

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MARCH 26, 2023

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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

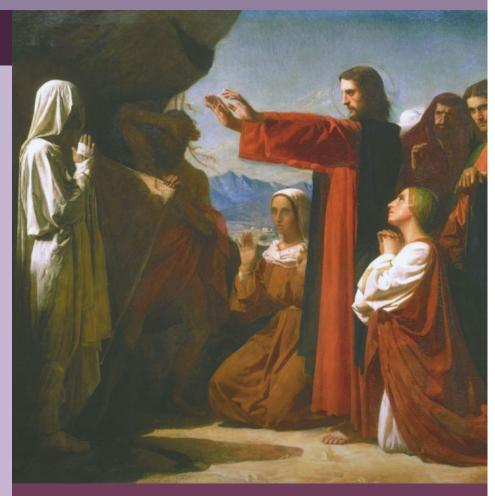
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

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.



5[™] SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

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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

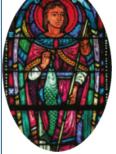
MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

MARCH 26		FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Christina Cardiello by daughter, Donna Cardiello
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Richard Rourke by family
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Udaya Rao by wife, Cecelia Rao
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Gregory Parris by wife, Carol
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Louise D. Moriarity by daughter, Mary Lou Moriarity
MARCH 27		MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	For a Deeper Relationship with Christ - Anonymous
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Robert Cagney by Janet Magnelli
MARCH 28		TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Forgotten Priests in Purgatory - Anonymous
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Bonita Schmidt by Terri and Jeff Reffert
MARCH 29		WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Robert McMaster by wife and sons
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Jack McAleer by Peg
MARCH 30		THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Mary Frances Legin by Natalie, Mark, and Justin Metz
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Emma and Paul Smelko by Janet
MARCH 31		FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	John Oliver Sabol Sr. by Patty and Tom Slater
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Nicholas Charles by family
APRIL 2		PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	James Sansonetti by Phyllis and Mario Frediani
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Gino, Gina, and Louie Joe Trombetta by Rose and family
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	The health and well-being of Michael Heastings by family
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Elizabeth Marszalek by Carol and Steve Steenson
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Julius Zebracki by daughters

*anticipated Mass

PRAYER & WORSHIP

FROM THE PASTOR —



"Prayer offered in holiness from a faithful heart rises like incense from a holy altar. Nothing is more fragrant than the fragrance of the Lord. May all who believe share in this fragrance." —St Augustine

"At whose command, we celebrate these mysteries." These few, but powerful, words are spoken by the priest immediately before he announces the "words of institution" to bring about the Holy Eucharist. These words remind us that what is accomplished during the

Mass, particularly the reality of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, is for the benefit of those who claim membership in the Church (and look forward to the eternal heavenly feast). To purposely put aside attendance at Mass for less than uncontrollable circumstances, is to turn away from what is <u>commanded</u> for our good.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available this week on Wednesday and Thursday at special times. Please do not wait to avail yourself of this necessary encounter with God's mercy. The Church reminds us that, at least once a year, we should receive the sacrament. The requirement extends to more frequent reception if we have committed mortal sins—those that are so serious that they would prevent us from receiving the Eucharist. It is helpful to the penitent and to the priest-confessor if the penitent comes prepared after making a good, thorough examination of conscience.

If you are looking to plan a ceremony for the Sacrament of Marriage in our parish, please do not book any dates for reception venues UNTIL you have spoken with a priest or deacon and he has determined your freedom to marry in the Church. This simple practice will prevent heartache and disappointment.

Thanks to Laura O'Keeffe and Karen Maurer for all of their efforts in making last weekend's St. Joseph event so successful. Thanks also to those of various ages who came to participate and really seemed to enjoy themselves in the process of preparing snack bags for families that will find the Ronald McDonald House to be home while their children are receiving medical treatment.

I cannot express adequately or enough my appreciation for all of the organizers and volunteers who made both of our parish fish frys so successful.

We are excited to announce the training of new altar servers (4th graders and above). Please call the parish office with the student's name, parent/guardian name, and phone number. You will be contacted with a date for an information session.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

THIS WEEKEND



This weekend marks the last weekend of the month. Couples who received the Sacrament of Matrimony in the month of March 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.

