

# THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**OCTOBER 1, 2023** 

# Welcome!

#### **CLERGY TEAM**

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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

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11:00 a.m. at SSJ

MONDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SMOS 8:30 a.m. at SMOS

**TUESDAY:** 8:30 a.m. at SMO 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

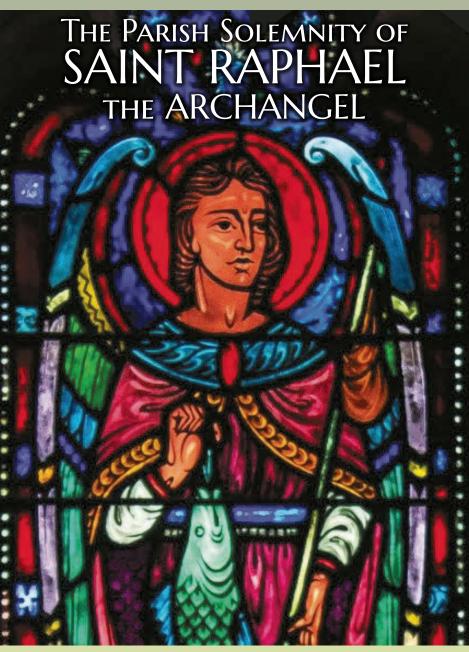
12:00 p.m. at SMOS

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

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

#### Wednesdays

6:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church —Or by appointment.—

#### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 1	THE PARISH SOLEMNITY OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
*4:00 p.m. SSJ	Sister Catherine Meinert S.C. by friend, Fran Butchko
*4:30 p.m. <b>SMO</b> \$	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m. <b>SMO</b> S	Chester DeLuca by wife, Josephine
9:00 a.m. SSJ	John Mostowy by Eleanor Brickley
10:00 a.m. <b>SMO</b> S	Virginia Rose by Donna and Jim Myers
11:00 a.m. SSJ	Samuel Salvadore by Angela and Sam Verbene
OCTOBER 2	MEMORIAL OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS
8:30 a.m. SSJ	Bernice Gilfoyle by Bob Greek
12:00 p.m. SMOS	For the Good Work of the Food Pantry Volunteers by the Ladies of Charity
OCTOBER 3	TUESDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m. <b>SMO</b> S	Richard Riebel by Neighbors
12:00 p.m. SSJ	Sheila Conley by Joan Reale
OCTOBER 4	MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
8:30 a.m. SSJ	Patricia Kelly by Evelyn DeCesare
12:00 p.m. <b>SMO</b> S	Patrick J. Joyce by Mary Joyce and family
OCTOBER 5	THURSDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m. SSJ	Health and Wellbeing of Lorraine Deer by family
12:00 p.m. SMOS	Nicholas Charitan by family
OCTOBER 6	FRIDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m. <b>SMO</b> S	Sebastian Dedola by Lisa and Craig Talini
12:00 p.m. SSJ	Alec Kalla by Joan Reale
OCTOBER 8	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*4:00 p.m. SSJ	Living and deceased of the Balestrieri and Cortese families by Ann and Tom Balestrieri
*4:30 p.m. <b>SMO</b> S	Cathy McGinley by cousin, Karen Miller
8:00 a.m. <b>SMO</b> S	Jerry Ninehouser by Mary Kay
9:00 a.m. SSJ	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. SMO	Catherine and Matthew Barone by Mary Jane Schneider
11:00 a.m. SSJ	Helen Deluliis by Dana and Anthony Conroy

\*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 -

# SAINT RAPHAEL, WHOSE NAME MEANS GOD HEALS, PRAY FOR US!

"Bless God, utter his praise before all the living for all the favors he has given you. Bless and extol his name. Proclaim before all men the deeds of God as they deserve, and never tire of giving him thanks...I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord."

—Tobit 12:6-7,15

Happy Feast Day, dear people of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish! This weekend we celebrate our heavenly patron! Make it a family celebration in your home: go out to a nice dinner; establish a special place in your home for a picture, candle, or statue of St. Raphael; do an act of charity, as a family, for those less fortunate. May the intercession of our patron strengthen you, guide you, and protect you along the journey of life.

