

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Welcome!

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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

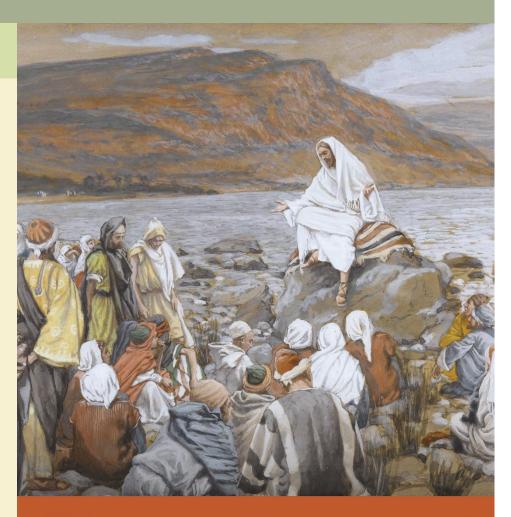
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

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.



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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For church locations and staff information, see page 20

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

FEBRUARY 19		SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Victoria and John Owen by Barbara Lynch, Kathy Utchell, and grandchildren
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Marjorie Sullivan by children and grandchildren
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Ray Beck by wife, Jean
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Kim Zerbe by Katherine Finnern
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	John Mazzoleni by nieces
FEBRUAR	Y 20	MONDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Health & Welfare of Amber VanVickle by the Macerelli Family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus - anonymous
FEBRUAR	Y 21	TUESDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus - anonymous
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Homebound parishioners and parishioners at nursing homes by the Ladies of Charity
FEBRUAR	Y 22	ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Robert and Mary Dusek by family
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	In Reparation for our Sins - anonymous
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Delores Jean Strupp by Carol and Tim Thorsen

- Liturgy of the Word at SMOS at 4:00 p.m. and at SSJ at 6:30 p.m. -

FEBRUAR	Y 23	THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Rose and William Bahney by son, William Bahney
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	John Raffa by wife, Stephanie
FEBRUAR	Y 24	FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Sebastian Dedola by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dedola
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus - anonymous
FEBRUAR	Y 26	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Rose Moschella by cousin, Mel Leonette
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Wladystawa and Jozef Jaraszynski by Krystyna
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	John A. Finello by Nancy Rahuba
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Nancy and Vince Martin by the Cindy & Gary Marshall Family
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Bill Wallace by Melissa and family
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish

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 —



"...sometimes reconciliation is sweeter than an unbroken friendship. There are two ways of knowing how good God is: one is never to lose Him, the other is to lose Him and find Him again."

- Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Please be attentive to the "Lenten regulations." What may appear to be just imposed "rules" are actually pathways to spiritual discipline. They are not to be

taken lightly. To deliberately violate them is to commit sin and ignore your need for spiritual growth.

Page 13 lists the ceremonies, devotions and presentations that will be held during the season of Lent. Please consider in a serious manner what you will do to enrich your faith and demeanor of self-denial, as well as to prepare yourself for a renewal of baptismal promises at the Easter Feast!

Because the blessed ashes imposed on the forehead symbolize our mortality and call us to repent of sinfulness, in addition to the adults, ashes will be given only to children who are old enough to have received the sacrament of reconciliation. The Church does not recognize the child's ability to deliberately commit sin that is in need of repentance until the age of "reason" (age 7).

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend marks the last weekend of the month. Couples who received the Sacrament of Matrimony in the month of February are invited to remain after Mass next weekend to receive a blessing. The blessings will take place after *every* Mass; no appointments or reservations are required.

COUNTDOWN TO LENT

The season of Lent is just days away. See the parish Lenten Schedule on page 13 of this bulletin.

A listing of Lenten regulations can be found across the bottom of pages 12 and 13.

