



THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

JANUARY 1, 2023

Merry Christmas

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ
4:30 p.m. at SEAS
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. at SMOS
9:00 a.m. at SEAS
10:00 a.m. at SMOS
11:00 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

*This schedule does not
reflect holiday or Holy Days.*



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM:

For arrangements call the parish office: 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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

JANUARY 1		SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Clare Donehue by Dcn. Paul
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Helen Smith's 90th Birthday by family
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Timothy Castello Jr. by Family
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Marlene Delligatti by Melissa Wallace
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Mary Helen & William Stokan by granddaughter, Kristen Stokan
JANUARY 2		MEMORIAL OF SS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS & DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Paul McIsaac by Evelyn DeCesare
JANUARY 3		CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Carl Henrickson by Phyllis
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Leonard Colosimo by Bernadette Gillotti
JANUARY 4		ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MEMORIAL OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Bob Grimm by Betty Hammer
JANUARY 5		MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Alexander Corra Sr. by Knights of Columbus Council 11143
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	McIntyre and Bryan Families by Joan Bryan
JANUARY 6		CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Otto Szabo Jr. by Knights of Columbus Council 11143
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Leonard Colosimo by Ginny Stockhausen
JANUARY 8		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Jack Butchko by wife and children
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Josephine and Walter Jagielski by Victoria
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Cecilia A. Quinn by family
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Sr. Carmela Apicella by brother, Raffaele and Apicella family
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Dan McCaffrey by family

Winter Storm Alert: If Guardian Angel Academy has a delay or cancellation, the 8:30 a.m. weekday Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church will be cancelled and the Mass Intention will be rescheduled.

**anticipated Mass*

PRAYER & WORSHIP



FROM THE PASTOR

You are God: we praise you; You are God: we acclaim you; You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Te Deum laudamus: te Dominum confitemur. Te ætérnum Patrem omnis terra venerátur. Tibi omnes Angeli; tibi cæli et univérse potestátes. Tibi Chérubim et Séraphim incessábili voce proclamant: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra majestátis glóriæ tuæ.

This ancient hymn is sung traditionally as part of the Office of Readings on Sundays (outside of Lent) as well as solemnities of the Church. It is especially offered at the end of the old calendar year—praising God for past blessings, and, with confident hope, looking forward to the blessings of the New Year. May your heart overflow with gratitude for the past with assurance of the future care and blessings of God in 2023!

I am grateful to all who were instrumental in the planning and execution of the beautiful Christmas liturgies.



**Join us for Eucharistic Adoration
on Friday, January 6,
at Ss. Simon and Jude Church,
beginning at 9:00 a.m.
with benediction prior to the Noon Mass.**

(We do not offer Nocturnal Adoration in January)

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Louis Colicchie
Kenneth Contaldo
William Ernharth

father of Linda Wozniak and Diane Pritchard

Maria Ferrante
Kenneth Franczak
Kenneth Kierski



Anthony Anderson	Arch MacLennan
Kathy Aspinall	Penny Mahoney
Clara Bielecki	Lucille Marabito
Brian Bishop	Laura Martin
Kelly Bittner	Sam Martin
Jim Boerio	Santo Mascellino
Gina Burton	Carl Masciola
Donald Campbell	Kathy Masko
Dorothy Campbell	Gina Massengill
Elisa Carsia	Kathy McGann
Helen Cassidy	Virginia Miller
Kenneth Chase	John Mostowy
John Chraska	Joyce Mostowy
Gina Dangelico	Robin Munko
Katie Denke	Pat Murdzak
Antoinette DePofi	Theresa Nelson
Patty Drury	Judi Novak
Kathi Dvorak	Victoria O'Bosky
Lena Enrietti	Mario Oliverio
Patti Eurich	Joan Pandolph
Stephaine Fahnstock	Linda Perris
Helen Fallon	Charles Perry
Vicky Feeney	Diane Perry
Lois Ferrie	Elizabeth Pfender
Ron Ferrie	Nancy Pistella
Rosemary Ferruzza	Carol Poecking
Suzanne T. Finnegan	Robert Prevost
Gabriel Fontana	Diane Pritchard
Michelle Frego	Michele Rea
May Frye	Bob Recaldini
William Gabella	Dave Redman
Dan Gardner	Joann Redondo
Mike Gieselman	Paxton Renk
Brandon Gross	Florinda Rosemeyer
Mark Hagelauer	Helen Salamon
Margaret Harkins	Andrew Patrick Schade
Wayne Hayes	Frederick Schell
Michael Heastings	John Schenk
Eileen Henefeld	Tyler Schepis
Mary V. Hester	Mary Patricia Schnars
Patti Howcroft	Kathleen Shilling
Brent Jones	Mary Socci
Noreen Joslyn	Genevieve Sonson
Bob Karausky	Teresa Stacy
Anna Mary Karpinski	Jaime St. Ledger
William Karpinski	Judye Suhy
Joanne Keating	Bob Super
Gregory M. Klemmer	Ed Sutilla
Don Krally	Rose Talmonti
Gloria Krally	Tim Teeters
Lori Krally	Jerry Tokar
Ann Kramer	Rosemarie Toth
Veronica Kujawski	Allen Turske
Darlene Kura	Stephanie Vail
Helen Kurek	Penny Verow
Jackie Kushner	Mary Kay Walsh
Mark Laird	James Walther
John Linn	John Zajicek
Eugene Loniero	Kathy Zajicek
Peter Paul Lyle III	Bernice Zyzak
Mary Ann Macino	

