking Lou Pofi Robert Prevost Diane Pritchard Bucky Recaldini Dave Redman Paxton Renk Erica Rich Florinda Rosemeyer 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 John Zajicek Kathy Zajicek and all who are sick and in need of our prayers.

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If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital

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.

or nursing home, please let us know



At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Dan Cannon

by family

At St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Margaret Wilke

by her children

# STEWARDSHIP

## Offertory

11/3/2021 through 11/9/2021 \$27,523

#### 2021 Parish Share

2021 Goal \$355,255 11/03/2021 through 11/09/2021 \$8,650 Received to Date \$457,832 **Goal Exceeded \$102.577** 

The Second Collection next Sunday is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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

#### **OPERATION SHOEBOX**

We are in full-swing! Help our St. Vincent de Paul Society. See page 15.

# **ANGEL TREES**

The Ladies of Charity will be sponsoring The Angel Trees for people in need of a Christmas gift. Please see page 10 for details.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 25 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. See page 11 for information about this year's Food Drive.

#### **PARTNERS IN PRAYER**

This Thursday, November 18, the St. Raphael Partners in Prayer will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Holy Family Hall at SEAS Church. Please come and join them to pray for the needs of our parishioners or to ask their prayers for any special intentions. All are welcome to join them for prayers and noon Mass!

#### **ADVENT PROGRAM**

O Come Emmanuel. Enrich your Advent. See page 12.



#### **HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

There are many changes in the bulletin's scheduled deadlines. All information must be submitted by Noon on the dates listed below. If you have questions, please contact Mary Kay Smith: 412-857-5321

Bulletin	Submit articles/information by:	
November 28 - 1st Sunday of Advent	Tuesday, November 16	
December 5 – 2nd Sunday of Advent	Monday, November 29 (as usual)	
December 12 – 3rd Sunday of Advent	Thursday, December 2	
December 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent	Wednesday, December 8	
December 25/26 - Christmas Weekend	Tuesday, December 14	
January 2 - <i>Epiphany</i>	Monday, December 20	

# ENTRANCE HYMN | WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN

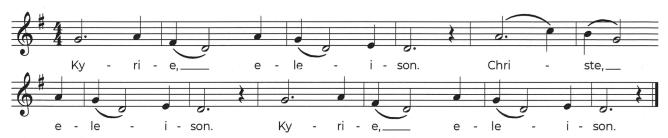


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# PENITENTIAL RITE / KYRIE

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.



# ${\sf GLORIA}$ We will sing the Gloria in the following way: refrain - verse 1 - verse 2 - verse 3 - refrain.



- 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 | DANIEL 12: 1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord:

"At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, quardian of your people;

it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time.

At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book.

"Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever,

others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM 16: 5, 8-11



O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot. I keep the Lord before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to hell, nor let your holy one see corruption.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss forever.

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# SECOND READING | HEBREWS 10: 11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters:

Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool.

For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | LUKE 21: 36



Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

# GOSPEL | MARK 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples:
"In those days after that tribulation
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the
clouds' with great power and glory,
and then he will send out the angels
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.
"Learn a lesson from the fig tree.
When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves,

you know that summer is near.
In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.
Amen, I say to you,
this generation will not pass away
until all these things have taken place.
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father."

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,

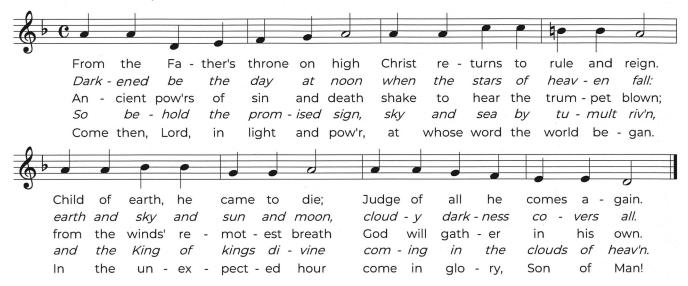
#### (bow at the following bold words)

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.

