THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

FEBRUARY 26, 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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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 26		**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Rose Moschella by cousin Mel Leonette
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Wladystawa and Jozef Jaroszynski 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
FEBRUARY 27		**MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Joe Stickley by parents Ellen and Joe
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Ruth Hoerster by family
FEBRUARY 28		**TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Harlan "Chip" Jervis III by family
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Edward Avolio and Michael Avolio by family
MARCH 1		**WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Guidance and discernment *-anonymous*
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Adele Greek by Bob
MARCH 2		**THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Mary A. Granata Ragni by family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Sylvia and Walter Dlugos by family
MARCH 3		**FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	John Zajicek by Mary Kay and Forrest Smith
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Herman K. Herleman Jr. by Karen McLaughlin
MARCH 5		**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Gaudelli and Sothergill Families by family
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Mary Jo Tallman and Henry J. Gaillot by Jorie Murphy
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Rocco Muffi by wife Terry
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Sebastian Dedola by Patty and Tom Torrey
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	John Bowen by the Corradi 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*

FROM THE PASTOR

"When we speak about wisdom, we are speaking of Christ. When we speak about justice, we are speaking of Christ. When we speak about peace, we are speaking of Christ. When we speak about truth and life and redemption, we are speaking of Christ." —St. Ambrose

The Church calls us to be attentive to the "Easter Duty" that requires all Catholics who are able to receive the Holy Eucharist to do so at least once a year, particularly during the span of time that begins this weekend with the First Sunday of Lent and continues through to "Trinity Sunday" (June 4). Please note that the reception of the Holy Eucharist might require a prior reception of the Sacrament of Penance (which is required if mortal sin is present). If there is a circumstance in your life that prohibits you from the Eucharist, and you would like to speak with a priest about it, please feel free to call.

The Annual Parish Appeal 2023 has begun. All registered households have received a letter and brochure with specifics as well as a pledge card. I am grateful that many have already sent back a pledge and/or check. The goal for this year, **$278,967**. Under the new program policy, each parish will be debited monthly. The monthly extraction will be $23,247, so please do not wait to make your pledge and try not to withhold payments so that we can make the monthly expectations. A reminder that the "red" envelopes are in the pews for your use if you are a regular visitor or parishioner who has forgotten the regular offertory envelope. On the reverse side of the PSP pledge card is available space for prayer petitions. These petitions will be provided to the "Partners in Prayer" for their attention and remembered in general during the Saturday/Sunday Mass petitions.

Special thanks to all who assisted in making the first annual "Mardi Gras" party such a wonderful event. I am grateful to Karen Maurer for all of the time she took to plan and organize the event for us.

I look forward to greeting the many who have purchased tickets for the Christian Mother's Spring Fling next Saturday. It is always an enjoyable time! I am grateful to the ladies who put so much time, effort and thought into the planning and for their generosity in financially supporting the parish.

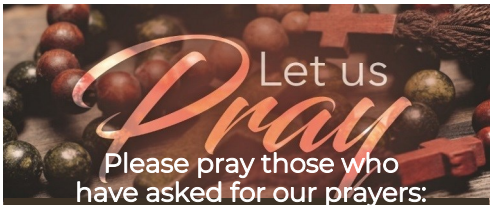
ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THIS WEEKEND

This 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 to receive a blessing. The blessings will take place after *every* Mass; no appointments or reservations are required.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Christine Pachel
Margaret Habovick
John Lindsey Sr.
Santo Mascellino
Sharri Spratley, *mother of Mike Spratley*



Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:

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
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
Edie Sortwell
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.

TABERNACLE CANDLE Dedications

At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
in memory of
Adele Greek
by Bob

At Ss. Simon and Jude Church
for the health and wellbeing of
Matthew Thorsen
by parents

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

2/8/2023 through 2/14/2023	$35,897

2023 Parish Appeal

2023 Goal	$278,967
Monthly Due to the Diocese	$23,247
2/8/2023 through 2/14/2023	$5,739
Received to date	$33,839

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 on Thursday, March 23, at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall at 6:00 p.m. To register, please call the parish office at 412-857-5356 and speak to Carol Kossler.

LENT

PAGE 13 • See the schedule of events and opportunities for Spiritual growth.

GRIEF SUPPORT

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

SPRING FLING

Tickets were mailed this week! If you purchased tickets for the (SOLD OUT) Spring Fling, you should have received them. Please call Mary Kay Smith if you did not receive your tickets. *Note: if your ticket was purchased through one person or as one table, that person/table leader will likely have your ticket.*

Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Brittany Hellmann

Thom Ladner

Tony Ladner

Claudia Jean McNally

Victoria and Emilio Venturella

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**. They will be selling chances to win a $500 Money Tree! The winning ticket will be drawn at the Spring Fling on March 4.

