

Welcome

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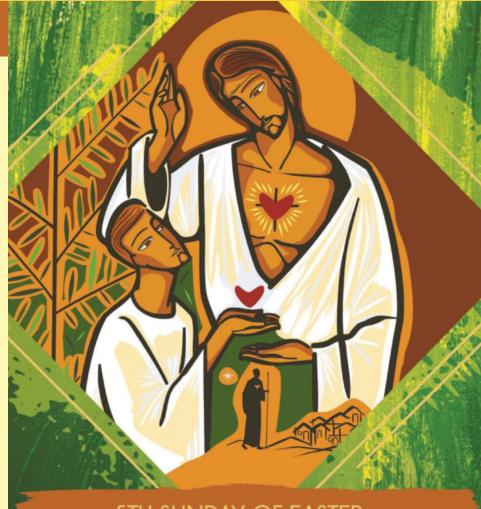
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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 holidays or Holy Days.

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MAY 7, 2023



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

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PRAYER & WORSHIP

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM: For arrangements call the parish office: 412-857-5356



ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death. If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for that facility.



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



PENANCE:

Saturdays

- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- at St. Margaret of Scotland Church
 *Noon to 1:00 p.m.

at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church *Beginning Saturday, May 27 (and until the

arrival of the new Parochial Vicar) there will be only one session, which will be held at SMOS.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

MAY 7		FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Joan and Herb Reffert by Terri and Jeff Reffert
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Harkins Family by family
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Dorothy Ann Koger by Laura Miller
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Nick Shaw by Sara and Tony Maruccio
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Elmer D. Reed by Sue and Elizabeth Reed
MAY 8		MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Emily Gudewicz by Marie and Bob Sherwin
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	John Bryan by wife, Joan
MAY 9		TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Joseph V. Krashna by Barb and Joe Meise
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Hugh J. Coyle Jr. by Linda Giehll
MAY 10		WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Douglas Hurney by wife, Michele
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Paul Wuenstel by wife and family
MAY 11		THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	John Nardi by family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Joseph Zychowski by Janet
MAY 12		FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Marlene and Donald Delligatti by Jill and Mary Beth Delligatti
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Eileen Pritchard by the Pritchard Family
MAY 14		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	John Nardi by the Groll Family
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Dennis O'Brian by Jane and Peg
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Helen Conti and Mary Miller by Arlene and Wayne Miller
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	The Confirmation Class of 2023
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Ilario (Larry) Spezialetti by the Frissora Family
next week we celebrate THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
Holy Day Mass Schedule * 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 Ss. Simon and Jude Church		

4:30 p.m.Wednesday, May 178:30 a.m.Thursday, May 18NoonThursday, May 186:30 p.m.Thursday, May 18

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

*anticipated Mass

PRAYER & WORSHIP



- FROM THE PASTOR —

"Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it." —Pope St. Gregory the Great

We've made it! The Annual Parish Appeal Assessment of \$278,967 has been reached! I am truly grateful to all who have generously participated. Please, if you have not yet paid your pledge in full, don't hesitate to do so. We, under the new procedure, can retain (without assessment) 10% of the goal or \$27,897.

Last week's First Communion celebration was wonderful. I am grateful to Mrs. Sharon Smoller, Director of Faith Formation, and all who made it possible. Please see page 10 for a full listing of those who gave of their time and talent to the occasion.

Confirmation will take place next Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. As was advised for First Communion, you may wish to attend another Mass time to avoid undue frustration over parking and seating availability.

<u>Beginning Saturday, May 27</u> (and continuing until the arrival of the new Parochial Vicar) there will be only one session of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays. Confessions will take place ONLY from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. As always, appointments can be made outside of the scheduled time.



On Friday, May 12 we will have a Candle Lighting Service and Rosary for Mothers at St. Margaret of Scotland Church following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

All are welcome to join us to pray for our mothers, living and deceased.