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



At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
in loving memory of
Timmy Castello
from those who would
walk 500 miles, and 500 more.

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

12/14/2022 through 12/20/2022 \$21,861

2022 Parish Share

2022 Goal	\$259,095
Monthly Due to the Diocese	\$25,910
12/14/2022 through 12/20/2022	\$9,781
Received to date	\$500,184
Goal Excess	\$241,089

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!



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Note:
The 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

find more information where page number is listed

ROSARY

The *Rosary Against Violence* is recited every Wednesday after the Noon Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. All are welcome to pray with us.

LIGHT SHOW

PAGE 15 • Come to our amazing light show! It's fun for all! And it's free!

PARISH ANNIVERSARY

PAGE 13 • January 4. Join us at Mass to celebrate the anniversary of the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel.

SIGN-UP SUNDAY

PAGE 13 • On the Feast of Epiphany, come and see how you can play a larger role in parish life.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

On the Feast of Epiphany (January 8), after all Masses, be sure to pick up blessed chalk to take home and bless your house.

SMALL GROUP STUDY

PAGE 13 • Join us (in the afternoon or evening) to learn more about evangelization.

BAPTISM CLASS

For those preparing to have their child baptized, a Baptism Preparation Class is held monthly. Couples are encouraged to take the class before their child is born. The next class will be held Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in the St. Maximillian Kolbe Room. To register, please call the parish office at 412-857-5356 and speak to Carol Kossler.

LENTEN SERIES

Save your Monday evenings in Lent for a study with Fr. Grecco and Sharon Smoller using sources from the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Details will be coming soon.

SPRING FLING

Mark your calendar for our annual Spring Fling Luncheon & Card Party held at Chartiers Country Club. This year's event will take place on Saturday, March 4. Details and reservation information coming soon!

OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE & MASS ON MONDAY

The offices will be closed on Monday, January 2. There will not be a Noon Mass on January 2, please join us at 8:30 a.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

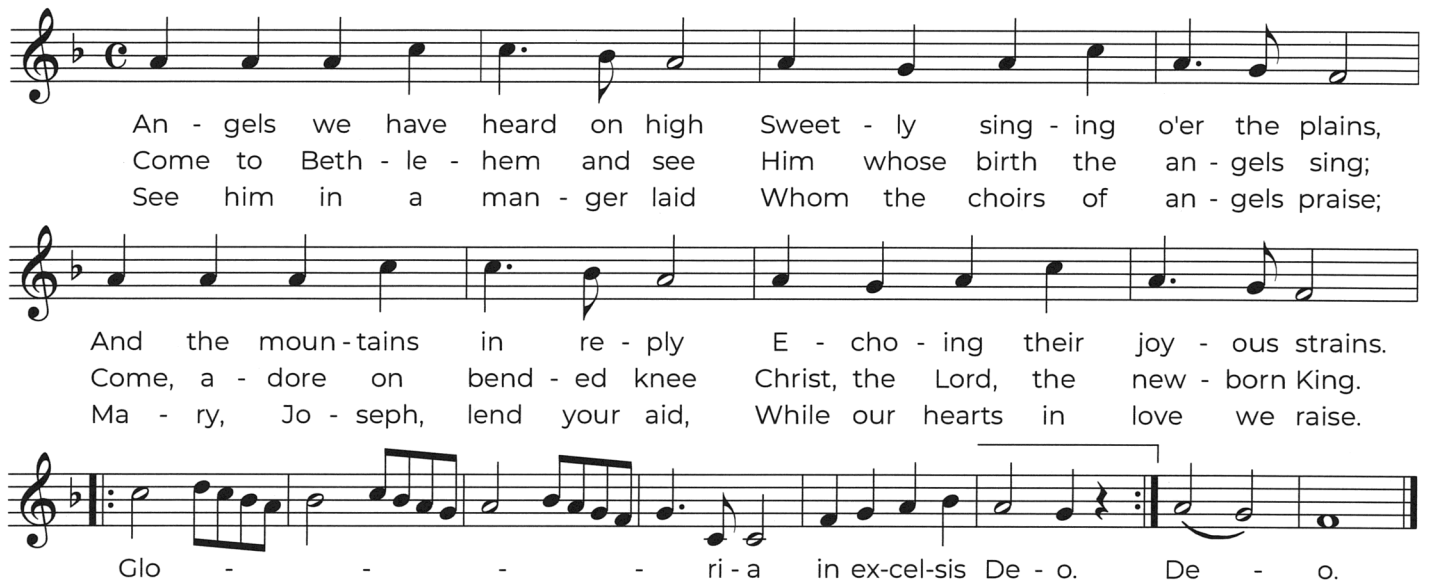
The Mass Book is open for 2023. At this time, parishioners are invited to request up to one weekday and one weekend Mass. Please come to the Parish Administration Center or call 412-857-5356. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Date of Bulletin	Deadline to submit news and articles (by Noon)
Jan. 8	Wednesday, December 28