Join us for 40 Days for Life, and sign up for the **Diocesan Daily Lenten Challenge.** See page 12.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Donna Engelhardt Mary Ann Horgan Florence LaSota



Anthony Anderson Lauren Bentley Clara Bielecki Brian Bishop Kelly Bittner Jim Boerio Gina Burton Donald Campbell Dorothy Campbell Elisa Carsia Helen Cassidy Kenneth Chase John Chraska George Christmann Gina Dangelico Katie Denke Antoinette DePofi Patty Drury Kathi Dvorak Lena Enrietti Patti Eurich Stephaine Fahnestock Helen Fallon Vicky Feeney Lois Ferrie Ron Ferrie Rosemary Ferruzza Suzanne T. Finnegan Gabriel Fontana Michelle Frego May Frye William Gabella Dan Gardner Mike Gieselman Joseph M. Granata Brandon Gross Mark Hagelauer Margaret Harkins Wayne Hayes Michael Heastings Eileen Henefeld Mary V. Hester Patti Howcroft **Brent Jones** Noreen Joslyn Anna Mary Karpinski William Karpinski Joanne Keating Gregory M. Klemmer Don Krally Gloria Krally Lori Krally Ann Kramer Veronica Kujawski Darlene Kura Helen Kurek Jackie Kushner Mark Laird John Linn Eugene Loniero John Loniero Peter Paul Lyle III

Mary Ann Macino Arch MacLennan Penny Mahoney Barbara Mannarino Lucille Marabito Laura Martin Sam Martin Santo Mascellino Carl Masciola Kathy Masko Gina Massengill Kathy McGann Virginia Miller John Mostowy Joyce Mostowy Robin Munko Pat Murdzak Theresa Nelson Judi Novak Victoria O'Bosky Mario Oliverio Joan Pandolph Linda Perris Charles Perry Diane Perry Nancy Pistella Carol Poecking Robert Prevost Diane Pritchard Michele Rea Bob Recaldini Dave Redman Joann Redondo Paxton Renk Florinda Rosemeyer Helen Salamon Andrew Patrick Schade Frederick Schell John Schenk Tyler Schepis Mary Patricia Schnars Kathleen Shilling Patricia Smith Mary Socci Genevieve Sonson Teresa Stacy Jaime St. Ledger Judye Suhy **Bob Super** Ed Sutilla Rose Talmonti Tim Teeters Jerry Tokar Rosemarie Toth Allen Turske Stephanie Vail Penny Verow Mary Kay Walsh James Walther Joan Wrona Kathy Zajicek Bernice Zyzak

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



At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in memory of Sally Herman by family

STFWARDSHIP

See our quarterly report on page 16.

Offertory

2/1/2023 through 2/7/2023 \$26,895

2023 Parish Appeal

2023 Goal \$278,967 Monthly Due to the Diocese \$23,247 1/1/2023 through 2/7/2023 \$28,100 Received to date \$28.100

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 get started now. OR visit our website: straphaelcgs.org and click the online giving tab at the top of the homepage.

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

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 is Monday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. To register, please call the parish office at 412-857-5356 and speak to Carol Kossler.

LENT BEGINS

PAGES 12 AND 13 • Ash Wednesday is this week. See the Mass schedule and more.

GRIEF SUPPORT

PAGE 10 • Join us, beginning in March. All are welcome.

SPRING FLING

The Annual Spring Fling takes place on March 4 at the Chartiers Country Club. This event is sold out. Tickets will be mailed soon. Call Mary Kay Smith if you have questions: 412-857-5356 ext. 422

CONFIRMATION

Bishop William J. Waltersheid will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 14 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

The Proch/Ziembicki Family

Jenny and Daniel Daniel and David

The Thomas Family

Sharoon, Tapashi and Sudena

Joseph Sciulli

We're so glad you're here!

MONEY TREE

The Spring Fling is sold out, but you still may have a chance to win one of the prizes! Look for the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild members after all Masses this weekend and February 25/26. They will be selling chances to win a \$500 Money Tree! The winning ticket will be drawn at the Spring Fling on March 4.