Donald J. Krally Kelly Marshall Creely Barbara Mannarino



Anthony Anderson Lauren Bentley Clara Bielecki Brian Bishop Kelly Bittner Jim <u>Boerio</u> Gina Burton Donald Campbell Dorothy Campbell Elisa Carsia Helen Cassidy Kenneth Chase John Chraska 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 Jane Gardner Mike Gieselman Joseph M. Granata John Groll Brandon Gross <u>Mark Hagelauer</u> Margaret Harkins Eileen Henefeld Mary V. Hester Patti Howcroft Brent Jones Noreen Joslyn Anna Mary Karpinski William Karpinski Joanne Keating Gregory M. Klemmer 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

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

PARISH LIFE



At St. Margaret of Scotland Church in loving memory of **Timothy Mark Castello Jr.** from Mom and Dad

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

Required Weekly	\$30,000
4/19/2023 thru 4/25/2023	\$20,403
4/26/2023 thru 5/2/2023	\$22,120
<u>2023 Parish Appeal</u>	
2023 Goal	\$278,967
Monthly Due to the Diocese	\$23,247
4/19/2023 thru 4/25/2023	\$5,305
4/26/2023 thru 5/2/2023	\$8,672
Received to date	\$287,338

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 classes are scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, and Monday, June 12. The classes will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. To register to attend, please call Carol Kossler at the parish office at 412-857-5356.

FAITH FORMATION

PAGE 14 • News, events, and more.

ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE

Pray with us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND WOMEN'S GUILD

PAGE 17 • All women of the parish are invited to join us for our year-end meeting.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE

PAGE 15 • On Friday, May 12, we will have a Candle Lighting Service and Rosary for Mothers at St. Margaret of Scotland Church following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

DIAPER DRIVE

PAGE 17 ● This weekend is the annual Diaper Drive.

VETERANS LUNCHEON

PAGE 13 • The luncheon honoring veterans and their families is back. You must register this weekend!

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP

Join the Medjugorje Prayer Group at 12:40 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

FAREWELL GATHERING

PAGE 15 • Effective Monday, May 29, Fr. Alek will be moving on from his assignment as parochial vicar to pursue full-time studies in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Join us after the evening Mass on Ascension Thursday to wish him well.

LOOKING FOR SPONSORS

PAGE 12 • We are still seeking sponsors to be on the back of our festival shirts. We would love to see your name on our shirts.

WALK WITH US

PAGE 12 • Join the Raphael's Ramblers walking group for our weekly walks starting on May 16.

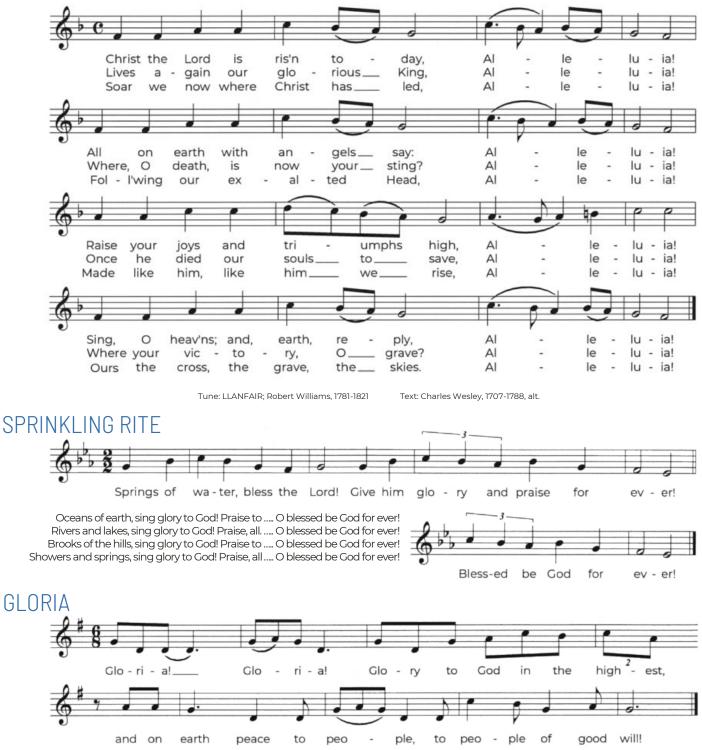
CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place during Mass next Sunday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

PAGE 12 ● Our festival will be here before you know it and we could use volunteers! Come and give a few hours or a few days to help us! Call Peg Sembrat at 412-276-3102; or Kathy Cunningham at 412-260-8835.