THE ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE HYMN | ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

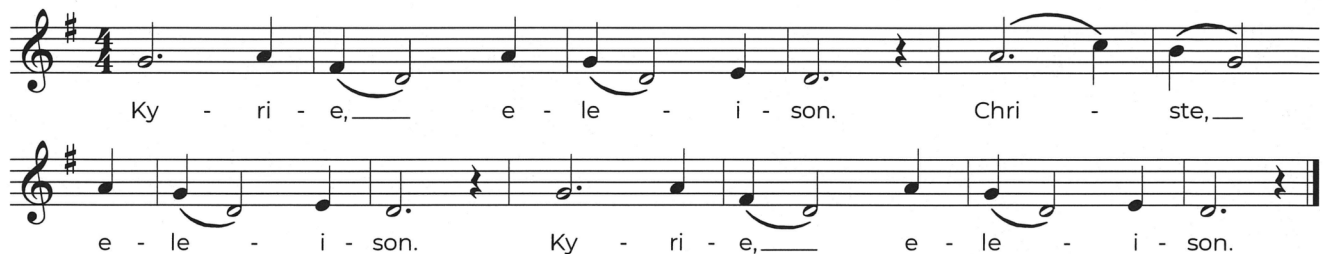


An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
See him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;
And the moun - tains in re - ply E - cho - ing their joy - ous strains.
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.
Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o. De - o.

Tune: GLORIA, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; French carol Text: Les anges dans nos campagnes; French carol, c. 18th C.; tr. from Crown of Jesus Music, London, 1862

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.



Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste,
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

GLORIA



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will!

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. [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. [Amen]

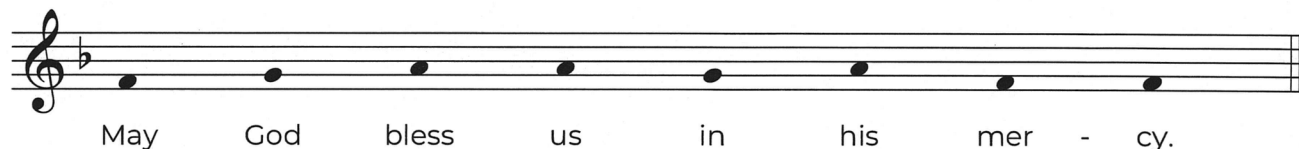
FIRST READING | NUMBERS 6: 22-27

The LORD said to Moses:
"Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them:
This is how you shall bless the Israelites.
Say to them:
The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon

you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and
give you peace!
So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites,
and I will bless them."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8



May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon
earth; among all nations, your
salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in
equity; the nations on the earth you
guide.

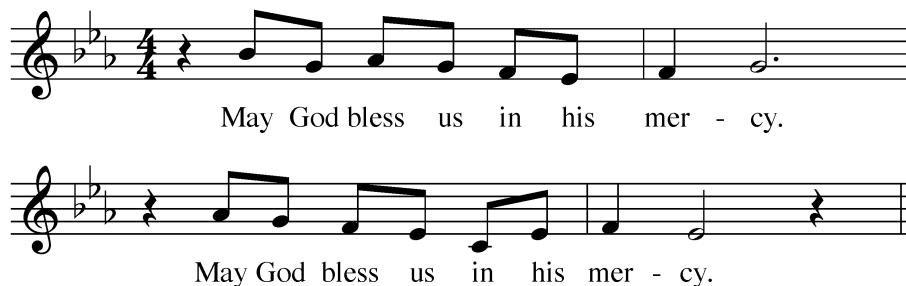
May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us, and may all the
ends of the earth fear him!

Text: Psalm 67 Lectionary for Mass, 1997 ICEL

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Tune: Fr. Anthony Ruff, O.S.B. St. Meinrad

—AT 4:30 MASS



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SECOND READING | GALATIANS 4: 4-7

Brothers and sisters:
When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law,
to ransom those under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.
As proof that you are sons,

God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying out, "Abba, Father!"
So you are no longer a slave but a son,
and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | HEBREWS 1:1-2



In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

GOSPEL | LUKE 2: 16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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 bolder 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 | GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD

Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger.
An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him.
Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger.