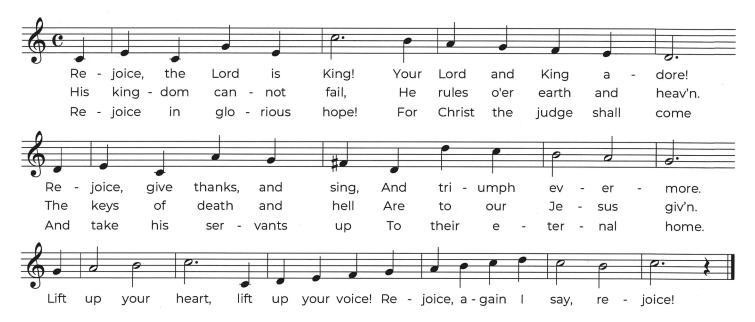


SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The second collection this week is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please give generously that we may continue the work of Christ by reaching out to our neighbors in need.

THE ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE HYMN | REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING!



Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731-1789

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

SPRINKLING RITE



GLORIA



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

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.

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.

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 | LEVITICUS 19: 1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses.

"Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13



Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion. Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Text: Psalm 103 Lectionary for Mass, 1997 ICEL

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

SECOND READING | 1 CORINTHIANS 3: 16-23

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself.

If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written:

God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | 1 JOHN 2:5



Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

GOSPEL | MATTHEW 5: 38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said,

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek,

turn the other one as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile,

go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you,

and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will vou have?

Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

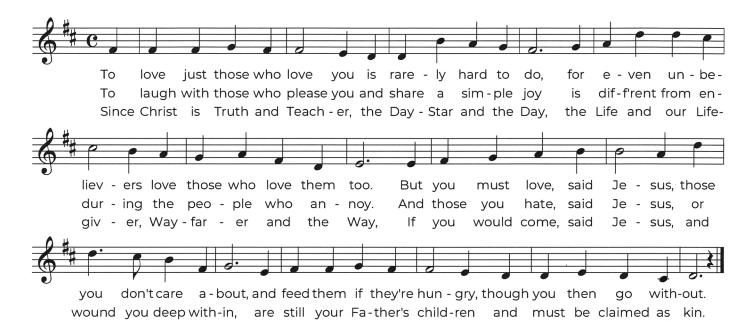
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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 | TO LOVE JUST THOSE WHO LOVE YOU



Tune: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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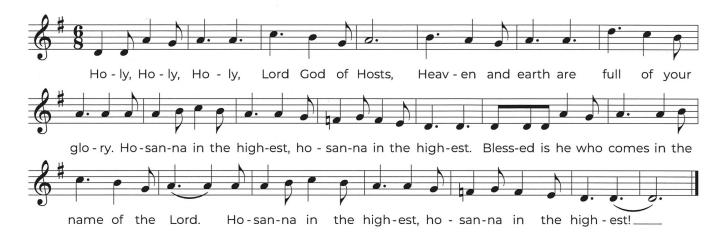
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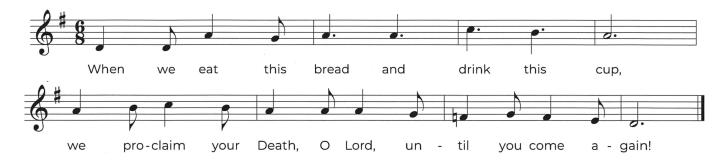
in love and joy and suf-f'ring you'll walk God's path with me.