ENTRANCE HYMN | CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY



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 | ACTS 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows

were being neglected in the daily distribution.

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

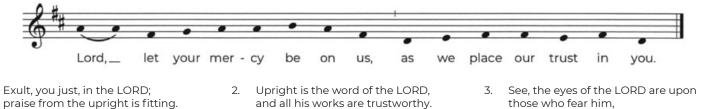
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom,

whom we shall appoint to this task,

whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19



- Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.
- Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.
 He loves justice and right;
 of the kindness of the LORD
 the earth is full.
- See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Text: Psalm 33 The Revised Grail, Conception Abbey © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: Fr. Anthony Ruff, O.S.B., St. Meinrad

SECOND READING | 1 PETER 2:4-9

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame. Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall. They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood , a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | JOHN 14:6



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

GOSPEL | JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not. would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow at the following 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.

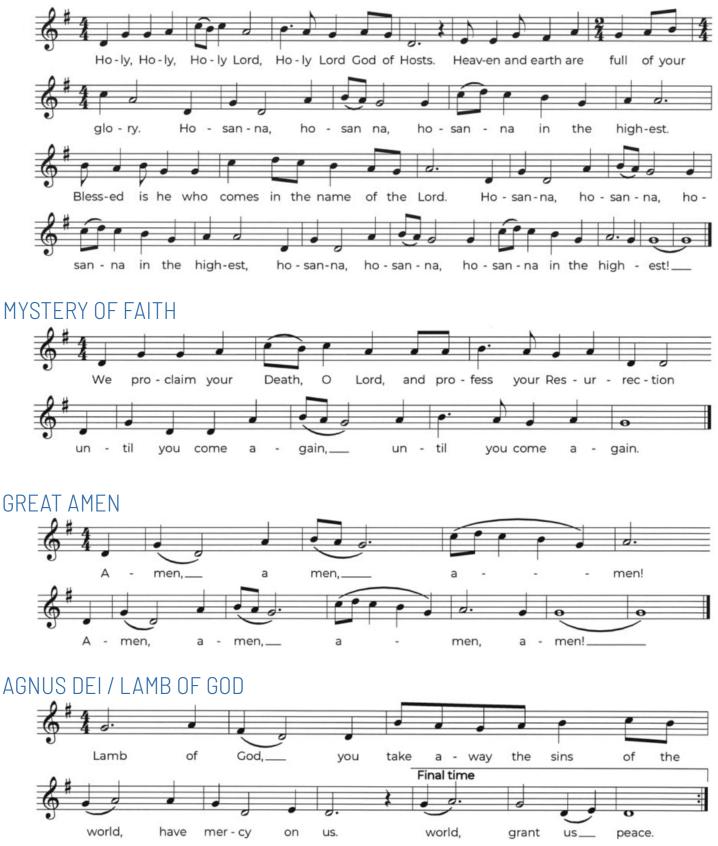
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

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.

