

# THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MAY 21, 2023

# Welcome

#### **CLERGY TEAM**

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Deacons

Dcn. Kevin Lander Dcn. Paul Lim Dcn. Jim Mackin

#### 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

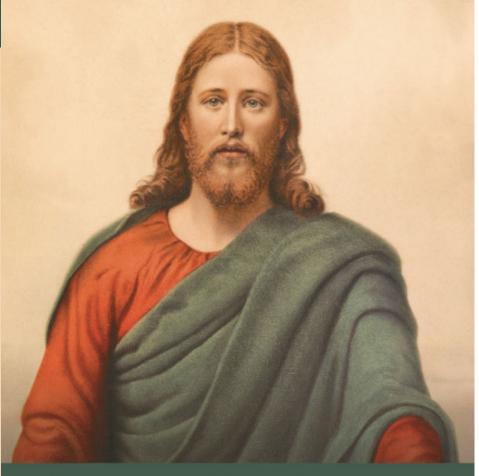
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

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.



# **7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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#### **PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER**

330 3rd Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106

**412-857-5356 | WWW.STRAPHAELCGS.ORG**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

#### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

MAY 21		SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Sarah Darling by the Hoerster Family
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Sandy, Jeanie, and Mark Phillips by Melissa and Sue
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Living and deceased of the Heastings and Sunderland Families by Sue and Michael Heastings
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Tim Castello by Mom and Dad
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Bert J. Einloth Jr. by daughter, Mary Lou
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish
MAY 22		MONDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Herman Herleman by wife
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Mary Ann Yurchak Astfalk by the James Enrietti Family
MAY 23		TUESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Kelly (Marshall) Creely by Family
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Joseph V. Krashna by Daniel Meise
MAY 24		WEDNESDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Emily Gudewicz by the Bob Kinzler Family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Don May by brother, David May, and family
MAY 25		THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Rose and Willian Bahney by son, William Bahney
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Emily Gudewicz by Josie and Tom Schultz
MAY 26		MEMORIAL OF ST. PHILIP NERI, PRIEST
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Health & Welfare of Janice and John Schenk by Friends
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Richard Pfender by the Pfender Family
MAY 28		PENTECOST SUNDAY
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Ann and Joseph Salerno by family
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Thomas Roberts by wife
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	George Christmann Jr. by Joanne and Ernie Deutsch
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Joseph P. Schneider by wife, Mary Jane Schneider
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Paul McIsaac by family

Note: beginning next Saturday, May 27, the Sacrament of Penance will only be scheduled at St. Margaret of Scotland Church from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. As always, you may call for an appointment that better fits your schedule/need.

\*anticipated Mass (on the evening before)

#### PRAYER & WORSHIP

#### - FROM THE PASTOR ——



The purpose of the Holy Spirit then is as an artist. He draws a picture of our Lord on the canvas. He makes Him real to us so we understand Him. Just as the artist stays outside of the canvas, so the Holy Spirit is staying outside the Christ, whom he reveals. To be filled with the Spirit is to be filled with Christ."

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

As Father Robin commemorates his fortieth year of offering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for those entrusted to his priestly care, Father Alek and I offer him, along with you, our sincere congratulations and appreciation for Father Robin's service to this parish and its predecessors. *Ad Multos Annos!* 

I received recently from the membership of the Saint Raphael Christian Mothers and Women's Guild gifts for the parish, the food pantry, and the Ladies of Charity. From their fundraisers, the ladies provided \$23,000 for the parish; \$500 for the Food Pantry; and \$1000 for the Ladies of Charity. I am truly grateful for not only the monetary assistance, but the desire of the ladies to work to make this possible.