BE SURE TO COME TO ONE OF OUR FISH FRIES!

AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS

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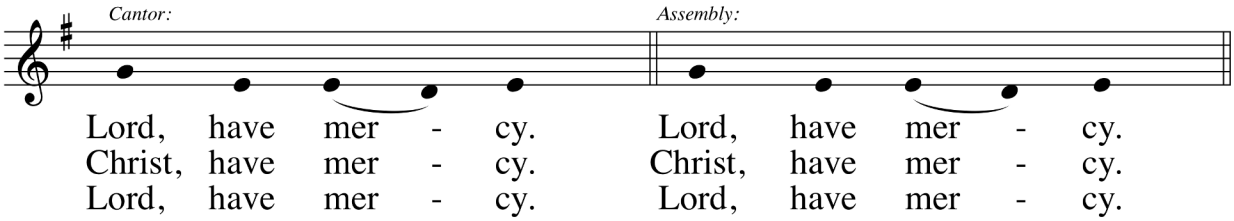
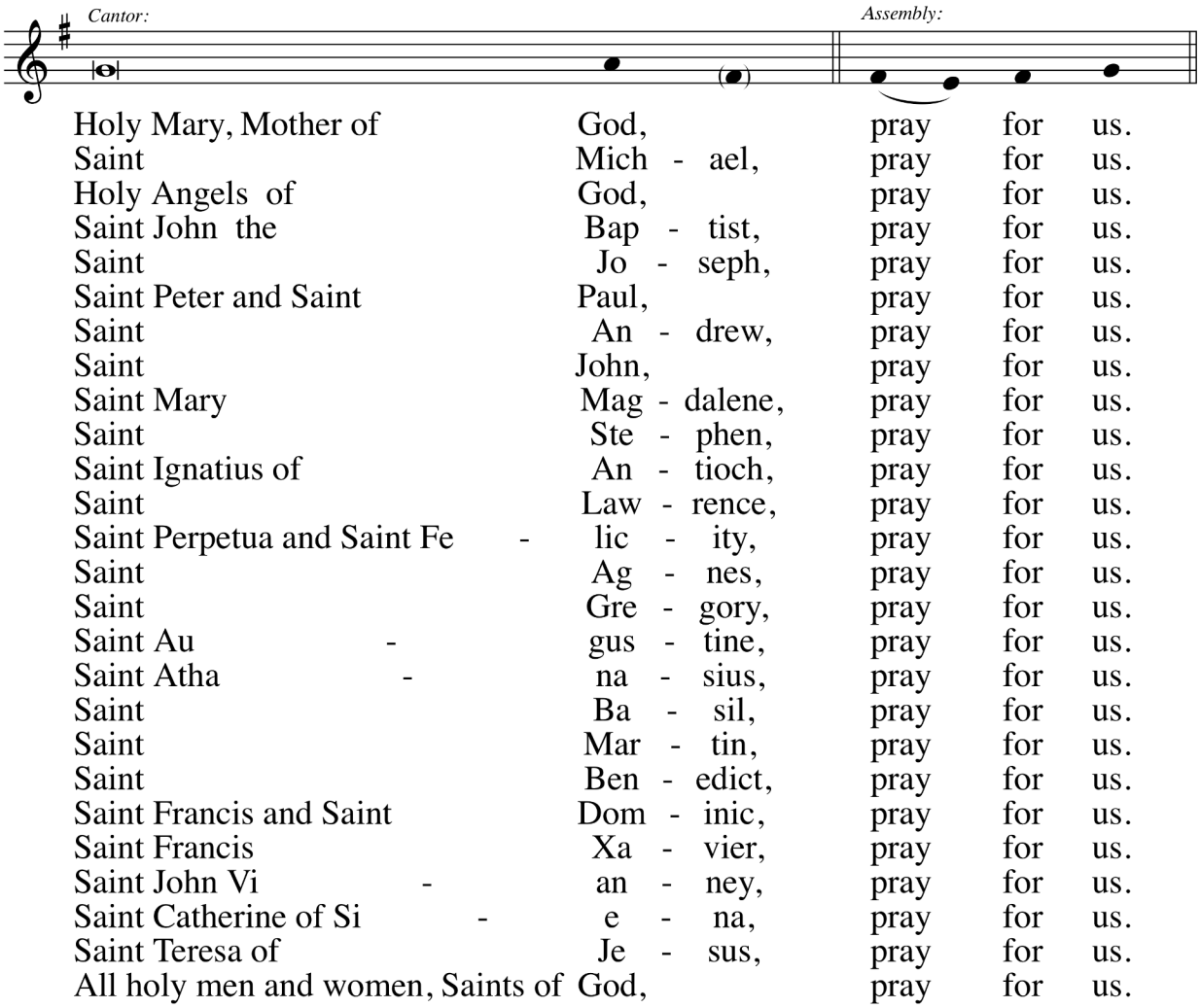
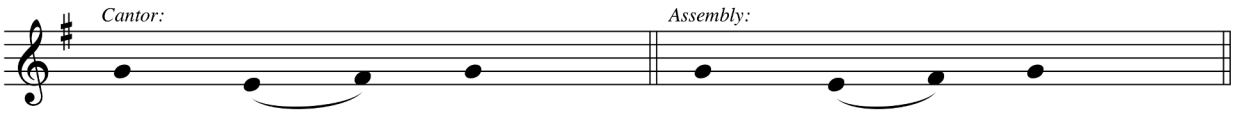
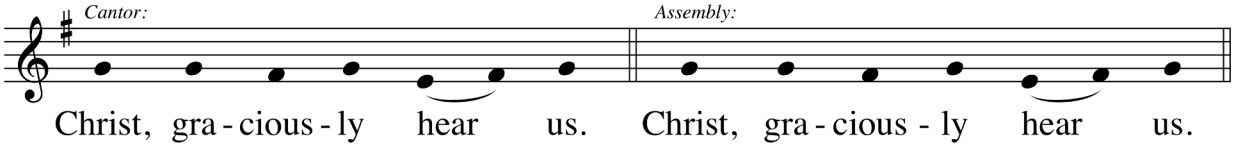
ENTRANCE PROCESSIONAL | LITANY OF SAINTS