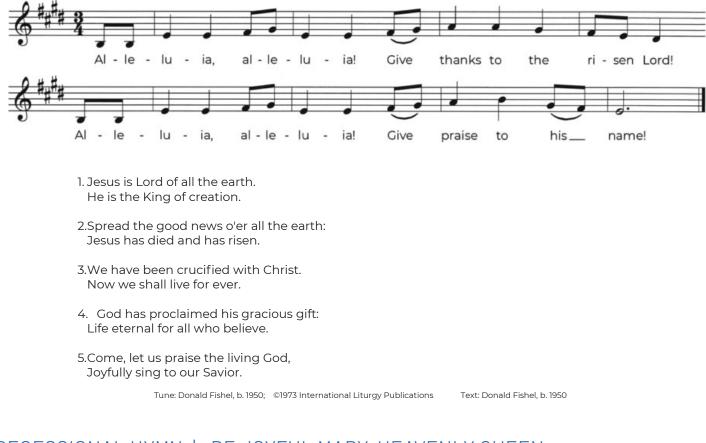
OFFERTORY HYMN | CHRIST, THE WAY WE'RE CALLED TO FOLLOW



SANCTUS / HOLY



COMMUNION HYMN | ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS



RECESSIONAL HYMN | BE JOYFUL MARY, HEAVENLY QUEEN



Tune: REGINA CAELI; Leisentritt's Gesangbuch, 1584 Text: Regina Cæli, jubila; Latin, 17th C; translated by anonymous in Psallite, 1901

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Celebrating the Sacraments Baptism

Congratulations to Andrew James Kronz who was born again by water and the Holy Spirit on April 23 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. AJ was baptized by Fr. Alek who also officiated the marriage of AJ's parents, Andrew and Lisa, in August 2019. The godparents are Brady Baranowski and Nicole Cawley. May God continue to bless the entire family!









Eucharist

Congratulations to the following students who received Jesus for the very first time in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. First Holy Communion took place at St. Margaret of Scotland Church last Sunday, April 30.

Claire Anderson Gerrit Austrawski George Bartels Jonah Bays Emma Bittner Toni Jo Bock Finley Brescia Colin Campbell Grace Dengler Daisy Elaiho Coraline Fischer Alice Frank Isaiah Franklin Gia Gavidia Sawyer Glickman Marco Goda Joseph Gronsky Oliver Gunn Chase Hanna Quincy Harris Hailey Jendrzejewski Talia Jesek Emma Kiefer Logan Kopas Lydia Lenk Joseph Lombardo Madeline Malizio Aiden Mangan Isabelle Masko Alexander Matich Thomas Matich Tucker Miller Sara Mraz Jackson Muszalski Leo Panza Isabella Powell Carter Ranick Jacob Rinderle Jonathen Rizzo Eliza Ruggiero Dante Santavicca Lillian Schiff Mia Scuilli Denis Schwarzmeier Austin Seibel Jaidyn Silverman Rachel Sites Ashlyn Stunkard Jansen Umalin Nora Van Balen Molly Weimer Landon Wentzel Kaylee Wirtz Madi Zaborowski Quentin Zaborowski Gienna Zielinski Georgia Zimbicki

A special note of thanks to the catechists and aides who assisted the parents in leading these children to the Lord's Table for the first time:

Guardian Angel Academy: Miss Linda Gerrity, Mrs. Carrie Hackett; Mr. Rob Munz, Principal Faith Formation: Mrs. Linda Deitrick, Miss Joann Redondo, Mrs. Tracey Rockhill, Mrs. Peggy Sembrat; Mrs. Sharon Smoller, Director of Faith Formation

A sincere appreciation and thank you to our Catholic Men's Fellowship for their time and efforts last Sunday in helping parishioners and guests park their cars at St. Margaret of Scotland Church for First Holy Communion.

Parents: We would love to see a picture of your little one on his or her First Communion Day. Send us a photo for the bulletin. Note: this bulletin is printed and distributed at all three churches and is published online. Send your photo to Mary Kay Smith: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org, and let us Celebrate the Sacrament with you.