I was notified that Bishop Zubik is to award eight of our parishioners in August with the "Manifesting the Kingdom" award. Those to be honored for their service to our fledgling parish through their service and Christian witness are:

Lori Dedola Caitlyn Doyle Dorothy Gardner Lorraine Hungerman Zachary O'Connor Susan Reed Ralph Vitt Karen Vogliano

A FRIENDLY, BUT SERIOUS REMINDER: Each of our church buildings is airconditioned. As the summer weather begins both its comfort and scourge, remember that <u>there is appropriate dress</u> for attendance at Mass...and inappropriate. Consider how you stand before the Lord, both spiritually AND physically. You may consider also how you may offend those around you.

#### ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

#### **NEXT WEEKEND**



Next weekend marks the last weekend of the month. Couples who received the Sacrament of Matrimony in the month of May 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.

Patricia Sieber Suzanna Giglio Leo Gillen Regan Bush-Steiner



Kelly Bittner Jim Boerio 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 Mark Hagelauer 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

Sam Martin Carl Masciola Kathy Masko Gina Massengill Kathy McGann Virginia Miller John Mostowy Jovce 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 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 Super Ed Sutilla Rose Talmonti Tim Teeters Jerry Tokar Rosemarie Toth Allen Turske Stephanie Vail Penny Verow Mary Kay Walsh James Walther Linda Wesley Joan Wrona Kathy Zajicek Bernice Zyzak

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

Mary Ann Macino



At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in loving memory of



In loving memory of
Timothy M. Castello Jr.
former guitarist of the
Contemporary Choir
5-21-1992 — 4-8-2020

by family

At St. Margaret of Scotland Church



in memory of Fred Conroy 12-2-1936 — 5-27-2020 by wife, Judy

At Ss. Simon and Jude Church
In honor of Matthew
for his health and wellbeing
by his parents

#### STEWARDSHIP

#### Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 5/10/2023 thru 5/16/2023 \$22,404

#### 2023 Parish Appeal

2023 Goal \$278,967 Monthly Due to the Diocese \$23,247 5/10/2023 thru 5/16/2023 \$8,756 Received to date \$305,931 Goal excess \$26,964

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.

The churches are listed alphabetically in this bulletin and online.

Unless otherwise noted, the bulletin deadline is Monday at Noon.
Email: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

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#### **FAITH FORMATION**

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#### **FOOD DRIVE**

**PAGE 15** • Next week, the Golden Agers are hosting a Food Drive at all three of our churches.

# ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE

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

# 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**

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. We wish him the very best!

#### **WALK WITH US**

PAGE 14 • Join the Raphael's Ramblers walking group for our weekly walks have started!

#### CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Save the date for our annual Corpus Christi Procession which will be held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11. We will walk through the neighborhood and stop for prayer before heading back to the church.

#### **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 scheduled for Monday, June 12. The class will be held at 6:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in the St. Maximilian Kolbe Room. To register to attend, please call Carol Kossler at the parish office at 412-857-5356.

PAGE S 16 & 17 ● 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.



#### WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

#### The Cerchiaro Family

Jessica and Michael Anna, Joseph, Michael, and Henry

We're so glad you're here!

#### Second Collection This Weekend

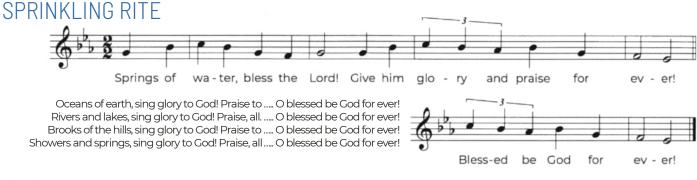
This weekend is the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services, serving the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Church in Africa. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

#### THE ORDER OF MASS

#### ENTRANCE HYMN | JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



Tune: EASTER HYMN, Lyra Davidica, 1708 Text: Stanza 1, Surrexit Christus hodie, Latin 14th C.; Stanza 2-3, The Compleat Psalmodist, c.1750; Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.





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.

#### THE ORDER OF MASS

#### FIRST READING | ACTS 1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem

from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city

they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew,

Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,

James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women,

and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23



- Give praise to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."
- The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds; his right hand is exalted. I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.