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Music: *Litany of the Saints, Roman Missal*
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FIRST READING | GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

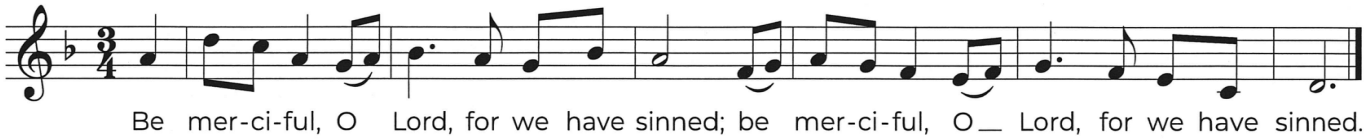
The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said,

'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"
But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 51:3-6, 12-14, 17



1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness, in your compassion, blot out my offense. O wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all of my sin.
2. My offenses, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me; against you alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul. Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your spirit from me.
4. Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to your side.

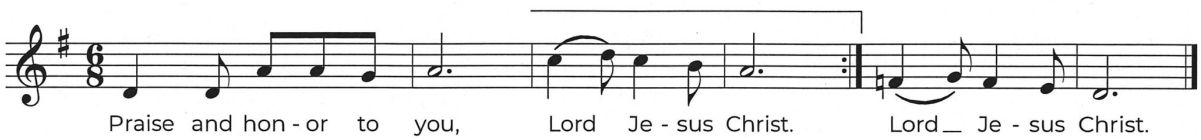
Text: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-15; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL

SECOND READING | ROMANS 5: 12-19

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.
For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 4:4



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL | MATTHEW 4: 1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert
to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and
forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.
The tempter approached and said to him,
"If you are the Son of God, command that these stones
become loaves of bread." He said in reply,
"It is written: One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him
stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you
are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:
He will command his angels concerning you and with their
hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against
a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written,
You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."
Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain,
and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their
magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to
you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!
It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and
ministered to him.