Rose Gillen Loretta Kocaya Michael McArdle Momoko Munnell Nicholas Shaw



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

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 Dolores Quinn Michele Rea Bob Recaldini Dave Redman Paxton Renk Florinda Rosemeyer Helen Salamon Andrew Patrick Schade Frederick Schell John Schenk Tyler Schepis Mary Patricia Schnars Kathleen Shilling 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.

John Loniero

Peter Paul Lyle III



At Ss. Simon and Jude Church in memory of Joseph F. Granata on his 70th birthday by family

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

Required Weekly \$35,500 3/8/2023 thru 3/14/2023 \$22,693

2023 Parish Appeal

2023 Goal \$278,967 Monthly Due to the Diocese \$23,247 3/8/2023 thru 3/14/2023 \$24,867 Received to date \$136,648

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

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

PAGE 10 ● See the schedule of events and opportunities for Spiritual growth.

THE LIGHT IS ON

Confession Night (and day)
Wednesday, March 29
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Margaret of
Scotland Church, and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
at Ss. Simon and Jude Church
Thursday, March 30
12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton Church

PALM CROSS WORKSHOP

PAGE 14 • Join us in crafting beautiful Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday in the afternoon.

EASTER EGG HUNT

PAGE 14 ● It's time to register for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Don't miss it!

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.
Please call the parish office at
412-857-5356 and speak to Carol
Kossler.



RACHEL AND JONATHAN TEENEY RACHEL AND JACOB WRIGLEY

We're so glad you're here!

Bulletin Deadlines

The bulletin deadline for **Palm Sunday** was Thursday, March 23

The bulletin deadline for **Easter** is Tuesday, March 28 at Noon.

Upcoming Special Collections

The collection on Holy Thursday is for the Ladies of Charity to help them continue their good works throughout the year.

The Collection on Good Friday is the annual collection for the Holy Land. This is a Pontifical Collection that supports the Holy Places, and for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.



THE ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE HYMN | AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH



Tune: ST. ANNE, CM; attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727;

Text: Ephesians 3-5; F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, © 1980, Augsburg Fortress

PENITENTIAL ACT

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.





FIRST READING | EZEKIEL 37: 12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD:
O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.
Then you shall know that I am the LORD,
when I open your graves and have you rise from them,
O my people!

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE ORDER OF MASS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 130: 1-8



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

Text: Psalm 95 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc. ©2001 Tune: Anthony Ruff, OSB © 2019 Liturgical Press by Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota.

SECOND READING | ROMANS 8: 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
But you are not in the flesh;
on the contrary, you are in the spirit,
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong
to him. But if Christ is in you,
although the body is dead because of sin,

the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | JOHN 11: 25, 26



I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

GOSPEL | JOHN 11: 1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."

When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God,

that the Son of God may be glorified through it."
Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.
So when he heard that he was ill,
he remained for two days in the place where he was.
Then after this he said to his disciples,
"Let us go back to Judea."
The disciples said to him,
"Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you,
and you want to go back there?"
Jesus answered,

THE ORDER OF MASS

"Are there not twelve hours in a day?
If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.
But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."
He said this, and then told them,
"Our friend Lazarus is asleep,
but I am going to awaken him."

So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death,

while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep.

So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe.

Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary

to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here,

my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God,

God will give you." Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise." Martha said to him,

"I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,

Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord.

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, $\,$

the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb

to weep there.

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said,

"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him,

"Lord, by now there will be a stench;

he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her,

"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this,

that they may believe that you sent me."

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice,

"Lazarus, come out!"
The dead man came out.

tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in 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.

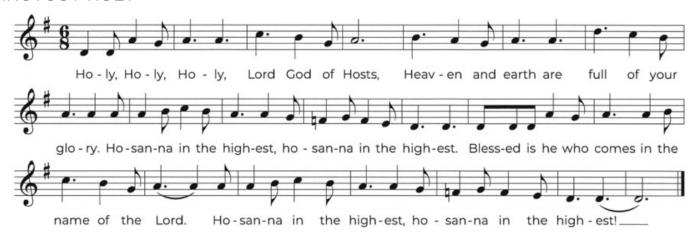
OFFERTORY HYMN | MARTHA, MARY, WAITING, WEEPING



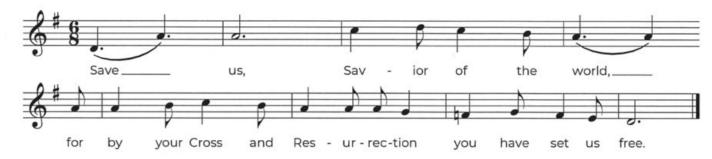
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SANCTUS / HOLY



MYSTERY OF FAITH





COMMUNION HYMN | MERCIFUL GOD-FEED US AND GUIDE US



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

- 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.
- Surely, you alone refine us.
 You give us grace for lives made new,
 Forging, through your fire and radiance,
 a sacrifice worthy for you.
- 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 | FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT



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Eucharistic Holy Hour, Vespers, and Benediction

SUNDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.