Text: Psalm 118: The Revised Grail, Conception Abbey © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: Fr. James C. Chepponis, ©1994, 2011

#### SECOND READING | 1 PETER 4:13-16

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly.

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer

as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | JOHN 14:18



I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

#### GOSPFI | JOHN 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,

"Father, the hour has come.

Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you. just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him.

Now this is eternal life.

that they should know you, the only true God,

and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth

by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you,

with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world.

They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

I pray for them.

I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.

And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

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

#### PROFFSSION 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.

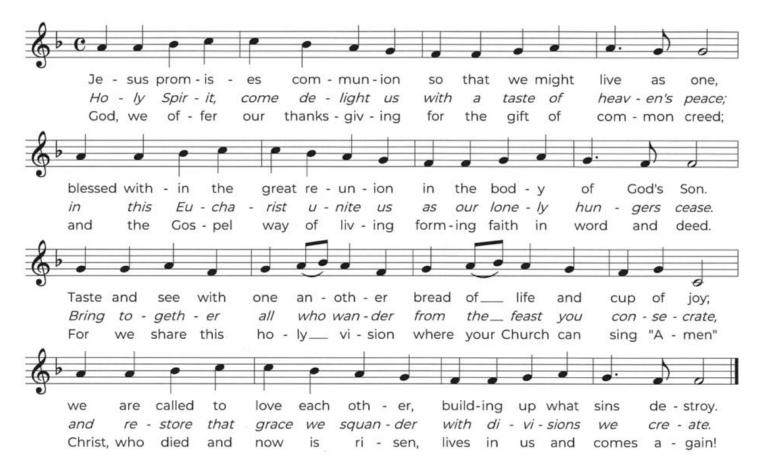
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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 | JESUS PROMISES COMMUNION

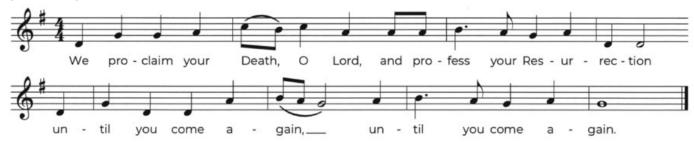


Tune: HYMN TO JOY, arr. From Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867 Text: Adam M. Tice, b.1979 ©2009 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

#### SANCTUS / HOLY



#### MYSTERY OF FAITH



#### **GREAT AMEN**



#### AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



#### THE ORDER OF MASS

#### COMMUNION HYMN | ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS



- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever.
- 4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift: Life eternal for all who believe.
- 5. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Tune: Donald Fishel, b.1950; ©1973 International Liturgy Publications

Text: Donald Fishel, b. 1950

#### 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

Lectionary excerpts ©1970, 1986, 1992, 1998, 2001 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc. Washington D.C. All rights reserved. The English translation of some Psalm responses, some Alleluia and Gospel verses and the Gospel Acclamations, some Summaries, and the Titles and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass copyright 1968, 1981, 1997, International Committee on English in the Litturgy, Inc., Washington D.C. All music and texts reprinted with permission. All rights reserved. Annual reprint and podcast/streaming license. One License.net # 700896-A. Mass Ordinaries: Jubilation Mass by Fr. James C. Chepponis, b.1956.