THE ORDER OF MASS

SANCTUS / HOLY



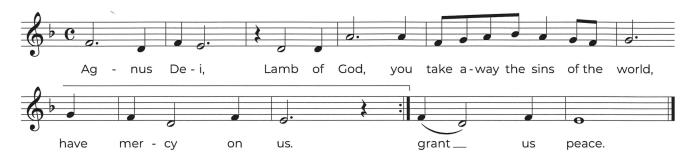
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GREAT AMEN



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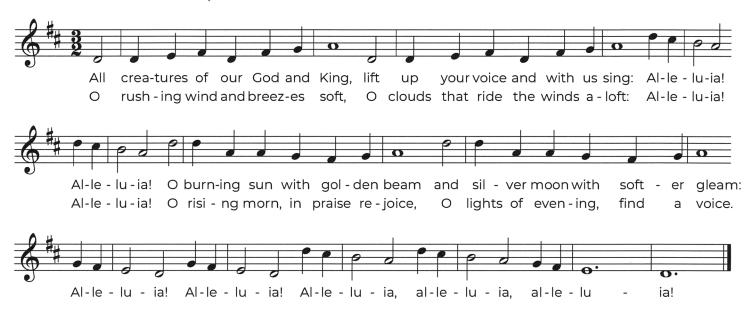
COMMUNION HYMN | COME TO THE BANQUET



- 1. Draw near and take the Body of the Lord, And drink with faith the Blood for you outpoured. Saved by his Body, hallowed by his Blood, With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.
- 2. Our great Redeemer, God's eternal Son, Has by his cross and blood the vict'ry 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 heav'nly bread Christ makes the hungry whole; His living water fills the thirsting soul. Before your presence, Lord, all people bow. In this your feast of love be with us now.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN | ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with alleluias; *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623 Text: *Altissimu, omnipotente bon Signore*, Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt.

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SPRING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Do you wish you had a safe, confidential place to share your feelings and experiences since you lost a precious person? Are you wondering if what you are going through is normal? We are offering a five-week Bereavement Support Group to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. You are welcome to join us for prayer, support, discussion, and fellowship whether your loss was recent or not, and whether or not you have participated in a group in the past. We share experiences, information, and inspiration. The group will meet live from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on five consecutive Thursdays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. There is no cost to participate. Please contact Laura at (412) 857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to register or for additional information.

The Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel will be participating in a parish-wide survey!

PLEASE READ

The Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from February 23, 2023 to March 31, 2023 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. When it is launched, you will be able to access the link on our parish website.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Grecco and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Due to the length of the survey, it is HIGHLY recommended that you complete your survey online. If you are not able to complete it online, you may pick up a paper copy in the parish office during regular business hours Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Carol Kossler at 412-857-5356. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop it off in the parish office by Friday, March 31. Paper surveys received after March 31 will not be included in the final results.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our hard-working parishioners who made the honor roll for the second quarter (*or first semester) at our local Catholic High Schools.



From Bishop Canevin High School:

Honors
Matthew Vaughn
Matthew Mickle
Gracie Rauterkus
Alejandro Badran
Zachary Ziegler
Katherine Mickle

High Honors
Katie Butcher
Hayleigh Loeffert
Tyler Maddix
Bridget McNamara
Noelle Miller
Madeline Dillon
Sean Kelsch
Michael Vaughn
Hayden Wigle



*From Central Catholic High School:

Douglas Jerome Burek Anthony James McFadden Ian Richard Nee



From Oakland Catholic High School:

Highest Honor Aibreann Shovlin Chloe Shovlin



From Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School:

Honors Gabriella Muoio Zoe Vesci

High Honors Jordyn Velmire Highest Honors Madeleine Banaszak Rylee Bush Claire Dela Cruz Jake Johnson Sophia Muoio Abby Wertz



From Seton LaSalle High School:

High HonorsRichard Joseph Schilinski
Justin Metz
John LeMasters



CARING + GIVING + SERVING

Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy. -Leviticus 19: 2

Today's first reading from Leviticus contains the command to "be holy." This may sound intimidating, and even more so when in the Gospel, Jesus commands us to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5: 48). It might be helpful to explore what holiness means and how this concept has been understood by Christian thinkers.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines holy as, "dedicated or consecrated to God or a religious purpose; sacred" and "morally and spiritually excellent." The word for holy in Hebrew is "qodesh," which means "apartness, set-apartness, separateness, sacredness." These definitions help us to understand holiness, but also make it sound like a difficult and abstract quality to attain in real life.

