

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

AUGUST 20, 2023

Welcome!

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TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ

4:30 p.m. at SMOS

SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. at SMOS

9:00 a.m. at SSJ 10:00 a.m. at SMOS

11:00 a.m. at SSJ

MONDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SMOS

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 SMOS

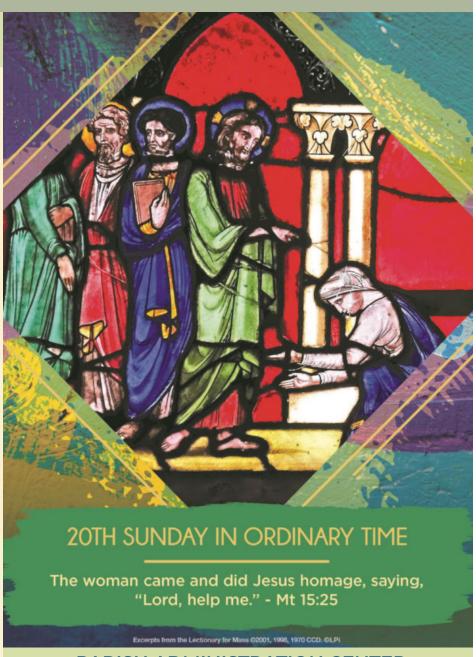
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SMOS

FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

This schedule does not reflect holidays or Holy Days.



PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER

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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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

AUGUST 20		TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Joseph Deluliis by parents, Miranda & Guy, and sister, Gracey
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	Carl Lupi Jr. by Sue and Henry Kanownik
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Living and deceased of the Fisher Families by family
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Mark Butcher by daughters, Maggie and Katie
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Frederick Schell by wife, Margery
AUGUST	21	MEMORIAL OF ST. PIUS X, POPE
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Paul McIsaac by family
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Carl Lupi Jr. by Mrs. Dolly Lowder
AUGUST 2	22	MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Jim Volple by a friend
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Claire W. Kane by family
AUGUST	23	WEDNESDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Rose Moschella by cousin, Mel Leonette
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Health & wellbeing of Lois Karbowski by Kathy Carlson
AUGUST 2	24	FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW. APOSTLE
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Iolanda M. DePasquale by cousin, Gracey DeIuliis
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Marilyn Natale by family
AUGUST 2	25	FRIDAY OF THE 20TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Chuck Buzon by a friend
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Marylouise Dzadony by the Pritchard Family
AUGUST 2	7	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Deceased of the Petti and Torres Families by family
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	John Nolan by the Ditmore family
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Emidio Ranalli by Angela and Sam Verbene
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Pat Vaughn by Linda and Bern Donnelly
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Ann Kohan by the Kohan Family

*anticipated Mass on Saturday evening

Temporary Schedule

Due to a partial ceiling collapse, all Masses (and Mass Intentions) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church have been moved to St. Margaret of Scotland EXCEPT the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays which will be held at Ss. Simon and Jude Church.

PARISH LIFE



- FROM THE PASTOR -

"Straight are the paths of the Lord, in them the just walk, but sinners stumble in them."

—Hosea 14:10

What a great day for celebration and pride (the good kind)! Last Sunday I attended the "Manifesting the Kingdom" awards ceremony

at the Cathedral. Our honorees were recognized because of the extent to which they promote the Catholic Faith in the parish and beyond, as well as their great support for this new parish of St. Raphael the Archangel. We were surrounded by hundreds of those who bear the same witness in their own parish communities. At the Mass, which preceded the awards, the bishop reminded us of the rich history of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, which was established by papal decree 180 years ago on August 11. We at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish are part of the new chapters of history-making. See photos of the Mass on page 18.

The new school year at "Guardian Angel Academy" begins this week with a larger student population. I offer best wishes to Mr. Robert Munz and the faculty as they build on the successes of last year. A reminder that the school children will attend Mass on most of the Fridays of the coming months.

Father Dan and I offer our best wishes to the many young people who will be starting their new year of academics at the college level. May they carry with them not only the foundational knowledge gained here in local schools, but most importantly the Faith and trust in Jesus that they have received from their families and this parish. Keep up with the parish through the weekly bulletin on the internet at straphaelcqs.org!



WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Noah Sarver

The Pandiarajan Family Chellappan, Pauline, Prajin, and Pragya

We're so glad you're here!

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Alice Diggans Joseph Ganick



Anthony Anderson Bob Bartell Marge Bartell Emilia Bentley June Bentley Clara Bielecki Brian Bishop Kelly Bittner Jim Boerio Gina Burton Pete Caligiuri 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 Stephanie 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 Edmund Gaskill Mike Gieselman Joseph M. Granata John Groll Brandon Gross Mark Hagelauer Margaret Harkins Eileen Henefeld Carl Henn 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 Kuiawski Darlene Kura Helen Kurek Jackie Kushner Mark Laird

John Linn Eugene Loniero John Loniero Peter Paul Lyle III Mary Ann Macino Arch MacLennan Penny Mahoney Lucille Marabito Laura Martin Sam Martin Carl Masciola Kathy Masko Gina Massengill Kathy McGann Virginia Miller 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 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 <u>Jaim</u>e 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 Kathy Zajicek Bernice Zyzak

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



At Ss. Simon and Jude Church In memory of Ann Kohan *Jan. 24, 1926—Aug. 20, 2021* requested by family

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 8/9/2023 thru 8/15/2023 \$19,547

2023 Parish Appeal

 2023 Goal
 \$278,967

 Monthly Due to the Diocese
 \$23,247

 8/9/2023 thru 8/15/2023
 \$2,867

 Received to date
 \$372,880

 Goal excess
 \$93,913

The Second Collection today is for Mary's Meals. www.marysmealsusa.org

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.
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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

NOVENA TO ST. RAPHAEL

PAGE 10 • Join us as we pray a special novena to our patron saint. We will pray together each Wednesday until the last week in September.

PARISH PICNIC

PAGE 17 • Celebrate our patron saint by coming to our annual picnic in September. Please RSVP.

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.

LEARN & GROW IN FAITH

PAGE 14 ● Join Fr. Grecco and Sharon Smoller for *Presence—The Mystery of the Eucharist.*

ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE

Pray with us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass.

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 Tuesday, August 29 at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall at 6:00 p.m. To register to attend, please call Carol Kossler at the parish office at 412-857-5356.

BIBLE FUND RAFFLE

PAGE 19 • Buy a ticket to help each sixth grade student in our parish receive a new study Bible.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Parish Cash Bash is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 21. Mark your calendar.

MISSION APPEAL 2023

mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger

Pam and Andy Minto are visiting St. Raphael Parish for Mission Appeal this weekend to share about **Mary's Meals**.

Mary's Meals' vision is that every child receive a daily meal in their place of education. Our mission is named in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's Meals works in some of the world's poorest communities, providing meals to children in their schools. In this way, Mary's Meals meets children's immediate need for food and basic nourishment, while at the same time enabling more children to attend school and to receive a basic education that can be a means out of a terrible cycle of debilitating poverty. We began by providing 200 children school meals in Malawi in 2002, and today we are thankful to say that more than 2.4 million children eat Mary's Meals each school day in 18 countries in the developing world.

A few highlights about Mary's Meals:

- Mary's Meals is committed to being a simple, low-cost charity, and it costs only \$25.20 to provide Mary's Meals to a child for an ENTIRE school year.
- 93% of donations to Mary's Meals go directly for charitable purposes.
- Mary's Meals is supported primarily by thousands of individual (and parish and school) donors around the world.
- More information about Mary's Meals can be found at www.marysmealsusa.org, or please contact MMUSA church representative Rob Turner at rob.turner@MarysMeals.org or 1-800-385-4983 ext. 2

ENTRANCE HYMN | YOUR HANDS, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD



Tune: MOZART; adapt. from Wolfgang A. Mozart, 1756–1791

Text: Matthew 14:35-36; Edward H. Plumtre, 1821-1891, alt., © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

PENITENTIAL ACT / KYRIE

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.



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FIRST READING | ISAIAH 56: 1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants all who keep the sabbath free from profanation

and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8



May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

SECOND READING | ROMANS 11: 13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles,

I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them.