# celebrating Baptism

# Confirmatio

#### 2023 Confirmation Class

Kanton Anderson Lienna Bassano Vincent Bellisario Domenico Bernardi George Jacob Boehm Anna Bittner Riyan Deepak John Di Bello Patrick Doherty Megan Dumpman David Edwards Logan Ferrand Cameron Hackett Samuel Hall Hannah Hayes Christopher Kohan Colby Lane Isabella Lanuka Kevin Leslie Jackson Maddix Casey Marston Ethan Moldovan Ashley Mulligan Connor Mutschler Katelyn Pattinato Allie Pfeufer Haylee Poploski

Phoebe Schwartz Dashiell Sargent Sophie Sebastian Ava Sobkowiak Lila Sothergill Michael Spinelli Averie Strohm Colton Stunkard Shae Trombetta Logan Vaites Milo Warner\* Ava Washington Nicholas Washington Owen Weagraff Patricia Wesolowski Classmate already confirmed received a blessing. Carmella Rippole

A special thank you to the Catechists: Miss Caitlin Doyle Mrs. Rae lacchetti Miss Allison Ware

Mr. Rob Munz. Principal, Guardian Angel Academy

Mrs. Sharon Smoller, Director of Faith Formation

\*Congratulations to parishioner Milo Warner who was Confirmed at St. Philip Church with Bishop Mark Eckman on April 23.

If you would like to share a picture of your newly Confirmed parishioner, please send a photo to: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

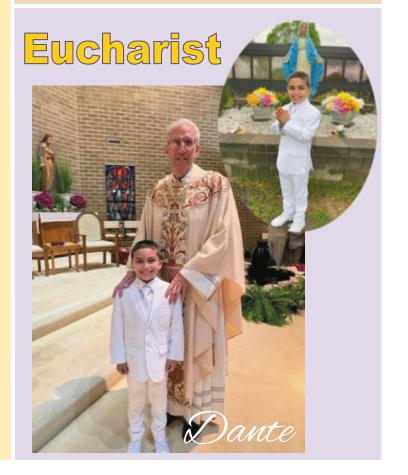


Dominic was baptized by Fr. Alek at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on May 7. His godparents are Michael Thornton and Laura Campbell.

Dominic's parents are Jessica and Matt DelRaso.

Congratulations and God's blessings to the DelRaso family.





# Celebrating the Sacraments

# Holy Orders





# 40 Years of Priesthood

This weekend we celebrate the
Fortieth Anniversary
of the
Priestly Ordination
of



May 20, 1983 – May 20, 2023

May God bless him with health and happiness.

Thank you for your many years of service to Christ and His Church.

















A favorite prayer of Fr. Robin:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph I give you my heart and soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph let me breathe forth my spirit in peace with you.

# Caring Corner

#### CARING + GIVING + SERVING

Life becomes easier when you learn to accept the apology you never got.
-Robert Brault

Forgiveness does not seem to be fashionable these days. Any brief perusal of the news is filled with war and terrorism around the world; acts of violence in our city and country; impasse and personal attacks between political rivals; and sparring over social and cultural values with no attempts at civil discussion. If we browse social media, we see public feuding in prominent families; bullying by young people; and people criticizing and vilifying anyone who disagrees with them in a forum where they don't need to listen or attempt to understand the view of the other. Many people have adopted the perspective that they deserve to be happy, and consequently, they choose to simply eliminate people they label as "toxic" from their lives.



A saint from whom our current world has much to learn is St. Rita of Cascia, whose Feast is observed on Monday, May 22. St. Rita's life was filled with broken dreams, disagreement with her parents, an abusive marriage, and a family that engaged in violent feuding in 14<sup>th</sup> century Italy. Following the death of her husband, Rita was even denied entrance into the convent because some of the other sisters belonged to families that held a vendetta

against her family. In the eyes of the world in her time and ours, St. Rita had every reason to be negative, selfish, and vengeful. Instead, she turned to prayer in all her many difficulties and aligned her own sufferings with those of Christ in his Passion. She became a model of charity and holiness. St. Rita, who forgave the many wrongs she endured and prayed for the conversion of those who hurt her, is now called the Patron Saint of the Impossible.