Many influential Catholic writers have provided insight into what it means to be holy. The Trappist Monk, Thomas Merton, said that to be holy is to be oneself, and that silent prayer is necessary to grow in self-knowledge. Pope Benedict XVI stated in a General Audience in 2011 that "Christian holiness is nothing other than charity lived to the full," or loving God and our neighbor. Benedict stated that God provides us with the grace to help us to be holy when we choose to receive the Sacraments, participate in the Liturgy, pray, fast, serve others, and follow the Ten Commandments. St. Teresa of Avila defined holiness simply as "friendship with Christ."

If we stop and think about people we have known, we might be able to identify someone who we could describe as "holy." We may notice that a person has a sense of peace and appears to be comfortable in their own skin. Maybe that person is or was prayerful, loving, kind, humble, and generous. When someone is consistent in practicing their faith, they live with the assurance that Jesus Christ is walking with them in the good and bad times of life. Holy people do in fact stand out as different and not attached to the ways and things of the world. We can take encouragement that even holy people are sinners, but they are seeking ongoing conversion.

As we enter the season of Lent this week and embrace the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let us pray that through God's grace, we come closer to attaining the holiness for which we were created and to which we are called.



A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF SSgt David Blackhall, USAF SPC Casey Busch, Army SSgt Kristiana Coote, USAF LTC Ronald Gaudelli, Army 2LT Matthew Grebinoski, Army COL Christopher Marchetti, Army SA2 Joshua May, Navy 1LT Matthew Montanaro, Army SGT Alexander L. Novelli, Army 1stLt Anthony Palumbo, USMC 1stLt Anthony Redondo, USMC Sgt Jordan M. Rush, USMC A1C Elana Russell, USAF SrA Jay Russell, USAF TSgt Justin F. Smith, USAF Cpl Nicholas Steinert, USMC SGT Gregory Timmerman, Army LT Sean Trombetta, Navy 1LT Garrett Walnoha, Army SN Caleb Zajicek, Navy



SAVE THE DATE:

On Saturday, March 18, we will celebrate St. Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, Head of the Holy Family, Protector of the Holy Church, Lover of Poverty, and Hope of the Sick with a Morning of Prayer and Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Ss. Simon and Jude Church, continuing with a service event for all ages in the Church Hall, and concluding with donuts and fellowship. Look for our St. Joseph's Tables in all our Churches the weekends of March 4-5 and 11-12. See the list of requested items to donate in next week's bulletin.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lent is upon us! Ash Wednesday is this week and will bring with it all the traditional observances of the season, from fish fries to Stations of the Cross. This year Lent will also bring with it a subtle change in the Order of Penance — that is, the wording of the prayers used in the Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation, or Confession: they're all names for the same thing).

So what's changing, and why? And most importantly, what do you need to know as the person on the other side of the confessional?

The good news is that you, the penitent, don't need to do anything differently at all. The most noticeable change will be a subtle rephrasing of the words in the prayer of absolution. That's the prayer the priest says which effects the sacramental absolution of sins. This is the new prayer, with the changes in bold:

"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God **grant** you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

The old version of the prayer had said: "God... sent the Holy Spirit among us" and "may God give you pardon and peace."

This change is part of the same slow-moving process of retranslation that produced the version of the Order of Mass we've been using since 2011. The reason for the change is that this new prayer is closer to the original Latin. You'll notice that this adjustment is much more subtle than the shift from "And also with you" to "And with your spirit." In fact, I'm betting that if I hadn't told you, you wouldn't have noticed it at all.

Priests can start using the new translation on Ash Wednesday, but this Lent is a kind of "breaking in" period where both the old and the new versions of the words of absolution are licit options. On Divine

Mercy Sunday, April 16, the new version will go into effect across the board.