For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

Just as you once disobeyed God

but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that,

by virtue of the mercy shown to you,

they too may now receive mercy.

For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 4:23



Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

GOSPEL | MATTHEW 15: 21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. He said in reply, And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out. "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him,

"Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply,

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me."

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!

Let it be done for you as you wish."

And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

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.

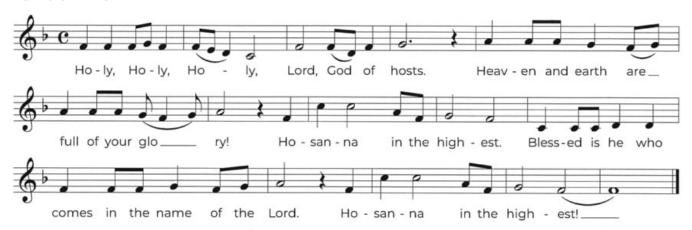
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Tune: LAND OF REST; American melody; harm. by Annabel M. Buchanan, 1888–1983, Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000, © 1974, Hope Publishing Company

THE ORDER OF MASS

SANCTUS / HOLY



MYSTERY OF FAITH



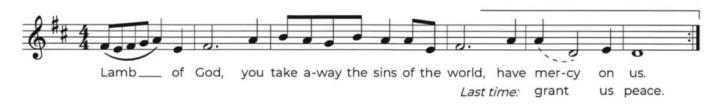
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever:



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



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THE ORDER OF MASS

COMMUNION HYMN | BREAD OF LIFE, CUP OF BLESSING

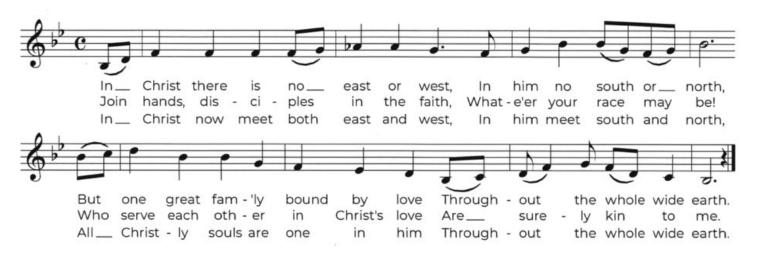


- 1. This is why I came: that you might have life, and have it to the full.
- 2. You did not choose me; rather, I chose you to go and bear good fruit.
- 3. Live on in my love; all who live in me will bear abundant fruit.
- 4.Do not be afraid; I am with you now and till the end of time.
- 5.I have told you this that you may have joy, and have it to the full.
- 6.Do you understand? I who am your Lord have knelt and washed your feet
- 7. Do you understand? Just as I have done, so also you must do.

Tune: BREAD BROKEN, Michel Guimont, b.1950

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RECESSIONAL HYMN I IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST



Tune: MCKEE, African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Text: Galatians 3:23; William A. Dunkerley, 1852-1941, alt

NOVENA TO ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

For the nine weeks leading up to our parish Patronal Feast on September 29, we will be praying a Novena to St. Raphael the Archangel. We invite those in attendance to pray the Novena following our Masses on Wednesday. The Novena will be included in the bulletin each week so that all parishioners can pray the Novena with their families or privately.

Novenas are a popular Catholic Devotion in which prayers are recited for successive days or weeks; nine days or weeks is most common to replicate the nine days the Blessed Mother and Apostles prayed between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. Sincere praying of Novenas can help to foster discipline, patience, and perseverance in prayer.

During each week, an intention based on the patronages of St. Raphael the Archangel and his actions recorded in Scripture will be recommended and remembered in our communal prayer of the Novena. We encourage all parishioners to pray for these intentions and to include any private intentions for which they request the intercession of our parish patron. Among the causes for which St. Raphael is patron are travelers, healing, people with blindness and afflictions of the eyes, medical professionals, young people, Christian marriage, and happy meetings.

St. Raphael the Archangel, Pray for Us!



All are invited to enjoy hospitality following 8:30 Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church on the nine Wednesdays leading up to our

Following prayer of the Novena to St. Raphael the Archangel, we will have donuts and coffee in the SSJ Church Hall.