CARING + GIVING + SERVING

Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. -Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1917



On Saturday, May 13, the Church observes the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. The apparitions of our Blessed Mother to three young shepherd children in Fatima occurred at a time of great turmoil, when both World War I and the Communist Revolution were going on. As humankind was turning from God and increasing the brutality of modern warfare, the Blessed Mother brought warnings to the children and instructed them to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in the world. Mary, who we honor in a special way

throughout the month of May, also brought a message of hope, stating that, "My Immaculate Heart will triumph." Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, later Pope Benedict XVI, explained the mechanism of Mary's triumphant Immaculate Heart:

The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Savior into the world-because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: "In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16: 33). The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

Throughout the Easter Season, we are reminded constantly of Christ's victory over sin and death. The message of Fatima reinforces the importance of personal conversion and prayer. By honoring Mary through daily prayer of the Rosary in the month of May, we can grow closer to her Son as we contemplate the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries. As rejection of God, violence, and war continue to manifest the power of evil in our world, we Christians need to regularly renew in our hearts the Baptismal Promises we renewed aloud on Easter Sunday. We can be assured through the Gospel and message of Our Lady that evil will never have the last word.

MILITARY Prayer Remembrance

A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF SSqt 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

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Keep up with the latest Parish news and get text messages and/or email reminders for upcoming events.

Text StRaphaelCCS to 84576 Learn more: flocknote.com As always, we will never sell your information and you can cancel at any time.



Do you enjoy walking, getting fresh air, and meeting people? Anyone is welcome to join our walks, whether you participate regularly, just feel like coming every now and then, or are looking for a new way to meet fellow parishioners. We gather at the Marian Shrine in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot for opening prayer invoking our walking angel patron, St. Raphael. Beginning on May 16, we will resume our weekly Tuesday evening walks at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, and we cancel if the weather is bad. If you have any questions, please contact Laura in the parish office at 412-857-5356, ext. 431.

ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION

Basic Evangelization Training

Want to know what authentic, non-confrontational, joyful evangelization looks and sounds like? Then make sure to attend our upcoming diocesan workshop conducted by **St. Paul Street Evangelization** on **Saturday, June 10, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m**. The event starts with an 8:00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Waltersheid at **St. Mary of Mercy Church in downtown Pittsburgh**. This workshop has mobilized thousands of ordinary Catholics to get out there on the streets and help God save souls.

This one-day Basic Evangelization Training with SPSE is for every practicing Catholic. Registration is \$25 for lay people and free for priests and religious. Lunch and all training materials are included. You can register online at stpaulse.com/mercy-pa-bet.



FESTIVAL FLEA MARKET

The Flea Market at the Festival is truly one of the best in the Pittsburgh area! This is due to the amazing team of volunteers and especially to generous parishioners who donate wonderful treasures! As you start your Spring cleaning this year, please be sure to set aside items that we can sell at the Flea Market, but DO NOT give them to us yet! Watch the bulletin for Flea Market news, coming soon!







On Saturday April 29, the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Diocese Greensburg sponsored a wonderful program titled "Compassionate Hearts- Generous Hands" at the Duquesne University Power Center. Ladies of Charity throughout these dioceses attended the gathering, including our parish Ladies of Charity as well as Vincentians and Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill.

At this gathering, we learned about the various ministries of compassion that reach out and serve, on a daily basis, the ever-growing population of marginalized and underserved men and women in our communities.

From our Diocese, we heard from Dr. Jim Withers of Operation Safety Net, the "Street Ministry Doctor" of Mercy Behavioral Health, St. Joseph House of Hospitality, and The Red Door.

These ministries are well known to our community. Our Ladies of Charity prepare and deliver sandwiches and much needed coffee, tea, creamer, etc. to Operation Safety Net twice a month. One Saturday a month the Order of Malta volunteers also make sandwiches at the Red Door and hand out clothing at Faustina's Gate.

Although not represented at this gathering, our Ladies of Charity serves on the average 65 to 70 dinners to Shepherd's Heart one Sunday a month. This ministry helps homeless veterans to transition back into society. Our dinners also serve the homeless in the community who attend the Sunday Worship Service

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!

VETERANS!

You and your family are invited to the ANNUAL VETERAN'S LUNCH

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, 330 3RD AVE CARNEGIE, PA 15106

RSVP by May 7 with number of guests a must.