# OFFERTORY HYMN | FROM THE FATHER'S THRONE ON HIGH

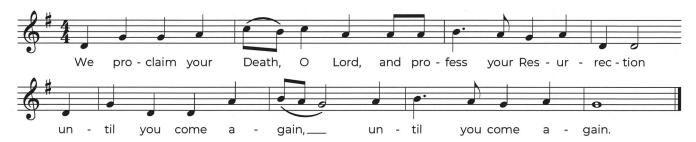


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# SANCTUS / HOLY



# MYSTERY OF FAITH



# **GREAT AMEN**



# AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



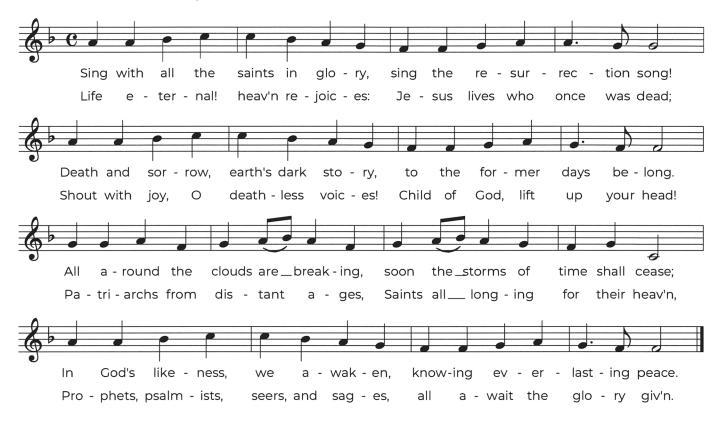
# THE ORDER OF MASS

# COMMUNION HYMN | DRAW NEAR



- 1. Draw near and take the Body of the Lord, and drink with faith the Blood for you outpoured. Saved by Christ's Body and his holy Blood, with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
- Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son, has by his cross and blood the victory won.
   He spent his life for greatest and for least. Praise Christ, the Paschal Victim, Christ the Priest.
- 3. Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere and claim the promise of salvation here. Christ rules our hearts, and all his saints defends; he gives believers life that never ends.
- 4. With heavenly bread Christ makes the hungry whole; his living water fills the thirsting soul. Alpha Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations of the earth, be with us now.

# RECESSIONAL HYMN | SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY



Tune: HYMN TO JOY, arr. From Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867
Text: 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812-1883, alt. trans by Alberto Merubia, b.1919 © 2010 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

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# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

# THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

2021 Mass Attendance Report

Average monthly attendance (per Mass) from August — October 2021 with 2019 and 2020 totals included below.

Mass Time	Church	Average	≥
4:00 p.m.	Ss. Simon and Jude Church	240	AUGUST
4:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	152	TSI
7:30 a.m.	St. Margaret of Scotland Church	132	2021
8:00 a.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	128	21
9:00 a.m.	Ss. Simon and Jude Church	203	
10:00 a.m.	St. Margaret of Scotland Church	203	
10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	163	
11:30 a.m.	Ss. Simon and Jude Church	177	
	Grand Total 2021	1,398	
	August 2020	684	
	August 2019	2,278	

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8:00 a.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	133	' -
9:00 a.m.	Ss. Simon and Jude Church	195	2021
10:00 a.m.	St. Margaret of Scotland Church	229	
10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	195	
11:30 a.m.	Ss. Simon and Jude Church	136	
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#### MASS BOOK

The Mass book for January 1 to February 28, 2022 will be opened on November 15, 2021. Mass request forms are at each church. Completed forms can be mailed, dropped off at the office, or placed in the collection basket.

#### **ANGEL TREES**

The St. Raphael the Archangel Ladies of Charity are sponsoring the Angel Tree again this year. Each church site will have a tree with angels representing all the different recipients. If you are able to help this year, please take an angel, wrap the gift, attach the angel to the outside of the gift and return it by Sunday December 5.

PLEASE NOTE: The Angels are color coded for the organization/charity that we are supporting.

- GREEN ANGELS Children through the food pantries located at the SEAS and SSJ sites
- RED ANGELS Individuals from Pioneer School with behavioral health concerns and with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- PURPLE ANGELS Children from Community Human Services of Pittsburgh
- WHITE ANGELS Children of Local Parish Families
- BLUE ANGELS Adults of Vincentian Marian Manor
- CREAM ANGELS Adults of Step by Step with intellectual disabilities
- PINK ANGELS Adults of Juniper Senior Living of Pittsburgh
- YELLOW ANGELS Adults at Chartiers Center with intellectual disabilities
- ORANGE ANGELS Gift cards that are used to help the homeless, elderly or those who happen to be in need throughout the year

Suggested amount per gift tag is \$25. We thank you in advance for your support and prayers as we continue to work to help the needy. Any questions, please call Leslie 412-257-3117.