The attainment of peace in our world needs to begin with peace in our own hearts. The teachings of Jesus on forgiveness are uncompromising. In today's second reading, St. Peter tells us, "Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ" (1 Peter 4:13). Whether we are persecuted for our beliefs, experiencing tension in our families, carrying wounds of past hurts or wrongs, or holding a grudge for a reason we cannot even recall, we will not be truly at peace until we can forgive. Jesus paved the way for us to forgive on the road to Calvary. He has given us a great help in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We know it is possible through the example of the Saint of the Impossible.



A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF SSgt David Blackhall, USAF SPC Casey Busch, Army SSqt Kristiana Coote, USAF LTC Ronald Gaudelli, Army 2LT Matthew Grebinoski, Army Sean Mahoney 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

#### LADIES OF CHARITY

#### Thank You

Our sincere thanks to Father Grecco for allocating the Holy Thursday collection to the Ladies of Charity, and to the St. Raphael the Archangel parishioners for their VERY generous donations to the collection. Also, thank you to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, SVDP Food Pantry, and Christian Mothers and Women's Guild for all the support they give so the Ladies of Charity can continue to help the sick, elderly, and marginalized individuals in the surrounding communities. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Our best wishes and prayers to Fr. Grecco as he celebrates his big day today! We won't say how old he is, but he is younger than sixty-two and older than sixty.

Happy birthday, Fr. Grecco!

#### ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL





#### IN APPRECIATION

There are many individuals involved behind the scenes in order to be able to celebrate beautiful Masses, especially during springtime's Sacraments of Initiation Masses of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. At this time, I want to give a very special thank you to the following people who made it possible:

The terrific team of ushers who welcomed and accommodated all of our guests and made them feel welcomed. To the church decorators, Diane and Gary Baranowski, and

the team of plant-waterers and caretakers; Lolli and Jeff Roth and the team of church cleaners. Both teams were at the heart of beautifying our sacred space! And a special thank you to Lorraine Hungerman, who gave so selflessly to ensure the church was prepared for the special days! To our alter servers, Silvana, Dominic, Antonin, Chiara and Gianni Rocco and Jackson Leslie for assisting Bishop Waltersheid at the alter for Confirmation. Thank you to the Christian Men's Fellowship for helping with parking for First Communion.

Thank you to our Music Director, Dr. Béla Pater and his team of musicians and cantors; and to members of the traditional and bell choirs who enriched these Masses with their gifts and talents.

Thank you to our clergy for their celebration of these very special Masses: Fr. Grecco, Fr. Jerome, Deacons Kevin, Paul, and Jim. Our parish is blessed to have you!

Thank you all, your efforts were very much appreciated by our parishioners and their guests!

— Sharon Smoller

#### 7th Grade Rite of Intention

The Rite of Intention for seventh graders planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024 takes place this Sunday during 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Please pray for these children who are making their intentions publicly known as they continue their preparation through prayer, study, and service to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

#### 7th Grade Confirmation Meeting

A meeting for seventh graders and parents will be held on Tuesday, May 23 and repeated on Wednesday, May 24 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in St. Luke Hall. Both meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., and attendance at one of the meetings is mandatory for students and parents as you will receive preparation information on the sacrament. Please contact Sharon Smoller for more information at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext. 429.

#### FAITH FORMATION 2023 - 2024



Let the children come to me.

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

#### ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

#### WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you to all who made our annual Mother's Day Prayer Service a beautiful occasion to honor and pray for mothers. We are grateful to Fr. Alek for leading us in prayer, and to the five Guardian Angel Academy students who led the decades of the Rosary. Thank you to members of the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild who lit the candles. We are grateful for the reverent participation by the students of Guardian Angel Academy and the many parishioners who attended the service. We also wish to thank the volunteers who assisted with setting up and placing the labels on the candles.