Patronal Feast.

Join in fellowship with our Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel family where "happy meetings" are assured!

WEEK FOUR

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

For those who are seeking a spouse with whom to grow in holiness.

Lord, Jesus Christ, you first revealed your glory by transforming water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Through the intercession of Archangel Raphael, Tobias overcame his reservations about marrying Sarah, a suitable spouse with whom he was able to pray and grow in love and service. Lead those who feel called to the vocation of married life to a spouse with whom they can increase in faith, hope, and charity to mirror your love in the world through the transformative union of marriage. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by your gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler to the unfortunate, and refuge of sinners, I entreat you to help me in all my needs and in all the trials of this life, as you once assisted the young Tobias in his journeying. And since you are the "physician of God," I humbly pray to you to heal my soul of its many infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor is for my greater good. I ask especially for angelic purity, that I may be made fit to be the living temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

-Pope Leo XII (adapted)

Say one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.
- Saint Margaret of Scotland, pray for us.
- Saints Simon and Jude, pray for us.
- Saint Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.



Bennett Richard Van Balen was baptized on Sunday, August 6. His picture was featured in last week's bulletin, but we just had to add a couple more. Pictured left is Mom, Dad, and older siblings Nora, Josslyn, and Holden and of course, baby Bennett.

Congratulations to the entire family!





- The Order of Baptism for Children

Leonardo John DeMaio (above) was baptized on Saturday, August 12 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Congratulations to Leo and his parents, Anthony and Taylore.

Taylore was baptized, confirmed and received first Eucharist as an adult through the RCIA Program in 2021.





CARING + GIVING + SERVING

In the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

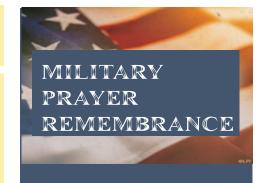
-Matthew 19: 28

Last September, the world lost a queen. Elizabeth II, who reigned for 70 years, was mourned by the people of Britain with great emotion and pageantry. Queen Elizabeth might have been the most recognizable woman in the world and was renowned for her sense of duty to her country. When she was a 21-year-old princess, she pledged that her "whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service." Throughout her reign, she provided private council to the prime ministers who governed Great Britain and was surrounded by crowds hoping to catch a glimpse of her in countless public engagements. Elizabeth II revealed little about her personal feelings; her focus was on serving her country.



Recalling an earthly queen with whom most of us were familiar might help us in some way to comprehend this Tuesday's Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's fiat made great our salvation through incarnate son, Jesus, possible. Although chosen and blessed by God, she referred to herself as a

"lowly servant." Mary endured sorrows and remained with the Apostles following the death and resurrection of her divine Son. Even as Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Blessed Mother serves to point us to her Son, who is King. She intercedes for all who call on her. People of faith recognize her, love her, and seek her motherly care and protection. She leads those who turn to her to more closely follow and trust her Son. Her reign as Queen of the Angels and Saints is eternal. On the Feast of her Queenship, let us give thanks for our Holy Queen enthroned above whose obedience to God and love of His people as her children never wavers.



Cynthia Alward, Navy

Tyler Alward, Navy CAPT Shawn Balent, USMC A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF SSgt David Blackhall, USAF SPC Casey Busch, Army SSgt Kristiana Coote, USAF LTC Ronald Gaudelli, Army 2LT Matthew Grebinoski, Army A1C Sean Mahoney II, USAF 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 CAPT Jake Ridings, 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



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

NEXT WEEKEND —AUGUST 26 AND 27

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



Disciple Maker Index Parish Results

Thanks to all who participated in the Disciple Maker Index earlier this year. In total, 29% of weekly Mass attendees of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish completed the Survey.

It is my thought that it was a bit premature to make a survey like this as we've not been a parish yet for three years (and not of one of the last five years has been "normal"). Need for growth in all the areas of parish life is not surprising.



The Disciple Maker Index attempts to provide analysis of attitudes and beliefs, participation, relationship/satisfaction, and demographics. At the same time, the DMI can assist us in assessing our greatest opportunities and strengths to move into the future.