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

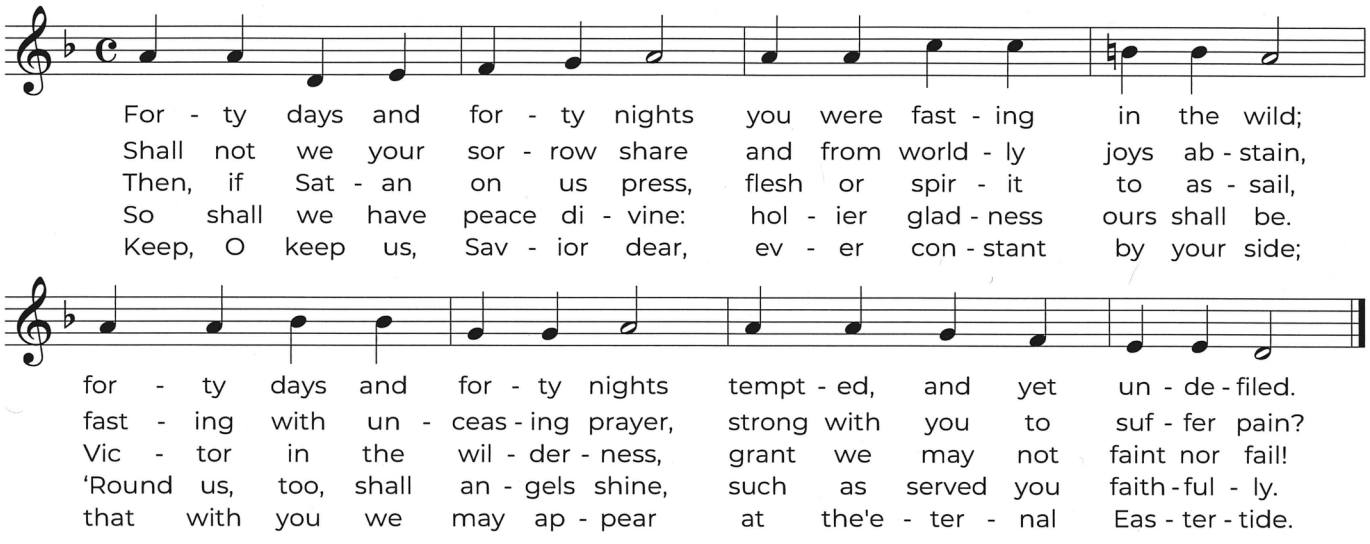
PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 | FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS



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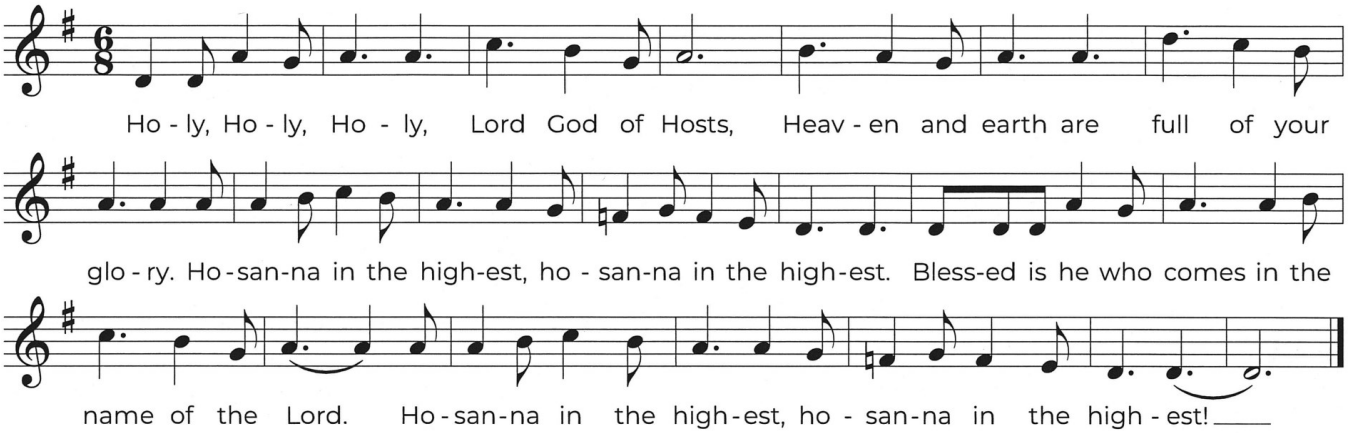
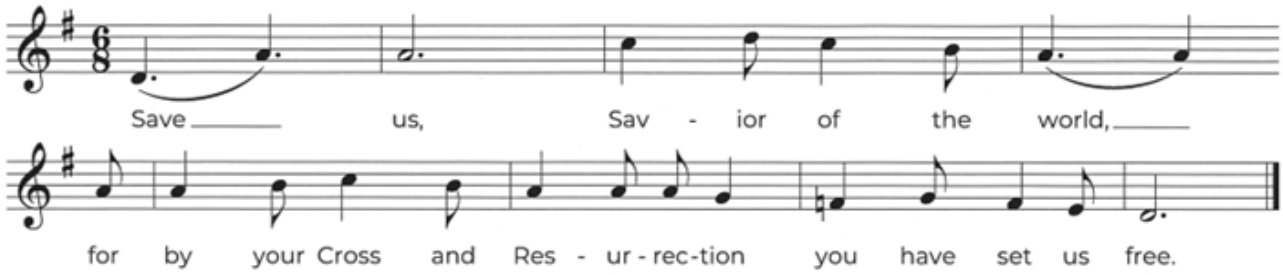
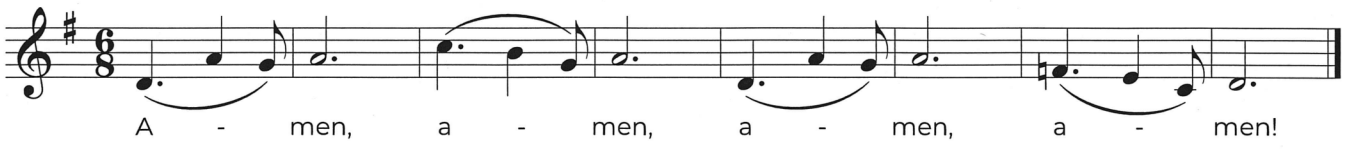
SANCTUS / HOLY