Please contact Lynne at 412-303-0631 or email g.gross@comcast.net

We welcome this opportunity to thank you for your service to all of us and our country with a meal and a few souvenirs!

at Shepherd's Heart.

In addition, many of our Ladies donate clothing and much needed items such as white socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, etc., to all of the aforementioned ministries. Many of these items were brought to the gathering on Saturday.

The meeting began and ended in the Prayer of the Vincentian Family, a prayer that leads us to see the Face of Jesus in our service to the poor, the lonely, and the abandoned. It is also a prayer for the burning desire to do more in a shared commitment of love.

At the conclusion of the day, we were reminded that "today is one step of a journey...What we did today, in the Vincentian spirit, is a sacred encounter with Christ - with one another, and with those we serve."

For more information about our Ladies of Charity, please call Leslie Charitan: 412-257-3117.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our 43 young men and women will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop William J. Waltersheid during Mass next Sunday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Please pray for these young men and women as they receive the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and are fully initiated into the Catholic Church. *Please note, regular 10:00 a.m. Mass attendees may want to attend a different Mass next weekend.*

Confirmation Rehearsal will take place this Thursday in St. Margaret of Scotland Church at 6:30 p.m. for Candidates and Sponsors. If a Sponsor is unable to attend, a parent/guardian must stand in, for rehearsal purposes only. Candidates must attend rehearsal.

7TH GRADE RITE OF INTENTION

The Rite of Intention for seventh graders planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023 will take place on Sunday, May 21 during 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Any seventh grader of the parish planning to be Confirmed in 2024 is to attend. This includes children attending public, private, or parochial schools. Please contact Sharon Smoller for more information at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext. 429.



First Grade steps outside for their lesson under the tree. The students were quite engaged and energetic with their answers. Thank you Miss Katie Flynn and Mrs. Michelle Frego for helping the students learn their prayers and grow in their faith! In April, Faith Formation students enjoyed the beautiful weather while learning. Here are two of the classes who studied outside.

Eighth Grade learns their lesson while enjoying God's beautiful sunset. This is one of their final days of formal religious instruction as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 14. Confirmation is not the end of religious instruction, but the beginning of a new way of living and learning the faith over a lifetime! Thank you Miss Doyle and Miss Ware for guiding these young women and men as they journey to their full initiation into the Catholic Church!



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FAITH FORMATION 2023 - 2024



Registrations for children in grades K - 8 are now being accepted. Faith Formation is for any child who is not enrolled in a Catholic school. A child is to be enrolled in a faith formation program throughout these years to receive formal religious education and faith formation in preparation for reception of the sacraments.

Sessions are held in the Parish Life Center (former school building at 1607 Greentree Road) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Families currently enrolled in Faith Formation should have received an email with the registration forms and tuition information. If you have not received an email or you are new to the program, please contact Sharon Smoller at *ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org* or 412-857-5356 ext. 429 to obtain more information.

10% off Tuition until May 31 for registered parishioners



Mother's Day Candles

Tomorrow, Monday, May 8 is the last day we can accept orders for Mother's Day candles. Orders must be received by Noon in the parish office.

Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day. Remember your mother, living or deceased, in a special way by having a candle lit in her honor or memory. For a donation of \$10.00, a candle with your mother's name will burn in prayer for her in St. Margaret of Scotland Church for a full week. There will also be a display of the mothers' names. Please complete and cut out the attached form, and place the form and payment in an envelope marked, "Attention: Care Ministry." Envelopes may be placed in the Sunday collection or dropped off or mailed to the Parish Administration Center in Carnegie. Proceeds from Mother's Day Candles will be used toward Care Ministry materials, events, and activities.