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 2:00 p.m. with school | St. Margaret of Scotland Church 7:00 p.m. | Ss. Simon and Jude Church

GOOD FRIDAY (April 7)

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

*the Vigil Mass is the only Mass celebrated on Easter Saturday

TENEBRÆ SERVICE OF DARKNESS: PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS

Good Friday at 8:00 p.m.
— St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton Church

Tenebræ, which means "darkness" in Latin, is a service recalling the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Our Tenebræ service will include a sung Passion according to Saint John and conclude with



the Veneration of the Cross. This solemn liturgy will be presided over by Fr. Alek, and a *schola cantorum* (a choir of cantors) will provide music for the liturgy.

Traditionally, the only light for a Tenebræ service came from the Tenebræ hearse, a large candle holder. This is placed in the sanctuary with fifteen lit candles. One by one, the candles are extinguished throughout the service. As the church draws closer to complete darkness, we recall the death of our Lord — a stark visual reminder of Christ, slowly but surely left alone in the darkness of a world fraught with sin. At the end of the final chorus, the final candle is removed, signifying the burial of our Lord in the tomb. A noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the Crucifixion.

While most of the ceremonies of the Catholic Church are joyous and celebratory, Tenebræ is stark and somber. The service ends with a simple prayer and leads into Veneration of the Cross. The *Schola* will sing motets of Christ's Passion and Glory of the Cross. Tenebræ at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will be a moving and fitting way to mark Good Friday — particularly if you are not otherwise able to attend the afternoon Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross.

EASTER BASKET BLESSING

It's a centuries-old tradition to have a basket of food blessed on Holy Saturday. This Catholic ritual has its roots in Poland, but is popular among many Eastern European countries. It has now been adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom.

Join us for the annual blessing of the Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday (April 8) at Noon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Learn more about the traditional basket contents and its symbolism by visiting our website: straphaelcgs.org.

Celebrating

Through Baptism, we are freed from sin and reborn as children of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated in the Church, and made sharers in her mission.

—from the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1213

Congratulations to Elle Reinheimer, who was baptized on March 19, 2023 at St Margaret of Scotland Church. Her older sisters, Eve and Hallie, along with their mother Ritney, are looking forward to being fully initiated at the Easter Vigil through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

If you or someone you know is interested in

participating in the RCIA for 2023-2024, we want to hear from you. Please contact Deacon Paul who will answer your questions.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

First & Second Scrutinies

The season of Lent has a distinctive phase for individuals discerning full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church known as "Purification and Enlightenment," which has a tone of self-searching and repentance to sin and more reliance upon Christ, the Redeemer. To inspire the elect, the Church solemnly celebrates the Scrutinies.

The "Scrutinies" are three special rites to help prepare the Elect (unbaptized) to enter the Catholic Church with reception of the "Easter Sacraments" or Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The word "scrutiny" means to "see clearly" or "inspect closely." The purpose of these rites are "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful" in the hearts of the Elect and to "strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, #141).

Those of us already baptized are asked to offer prayers in support of the Elect as they draw closer to Christ, His Sacraments and His Church. This time offers an invitation for each one of us to enter into our own period of purification and

enlightenment by looking deep into our own soul to identify what is defective and in need of strengthening to prepare our hearts for a joyful celebration of Easter and hopefully, for life eternal.

Please pray for our Elect: Natalia Ben Htur, Eve Reinheimer and Halle Reinheimer.



First Scrutiny March 12

Baptism is so important as our Christian identity that those participating in RCIA who already received a Trinitarian baptism in the past do not participate in these rites as they have already been chosen by God through their baptisms.

Please pray for our Candidates to Continuing Conversion (already baptized Catholic seeking Confirmation and Eucharist): Maw She Lin, Alexander Paiguetur.