Our Envisioning Team, composed of members of the parish, will study the data and use the results to help create a pastoral plan with specific goals and priorities for our parish community to focus on in the coming years.

Faithfully in Christ, Reverend Robert J. Grecco

FOUR FACTORS OF A THRIVING PARISH

The DMI Survey collected responses on key areas of parish life that will allow us to continue to work toward becoming a more vibrant, thriving parish:

- Leadership Indicators 78% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they are provided opportunities to serve at the parish and 79% would recommend the parish.
- Sunday Experience 70% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish makes them feel welcome and accepted.
- Spiritual Practices 75% of respondents state that they are in a period of growth in their faith.
- Missionary Impulse 94% of parents said that they strongly agree/agree that one of their most important responsibilities is helping their child to grow in faith.

STRENGTHS OF THE PARISH

The DMI Survey provided us information on what respondents saw as strengths of the parish:

- •Information Availability 91% of respondents strongly agree/agree that information via the bulletin, website, and social media is easy to find
- •The Mass 70% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish offers vibrant and engaging liturgies.
- Preaching 72% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish helps them grow spiritually by providing homilies that connect their faith with everyday life.
- •Belief 94% of respondents strongly agree/agree that their belief that Scripture is the word of God drives them to share their personal witness story.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

The DMI Survey also provided us areas of opportunity for growth:

- •Discipleship 66% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish is helping to form them as a disciple of Jesus Christ.
- •Conversations 50% of respondents strongly agree/agree that the parish helps them to grow in their confidence and equips them to have conversations about their faith with family and friends.
- •Leadership 46% of respondents strongly agree/agree that they are involved in making decisions that affect the future of the parish.





We will gather this Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m. to walk in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot. Meet at Mary for opening prayer, then off we go! Move, breathe, and make friends! In case of bad weather, we cancel.



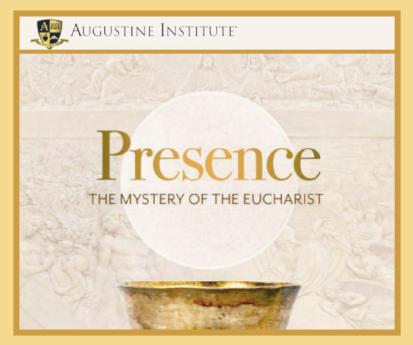
Birthday
blessings to
Fred Hoerster
who
celebrated his
95th
BIRTHDAY

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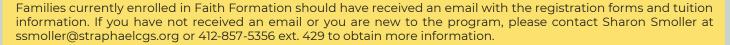
FAITH FORMATION 2023 - 2024

SESSIONS BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 13

Registration for children in grades K - 8 is 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.





A Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Ss. Simon and Jude Church for parents/guardians who have children registered in Faith Formation. At least one parent/guardian is required to attend this informative meeting.





RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The Rite of Christian initiation is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. Formation and spiritual conversion are the heart of RCIA. Simply having knowledge of Christ's teachings is not enough. By God's help you will be strengthened spiritually during your preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully.

RCIA at the Parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel prepares those who have not been baptized, those who have been baptized in other church traditions, or those who have been baptized Catholic, but have not been instructed in the Catholic faith and desire full initiation into the Catholic Church.

The RCIA journey has a two-fold purpose. The first is to learn how the Catholic Church combines Sacred Scripture, Church teachings, and Church traditions to form a rich environment that challenges each of us into a personal encounter with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Secondly, each person is prepared for the reception of the Sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism (if needed), Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If interested, please contact Deacon Paul Lim at plim@diopitt.org or Sharon Smoller at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org for more information. Our fall sessions will begin soon!

RCIC

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

RCIC is open to all children ages seven and older, unbaptized or baptized who have not received their First Reconciliation or First Communion (third grade or above). RCIC is designed to educate children in the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist. Whether your family is just entering the Church, returning to the practice of the Catholic faith, or have delayed the sacraments, please contact Sharon Smoller for more information at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext.429.

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CLOTHING DRIVE

Start gathering your gently-used clothing and small household

items because the St. Vincent de Paul Society is hosting a Clothing Drive on September 9. Keep watching the bulletin for details, and start cleaning out your closets!