MOTHER'S DAY CANDLE ORDER FORM
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.
CHOOSE ONE, please circle: In Honor of (living) OR In Memory of (deceased)
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Your Mother's Name:
Requested by:
Phone Number:
Enclose \$10:00 per candle ordered. Please circle: Cash OR Check # Thank you!
On Friday, May 12 we will have a Candle Lighting Service and Rosary for Mothers at St. Margaret of Scotland Church

On Friday, May 12 we will have a Candle Lighting Service and Rosary for Mothers at St. Margaret of Scotland Church following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us to pray for our mothers, living and deceased.

DID YOU KNOW?

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them."

This command from Exodus 20:4–5 is sometimes cited by other Christians to argue against the familiar Catholic practice of having images of Christ, his Blessed Mother, and the saints in our homes and churches. These images and statues are more than mere decoration for us; they are objects of devotion and an expression of faith. So how do we explain that in light of the passage above?

First, we must remember that at the time God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, no one had ever looked upon the face of God — not even Moses himself. "My face you cannot see," said the Lord, "for no man sees me and still lives" (Ex 33:20). But God did not remain invisible and unseen. As we know. Jesus Christ, who is true God and true man. entered this world and took on our human flesh to dwell among us. We call this wonderful mystery the Incarnation. As Saint John proclaims. "No one has ever seen God: but it is God the only Son, ever at the Father's side, who has revealed him" (Jn 1:18).

It is the Incarnation that informs the art of our faith. Since the first days of Christianity, we see depictions of the Lord, saints, and scenes from Sacred Scripture painted on the walls of the catacombs and early churches.

And yet even among Christians this practice has been a matter of dispute. In the eighth century, in fact, it reached a boiling point in the Greek-speaking churches of the Eastern Roman Empire. A movement sprang up called the Iconoclasm — "the breaking of images," and they broke and burned many holy pictures in their enthusiasm for a "purer" expression of faith.

Against this violent and mistaken idea, which surfaced again almost a millennium later during the Protestant Reformation, Saint John Damascene (675–749) asserted: "Previously God, who has neither a body nor a face, absolutely could not be represented by an image. But now that he has made himself visible in the flesh and has lived with men, I can make an image of what I have seen of God and contemplate the glory of the Lord, his face unveiled."

Of course, in no way does a statue or picture depicting a religious subject become an object of worship for us. Simply stated, Christ is not a statue. To think of a statue or picture as the actual person or to worship that statue or object would indeed be idolatry. And yet when we honor an image of Christ in the proper way, we honor Christ himself.

The purpose of these sacred images is to help us human beings picture more clearly the God who became visible in this world in order to bring us home to heaven. And we see his reflection in the saints and holy people whose images we also honor and cherish, just as we cherish precious family portraits and honor the people depicted in them.

In both our churches or in our homes, sacred images are a visible reminder of our Lord, the Blessed Mother, and the saints. Conscious of their living yet invisible presence in our lives, we join our prayers with our Blessed Mother and the saints to our Lord, looking forward to the time when we will see him face to face.

—Fr. Alek



REFLECTING ON THE WORD

First Reading:

We hear today of some of the practical problems (assisting widows) the early Christians faced with the growing Church in Jerusalem. They solved the problem with division of labor. Which of your co-workers or friends need your help this week to carry a burden?

Second Reading:

Peter contrasts those with faith who announce the praises of God to those without faith who disobey God's word. How do you react to family or friends who are without faith?

Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples that "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." How do you think you imitate Jesus?

- LIVE THE LITURGY -

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

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THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & WOMEN'S GUILD

Year-End Party

All women of the parish are invited to the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild meeting and dinner party on Thursday, May 11, at 6:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. Registered members will hold election of new officers at this final meeting of the year. Fr. Grecco and Fr. Alek will be joining us for pizza, salad, and dessert. Don't miss it!

> Please RSVP to Mary Kay Smith: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org 412-857-5356 ext. 422

This event is free for all Christian Mothers & Women's Guild Members. Non-members pay \$10.

BLOOD DRIVE

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 4

11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

1146 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

To schedule an appointment to donate, go to vitalant.org.