This weekend we begin our annual "October Count" mandated by the diocese for the purpose of charting Mass attendance. The number of registered parishioners and their attendance at Mass will be studied to determine future staffing and scheduling. If you or other family members infrequently attend Mass within St. Raphael parish in favor of other locations, your regular absence may negatively influence staffing and Mass scheduling. Please, if you claim membership here, make this parish your priority.





Introducing the St. Raphael the Archangel Parish BABY OF THE YEAR: Alex Beck.

Here is the threemonth-old at his Baptism. He just loves to stand.

See more on page 10.

#### Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

John H. Eberlein Wayne Miller Noreen Seehausen Marion Spinelli Jimmy Story



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 Gina Dangelico Katie Denke Antoinette DePofi Patty Drury Kathi Dvorak Lena Enrietti Patti Eurich Stephanie Fahnestock Helen Fallon Vicky Feeney Lois 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 Linda Harrity 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 Arch MacLennan Penny Mahoney Lucille Marabito Laura Martin Sam Martin Carl Masciola Kathy Masko Gina Massengill Kathy McGann Virginia Mi<u>ller</u> 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 Joann Redondo Paxton Renk Florinda Rosemeyer Helen Salamon Andrew Patrick Schade John Schenk Tyler Schepis Mary Patricia Schnars Kathleen Shilling Mary Socci Genevieve Sonson Edie Sortwell Mildred Spezialetti Teresa Stacy Jaime St. Ledger Judye Suhy **Bob Super** Ed Super Ed Sutilla Rose Talmonti Theresa Tapper Tim Teeters John M. Tinney Jerry Tokar Rosemarie Toth Allen Turske Stephanie Vail Penny Verow Mary Kay Walsh James Walther Linda Weslev Kathy Zajicek Bernice Zyzak

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

**PRE-SALE OF CHANCES** 

PAGE 14 • Get your chance to win

premium prizes from the Ca\$h Ba\$h,

PAGE 11 • Join us this Friday and

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** 

PAGE 15 • Next weekend! Join

For those preparing to have their

child baptized, a Baptism Preparation Class is held monthly. Couples are

encouraged to take the class before

Monday, October 30 at Ss. Simon and

their child is born. The next class is

Jude Church Hall at 6:00 p.m. To

Kossler at the parish office at

412-857-5356.

register to attend, please call Carol

**BAPTISM CLASS** 

Fr. Dan at our annual blessing of the

every Friday in October. See next

week's scheduled vendors and

entertainment

animals.

FOR PREMIUM PRIZES

even if you are not attending!

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY** 



At St. Margaret of Scotland Church in memory of the deceased members of the Herman Family by family

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Offertory**

Required Weekly \$30,000 9/20/2023 thru 9/26/2023 \$18,006

#### 2023 Parish Appeal

 2023 Goal
 \$278,967

 Monthly Due to the Diocese
 \$23,247

 9/20/2023 thru 9/26/2023
 \$6,372

 Received to date
 \$404,680

 Goal excess
 \$125,713

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

• Find more information where page number is listed.

#### CA\$H BA\$H

PAGE 18 ● The Annual Parish CA\$H BA\$H is almost sold out. You can purchase a \$35 ticket for chances to win cash all night long, even if you do not attend.

#### **CRAFT SHOW**

PAGE 17 ● Last call for vendors for our Parish Craft Show, which takes place on Saturday, November 11.

#### **ENCOUNTER NIGHT**

**PAGE 13** • All are welcome to join the Faith Formation families for Holy Hour on October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

#### **ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE**

Pray with us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass.

#### YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

PAGE 13 • Let's meet!

#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

PAGE 11 ● Join your fellow parishioners on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood.

Join us for EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Friday, October 6, at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with benediction prior to the Noon Mass.

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





## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

PAGE 13 • The second collection this weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel. Your generous donations help us to continue our work to be the hands and feet of Christ on earth. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

#### ENTRANCE HYMN | HYMN TO ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



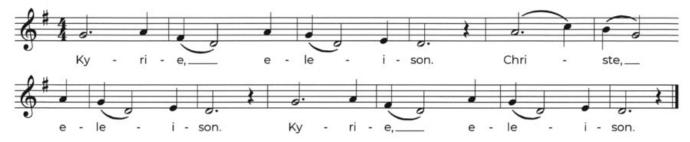
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#### PENITENTIAL ACT / KYRIE

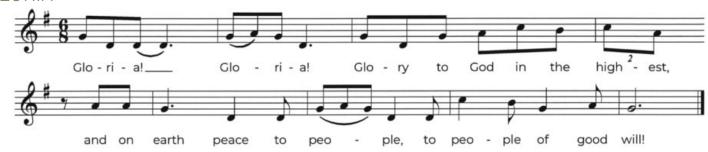
I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,

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.