Solvitur ambulando; it is solved by walking. –St. Augustine

Do you enjoy fresh air, moving, and meeting people? Are you looking for a reason to get out, relieve stress, or make new friends? Do you just want to try a different activity in the parish? Weather permitting, from now through August, Raphael's Ramblers will be walking every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Gather at the Marian shrine in the Ss. Simon and Jude parking lot where we open in prayer for the intercession of St. Raphael the Archangel. We then walk for 45 to 60 minutes at a comfortable pace and close with a brief prayer. Along the way, we talk, laugh, and listen to each other. If you have any questions, contact Laura at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org. Otherwise, just come and walk with us!



Here are our parishioners listed on the Third-quarter Honor Roll at Seton LaSalle High School

#### **Highest Honors** Margaret Brown Olivia May

#### **High Honors**

Joseph Schilinski Justin Metz

#### Honors

Justin Savko



Kennywood picnic day for GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY is Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

The price for a ticket at the gate is \$69.99, so you may want to buy your tickets in advance.

#### HERE'S HOW:

Please read carefully, as there have been updates from previous years.

#### In-school ticket sales (cash only):

Kennywood tickets will be available for purchase Tuesday, May 23 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Tickets purchased in the school will only be valid one day: June 21, 2023. These tickets are priced at \$31.99. If you cannot make it to the school during these hours, please call Jenny at 412-922-6558 for more options.

#### Online ticket sales:

You are able to purchase your school picnic ticket online. Go to Kennywood.com/schools. Enter the promo code guardian and follow directions. This is a one-day ticket good only on June 21, 2023. This ticket is \$35.99.

To purchase a flex ticket good through the end of June, enter the promo code guardian flex. This ticket is also good on our picnic day and costs \$38.99.

Note: There is a surcharge for online tickets.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Today we find ourselves in the period of liturgical time between Ascension and Pentecost. It's almost like another Holy Saturday: Christ is gone! He has disappeared from the sight of his apostles. But this time he has gone in glory. He has been lifted up into heaven, taking our humanity with him and presenting it, crucified and risen, to the Father. The apostles leave the Mount of Olives with great joy, praising God in the Temple. And they gather in prayer in the Upper Room, together with Mary, and await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This time of holy tension — when Christ is taken from our sight and we confidently await the fulfillment of his promise — is reflected in the devotional life of the Church. The time between Ascension and Pentecost is nine days. This nineday period of prayerful preparation is reflected in the practice of the novena. which comes from the Latin word for nine (novem). Aside from its basis in Scripture, the Church Fathers assigned special meaning to the number nine. Because it comes just a little bit short of the solid perfection of the number ten, they saw it as symbolic of imperfect human beings turning to God in prayer.

Novenas take many forms, but in essence, they are a set of prayers, offered either privately or publicly, repeated for nine successive days or weeks. You'll find novenas dedicated to specific angels, saints, patronages of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. Novenas are often offered for a specific intention, or perhaps more generally for an increase of devotion and grace in our lives. There are even "perpetual" novenas, which are offered all throughout the year in certain churches, so you can join in and make your nine days starting any week of the year.

While we're already a few days into the Pentecost Novena, why not join in now? You can find many beautiful novenas to the Holy Spirit in devotional booklets or on the internet, but you can also keep it simple. Offering even a short prayer every day between today and Pentecost will help you open your heart to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and join yourself to the Church in prayer Why not offer this traditional prayer, published below, either on your own or with your family?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O God, who did instruct the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Fr. Alek



# THANK YOU VETERANS



Today, Sunday May 21, our parish hosts a free luncheon for all veterans (reservations were required). Thank you to the hard-working men and women who are hosting this event on behalf of the parish. We appreciate your time and dedication.

To all veterans of our parish: thank you for your service! As we approach Memorial Day and remember those who never made it back home, we want you to know that your willingness to die for our freedom is never forgotten. May God bless you.



Next weekend, as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the Golden Agers are hosting a FOOD DRIVE at all three of our churches.

It is the perfect opportunity to remember that Jesus sends us, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, to be his hands and feet. Let us reach out to those in need by donating non-perishable food items to help stock the Food Pantry. Monetary gifts marked as "Food Drive" may be placed in the collection basket.