There he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a stran - ger.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
He is still the un - de - filed, but no more a stran - ger.

Such a babe in such a place, "Can he be the Sav - ior?"
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing.
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing!
praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of Glo - ry!

Tune: TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM, *Plæ Cantiones*, 1582; arr. By Ernest C. MacMillan, 1893-1973

Text: Joseph S. Cook, 1859-1933

OFFERTORY HYMN 4:30 MASS | O HOLY NIGHT

VERSE 1

*O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
A new and glorious morn*

CHORUS

**Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born**

VERSE 2

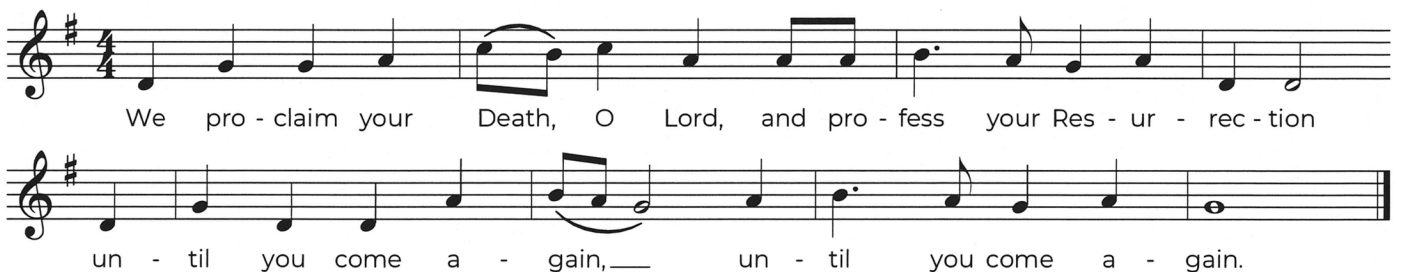
*Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains He shall break
For the slave is our brother
And in His Name
All oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy
In grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy Name*

SANCTUS / HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est! —

MYSTERY OF FAITH



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion
un - til you come a - gain, — un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, — a men, — a - - - men!
A - men, a - men, — a - men, a - men! —

THE ORDER OF MASS

AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. world, grant us peace.

Final time

COMMUNION HYMN | GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN

Communion Hymn for 4:30 p.m. on next page.

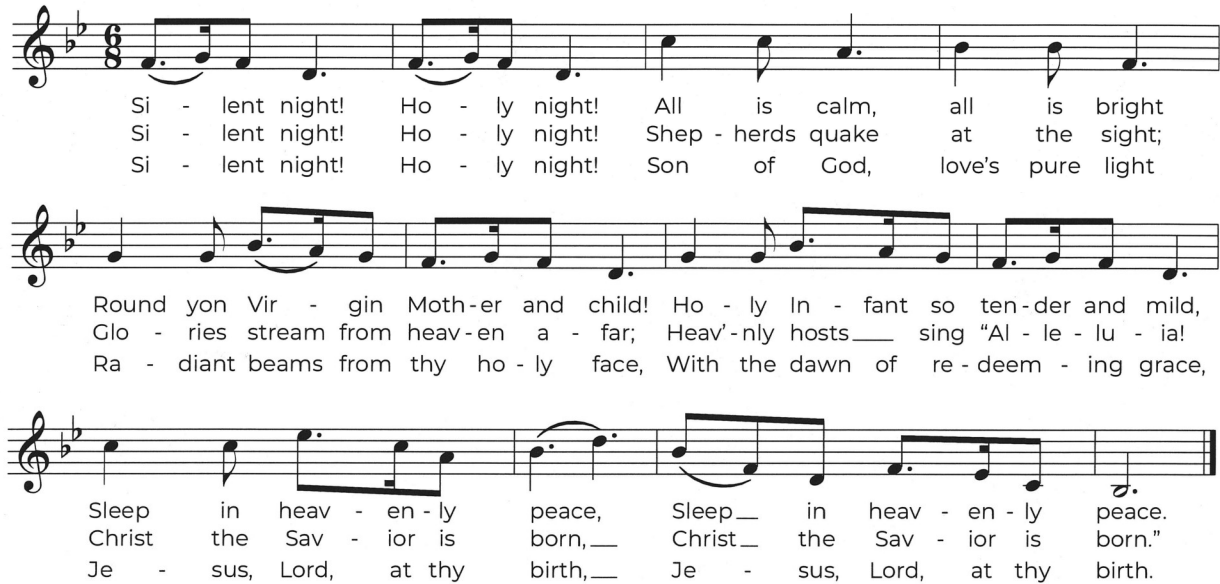
God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
In Beth - le - hem in Ju - dah This bless - ed babe was born,
From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bles - sed an - gel came,
The shep - herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in mind,
Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,
Re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior Was born on Christ - mas day,
And laid with - in a man - ger Up - on this bles - sed morn:
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing In tem - pest, storm, and wind,
And with true love and char - it - y Each oth - er now em - brace;
To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.
For which his moth - er Ma - ry Did noth - ing take in scorn.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, This bles - sed babe to find.
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.
O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 8 6 8 6 8 6 with refrain; English carol, 18th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901

Text: English Carol, 18th C.