NEWS ABOUT THE GREEN TREE OCTOBERFEST

It's back by popular demand!! St. Raphael the Archangel Parish will sponsor a Gift Basket Booth at the Green Tree Octoberfest. This year it will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Green Tree Park, 895 Greentree Rd., which is in the backyard of Aiken Elementary School. It is a great community event featuring food, entertainment, adult beverages, booths, games for all, a car cruise, and much more, culminating in fireworks. Participants claim that one of the highlights of the Octoberfest has been the fabulous gift baskets filled with goodies donated by our parish. To accomplish this, we need your help! We need your donations of new, unused items, gift cards, bottles of cheer, specialty foods, and any other new and unused items that you would like to donate to create a basket. Also, if you want to create a basket of your own to donate, we will take it. If you have won a basket at another event and you really don't want or need it, we will take that, too. Please drop off your donations at the Parish Administration Center in Carnegie during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Ring the bell at the Fourth Street entrance. You can then come up the stairs and deposit your donation at the office. Deadline for donations is Monday, September 11. If you have questions or need help with delivering your items, please call Karen at 412-857-5356, ext. 430. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE

All volunteers are required to be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy, which was created to ensure that all parishes are committed to providing a safe environment for our children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Clearances are required for ALL who minister in the name of the parish, even if the ministry or volunteer activity does not directly involve children.

If you serve on the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Council, or if you are involved in any ministry, for example, Choir, Contemporary Choir, Bell Choir, Fish Fry, Parish Festival, Flea Market, Food Pantry, Usher, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion, Faith Formation, Team Hospitality, St. Vincent de Paul, etc., you are required to obtain clearances in order to serve. Additionally, if you are a Knight of Columbus, Lady of Charity, or Christian Mother and Women's Guild member who helps at Mass and other parish functions, the same requirements apply.

The following clearances are renewable every five years: PA Child Abuse History Clearance and FBI Clearance or Waiver

Renewable every three years: Protecting God's Children/Vulnerable Adults Online Training Sessions

St. Raphael the Archangel Parish appreciates our many volunteers and will guide you through the clearance process.

To begin the process or check your clearance status, please contact Karen Maurer, Safe Environment Coordinator: karen@straphaelcgs.org, 412-857-5356, ext. 430

Our Safe Environment Office must have all clearances on file, new and renewed, before you are able to volunteer.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with St. Raphael the Archangel Parish!



It's that time of year again. The Knights of Columbus have just received their Lottery Calendars and want you to have the opportunity to get your favorite numbers before they are gone.

The 2024 Lottery Calendars are \$20.00. Each calendar has a number that gives the recipient a chance to win cash prizes every day of the year (based on the PA Lottery Pick 3 evening drawing). Your winning check is automatically mailed to your home. It's so much fun!

Stock up now for the Fall birthdays, hostess gifts, and even Christmas gifts (it's less than 135 days from now).

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Bishop Zubik







Mark your calendar for these Golden Agers special events:

Thanksgiving Lunch Wednesday, November 8

Trip to Ohio

to see the musical *The Christmas Tree Ship*Wednesday, November 15

Holiday Lunch Wednesday, December 6

Complete details about these events
will be posted in the bulletin.

Reservations and payments are required in advance
of each event, so start saving now
because you won't want to miss these!

The Golden Agers Annual Bible Fund Raffle.

Tickets are \$2.00 each. Winner receives \$1,300!
Winning number is based on the evening drawing of the PA Lottery Pick 3 on October 3.
Look for ticket sellers outside of all Masses at Ss. Simon and Jude Church on August 26 and 27, and outside of all Masses at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on September 2 and 3.

Proceeds of this raffle provide Bibles for our students.

The Golden Agers are a social group of senior citizens who meet once a month for lunch, laughter, bingo, and more. All are welcome. Call Don Cain for more information, or just come to our September 6 meeting at 1:30 p.m. in St. Luke Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

For more information, call Don Cain after 6:00 p.m. at 412-279-0885.



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.

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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

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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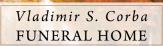
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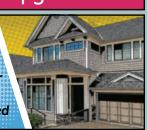


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