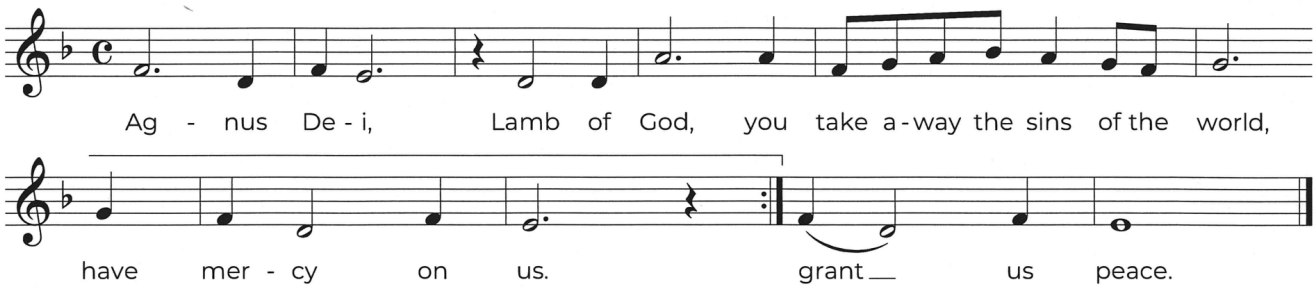
MYSTERY OF FAITH



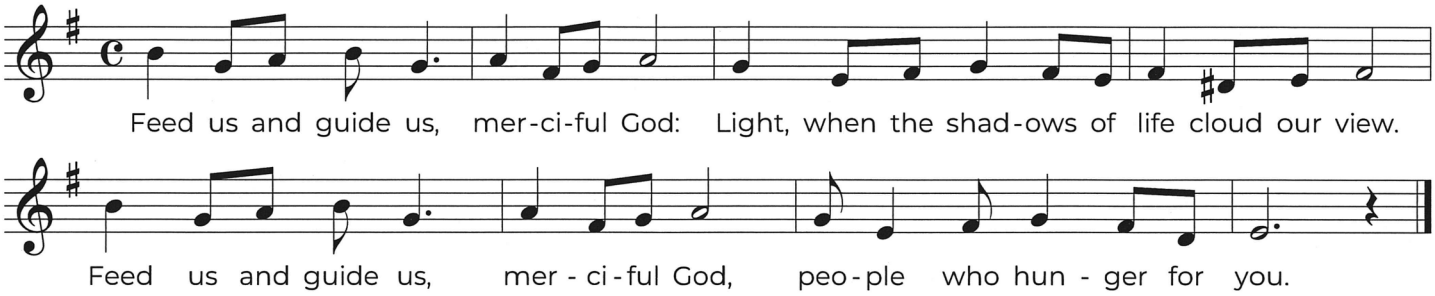
GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN | MERCIFUL GOD—FEED US AND GUIDE US



1. Surely, you alone can save us. You pay our price with precious blood. Reaching through your great com passion. You lift up your people with love.

2. Surely, you alone uphold us. You give us strength for all our needs. Shielding with a father's favor, You bless us with pardon and peace.

3. Surely, you alone can heal us. Yours is the will to make us whole. Soothing with a mother's kindness, The contrite of heart you console.

4. Surely, you alone can free us. You break the bonds of guilt and sin. Bracing, till we walk uprightly, You bolster our hope once again.

5. Surely, you alone refine us. You give us grace for lives made new, Forging, through your fire and radiance, a sacrifice worthy for you.

6. Surely, you alone redeem us. You fill our dust with holy breath. Bursting from the grave in glory, You rise from the ashes of death.