THE ORDER OF MASS

COMMUNION HYMN 4:30 | SILENT NIGHT



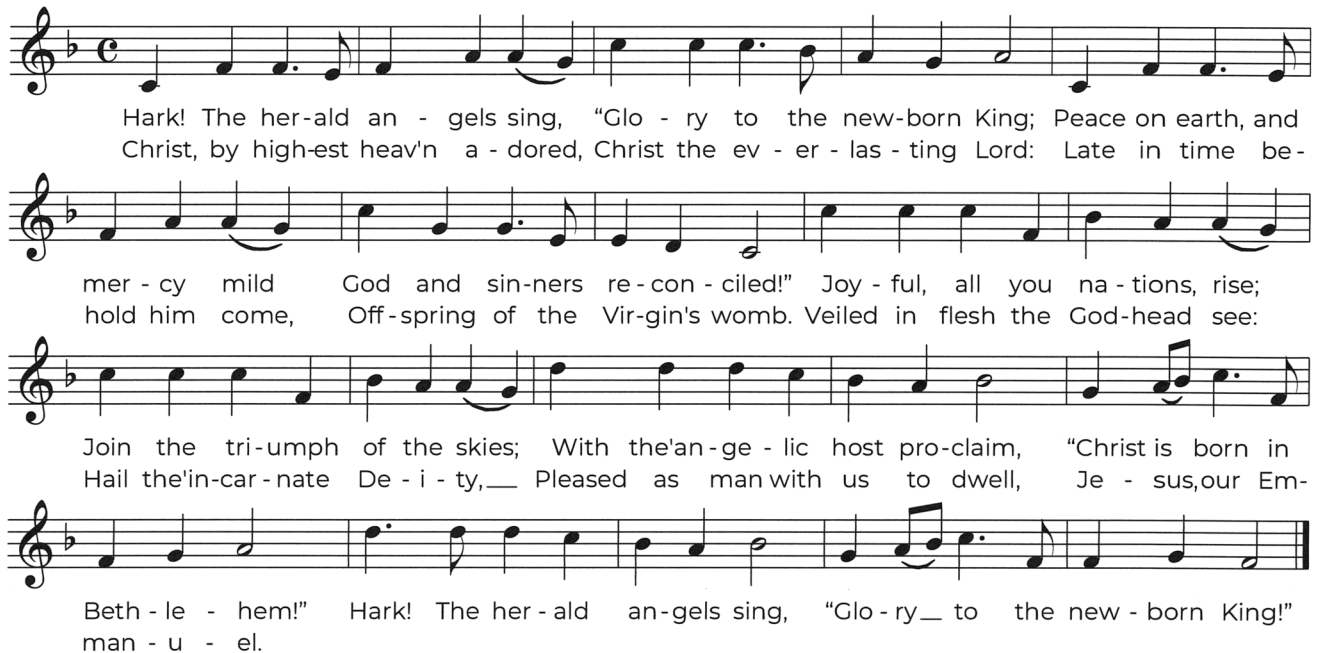
Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

Round yon Vir - gin Moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far; Heav' - nly hosts___ sing "Al - le - lu - ia!
Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep___ in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ the Sav - ior is born,___ Christ___ the Sav - ior is born."
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth,___ Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Tune: STILLE NACHT, Franz X. Gruber, 1787-1863 Text: *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht*, Fr. Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848. English trans. by John F. Young, 1820-1885

RECESSIONAL HYMN | HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and
Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er - las - ting Lord: Late in time be -

mer - cy mild God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise;
hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see:

Join the tri - umph of the skies; With the an - ge - lic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in
Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,___ Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em -

Beth - le - hem!" Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry___ to the new - born King!"
man - u - el.

Tune: MENDELSSOHN, 77 77 D with refrain; Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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CARING + GIVING + SERVING

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. –Luke 2: 19

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We have the beautiful Gospel scene of the shepherds coming to Bethlehem to give glory and praise to the newborn King. The Son of God is lying in a manger with his faithful foster father, St. Joseph, keeping watch over him and his mother. It is a quiet, peaceful scene where the Holy Family is likely very tired and the shepherds are in awe of the humble state in which they find the baby that the angel told them is the Messiah. Mary, we are told, is taking everything in and “reflecting,” or pondering on it in her heart.