#### GI ORIA



- 1. 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.
- 2. 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. [have mercy on us.]
- 3. 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. [of God the Father]. refrain Amen. [Amen.]

#### FIRST READING | TOBIT 11:5-17

Anna sat watching the road by which her son was to come. When she saw him coming, she exclaimed to his father, "Tobit, your son is coming, and the man who traveled with him!" Raphael said to Tobiah before he reached his father: "I am certain that his eyes will be opened.

Smear the fish gall on them.

This medicine will make the cataracts shrink and peel off from his eyes;

then your father will again be able to see the light of day." Then Anna ran up to her son, threw her arms around him, and said to him.

"Now that I have seen you again, son, I am ready to die!" And she sobbed aloud.

Tobit got up and stumbled out through the courtyard gate. Tobiah went up to him with the fish gall in his hand. and holding him firmly, blew into his eyes.

"Courage, father," he said. Next he smeared the medicine on his eyes, and it made them smart.

Then, beginning at the corners of Tobit's eyes,

Tobiah used both hands to peel off the cataracts.

When Tobit saw his son, he threw his arms around him and wept. He exclaimed, "I can see you, son, the light of my eves!"

Then he said:

"Blessed be God, and praised be his great name, and blessed be all his holy angels. May his holy name be praised throughout all the ages,

Because it was he who scourged me, and it is he who has had mercy on me.

Behold, I now see my son Tobiah!"

Then Tobit went back in, rejoicing and praising God with full voice for everything that had happened.

Tobiah told his father that the Lord God had granted him a successful journey; that he had brought back the money; and that he had married Raquel's daughter Sarah, who would arrive shortly,

for she was approaching the gate of Nineveh.

Tobit and Anna rejoiced

and went out to the gate of Nineveh

to meet their daughter-in-law.

When the people of Nineveh saw Tobit walking along briskly, with no one leading him by the hand, they were amazed. Before them all Tobit proclaimed

how God had mercifully restored sight to his eyes.

When Tobit reached Sarah, the wife of his son Tobiah, he greeted her: "Welcome, my daughter!

Blessed be your God for bringing you to us, daughter! Blessed is your father, and blessed is my son Tobiah. and blessed are you, daughter!

Welcome to your home with blessing and joy.

Come in, daughter!"

That day there was joy for all the Jews who lived in Nineveh.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 138:1-5



I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. I will bless you in the presence of the angels. I will adore before your holy temple.

I will thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the word of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways: "How great is the glory of the Lord!"

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

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#### SECOND READING | REVELATION 12:7-12

War broke out in heaven;
Michael and his angels battled against the dragon.
The dragon and its angels fought back,
but they did not prevail
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.
The huge dragon, the ancient serpent,
who is called the Devil and Satan,
who deceived the whole world,
was thrown down to earth,
and its angels were thrown down with it.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed.
For the accuser of our brothers is cast out,
who accuses them before our God day and night.
They conquered him by the Blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
love for life did not deter them from death.
Therefore, rejoice, you heavens,
and you who dwell in them."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | PSALM 103:21



Bless the LORD, all you angels, you ministers, who do his will.

#### GOSPEL | JOHN 1:47-51

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true child of Israel.

There is no duplicity in him."

Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him,

"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe

because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this."

And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you,

you will see heaven opened

and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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.