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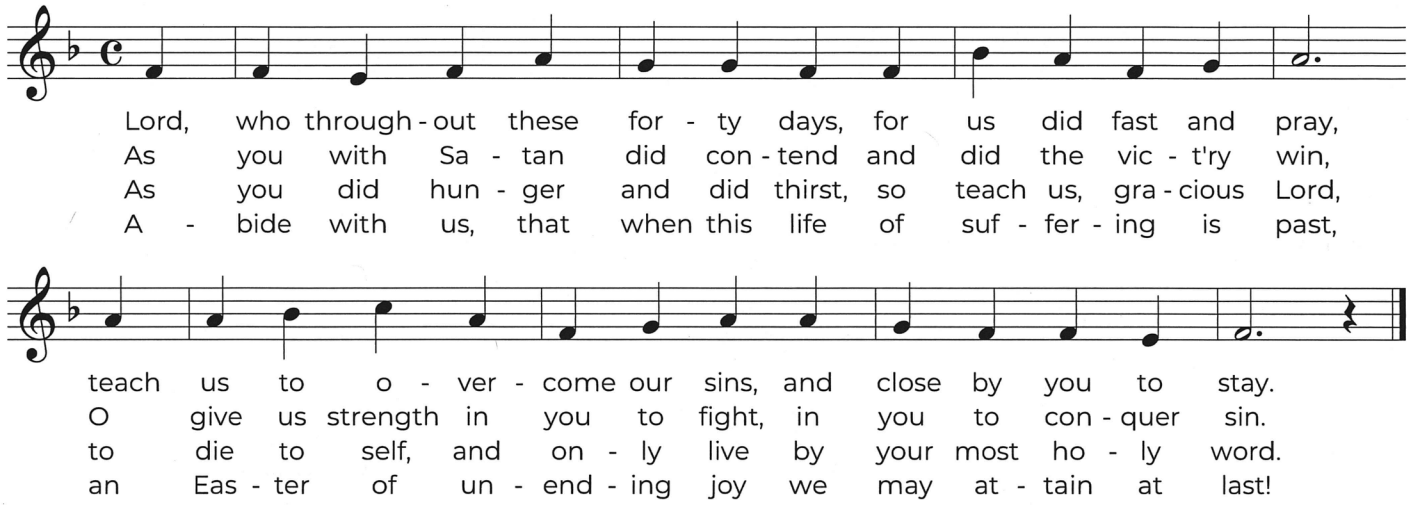
RECESSIONAL HYMN | LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS



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SPRING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and are seeking a way to share your feelings and experiences confidentially with compassionate listeners, consider joining us. 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 to register or for more information: 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org.

PLEASE READ

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

The Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel is 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 now until 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. Please 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!

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

The Church honors St. Joseph as the Spouse of the Mother of God, Head of the Holy Family, and Hope of the Sick. On the weekends of March 4-5 and 11-12, we will have St. Joseph Tables set up in all of our churches to collect supplies for Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides residence and support for families with children requiring prolonged treatment for serious illness at hospitals in Pittsburgh and Morgantown.

Specific items needed for "Welcome Bags" include:

- Small bottles of water
- Small individually wrapped bags of snacks, chips, crackers, cookies, granola bars, gummies etc. (No chocolate candy, please.)
- Laundry pods
- Dryer sheets
- Tide pens/stain remover sticks
- Reusable laundry totes

On Saturday, March 18, we will celebrate St. Joseph with a Morning of Prayer and Service beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Ss. Simon and Jude Church. Following a brief prayer service, we welcome parishioners of all ages to pack snack and laundry bags in the Church Hall. We will conclude with donuts and fellowship.

Caring Corner

CARING † GIVING † SERVING

My sweetest joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament! -St. Katherine Drexel

On this first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel is the story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. For every temptation the devil presents, Jesus counters with wisdom, obedience, and faithfulness to the will of his Father. Jesus has an answer for everything. In truth, Jesus *is* the answer for everything.

When we are tempted to sin, Jesus is our model and our strength to turn away from sin and be faithful to his Gospel. When we encounter a stranger, an outcast, or a person who is suffering, recognizing Jesus in them and striving to demonstrate his compassion to them is what we are called to do. When someone hurts or offends us, we pray for the grace to forgive them as Jesus taught that we must do. When we are faced with illness, adversity, loneliness, or any type of struggle, praying to unite our suffering with that of Jesus and asking his help to carry our crosses might not make our situations easy, but it will give us hope and peace as we persevere.