Contrast this quiet scene with the way we observe holidays, live, and communicate. We rush, eat too much, decorate to excess, are surrounded by noise, and connected at all times to all people through our cell phones. While celebrations, activity, and communication are good things, we have become challenged in our ability to balance them with silence. Our incarnate God entered the world on a silent night. He slept in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes. His mother, chosen for the greatest role a human being ever carried out, is simply taking in this moment. We can imagine that the picture she is drawing in her mind is more vivid and beautiful than any selfie or social media post. She is likely recalling the words of the Archangel Gabriel at the Annunciation as she cuddles her newborn in the presence of a group of shepherds kneeling before them.

On this New Year's Day, let the Blessed Mother be our model. Resolve to carve out quiet time in your busy, noisy life. If you are a parent, make sure your children know how to do this and that it is important and good. Spend quiet time with the Lord in prayer every day. Strive to attend Eucharistic Adoration at least a few times this year and allow yourself to be silent in the Presence of God. Consider making a retreat in 2023. The truth is, the less comfortable we are with silence, the less opportunity we have to deepen our prayer life and grow in relationship with God. As we make plans, resolutions, and dreams in the New Year, make it a priority to sit quietly with Jesus and open your heart to him.



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PARTNERS in Prayer

This Thursday, January 5, we will meet in Holy Family Hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to be present and pray for those who come to us with a request before or after Noon Mass. Please join us to pray for all or part of that time. We meet every first and third Thursday of each month, and the intentions presented to us are emailed to our at-home prayer warriors and lifted in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass.

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



DID YOU KNOW?

Today's feast day is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — a celebration with many layers of meaning and context. We have the feast itself, the history of the feast, and the convergence of three other commemorations today: the Octave Day of Christmas, a World Day for Peace, and, of course, the beginning of a new civil year. There's a lot going on, so let's briefly take a look at each of those elements.

If you were around before 1970, you may recall that January 1 was not always the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. For centuries, it was the Feast of the Circumcision. That was logical since, as the Gospel informs us, "When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus," according to the custom still kept by Jews today. And today is the eighth day after Jesus' birth on Christmas.

That also makes it the Octave Day, which has significance for many of

our great feast days. Easter is also kept as an octave, which means an eight-day celebration. When it comes to such theologically rich celebrations, the Church recognizes that one day is not enough; and so the celebration of these major holidays is spread out for a whole week, coming to completion on the eighth day — a symbolic choice that represents all of Creation, fashioned in seven days according to Genesis, coming to its fulfillment on a heavenly and final eighth day.

So this used to be a feast day of the Lord, and now it's a feast day of his Mother. Why the change in emphasis? Could it be that priests found it more pleasant to preach about Mary than about the, well, rather unpleasant theme of the former feast day? (As often as it comes up in the Bible, I can't say I ever plan to analyze the details of that particular Jewish practice in a homily!)

Not quite. We can thank the Second Vatican Council for the change, which was influenced by the Eastern Church. On December 26 the Greeks celebrate a feast in honor of Mary as Theotokos — the "God-Bearer," the Mother of God. This only makes sense, given the indispensable role that Mary plays in the birth of Christ. Along those same lines there was, in the early days of the Church, a practice in Rome of honoring the Maternity of Mary on the eighth day after Christmas. The timing of that commemoration may have been influenced by a desire to replace the pagan Roman feast of the New Year, which was dedicated to the god Janus (hence the name "January"). And so our return to Mary is a return to an old Roman practice.

In restoring the ancient feast day,

Pope Paul VI stated: "This celebration, assigned to January 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'Holy Mother through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of Life.' It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewed adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels, and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. For this reason we have instituted the World Day of Peace, an observance that is gaining increasing support and is already bringing forth fruits of peace in the hearts of many."

The Offertory prayer of Mass today reminds us that it is God who "begins all good things and brings them to fulfillment." And so this feast fits in very well with the beginning of the new year. On this feast of Mary, the Mother of God, we ask that we may find in Christ the Alpha and the Omega — the beginning and end of all things. This we do in union with Mary, his Mother, praying above all for peace among nations and in our own lives. A worthy celebration indeed.

—Fr. Alek



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL!

Our parish was established on January 4, 2021. We will celebrate this special date with fellowship after both Masses on Wednesday, January 4. Join us following 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall at Ss. Simon and Jude Church for coffee and donuts or following Noon Mass in Holy Family Hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for hors d'oeuvres. All are welcome!

EPIPHANY WEEKEND

Sign-up Sunday

On January 7 and 8, as we celebrate Epiphany, we ask all parishioners to pray about the gifts you have to bring Jesus this year. The Magi brought fine gifts fitting for a king. We all have gifts God gave us to nurture and use in service to others. If you are not already participating in a ministry or activity at the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel, there are many opportunities to get involved. Even if you have only one hour to give sometime through the year, there is something you can do. Please stop at the table in any of our three churches after any Mass this weekend. We will have sign-up sheets and information available. Let us know you want to help to make our parish the kind of vibrant parish to which we all want to belong. Help our parish to shine the Light of Christ into the world!