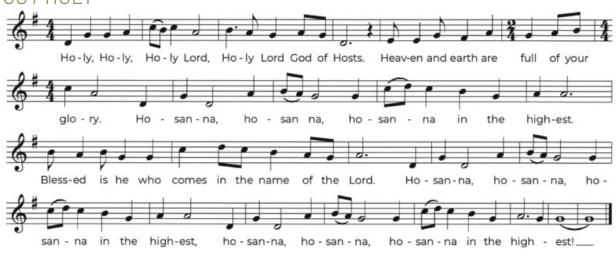
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

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 | HYMN FOR THE ARCHANGELS



#### SANCTUS / HOLY



#### MYSTERY OF FAITH



#### **GREAT AMEN**



#### AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



#### COMMUNION HYMN I IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGELS



- 1. I will give thanks to your name because of your kindness and truth. With all my heart I will sing your praise in the presence of the angels.
- 2. I will give thanks to your name because of your kindness and truth. Whenever I called you answered me. You built up strength within me.
- 3. All kings on earth shall give thanks when they hear the words of your mouth. And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, "Great is the glory of God!"

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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN I YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES



Congratulations to Baby Alex on being chosen as the Baby of the Year! His name was selected through a random drawing (with witnesses!). Thank you to all who participated. Learn more about Respect Life Sunday in the Caring Corner (page 12). We used to use a stock photo of a baby for Respect Life Sunday, but we knew there were a lot of really cute babies right here in the parish, so we choose them to represent life! Who needs a stock photo? Look at how adorable they are!

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH — OUR BABY OF THE YEAR AND THE RUNNER-UP CONTESTANTS Callum Jack Ruby Roman

#### ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



By prayer, community is created as well as expressed.

-Henri Nouwen

Join us to say hello, say a prayer, or give us an intention for which you need prayer support. We are meeting this Thursday, October 5, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cry room at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. We pray and gather requests presented to us before and after Noon Mass, which we attend, every first and third Thursday of each month. Even if you can't stay for our entire gathering, we are always happy to welcome those who want to open their hearts in prayer for the many intentions entrusted to us.



Join the parishioners of St. Raphael the Archangel to peacefully witness and pray for an end to abortion. We have committed to a four-hour time slot during the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil outside Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. The power of prayer cannot be overestimated. Last year, while our group prayed, the shift leader informed us that a young woman decided to keep the baby she came to abort. We will gather between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023. We need to fill that time, but ideally, several participants can rotate time slots of 30 minutes, one hour, or two hours during our shift. If you wish to join our 40 Days for Life team, please contact Laura at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to sign up for a time slot.



**SCHEDULED FOOD TRUCKS:** 

Tambellini — Ash & Kris Kitchen — South Side BBQ — City Fresh Pasta — Vaya: Mexican Street Food — The Coop Chicken & Waffles

Music: Dan Petrich

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CARING + GIVING + SERVING

#### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

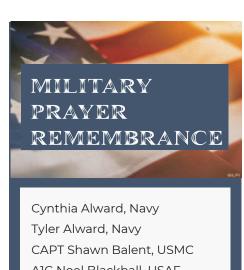
In the materialistic perspective...interpersonal relations are seriously impoverished. The first to be harmed are women, children, the sick or suffering, and the elderly. The criterion of personal dignity-which demands respect, generosity, and service-is replaced by the criterion of efficiency, functionality, and usefulness: others are considered not for what they "are," but for what they "have, do, and produce."

This is the supremacy of the strong over the weak.

-Pope St. John Paul II in *The Gospel of Life* 

The Church celebrates Respect Life Month in October, and today is designated, "Respect Life Sunday." The Scriptures are clear on our Creator's love and care for human life at its earliest stages when Jeremiah is told that God knew him and had a purpose for him before he was formed in his mother's womb (Jer 1:5). The Second Vatican Council states in *Gaudium et Spes*, that "God, the lord of life, has entrusted to women and men the outstanding service of watching over life and of fulfilling this in a manner worthy of human beings. Therefore, from the time of conception, life is to be safeguarded with the greatest care (51)." St. Teresa of Kolkata notes that, "The first person in the world to welcome Jesus, to recognize him in the womb of his own mother, was a child: John the Baptist. It is wonderful; God chooses an unborn child to announce the coming of his redeeming Son."

Pray this week for the unborn babies who have no voice. Remember to pray also for women who are pregnant and frightened due to lack of spiritual, emotional, and material support or familial, cultural, or governmental pressures. Pray that fathers approach the care of their children with the responsibility, love, and sacrifice modeled by St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. Pray that lawmakers, researchers, healthcare professionals, and the general public open their hearts to appreciate the gift of life from conception to natural death. During this month of the Rosary, consider praying a rosary for an end to abortion, euthanasia, and the many ways the gift of life is disregarded, and the wisdom of the Creator is disrespected in our society. Commit to one act of mercy and kindness for someone who is vulnerable or on the margins.