There will be boxes in the narthex of each church. Please give generously. Questions? Call Don Cain after 6:00 p.m.: 412-279-0885

# Our 3nd Annual Parish Festival is July 13 - 14 - 15

### FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

Advertise with us!

We are looking for individuals, families, organizations, and businesses to advertise on the back of our Parish Festival t-shirts.

Don't miss your chance to get your name out there while supporting the parish at the same time!

Each sponsorship is only \$250.

Call Patrick Walther for more information or to reserve your spot! 412-303-1151.

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#### OUR CHINESE AUCTION NEEDS YOU!

Our Chinese Auction at the Parish Festival is one of the best gift raffles in the area. We need your help to keep that tradition going!

The prizes are coming in and they are amazing! Please do not wait until the last minute to be a part of this worth-while event. Get you family involved, call on your club or organization to be represented, and/or visit your neighbors and put a neighborhood basket together (a big shout-out to Pennsbury Village who won our neighborhood challenge last year!).

Donate a monetary gift, items, or a complete basket. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Administration Center in Carnegie. We also accept gift cards, lottery scratchers, and bottles of cheer! Call Maria Walther if you have questions: 412-531-9432.



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**3rd Prize is \$1,500** 

Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available in books of ten. Watch your mail: every registered parishioner will be receiving a book soon!

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets at the tent on Greentree Road from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, starting on Sunday, May 28.

Bring a book, tablet, or laptop and spend some quiet time meeting people and selling tickets.

Sign up to volunteer today by using the Sign Up Genius on our website or call Jo Ann at 412-337-2000.

#### Festival Flea Market

We are accepting donations for the Flea Market starting **Monday, June 5.** 

Please drop them off at the Parish Life Center's gym porch on the campus of Ss. Simon and Jude Church.

If you need assistance unloading your donations, help will be available on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

We will **NOT** accept: Clothing, Shoes, Furniture, Electronics, TVs.

Please make sure your donations are NOT broken or in bad shape.

For more information or to volunteer please contact: Phil Mastrean:412-420-9969

#### **BOOTH CHAIRMEN NEEDED**

The **festival provides** the game, all the prizes, and the starting change. A **booth chairman** is responsible for the running of the game, getting people to help run the game, displaying the prizes, returning the prizes to the prize room at the end of the night and decorating the booth.

#### We need 8 game booth chairmen to complete the festival.

- Green Light Go There are 3 wheels on a pole with 1 Red, 1 Yellow, 1 Green space on each wheel. Each wheel is spun and the winning combination is decided. Up to 5 players each time each player fills their container with 3 balls in the order they think the wheels will stop. The one that matches the wheels wins.
- Plinko 1 Disc is dropped inside the game and makes its way through a maze of pegs. If the disc lands in the winning slot at the bottom, you win.
- Roller Ball The player rolls a ball through a series of flappers. If the ball stops behind the last flapper they win. If the ball drops into the trough and rolls back to the beginning, they lose.
- ◆ Wiffle Toss The player tosses a wiffle ball onto the playing area and if it lands in one of 3 specially colored holes, they win.
- Pop Ring Toss Player tosses rings onto a field of stacked pop bottles. If they ring a bottle, they win a prize.
- Pig Race Ten battery operated pigs race to see which one crosses the finish line first.
- Children's Area Children pay one price, get a bracelet that's good for the entire night and can play any game in the children's area as many times as they want. When they leave, they get to pick a prize of their choice. One prize per night. They may re-enter multiple times but can only win once each night.
- Big Dollar Darts An adult game needs someone to run it on Friday night.

# 2023 FISH FRY REPORT FROM SSJ

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the fish fry a great success.

Our CORE team of Pat and Haylie Walther, Kim and Kelsey Bissert, Cris Bridge, Joe Walther, Wayne and Diane Crowe, Ron Bruno and Christian Tutsock were key in making the fish fry flow smoothly. Each one has specific expertise in various areas that helped make our fish fry so good.