Please pray for our Candidate seeking Full Communion into the Catholic Church: Ritney Reinheimer



Second Scrutiny, March 19

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2022 Annual Report

These days, the word profile carries some troublesome meanings, depending upon the context and yet it's the perfect word to use in describing who we help with your generosity. So here's our friend-inneed profile: a child of God, who is in need and lives within the boundaries of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. That's it, end of profile. Age, gender, race, religion, and/or employment have nothing to do with who reaches out to us or who we help.

Total cash donations for 2022: \$128,636, plus \$79,000 value of non-cash donations (food etc.).

Total **expenditures for 2022: \$123,700.** In co-operation with our Ladies of Charity we provided food, shelter, utilities, furniture, and household goods to 280 families. In addition, the food pantry helped approximately 300 families a month in 2022.

Examples of our friends in need who we have helped include a 21 year-old mother of a new born, who is on unpaid maternity leave and consequently needed some help with rent. There is also a 62 year-old veteran who needed to leave one rental, but after paying all the move-in costs for a new apartment found himself with practically no savings and a month of being homeless until the April move-in date at his new residence. Another example is a man in his 80s who lives alone and provides for himself on a very meager income, but reached out when his stove was not working and he could afford neither repair nor a new purchase.

Through your continued contributions and love of neighbor, we have helped people with both great and small but critical needs, many of whom have multiple health issues and need a hand to help them during a troublesome time in their lives. God bless you for your continued support.

DISCIPLE-MAKER INDEX SURVEY CLOSES MARCH 31

Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index Survey! If you haven't already, please take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey. We would like as many of our parishioners to participate to help us better understand our parish's strengths and opportunities for growth related to evangelization and missionary discipleship. Individual responses are completely confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the parish community as a whole. The survey is available until March 31, so please help us with this important planning initiative!

If you have any questions about the survey or would like to request a paper copy, please contact Carol Kossler at 412-857-5356. Please drop off all paper surveys to the parish office no later than Friday, March 31. Paper surveys received after March 31 cannot be included in the final results.



Today, Sunday, March 26, we will have our first weekend walk of the spring. Meet in front of the Blessed Mother at 2:00 p.m. in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot, and we will walk and talk for about 45 minutes. In case of inclement weather, we will cancel.

HOLY WEEK MUSICIAN SPONSORSHIP

We are seeking sponsors for Holy Week / Easter brass musicians. We are in need of a few music angels to help.

Please contact the music office or Fr. Grecco if you can help sponsor. If you wish, you can donate in memory of your loved one. Thank you in advance!



Many thanks to the all the bakers who donated yummy treats at the SEAS Fish Fry last week! We were overwhelmed with your generosity and the number of delicious desserts we received!

We will need all hands on deck again for our Bake Sale at the Parish Festival on July 13, 14, and 15. Mark your calendar.



CARING + GIVING + SERVING

Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.

-John 11: 27

Today's Gospel features the family who were close friends of Jesus: Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Our incarnate Lord enjoyed the company of this family, went to their house for dinner, and loved them so much that he wept when the brother, Lazarus, died. They saw Jesus at his most human, and they came to believe in his divinity. Through the raising of Lazarus from the dead, many others witnessed the divine nature of Jesus.

In contrast to Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, in our present time, we encounter Jesus Christ first with the knowledge that he is our Savior who gave himself freely and lovingly for our redemption. We might need to work harder at cultivating a friendship with Jesus. Friendships develop with others when we spend time together, talk, go out to eat, and share ourselves honestly and openly. We can do all of these things with Jesus. First, we must make time to pray. Because conversations are two-way, this means being quiet and focused enough to listen, as Jesus, like a good friend, speaks to us heart to heart. We are invited to share in a divine meal with Jesus each time we participate in Mass and receive the Eucharist. Jesus loves and welcomes us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation even when we hurt and offend him by sinning.

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus welcomed and cherished Jesus as their friend. When we grow in friendship with Jesus Christ, we can experience ongoing conversion and eventual salvation. Listen to Him, love Him, be His friend, and He will give you eternal life.



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We have our last Lenten gathering this week. We meet this Thursday, March 30, in the narthex of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The Partners in Prayer gather to pray at 10:30 a.m., attend Noon Mass, and pray until 1:00 p.m. If you can only join us for part of the time, you are very welcome to meet us and see what we are about! Anyone can share a prayer request with us with the confidence that we care and will pray for the needs presented. We meet on the first and third Thursday of every month. We will not meet on the first Thursday of April, which is Holy

Thursday. After our meetings, we continue to pray at home, and we send the requests via email to our 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. It is a privilege for us to lift the needs of our community to the Lord.