St. Katherine Drexel, whose Feast we observe on March 3, had great devotion to the Eucharist. Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration is one way to grow closer to Jesus and hear him speaking to our hearts. The Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross, where we reflect on his Passion, is another way to remind ourselves of his radical love for us. Reading Scripture and the reflections in *The Word Among Us* devotionals given by the parish can help us relate to Jesus through his Word. An act so simple as saying the holy name of Jesus prayerfully and reverently can remind us that we can call on him and that we should give him praise and gratitude every day. As we embark on our Lenten journey, no stumbling block can prevent us from making progress as long as we turn to Jesus.

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PARTNERS in Prayer

This Thursday, March 2, our St. Raphael the Archangel Partners in Prayer meet from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Holy Family Hall (the narthex) of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Partners in Prayer is a parish ministry that provides dedicated, caring prayer support for anyone who comes to us with a request. We welcome anyone seeking to devote themselves to prayer and service to others this Lent to join us for part or all of our meeting. We gather and welcome prayer requests before and after Noon Mass. Our live group meets on the first and third Thursday of every month. After our meetings, we send the requests received via email to the Partners in Prayer who are unable to join us in person. The intentions entrusted to Partners in Prayer are also remembered in the General Intercessions at our weekend Masses.

DID YOU KNOW?

As much as Lent is a time for giving things up, it is also a time when the tradition of the Church lends additional richness to our communal worship. For example, this past Sunday you may have noticed an extra prayer which can be added before the dismissal at the end of Mass.

This is the ancient "prayer over the people" (oratio super populum). Solemn blessings can be added at the discretion of the celebrant for most of the Sundays and feasts of the year, but this one is a bit different. After the greeting "The Lord be with you" and its response, the priest — or deacon, if one is present — invites the people to "bow down for the blessing." Then the prayer over the people is added before the normal formula of blessing and dismissal. The text of that extra prayer this weekend is:

May bountiful blessing,
O Lord, we pray,
come down upon your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation,
virtue be strengthened
in temptation,
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord.

The meaning of this prayer is best understood in relation to the Lenten season itself. The "tribulation" we experience in this life often comes upon us without our consent. Our perseverance through trial helps us grow in hope, and when we resist the temptation to sin and despair we grow in the habit of virtue. But we also need strength to persevere through our voluntary penances and spiritual practices, and depending on what you've given up or added to your spiritual life in Lent, the temptation to abandon these disciplines can be very strong indeed. All the more reason to ask for additional grace and blessing to make it through to Easter.

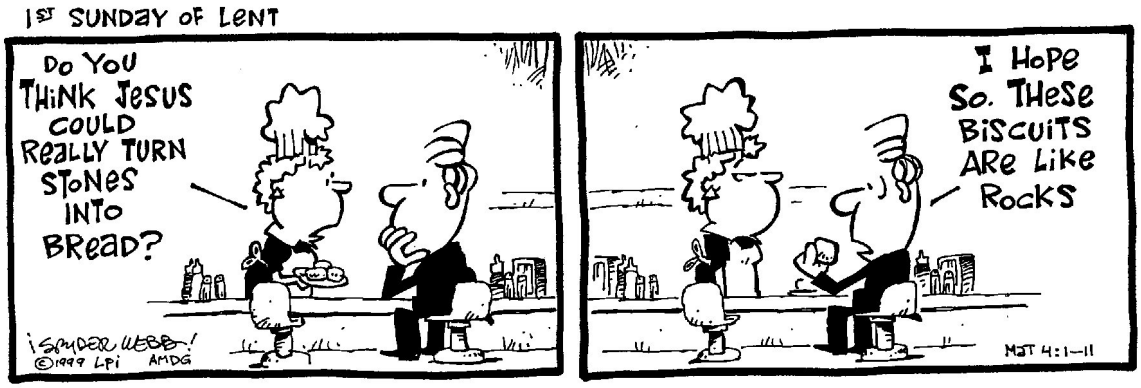
The origin of these prayers over the people is very ancient. Liturgical historians believe that at one time, every Mass concluded with a blessing like this, but over time they began to fall away. Not so for the days of Lent, however! There has always been a tendency to keep the longer form of things during the Lenten season, given the emphasis on extra prayer and penance. So by the time of Vatican II, there were still prayers "over the people" assigned to all the weekdays of Lent.

After the liturgical reform, these prayers were sadly done away with. But they were reinstated by Pope John Paul II in 2002, and as a result they were included in the new translation of the English-language Missal we received in 2011. Since then we have happily benefited from them throughout the season of Lent — not just on weekdays, but now on Sundays as well.