A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF SSqt 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

#### Guardian Angel Academy is seeking full-time and part-time maintenance/janitorial staff.

Job Summary:

The Maintenance/Janitorial Worker position is responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness, and repair of GAA's facilities and grounds. These positions require a variety of facility and equipment maintenance duties. May perform various routine maintenance and repairs based on skill level and experience. Also performs custodial duties including, but not limited to, cleaning services (e.g., trash removal, mopping, vacuuming, restroom cleaning, etc.) in the school building according to a weekly schedule, and other duties as assigned.

To apply, send an email to Robert@srcespgh.org with a letter of interest and resume.

#### ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

#### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION ENCOUNTER NIGHT

Faith Formation will hold its Encounter Family Holy Hour this Wednesday, October 4 at Ss. Simon and Jude Church during

our regularly-scheduled time of 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Parents are reminded they are to accompany their student(s) during Family Sessions; these nights are not optional - attendance is required. Please be sure to bring your rosary with you!



In honor of our recent feast day celebration, St. Raphael the Archangel Candles are on sale! Cost is \$5 each. They may be purchased at the Parish Administration Center in Carnegie during office hours Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Sharon Smoller at 412-857-5356 ext. 429 or ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org.



#### FIRST COMMUNION

#### RITE OF BLESSING

The second graders of our parish who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2024 will participate in a Rite of Blessing on Sunday, October 15 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. Please pray for these little ones as they prepare throughout the year to receive the grace in the sacraments for the first time. For more information, please contact Sharon Smoller at

ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext. 429.

THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL INVITES YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-35)
TO OUR FIRST EVER...



OCTOBER 20 6:30 P.M. SS. SIMON AND JUDE CHURCH HALL

Come grab some grub at the food trucks and join other young adults in the hall.

We hope to see you there!



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY REPORT

September has brought us some serious cases and worrisome statistics. Often our neighbors in need have health issues that compound their financial problems, but recently we've heard stories that are heartbreaking. We've met a blind person who works from home, is totally dependent upon the phone and internet, but fears losing those services due to mounting bills. There is a single mother whose premature baby is now two years old, but needs serious medical and physical therapies five days a week at home. Mom works night turn, when a grandparent can watch her toddler. There are three women who have left very abusive situations and are struggling alone in new environments.

That's not all. These stories come at a time when we're receiving four to five calls a day to our hotline. Last Saturday, at our twice a month meeting, we discussed 26 cases/requests from neighbors in need. Such numbers are truly unprecedented in this conference's history. What was worrisome was calculating that our fund's balance would actually reach zero before we could complete the list. We appreciate Fr. Grecco recognizing our work and reminding the parish that this week celebrates the life of St Vincent de Paul; hence an appropriate time to humbly ask for your generosity. Please know that you can donate to our SVdP Conference any time convenient to you, and not only when there is a special envelope. We thank God and ask His blessings for your unfailing generosity to our neighbors in need.

This weekend, the Second Collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help replenish funds. Please give generously. To make a one-time donation online, scan the QR code on page 4.

#### FALL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Do you wish you had a safe, confidential place to share your feelings and experiences since you lost a precious person? Are you wondering if what you are going through is normal? We are offering a seven-week Grief Support Group to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. You are welcome to join us for prayer, support, discussion, and fellowship whether your loss was recent or not, and whether or not you have participated in a group in the past. We share experiences, information, and inspiration. The group will meet live from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on seven Thursdays: October 5, 12, 19, and 26; November 9 and 16; and December 7 in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall, 1607 Greentree Road. There is no cost to participate. Please contact Laura at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to register or for additional information.

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#### JUNIOR LADIES OF CHARITY



How exciting! How pleased! How thankful we are!

Our Junior Ladies of Charity are presently meeting once a month. They are involved in learning of our founders: St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. They also learn of the Ladies of Charity motto: "To serve rather than to be served" in humility, simplicity, and charity.