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Are you looking for a way to keep the winter blahs away? Would you like to get to know other parishioners? Do you have an interest in evangelization? Join us for a three-week study with discussion and faith-sharing on Bishop David Zubik's Pastoral Letter, *The Church Welcoming*. We will offer two sessions to make participation convenient for everyone. One group will meet from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. in the Maximillian Kolbe Room at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The other group will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church Hall at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. The Groups will meet on January 12, 19, and 26. To register, please contact Laura at 412-857-5356 ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org.



THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus extend a warm thanks to everyone who purchased a lottery calendar this year. We appreciate your generosity and hope you'll have fun throughout the year watching the evening daily number. We'll send you a check if you win. Good luck to all!



WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Janice Fitzhugh
Chelsea and Zachary McElwain

We're so glad you're here!

JOIN THE PARISH

It's quick and easy to join the parish.
Click the link on our homepage, or call the Parish
Administrative Center: 412-857-5356.

UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

In November we mailed postcards to every registered parishioner. If you didn't get one it may mean that you are not listed as a registered parishioner. Don't fret. It's simple to update your status or join the parish just click the links in the *Quick Links* box on our homepage: straphaelcgs.org, or call the parish office: 412-857-5356.

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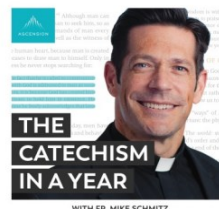
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SSJ PRESCHOOL

There were two celebrities at Preschool. Santa came to visit and Dcn. Jim came to bless the children's baby Jesus for their nativity at home. More pictures are coming next week.



**Merry Christmas to all, and may you have a
safe and happy new year!**

— from the staff at Ss. Simon and Jude Early Childhood Center

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*Our beautiful Christmas Flowers were lovingly donated
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by Alex Marodi

Our apologies for any errors in these dedications. See additional dedications in the Christmas bulletin online now at straphaelcgs.org. There will be more dedications in next week's bulletin.



The 2022 Christmas Light Spectacular is here! The Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot has been transformed into an amazing musical Christmas Light Display with dancing lights, music, Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Mrs. Claus, some Elves, and our own Fr. Alek! You can see the display every night at 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. from now until January 8, 2023.

This VERY FAMILY-FRIENDLY show is about 60 minutes in length and is looped continuously so you can drive in anytime and you will not miss anything! Stay as long as you like and come back as many times as you want – it's FREE! The show is broadcast on FM Radio channel 96.7, so all you have to do is park your car and turn on your radio to see and hear this amazing light show!

Make sure to tell all your friends, family, and every little one you know about the fabulous Christmas Light Spectacular Show! Hope to see you there!

There are no donations asked for or accepted for this awesome event – it's FREE and open to the public!

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him, and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

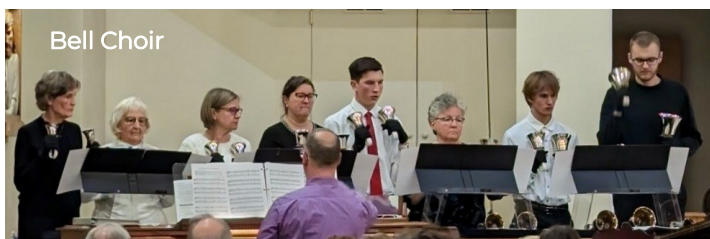
Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

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Many thanks to all members of the choirs of the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel for joining together in song for a beautiful evening of music. We are truly blessed to have so much talent in one place. Thanks to Béla Pater and Lori Dedola for their direction, and to Dee Fitzsimmons for being our Master of Ceremonies. Special thanks to our instrumentalists: Kevin Maurer, organ and piano; Rich Hancock and Ken Skvarca guitars; Tim Castello, keyboard; and Joe Tokar, drums. Our gratitude, also, to Karen Maurer and her volunteers who created and served a warm reception of cookies and punch.

We are most grateful to those who filled the church pews and joined us to meditate in song and prayer as we wait for the coming of our Lord. Thank you for supporting the music program at the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

This Wednesday, January 4, we will have a very special Family Session with an Epiphany Holy Hour at Ss. Simon and Jude Church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Parents/Guardians are reminded that all family sessions are part of the curriculum and students are to attend. If a parent/guardian is unavailable to attend, you are asked to find a relative or friend to take your place. Students who miss these opportunities will be assigned a lesson to cover at home.

ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE

Feeling helpless about the violence going on in the world? There IS something you can do. Come join us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for the recitation of the *Rosary Against Violence*. Hope to see you there!