#### In summary:

- 1. Pick an Angel
- 2. Buy and wrap the suggested gift.
- 3. Attach the angel to the outside and return the gift by DECEMBER 5

# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



CARING + GIVING + SERVING

But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

-Mark 13: 32

Last weekend we turned the clocks back to end Daylight Savings Time. Following the brief excitement over gaining an extra hour of sleep, we quickly realized the cost as darkness arrived earlier in the evening and will continue to do so until spring. This uneven trade of a little more sleep for months of darkness is analogous to our spiritual life.

How often do we cave into temptation for immediate gratification or out of an impulsive momentary reaction? Afterward, we are plunged into the darkness of sin until we receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

As we continue to pray for the poor souls in purgatory this month who desire to be in the Light of Christ, we are reminded that is the goal of all Christians. Let us pray for the grace to avoid the cheap, transient rewards of sin and keep the ultimate goal of lasting Light in our hearts. If we are grateful and loving toward God and others daily, we will be more ready when called to our own particular judgment at the hour no one knows but our Father in heaven.

# THANKSGIVING DAY

Food Drive

We will have our traditional food collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25. This will take place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Elizabeth Ann Seton church.

Members of our parish will be available at the doors to receive your donations of non-perishable items, which will be taken to the pantry of the South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM).

We hope that you will join us in assisting those who are less fortunate and rely upon your generosity during the upcoming holiday season. The need is great and your help will be greatly appreciated.

# NATIVITY TREES

It is with great disappointment, that we will not be holding the Nativity Tree fundraiser. The ongoing impact of COVID 19 has depleted the manufacturing work force and supplies. We will consider offering this fundraiser in a future Advent season if possible.



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
Sgt. Alexander L. Novelli, 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



Confirmation Evening of Reflection for 8th grade candidates and their parents will be held this Tuesday, November 16, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Fr. Alek Schrenk will lead us as the candidates reflect on their relationship with God, commitment to the baptismal call, and other aspects of being fully initiated in the Catholic Church.

Each Candidate MUST BE accompanied by a parent/guardian. If a parent cannot attend, the sponsor is welcome to join in.

Questions? Contact Sharon Smoller ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356.





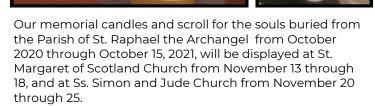
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.











If you missed this special Mass, you may watch the recording on our YouTube channel or by clicking the link on our homepage: straphaelcgs.org.



#### **YOUNG MEN IN GRADES 9-12**

Come join the team! The CYO Sports Program of the Diocese of Pittsburgh supports comprehensive Catholic youth ministry and understands the importance of play. Through play, adolescents learn to compete, or strive together, for the sake of something greater than themselves. They learn that there is something more lasting than gamesmanship.

The Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel is looking to sponsor a JV and Varsity basketball team for CYO sports. You need to be a member of the parish, and know how to play basketball. Call for more details: 412-670-8867



# DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS OR THE DAY OF THE DEAD



The second grade Faith Formation students learned how the people of Mexico and other Latin American countries celebrate Día de los Muertos or The Day of the Dead. We had a quest speaker,

Gabriella Ortiz, who grew up in Mexico, come to our classroom, to explain the Mexican tradition which is a celebration of LIFE not death. The lives of their departed ones are celebrated on two days: November 1st as they remember the children who have passed away, and on November 2nd they honor the adults who have passed away.

Families build an "Ofrenda" a tempora which is a temporary altar in their homes to honor their departed loved ones with their pictures, personal possessions, and objects that serve as a reminder of their lives. They pretend that the loved ones will come back on these days to be near their families. The altar has items that will help them on their journey, including the four basic elements: water (to quench their thirst), wind (traditional paper banners that flutter in the wind and represent their presence), earth (food, especially a traditional Mexican sweet bread) and fire (candles, often placed in the form of a cross to represent their closeness to God and to show the Cardinal directions so the spirits can find their way). Marigold flowers or other brightly colored flowers are placed on the altar to make a path for the spirits to follow. Sugar skulls represent the children who have passed away. The sugar skulls are a whimsical reminder of the cyclicality of life, which is why they are brightly decorated.

Our students brought in pictures of their loved ones who have passed away and we created our own "Ofrenda" with the assistance of Ms. Ortiz. We said prayers for all the Faithful Departed, especially our loved ones.