You might be wondering: what happens if a priest accidentally says the old version of the prayer of absolution beyond April 16? Priests, being human, are known to mess up at times... and as subtle as the change is, I know I'll be reading the new prayer off a card for quite a while.

Not to worry. A few misplaced words are not enough to affect absolution. The bare essential words of the sacrament — the sacramental "form," as we call it — are simply "I absolve you." Of course, priests should always be careful to follow the rites of the Church without any undue alteration, but as long as the priest says those three words, you can rest assured that the minimum requirements have been met. Your sins are forgiven. What beautiful words they are!

-Fr. Alek

TAKE THE LENTEN CHALLENGE

Last year 5,000 people in the Diocese of Pittsburgh registered for daily Lenten text messages that encouraged them to draw closer to Jesus through prayer and sacrifice. You are invited to join the challenge this year! Complete the form at diopitt.org/lent.



From February 22 to April 2, you are invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life**—40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion.

Learn more at: 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.

Join members of the Knights of Columbus and other parishioners on Wednesday, March 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood! More details will be coming soon!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59. No one should consider this obligation

lightly.

- **3.** Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
- **4.** Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance



Ash Wednesday

February 22

Mass

8:30 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church9:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude ChurchNoon St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

LITURGY OF WORD

4:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church 6:30 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church

Eucharistic Holy Hour, Vespers, and Benediction

SUNDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.

February 26 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
March 5 Ss. Simon and Jude Church
March 12 St. Margaret of Scotland Church
March 19 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
March 26 Ss. Simon and Jude Church
April 2 St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Stations of the Cross

FRIDAYS IN LENT

Noon | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 12:30 p.m. Marian reflections | Ss. Simon and Jude Church 2:30 p.m. with school | St. Margaret of Scotland Church 7:00 p.m. | Ss. Simon and Jude Church

GOOD FRIDAY (April 2)

Noon | Ss. Simon and Jude Church 6:30 p.m. | St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church

Thursday, March 30

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Wednesday, April 5

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church

Saturdays (except Holy Saturday):

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | St. Margaret of Scotland Church 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church The Sacrament will not be scheduled after April 5 except by appointment.

Easter Triduum

April 6 + Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper Ss. Simon and Jude Church

April 7 + Good FRIDAY

1:30 p.m. Veneration of the Cross and Communion

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

8:00 p.m. Tenebrae | St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

April 8 + EASTER VIGIL

8:30 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church

April 9 + Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
9:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church
10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church
10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
11:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church

suitable to their age.

5. Of particular note, Friday, March 17, 2023 is the Commemoration of Saint Patrick. The celebration of the saint day does not remove the obligation of abstinence on that Friday of Lent.

6. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is

prescribed by the law.

7. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes is not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our second grade students will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Parents are asked to arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. The service will begin at 1:00 p.m. Please pray for our little disciples as they encounter the mercy of Jesus in the sacrament.

Pictures from Ukraine with blankets made by our parishioners. And a note: *Thanks a million for this amazing project and kind people.*



SSJ PRE-SCHOOL We celebrated Catholic Schools Week by participating in different theme days: favorite character, crazy hat and hair day, mismatched day, patriotic day and favorite sports team. We had Mad Science and the book fair and celebrated Groundhog Day, too! Fr. Grecco visited on St. Blaise Day.