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



WHEN: Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall

Please bring your own scissors, stapler, and staples.

There is a \$10 charge per cross to defray the cost of wood and silk flowers. Palm will be provided. Note that this cross is approximately 10 inches by 16 inches, made of wood with a beautiful silk lily affixed to the middle. We will then decorate the cross with fresh blessed palm. It is suitable for hanging on a door or wall, decorating a grave, giving to a loved one or a home-bound friend for a gift, or displaying at your home as a true symbol of a Christian Witness.

Registration is required by March 28. Please call Karen at 412-857-5356 ext. 430 to reserve your spot.







ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

DID YOU KNOW?

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." So begins the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man in the sixteenth chapter of Luke. In that story, Jesus paints a picture of a wealthy man who ignores the beggar outside his door — until both die, that is, and the rich man finds that their roles have been reversed.

It also happens to be the Gospel for Thursday of the Second Week of Lent. And every time that happens, I find myself looking down and thinking, "I'm in trouble." Granted, the white alb I wear is not real linen, and whether I dine sumptuously each day is up to debate; but my garments are certainly purple. (Well, technically speaking, "violet" — the Latin is violacea, after the flower of the same name. But whatever you call it, the color is the same.)

As the story of Lazarus suggests, purple in the ancient world was associated with wealth, power, and royalty. In the time of Christ, Roman magistrates were distinguished by a toga fringed with Tyrian purple. The distinctive shade of their robes came from an expensive dye produced from the shells of sea snails. By the fourth century AD, the use of that dye was restricted to the Emperor alone. In fact, it became so associated with imperial dignity that to be crowned emperor was referred to as "donning the purple," and the children of the imperial family were said to be "born in the purple."

Given those associations, why is purple the liturgical color associated with the somber penitential seasons of Advent and Lent? The symbolism seems totally out of place.

I set about researching this question and found that there is no universally agreed upon answer. In general, the origin of our liturgical colors is less than clear. It seems that by the eleventh century, there was some kind of system for determining what colors should be worn for certain celebrations, but things were only

definitively established at the Council of Trent in the 1600s.

That said, the symbolism that underlines some of the liturgical colors is clear. Red, worn on Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and the feasts of martyrs evokes the fire of the Holy Spirit and the blood of martyrdom. White, worn on festive occasions and the feasts of saints who did not die by martyrdom, is the color of brightness and purity. Black, still an option for funerals, is universally recognized as the color of mourning in the West.

So why purple? Perhaps it recalls the "scarlet" cloak that the soldiers draped on Christ's shoulders as they mocked him for being the King of the Jews. (The word for that color in the Gospels could be anything from a true scarlet red to a duskier purple.) That would be a fitting irony: a reminder that the honor we humans dream up for ourselves is nothing but mockery in the eyes of God. "For the foolishness of God is wiser than

man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength" (1 Cor 1:25).

But the most likely explanation I found was a very pragmatic one. Up until the eleventh century — and still in the city of Milan, which has retained many of its ancient liturgical practices — the color for Lent is black, not purple. The somber darkness of black is a natural choice for expressing contrition and sorrow. The problem is that black dyes are notoriously unstable, and tend to fade. As a priest I know this all too well! The worst is when my shirts and pants fade into different shades of blue or brown.

So... perhaps the answer is that simple: at a certain point, all the black vestments had faded to purple, until everyone assumed that they were supposed to be that way!

-Fr. Alek



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ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE

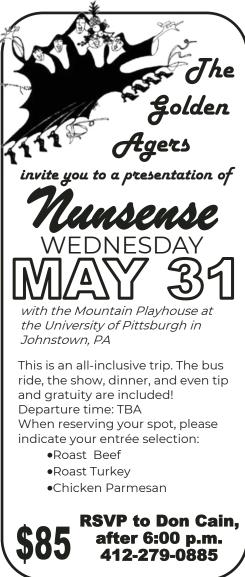
Feeling helpless about the violence going on in the world?

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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!