Prior to May 12, search with Group Code G0010252 or search by zip code.
 From May 13 thru May 15, the site will be UNDER CONSTRUCTION so online scheduling will not be available.

• On or after May 16, new site will be available to search with Account Code UG0010252 or search by zip code.

The Vitalant app will also relaunch on May 16. You may also call 1-877-25VITAL

DIAPER DRIVE



Ladies of Charity DIAPER DRIVE THIS WEEKEND MAY 6 AND MAY 7

The Ladies of Charity are holding their annual Diaper Drive for Birthright of Pittsburgh, on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7. Pack N Plays (play pens) have been placed in the back of each of our churches for your donations. *The last Mass of the day is held at Ss. Simon and Jude Church at 11:00 a.m.*

Birthright of Pittsburgh provides emotional support and practical needs to women and girls who are facing an unplanned pregnancy so they may carry their babies to term. Birthright is asking for diapers (especially newborn and size 1), baby wipes, baby wash/ shampoo, onesies, sleepers, and outfits (size newborn to 18 months). Items should be new and in original packaging.

St. Raphael the Archangel Ladies of Charity thank you in advance for your donations that will be submitted to Birthright of Pittsburgh. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Mensor at 412-275-3635 or Kim Brown at 412-279-3289.

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS - "GOLDEN WARRIORS"

Here are more **OUTSTANDING** students from Guardian Angel Academy recognized as **GOLDEN WARRIORS 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: JONAH BAYS – GRADE 2

Teacher: Mrs. Carrie Hackett

STUDENT: ELIZA RUGGIERO – GRADE 2

Teacher: Mrs. Carrie Hackett

Eliza and Jonah are shining examples of how to live out your faith! They both put their faith formation as top priority! They participate at Mass, learn their prayers, and show others, through their words and actions, how to live as children of God!

Eliza and Jonah are also very respectful, helpful, and thoughtful! They are great listeners, work hard on class assignments, and support others when working with a partner/group. At a moment's notice, both are willing to help someone in need!

Eliza's favorite subjects in school are math and reading. She is looking forward to being able to be an altar server one day soon. In her free time, Eliza enjoys reading and dancing. She wants to work with animals as a veterinarian when she grows up.

Jonah's favorite things to do at school are reading and coloring. He is looking forward to being able to make a difference as part of the student council during his time at GAA. In his free time, Jonah enjoys coloring and playing soccer. He wants to protect and serve his community as a police officer when he grows up.

Eliza and Jonah model what being a child of God is by working hard every day to be the best version of themselves in all that they do!! You make us proud!

Congratulations, Eliza and Jonah!



4TH GRADE BASKETBALL

In February, the fourth grade boys' team went undefeated in the Moon Tournament, winning over St Bede. *GREAT JOB!!!*







OPEN HOUSE

Join *The Ark and The Dove* (located at 10745 Babcock Boulevard in Gibsonia) for their annual "Open House" on Sunday, May 21, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome! This family-friendly event will include a 12:00 p.m. outdoor Mass with Fr. Joe Freedy, 1:00 p.m. Free Food Truck, live music, tours of the facility, face painting, yard games, and more! Parking is on-site and no registration is necessary. Learn more at *thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/ openhouse.*

The Ark and The Dove is a global pilgrimage destination for those baptized in the Holy Spirit or interested in this grace, and a resource center for those interested in understanding and fostering the charisms with a commitment to future generations. It is a retreat center for spiritual renewal by the Holy Spirit for individuals or groups of laity, clergy, and religious with days of renewal and empowerment. The second floor of The Ark and The Dove serves as the headquarters for Pentecost Today USA serving the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in unity with others.



Oakland Catholic High School is hosting BAM! Summer Camps during the month of June, for rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls. To find out more information, visit oaklandcatholic.org/admissions/ summercamps.

THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

May 7

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

May 13

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

May 21 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church | 9:00 a.m.

May 28

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

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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Go to straphaelcgs.org and click the "Livestream" button to see the schedule and watch live or recorded Masses.

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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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