More fun from SSJ Pre-school



815001 - Saint Raphael the Archangel

(Quarter-2 2022/2023)

OPERATING REVENUE:

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Offertory Collections	640,694
Donations & Bequests	671,300
Fundraising	152,455
Other Income	14,165
	1,478,614
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	318,836
Operations & Maintenance	227,812
Liturgical & Rectory	107,815
Religious Ed & School Subsidy	104,802
Property & Liability Insurance	40,637
Social/ Outreach/ Other	(80,669)
	719,233
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	759,381
NON-OPERATING ITEMS:	
Campaign Income	2,893
Net Parish Share	161,145
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(617,323)
Net Third Party Collections	7,027
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	1,000
	(445,258)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 12/31/2022

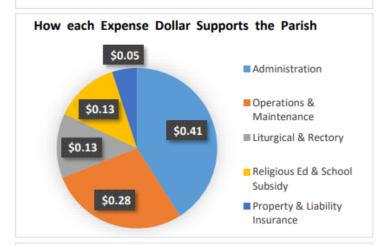
ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	649,991
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	593,928
	1,243,919
Restricted Funds:	
Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	36
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	312,701
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
Parish Share Due from Parishioners	-
	312,737
LIABILITIES:	
Insurance Past Due	-
Parish Share Due to Diocese	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	1,285,223
Other Payables	1,811
	1,287,034



Revenue: **1,478,614** Expense: **719,233**



A Parish is much like a business. There are costs that keep the Parish running. The pie chart above details how your dollars are spent. The following line items include but are not limited to:

Other Income - Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive Administration -

Staff, Office Supplies, Furnishings, Equipment

Operations & Maintenance -

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies Religious Ed & School Subsidy -

Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Elem School Grant <u>Liturgical & Rectory</u> -

Staff, Worship Expense, Rectory Food, Utilities, Upkeep Social/Outreach/Other -

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool Campaign Income -

Special Campaigns (Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.)

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense -

Purchases/Improvements over \$4,000

Net Third Party Collections -

e.g. St. Anthony's, Holy Land, Peter's Pence

Other - Endowment, Tuition Assistance

The Parish financial situation is good through the end of 2022. Our main sources of income are offertory contributions and fundraising. While donations and bequests also help our situation, they are not a source of income we can depend on. Based on our budgeted expenses for this fiscal year, we need approximately \$35,500 on average each week to meet our projected expenses. We continue to look for areas to reduce expenses but our facilities are in constant need of repair or updating due to their age and usage. Please prayerfully consider beginning or increasing your weekly or monthly offering.

Thank you all for your continued support.

FISH FRY MENU

2023 SEAS FISH FRY

Dinners: F	Price:
Fish Trio Dinner Fried fish, shrimp, and a crab cake	\$16
Baked Fish on a Dish	\$12
Fried Fish on a Dish	\$12
Crab Cake Dinner	\$12
Jumbo Shrimp Dinner	\$12
Dinners above served with fi coleslaw, roll w/butter	ries,
Pierogi Dinner (6) w/ coleslaw & roll with butter	\$10

A la carte	Price:
Baked Fish Sandwich	\$9
Fried Fish Sandwich	\$9
Crab Cakes (3)	\$8
French Fries	\$4
Pierogi (each)	\$1
Haluski	\$4
Mac & Cheese	\$4
Stewed Tomatoes	\$4
Applesauce	\$3
Coleslaw	\$3
Clam Chowder	\$4
Potato soup	\$4
Extra sandwich bun	\$2
Drinks	\$1
Dessert on St. Patrick's Day	\$2—\$4

Eat In or Take Out

Phone orders: 412-857-5318

Phone lines open on Fridays from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m.

ONE PARISH TWO LOGATRONS

Join us every Friday in Lent!

No Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday.



Hours: 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Hours: 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for BOTH Fish Fry locations!

Call Tim Castello for SEAS 412-857-5356 ext. 416 OR

Call Peg Sembrat for SSJ 412-818-6623

All volunteers must be in compliance with the Safe Environment Program

More details in next week's bulletin!