FISH FRY MENU

2023 SEAS FISH FRY

Dinners: Price:

Fish Trio Dinner
Fried fish, shrimp, and a crab cake (no substitution)

Baked Fish on a Dish

Fried Fish on a Dish

Crab Cake Dinner

\$12.00

Jumbo Shrimp Dinner

\$12.00

Dinners above served with fries, coleslaw, roll w/butter

Pierogi Dinner (6)

w/coleslaw & roll with butter \$10.00

A la carte	Price:
Baked Fish Sandwich	\$9.00
Fried Fish Sandwich	\$9.00
Crab Cakes (3)	\$8.00
French Fries	\$4.00
Pierogi (each)	\$1.00
Haluski	\$4.00
Mac & Cheese	\$4.00
Stewed Tomatoes	\$4.00
Applesauce	\$3.00
Coleslaw	\$3.00
Clam Chowder	\$4.00
Potato soup	\$4.00
Extra sandwich bun	\$2.00
Drinks	\$1.00

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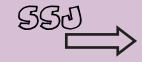
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No Fish Fry on Good Friday.



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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	

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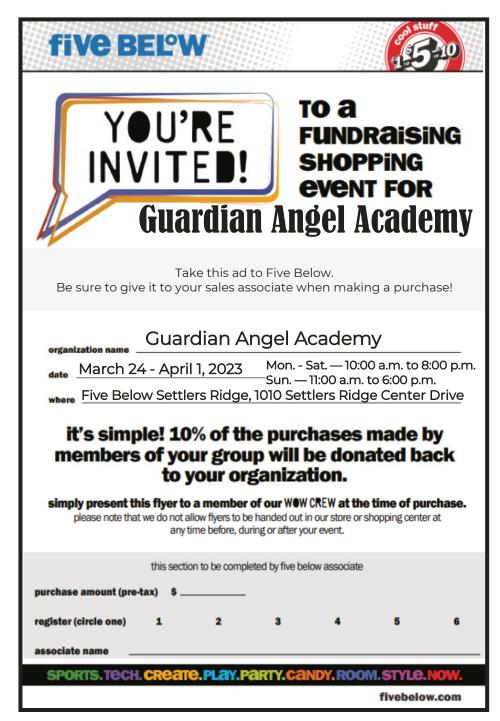
Wednesday, March 29, 2023
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
St. Margaret of Scotland church
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
SS. Simon & Jude church

The DAYLIGHT is On for You Thursday. March 30, 2023 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton church



EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES

For decades the Bishop of Pittsburgh and his auxiliaries have imparted their blessing on families at St. Paul's Cathedral on Easter. Join us on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. for a short prayer or drop by any time before 4:00 p.m. during our open house to meet, greet, and receive the blessing of our shepherds. We hope many join in this beautiful family tradition to enrich this sacred day!



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

ADULT EDUCATION INVITATION

Please join Jay Conzemius, JCL, Judge and Moderator of the Diocesan Tribunal, as he explains marriage annulments and the process.

Topics will include:

Theology of Marriage

Ministry of the Tribunal

Marriage Annulment Types

Marriage Law

No Fee Process

Why, When, & How to Start the Petition for Annulment Process Process Overview

After the presentation an opportunity to ask questions and/or to start the process will be made available. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend we ask you to send a confirmation email to AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org or contact the Tribunal at 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made.

Each one-hour presentation starts at 7:00 p.m. and will conclude after questions.

Monday, March 27 St. Luke the Evangelist Parish/Ss. John & Paul Campus, Cardinal DiNardo Center, Sewickley

<u>Tuesday, March 28</u>, Resurrection Parish/St. Thomas More Church, Family Life Center, Bethel Park

<u>Thursday, March 30</u>, Diocesan Pastoral Center, O'Connor Hall/ Great Hall B, Carnegie

All are welcome.

THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

March 26

Ss. Simon and Jude Church | 11:00 a.m.

April '

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

Easter

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | 10:30 a.m.

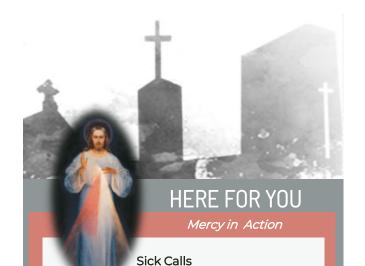
April 16

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

April 22

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

The hymns for the Mass with the Contemporary Choir are not listed in the bulletin. Please look for the worship supplement at the doors of the church so you can fully participate in the Mass.



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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For arrangements please call the parish office.

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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:

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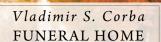
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