KEEP US INFORMED

Many parishioners pray for our loved ones who are listed on page 3 of the bulletin. Some names have been listed for years. If you've asked for our prayers for yourself or a loved one and no longer need them, please let us know. We would love to celebrate your good news, and keep our listing up-to-date.

TABERNACLE CANDLE DEDICATIONS

The tabernacle candle (or sanctuary lamp) is a wax candle that burns continuously day and night as a visible sign of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament within the tabernacle, an emblem of Christ's abiding love, and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return.

We ask for your help to defray the costs of keeping these candles burning bright. If you would like to make a tabernacle candle offering in memory of a loved one (or in honor of a living relative or friend), please call the parish office for details and availability.

One more favor: we ask that you keep in prayer those who are mentioned in the weekly *Tabernacle Candle Dedication* segment on page 4. It brings comfort and peace to those who dedicate the candle to know that as the light of Christ shines in the church, their loved-one is lifted in prayer that week.



BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience® Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, *Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program*, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey.

Please plan to join us Saturday, February 4, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$25 (beverages & lunch included). Location: St. John Capistran Church, 1610 McMillan Rd., Upper St. Clair, PA 15241. Register by February 1 at BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

WOMEN BOWLERS

There is a Women's Bowling League called the Sparettes which is made up of women bowlers from our parish. They are looking for more members. They bowl every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Noble Bowling Lanes. It's a fun league. The second half of the season started on December 28 and ends on April 12. If you are interested in joining, or want more information, call Georgann: 412-906-8788 or email her: gdanzuso1107@gmail.com. She looks forward to hearing from you!

Looking for a way to let someone know that you are praying for them? Light a candle in one of our churches (\$4 fee required) and send one of our free postcards. There are cards available at all three churches. They can be mailed as-is (\$0.44 postage required) or they can be added inside a greeting card.



CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

MRS. VALERIE ROMANOVICH – 4TH GRADE

Fourth grade Mrs. Romanovich's class is having an amazing start to the school year. We had a field trip in October to the Carrie Blast Furnace, in Homestead. Our class learned the rich history Pittsburgh played in the industry. Currently, we are preparing for Jesus' birthday. Our Advent wreaths are made and we are learning about what each week in Advent represents. Fifth grade is making goodie bags for the residents at Marion Manor while fourth grade made window decorations to go with each bag.

In math we are just beginning division. In Religion we are focusing on the first commandment. We will be cleansing our hearts in the upcoming week by going to confession for the coming of Jesus.

We made nativity scene ornaments for the school Christmas tree. Fourth grade is excited to be invited to OLSH for the North Pole Musical. This is a fun and exciting time to be a fourth grader at Guardian Angel Academy.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

MRS. LOUELLA JOSEPH – 5TH GRADE

My name is Mrs. Joseph, and I am excited to be here as one of the fifth grade teachers. I have been actively teaching in a Catholic School since 2004. I received both of my degrees from Duquesne University: A Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Education. Growing up, I attended Catholic grade school from kindergarten to eighth grade. As a product of Catholic education, I am thankful for the academics and Catholic values that were taught. I love teaching Religion because it allows me to live out my own faith while helping my students to grow in their faith. Teaching that God has a path and a vocation for each of us are concepts that I enjoy discussing in class. I wish everyone a great school year and may the Holy Spirit guide us.



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The book can be gift-wrapped and mailed anywhere in the lower 48 states. These services are free.

Please call, text, or email cantor/author Doretta Whalen: dorettawhalen@gmail.com 412-848-5124

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Raphael's Ramblers

Our patron is a walking, talking Archangel. We honor St. Raphael and pray for his intercession as we gather with fellow parishioners and friends to walk the grounds at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. During our walks, we talk and laugh, and make new friends. All are welcome to join us following Noon Mass every Tuesday and Friday. We have a weekend fun walk scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22. Bundle up, and if the weather is hazardous for either driving or walking, we will cancel.

THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

December 31

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | 4:30 p.m.

January 8

St. Margaret of Scotland Church | 10:00 a.m.

January 14

Ss. Simon and Jude Church | 4:00 p.m.



HERE FOR YOU

Mercy in Action

Sick Calls

If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for the facility, or 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.

Home Visits

If you are homebound and desire Holy Communion and/or the Sacraments of Healing (Penance or Anointing of the Sick) please call Laura at the parish office: 412-857-5356 ext.431.

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

412-444-5424

If you are in need, SVdP may be able to assist you. Individual cases are confidentially evaluated and help is provided as our resources and guidelines allow. A variety of direct services including clothing, furniture, utility assistance, and more may be available.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry*

412-489-5848

Our pantry supports local families who are unable to make ends meet or who have experienced a recent crisis. This second branch of our SVdP outreach program is specific to the mission of feeding the hungry. Open Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon; stop by or call to learn more.

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Anointing

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If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

Marriage

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

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.

Penance

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