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# PICK OF THE WEEK

Nov 14, 2021

# WATCH

#### ST. GIUSEPPE MOSCATI: DOCTOR TO THE POOR

The inspiring true story of the holy Franciscan priest and theologian who won a famous debate against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, in which he defended Our Lady's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Oatholic government in power.



# LEARN FORMED NOW: HOLY HEROES AND THE FORMATION OF CHILDREN

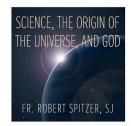


A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr.
John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.

# LISTEN

# SCIENCE, THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE, & GOD BY FR. ROBERT SPITZER

All too often, science is falsely pitted against Faith to disprove the tenants of Christianity. In this informative talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ—expert in physics, philosophy, and theology—debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the origin of the universe with sound reason, credible science, and faithful theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding science and Faith.



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#### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

Pope Francis has named the Rev. Mark Eckman as auxiliary bishop of Pittsburgh. Bishop-elect Eckman has been a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh for more than 36 years and serves as pastor of Resurrection Parish (Bethel Park/Upper Saint Clair). The appointment was made public in Washington, D.C. on Friday, November 5, 2021 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Since his priestly ordination on May 11, 1985, Bishop-elect Eckman has served as parochial vicar, high school chaplain, administrator of two parishes, pastor of two parishes, and episcopal vicar for clergy personnel. He has also been a member of several boards including priest council, USCCB National Advisory Board, Permanent Diaconate Formation board, and the seminary admissions board.

Bishop-elect Eckman remains as pastor of Resurrection Parish.

Father Eckman's ordination as bishop is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Saint Paul Cathedral, Oakland. Learn more at diopitt.org



# EAGLE PROJECT

Zachary O'Connor, son of Julie and Bill O'Connor, and altar server at Ss. Simon and Jude Church for the past 8 years, is requesting donations for Troop 28 Boy Scouts Eagle Project.

The project consists of a flag pole, path, and benches installed at Carrick Sportsmen's Club where several local Boy Scout Troops camp for various activities.

Funds will go to purchasing lumber, building materials, and a new flag pole.

Checks may be made out to Zachary O'Connor and mailed to 266 Shadowlawn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Any questions or inquiries can be directed to: Home number: 412-561-3689 or Email: zwoc18@gmail.com

Any bit helps, thank you for your consideration!



#### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

Although the Guardian Angel Academy Cash Bash is sold out, you can still play a part in this fundraising event.

Please consider advertising at our Cash Bash.

Here's how your business (or organization) can participate:

- ) A Table Sponsorship—for \$100 the name of your business/organization will be displayed on centerpieces, and get social media shout outs.
- Basket Donation —donate a gift basket on behalf of your business/ organization. It must be valued at \$50 to \$100.
- 3) General Donation: —donate a gift card or certificate for baskets.

Want some FREE advertising? Wear your business or organization's shirt or logo and come and volunteer at the event! We need many hands to keep the night running smoothly with our sold-out crowd.



If you have questions or need more information, please contact Carla Dick: cadick3@gmail.com

# Golden Agers News

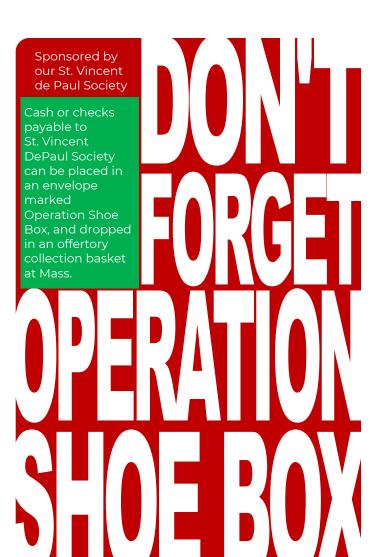
Come with us to see a musical review in Greensburg, PA. On Sunday, December 5, the Golden Agers will be boarding a bus in Carnegie for a fun afternoon!

We will see the show *Sound of Christmas* at the Palace Theater. We will also enjoy a buffet dinner after the show at the Lamplighter Restaurant.