On September 16, they met in service to pack 1500 cookies (provided by the Ladies of Charity) for a fund raiser of the Bradley Center. They gathered in charity and fun for this community project.

They will continue to meet on the third Saturday of each month to pray, learn, and investigate other areas where they may serve. All parish junior girls (grades 6 through 12) are invited to join this Diocesan and National group. For information, contact Mrs. Karen Maurer at 412-857-5356, ext. 430 or Mrs. Dee Fitzsimmons at 412-913-7599.

#### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND WOMEN'S GUILD

♦ All parishioners are invited to purchase chances to win PREMIUM PRIZES from the CA\$H BA\$H. Presale tickets will be sold October 7/8 and 14/15 after all Masses.

Get your chances to win the \$500 Money Tree AND/OR the Premium Pittsburgh Penguin Basket — a \$1,060 value that includes four tickets in the Captain Morgan Club when the Pens play the Ottawa Senators on October 28, with parking passes and access to the Lexus Club before and after the game.

#### Tickets are: 1 for \$3 | 2 for \$5 | 5 for \$10

- ♦ Due to scheduling conflicts, the installation of new Christian Mothers and Women's Guild officers and members that was scheduled for October 7 will be rescheduled for a later time. Watch the bulletin for the new date and time.
- ♦ Mark your calendars for our next meeting on Thursday, October 12 in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. All women of the parish are welcome to join us for an evening of planning, praying, and refreshments.

#### MORE PRIZES NEEDED

Christian Mothers & Women's Guild member Heidi Hartman is the chair of the Gift Basket Raffle at the annual Parish CA\$H BA\$H. We are looking for folks to donate items to be used in our baskets. Help us to create extraordinary prizes so we can get top dollar for our parish. We will take gifts, gift cards, and bottles of cheer. Donate one item or create an entire basket of gifts! Businesses and groups in our community are welcome to donate on behalf of their organization or business. Prizes may be delivered to our parish office in Carnegie during our regular business hours (or Tuesday evenings by appointment). If you have questions, or want to make arrangements for pick-up (or delivery outside of office hours), please call Heidi: 412-260-9280.

Here she is: looking fabulous at 100 years-old.

#### **Ruth Fischer**

celebrated birthday #100 last weekend.

May God bless her with health and happiness!



# MEETING ABOUT RENOVATIONS AT ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

Come to a meeting in St. Margaret of Scotland Church this Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to all parishioners interested in the possible renovations at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Of particular invitation would be those who contributed to the St. Margaret of Scotland "Church Alive" campaign back in 2017. We will present the information regarding carpeting as well as the new possible lighting design. At this time there is \$126,000 pledged but not contributed for this fund. We would have more money with which to attempt to make both renovations a reality if more pledges were completed. If you plan to attend the gathering, please call the parish office to let us know.



It's that time of year again. Lottery calendars are on sale! Have fun all year knowing that you might be the day's lucky winner.

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.

Call or text Jim Walther: 412-475-5155 or contact Bob Greek: bobadgreek@gmail.com, 412-889-0830.

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Sunday, October 8 at 12:30 p.m. At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Parking Lot & Pavilion

On October 4, we celebrate the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. He is one of the best known and most loved saints of the church. He turned his back on family wealth and privilege and dedicated himself to the service of the poor. He has inspired countless followers to carry on the work of Christ by ministering to those in need. St. Francis was also known for his love of nature and of all God's creatures. The origins of the nativity scenes that most Christians display at Christmastime can be traced back to him as he reportedly used live animals in a stable scene to help the faithful appreciate the realities of the first Christmas. He is often invoked as a patron saint of nature and animals. In recognition of his feast day, we invite you to bring your pet for a special blessing.

Bring any pets, but keep in mind that if your dog, cat, etc., isn't used to being around a lot of other animals, he/she may be nervous or scared. A box, crate, or blanket may help keep them calm. Also, please make sure dogs and cats in particular are on a leash, so they don't get into problems with other animals or get scared and try to run off.





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#### **ADORATION SOCIETY**

A group of parishioners who commit themselves to a period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament during regularly- and specially-scheduled events. Special occasions include Advent Holy Hour on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Six Sundays of Lent. Additional opportunities will be considered if there is active interest.