—Fr. Alek

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

On Wednesday, March 22, join parishioners of the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel to witness and pray for an end to abortion. We have committed to two hours of peaceful prayer during the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil outside Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. We will gather between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. We need to fill that entire shift, but ideally, several participants can rotate time slots of 30 minutes, one hour, or two hours during our shift. We stand together and pray peacefully for innocent preborn babies to have a chance to live, for women in crisis pregnancies to have the support they need to choose life, and for our government and society to work toward a culture of life in which the most vulnerable members are cherished and loved as our Creator loves them. If you wish to join our parish 40 Days for Life team, please contact Laura, Care Minister, at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to sign up for a time slot and/or arrange to car pool.



The Season of Lent

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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WHAT DO I NEED TO VOLUNTEER AT THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL?

To be in full compliance with the Diocese of Pittsburgh, all volunteers in the parish must complete at least four levels of clearances. It may sound like a lot of work, but Karen Maurer is available to help you through it step by step at no cost to you.

Why do we do this? It's the law, (go to KeepKidsSafe.pa.gov). Anyone with direct contact with children must be in full compliance including completing Mandated Reporter Training.

All other volunteers who may be seen by a child, even without direct contact, have to obtain basic clearances. This includes volunteers who do something as simple as carry groceries from the trunk of a car into the church, or sing in a choir, or cook in a kitchen, or haul garbage to a dumpster, or park cars. If a child sees you as someone who is working for the parish, even in a volunteer capacity, you must have your clearances.

We are taking every reasonable measure to assure that we are providing a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. Please help us. Get your clearances, or update existing expired clearances. It's not as difficult as you may think. Go to the Quick Links box on our homepage and click *Volunteers: obtain or update your clearances. Or* contact Karen Maurer: 412-857-5356 ext. 430 or karen@straphaelcgs.org.

SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

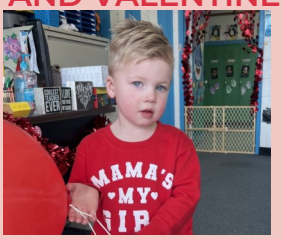
Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 3 at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with benediction prior to the Noon Mass.

Or, join us for Nocturnal Adoration that will begin at 10:00 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, with benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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!

SSJ PRE-SCHOOL AND VALENTINE'S DAY!



MARDI GRAS FUN!

Many thanks to Karen and Kevin Maurer for the numerous hours of planning and hard work that went in to making a wonderful Mardi Gras party. It was a fun celebration before Lent began.

Special thanks to Tim Castello, Carol Kossler, and members of the Contemporary Choir for all of their help.

Thank you to secretaries Cathy and Carol for selling and organizing the tickets, and a huge thanks to everyone who attended the event.

We have a really terrific parish, and it was wonderful to spend the afternoon together. If you weren't able to be there this year, be sure to mark your calendars now for Mardi Gras 2024!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

- RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of pączki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — *submit to me, and you will have the whole world* — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression."
— Romans 5:15

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FISH FRY MENU

2023 SEAS FISH FRY

Dinners:	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 fries, coleslaw, roll w/butter

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 LOCATIONS

Join us every Friday in Lent!

No Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday or Good Friday.

SEAS

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

SSJ

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*

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

Drinks $1.00

Water	Brisk
Coke	Pepsi
Diet Coke	Diet Pepsi
Sprite	Juice Box

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SSJfishfry.com
Order online or in person.
No phone orders.

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR!

Guardian Angel Academy Library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair open house in the school cafeteria after all Masses at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on March 5. Check out books for all ages and pick up gift ideas for Easter. Preorder *Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea* at a special paperback price!

Stop in to browse or buy. This is a great opportunity for parents to preview the Fair and help their students make selections.

You can also shop online and our school will get the credit from the sale: **scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy1.**

All proceeds benefit our school library. Major credit cards accepted.

ROSARIES

During the Season of Lent, we are called to grow spiritually through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. To assist with prayer, we have free rosaries and pamphlets on how to pray the Rosary available in baskets in all three of our churches during Lent. The Rosary is an important form of prayer that most of us learned as children. If you have your own Rosary, but have forgotten how to pray it, please take a pamphlet. If you need help or clarification, contact Laura at ext. 431. Consider joining those who pray the Rosary against violence after the Noon Mass on Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

"If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, Our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's Path." –St. Josemaria Escriva

For all families and students in Grades 5-11.

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THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

February 26
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | 9:00 a.m.

March 5
St. Margaret of Scotland Church | 10:00 a.m.

March 12
St. Margaret of Scotland Church | 10:00 a.m.

March 18
Ss. Simon and Jude Church | 4:00 p.m.

March 26
Ss. Simon and Jude Church | 11:00 a.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. **Located at the Administration Center in the back of the building: 330 Third Avenue (rear) The street is named Barrett Way.*

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

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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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