Our senior citizens came to help prepare the food and arrange the gym each Friday. The youth of our parish procured the orders for our customers and received many compliments. It was very gratifying to see so many people working together each week to make our fish fry a success.

Some of the things that happen behind the scenes are preparation of the baked fish, mac & cheese, cabbage and noodles, and coleslaw, taking the orders, putting the orders together, frying the fish.

There are several jobs that are <u>essential</u> to the operation of the fish fry but do not receive recognition because they are really "behind the scenes." The people who emptied the trash and the courageous souls with dish pan hands who washed all our dishes deserve a special thank you. Your hard work enabled all of us to go home at a decent time each week. A special thanks to Paul who was always available to make sure everything was working properly.

Last but certainly not least are all of you, your friends and families who came each week and supported our efforts. **You** are what makes our parish GREAT!

Total Income - \$65,745.16 Expenditures - \$34.413.87 Profit - \$31,331.29

#### **GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY**

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

We are spotlighting outstanding students from Guardian Angel Academy who were recognized as GOLDEN WARRIORS OF THE WEEK.





#### STUDENT: MARCO DANIELS - GRADE - PRESCHOOL

(4-year-old Program)

Teacher: Mrs. Brandi Meredith

Marco Daniels is the Pre-K Golden Warrior. Marco is always excited and happy when he walks into the classroom. He greets the teacher with an enthusiastic smile! Marco works hard to be a good friend. He is always comforting and encouraging his friends to play nicely together. Marco loves his family! He is always telling everyone about his older brother and cousins. Marco likes to play basketball and football. He likes to go to church with his family. He can't wait to go to CCD!



#### STUDENT: ZOEY GOLEMBIEWSKI – GRADE – 5(B)

Teacher: Mrs. Louella Joseph

Zoey Golembiewski is this week's fifth grade Golden Warrior. Zoey demonstrates the Christian qualities of kindness and service to others. She actively participates in Warriors for Math, STEM, basketball, and cheerleading. She also volunteers after school making blankets for sick children, which are donated to Project Linus. Zoey is always seeking new opportunities to grow and is a devoted student. Keep up the good work and continue being an example for others.



#### STUDENT: MARLI HORNACK - GRADE - 8 (B)

Teacher: Mrs. Raffalina lacchetti

I am nominating Marli Hornack as our eighth grade "Golden Warrior" for Homeroom 8B this month. Marli has been my "Helpful Harriet" during this school year. She always accepts and does any task I assign with responsibility and care. Marli has also volunteered as a lector for our weekly school liturgies since the beginning of the academic school year. She is an excellent student and has been a part of our student Honor Roll since September. I am honored to nominate Marli Hornack as our "Golden Warrior."

#### ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



Is there a Graduating Senior in your household? We would love to congratulate him or her in the bulletin.

All high school and college seniors are welcome to submit a photo and a bit of information (High School or College name, future plans, any awards or remarkable accomplishments, etc.).

Please email Mary Kay Smith by Monday, June 5: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

#### THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

May 21

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

May 28

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

Next Sunday, May 28, is Pentecost. Celebrate the birthday of the Church; consider wearing RED to Mass next weekend.

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.

#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### Bl. Columba Marmion's "Program of Love" for Each Day.



On Sunday, June 4, the South Hills Benedictine Oblates affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey will gather for prayer, reflection, and sharing on Bl. Columba Marmion's main themes in a "program of love" to order our day so that we "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart." Please arrive to be seated before 1:30 p.m. in the Bishop Leonard Room

(directly under St. Louise de Marillac Church in Upper St. Clair). Our meeting will begin with Daytime Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours and end at 3:00 p.m. We hope to see you!



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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#### **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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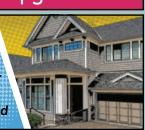


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