The cost is \$85 and covers transportation, the 2:00 p.m. show, and dinner. Reservations must be paid in full by November 20. Call Don Cain after 6:00 p.m. to reserve your spot! 412-279-0885. **We just need 15 more people! Call today!** 

# COME TO OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Wednesday, December 1, in St. Luke Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. From 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | The cost is \$20 | Must be paid by November 20 Enjoy a wonderful afternoon with friends and a delicious buffet luncheon which includes Roast Beef with Burgundy Gravy, Lemon Pepper Scrod, Ham, Stuffed Shells, Twice-baked Potato Casserole, Fresh Vegetables, Strawberry Spinach Salad, Mancini's Bread, Coffee, Tea, and Cake! —Call Don Cain to reserve your spot!



# Donate NEW Items that we need to fill the boxes.

shampoo

tissue packets

toothpaste/toothbrushes

lip balm

combs/hairbrushes

hand lotion

bars of soap

socks

deodorant

hats/gloves/scarves

shaving gel (men)

pens

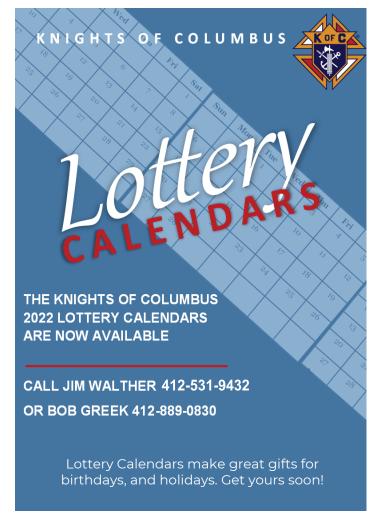
disposable razors

small notepads

There is a large box in the rear of each of our churches for loose items, as well as filled gift boxes.

Boxes will be donated to homeless shelters, nursing homes, and group homes in our area.

PLEASE DONATE ALL ITEMS BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21.



#### **JOB OPENING**

#### **Director of Campus Ministry**

Seton LaSalle Catholic High School is looking for a highenergy, driven, enthusiastic Director of Campus Ministry to take their program to the next level! If you are interested in becoming a part of the Rebel family, please visit https://bit.ly/SLSCampusMinistry.

#### **CRAFT SHOW**

"Joy of Christmas" Craft Show is being held at St. Louise de Marillac School and Parish Center, 320 McMurray Road, Upper St. Clair, on Saturday, 11/20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be 100+ Crafters, Chinese Auction, and lunch and snacks available for purchase. Admission is \$2 and includes one ticket for the Chinese Auction. Masks required. Due to the order of the USC Fire Marshall, strollers are not permitted inside the show.

# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

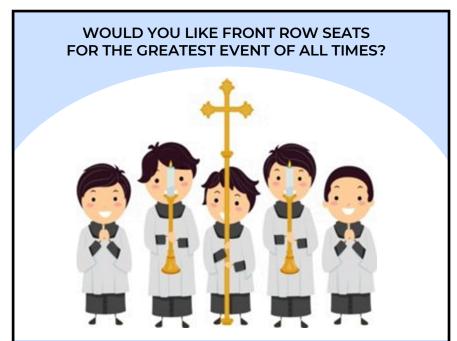
# SSJ PRESCHOOL

The East Carnegie Fire Department visited and talked to the kids about fire safety. They got to see what the firefighters wear and the tools









By becoming an Altar Server, you not only will be able to share your Godgiven talents by helping the priest at Mass; but you will be very close to a miracle when bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Father Alek and Deacon Jim will shortly begin training new Altar Servers and retraining existing Altar Servers to serve the Weekend Masses at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Saint Margaret of Scotland Church and Saints Simon and Jude Church. There will be more information regarding training sessions later.

If you are in fourth grade or older and interested in becoming an Altar Server at one of the Churches in our Parish; please have your parents contact Deacon Jim at jmackin@straphaelcgs.org. I am looking forward to meeting you and preparing you to serve Our Lord in the Holy Mass.

If you were already an Altar Server before the COVID outbreak and would like to continue serving; please have your parents let me know by contacting me at the above email.

Yours in Christ Deacon Jim Mackin



# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL-



# **GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY**

# CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

Each week we will highlight the amazing things that are going on in our classrooms here at Guardian Angel Academy.