2023 SSJ FISH FRY

Dinners:	Price
Fried Fish Dinner	\$13.00
Baked Fish Dinner	\$13.00
Crab Cake Dinner (3)	\$13.00
Shrimp Dinner (5)	\$13.00

Choice: Fries or Baked Potato Choice: Coleslaw or Applesauce

Kids Meals:	Price
Fish Sticks	\$6.00
Baked Fish (Half Piece)	\$6.00
Shrimp (2)	\$6.00
Crab Cakes (1)	\$6.00

Choice: Mac & Cheese or Fries Applesauce Water or Kids Drink

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A la carte:	Price
Just Fish - Fried	\$8.50
Just Fish - Baked	\$8.50
Fried Fish Sandwich	\$9.00
Baked Fish Sandwich	\$9.00
Fish Taco (1)	\$5.50
Fish Taco (2)	\$9.00
Crab Cakes (3)	\$9.00
Shrimp (5)	\$9.00
French Fries	\$3.50
Baked Potato	\$3.50
Fried Provolone Sticks	\$4.50
Cabbage & Noodles	\$4.50
Macaroni and Cheese	\$4.50
Pierogies (3)	\$3.00
Pierogies (6)	\$6.00
Pierogies (12)	\$11.00
Soup: Lobster Bisque	\$6.00
Coleslaw	\$2.25
Applesauce	\$2.25
Add Bun	\$0.50
Add Cheese	\$0.50
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Coke Pepsi
Diet Coke Diet Pepsi
Sprite Juice Box

Drinks

Eat In or Take Out SSJfishfry.com Order online or in person. No phone orders. \$1.00

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

Congratulations to another OUTSTANDING student from Guardian Angel Academy who was recognized as a GOLDEN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK. Students are selected based on the following criteria: Demonstrated exceptional academic achievement; exemplary personal and social qualities; showing a love for learning and engagement in the total school program; having good attendance, punctuality and discipline; being a role model by setting a good example for others to follow and a student who lives out their Catholic faith daily. Every student, regardless of ability, can be a Golden Warrior.



STUDENT: TEGAN GORCHOCK - KINDERGARTEN (A)

TEACHER: MRS. SARA CORNETTI

Tegan Gorchock is a Golden Warrior! Tegan puts the KIND in kindergarten. She is the first to help a classmate. Tegan is a student that always gives 100%. She tries her best at everything. She represents GAA on the school's soccer and track teams. Outside of school, Tegan plays softball and likes to do art projects with her sister. Her favorite things about school are recess, gym, and art. When she grows up, she would like to be a firefighter and a veterinarian.



Lent begins this week. A time to turn from sin.

IS GOSSIP A SIN?

Question: Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer: To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ©LPi



BISHOP CANEVIN OPEN HOUSE

"Explore our Opportunities"

Calling all families and students in Grades 5-11. You are invited to the Bishop Canevin Open House on Wednesday, March 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., for an insider's look at all that Bishop Canevin Catholic High School has to offer. Register online at bishopcanevin.org.



Set to release on Ash Wednesday, Fearless will help you make this Lent impactful and spiritually fruitful. This new seven-part series

is brought to you in partnership with Real Life Catholic and FORMED.

Time and again, the people of God are called to be courageous and "be not afraid." Yet we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don't miss this exciting series with a special weekly guest as we follow Jesus into the wilderness.

Click the link on our homepage to receive this free seven-week video series straight to your email inbox. Or learn more at formed.org.

THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

February 19

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | 9:00 a.m.

February 26

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | 9:00 a.m.

Give praise with blasts upon the horn, praise him with harp and lyre. Give praise with tambourines and dance, praise him with strings and pipes. Give praise with crashing cymbals.

—Psalm 150

ON DEMAND

Please do not applaud at Mass. The choir is not singing for entertainment. They are singing to worship God. The words and music are prayers. We do not clap for prayer. May the glory be to God the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.



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. *Located at the Administration Center in the back of the building: 330 Third Avenue (rear) The street is named Barrett Way.

THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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

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THE PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER IS LOCATED AT 330 3RD AVENUE IN CARNEGIE

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MASSES AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH ARE LIVE STREAMED

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

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

For arrangements please call the parish office.

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.

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093

CHILDLINE: 1-800-932-0313