#### MR. JORDAN WIEGAND

Health – Grades 3-8 and Physical Education – Grades K-8

It has been great getting to know each student at

Guardian Angel Academy and I appreciate how respectful and welcoming everyone has been! In Physical Education we have had fun learning new games and covering various activities. From K-4 we have focused on locomotor skills and skills relating to sport. We have worked on topics such as throwing and kicking all the way to skipping

and hopping through fun engaging games. Each grade has completed different activities that are developmentally appropriate from tag games such as tunnel tag to battle ship for the older ages. Grades 5-8 have been more focused on sport and modified team activities that engage everyone! Students have completed three units thus far and they are kickball, football, and soccer. Those students have learned new kickball games such as Colony Ball and Mat Ball and for football we have played Ultimate football. In soccer we just finished playing Futsal! Throughout each unit the students have played either small sided games or large-scale games in regards to soccer and football. Looking forward the students will move into our non-traditional games unit where they will learn Hand Ball and Tchouk Ball.

We have modified the traditional health class setting and have now tied it into Physical Education to make it more interactive, fun, and engaging. To begin with every class, the students are learning anatomy for this first unit. Our focus is on larger muscle groups and varies depending on grade level. Some of those muscles we have learned include our Gastrocnemius, Quadriceps, Hamstrings, Gluteus Maximus, Pectorals, Biceps, Triceps, Deltoids, Obliques, and Abdominals. The students have learned many exercises and how we can make each muscle stronger depending on what exercises we complete. Some of the learned exercises include crunches, elevated crunches, sit ups, planks, side planks, pushups, diamond push-ups, modified push-ups, forward lunges, squats, wall sits, and

calf raises. The students have also learned about cardiovascular fitness and how we can strengthen our hearts! Once we complete this topic, we will then move into nutrition: a unit in which the students will learn new games that directly correlate with nutrition. We will heavily focus on MyPlate!

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

Each week we will spotlight one of our outstanding teachers here at Guardian Angel Academy.

### MRS. MELISSA BENOVITCH

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Hello. My name is Ms. Melissa Benovitch. I have been with the Catholic Schools for my entire career of 23 years. I am excited to be one of the third grade teachers here at Guardian Angel Academy. I attended St. Stephen School as a student and am currently a member of the newly formed St. Thomas the Apostle parish in West Mifflin. I attended Brashear High School before going onto Penn State for my Elementary and Kindergarten Education degree and Duquesne University for my Reading Specialist certificate. I have taught at several schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh including Assumption School, St. Germaine, St. Agnes, and St. Margaret of Scotland. I have taught kindergarten, first, third, and fourth grades. My family consists of my husband of 26 years and my son, a recent Central Catholic Viking. This fall we were looking forward to becoming Clarion Golden Eagles. I enjoy teaching, reading, and crafts when I have the time. This summer we adopted a new puppy we named Ladybug. I look forward to a fantastic year!



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# HONOR ROLL

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY would like to acknowledge and congratulate our Middle School HONOR ROLL STUDENTS for the First Quarter of the 2021-2022 School Year!

#### **HIGHEST HONOR**

Hope Avery
Lienna Bassano
Addy Batts
Dom Bernardi
Christian Bush
Katie Butcher
Mason Dick
P.J. Doherty
Amari Elliot
Sam Hall
Hannah Hayes
Marli Hornack
Brady Jenkins
Cabby Kim
Colby Lane

Maria Leithauser-Mihalega Carter Lemmon Salvador Lozano Emily Luzar Katelyn Miller Sophia Muoio Teodata Phillips Raymond Piaggesi Mia Robles Dashiell Sargent Elsa Snover Averie Strohm Shae Trombetta Chloe Waxter Luke Wrabley

#### **HIGH HONOR**

Cooper Anselm Alana Antonelli Sheffer Alex Dela Cruz Nancy Rose Delien Elizabeth Fuchs Caroline Hall Kevin Leslie Santino Phillips Carmella Rippole Frankie Schlatterer Brody Schuck Zoe Vesci Ava Washington

## **HONOR**

Nathan Anglum Keely Bodnar George (Jacob) Boehm Mason Foster Aiden Kimak Julia Kubasiak Walter Leithauser-Mihalega Ava Lenigan Casey Marston Mayra Nee James Nicholson Michael Spinelli Stephanie Twardy Isabella Wise Matthew Ziegler



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Order your holiday candy online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com using Guardian Angel Academy group number 10-0784. Orders are shipped directly to your home! Packaging and handling is only \$5 and can be shipped around the country. Online orders are open until Dec 19th. Make sure to credit your favorite school family to earn a percentage of your order toward their fundraising goal.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Cerchiaro at jesscheerios@gmail.com.



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Please join us at straphaelcgs.org and click the "Livestream" button. The Mass schedule is on the front cover.

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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**

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