#### FIRST FRIDAY DAYTIME ADORATION

Adoration takes place at Ss. Simon and Jude Church beginning with exposition at 9:00 a.m. and concluding with benediction at 11:45 a.m., prior to the noon Mass. If interested and able to commit to at least one-half hour, please contact Father Grecco.

#### FIRST FRIDAY NOCTURNAL ADORATION

THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY (NAS), a national catholic ministry locally meeting at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, St. Raphael The Archangel Parish is an association of Catholics dedicated to prayer before the Eucharist for the praise of God and for the needs of the world.

Membership requires one thing only: to spend one hour once a month during the hours of the night in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the Altar. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone, NAS members are arranged in groups that are rotated between different hours each month. Adoration hours begin at 10:00 p.m., the First Friday of each month, and ends with Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday. If interested, or for more information, please contact Jim Mannarino at 412-482-8814, jemannarino@gmail.com or

Larry Andrews at 412-583-8543, Larry.fgginc@gmail.com.

#### **FAITH FORMATION "ENCOUNTER" EVENINGS**

The Faith Formation program will offer a child-focused holy hour on selected Wednesdays for students and parents which includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and meditations. Parishioners who are interested are welcome to attend. The "Encounter" evenings will be announced in the bulletin prior to the event.

#### PRIVATE PRAYER TIME / VISIT

Our church buildings are open for private prayer (under normal circumstances and outside of holidays) according to the following schedule: **Ss. Simon and Jude Church:** Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to the end of evening Mass; Sunday 7:00 a.m. to the end of midday Mass. **St. Margaret of Scotland Church:** Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m. to the end of evening Mass; Sunday 7:00 a.m. to the end of midday Mass.

(To be updated when St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church reopens)



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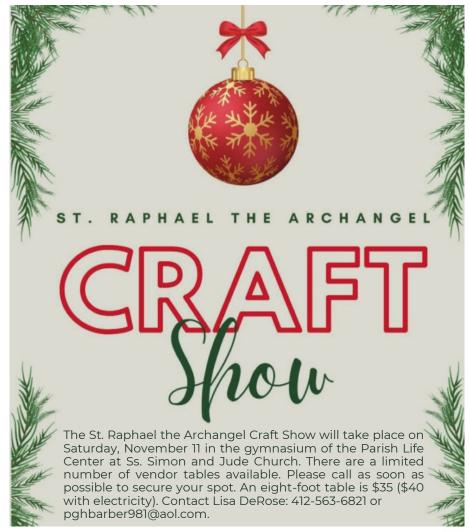














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Please leave a note with your email address.

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Contact Lynne Gross at 412-303-0631 or g.gross@comcast.net.

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#### "DISCOVERING SAINT ANTHONY" BOOK PROJECT

The St. Anthony of Padua project, which began in our parish almost four years ago and resulted in two books, will be seen in world outlets: The International Manila Book Fair in the Philippines, September 16 to 19; and in Germany at the Frankfurt Buchmesse, the world's

largest book fair, October 18 to 22. In addition, cantor Doretta Whalen is invited to exhibit and sign her second book at the Miami Festival of Books, November 12 to 19.

#### Fall mini campaign/Final outdoor sale of 2023

If you would like an autographed copy (new copies are priced lower for you than online or in physical bookstores), the black bookmobile will be stationed in our church parking lots, weather permitting, before and after the following masses:

Sat. Oct. 7 SSJ 4:00 p.m. Sun. Oct. 8 SSJ both Masses Tues. Oct. 10 SSJ noon Thurs. Oct. 12 SMOS noon Sat. Oct. 14 SMOS 4:30 p.m. Sun. Oct. 15 SMOS both Masses

#### Book 1

Discovering Saint Anthony: If You Ask For Miracles (196 pp., \$20) (Prayers of a Catholic Community in Pittsburgh)

#### Book 2

Discovering Saint Anthony: Portugal to Padua (550+ pp., \$40) (The Phenomenon of Faith)

The author donates all receipts (cash and checks) to our parish. Thank you for your support! Questions? Contact Doretta Whalen: dorettawhalen@gmail.com 412-848-5124

Watch the two-minute book trailer uploaded on our parish Facebook! And leave a comment, if you please.

#### **BOOK FAIR**

Guardian Angel Academy library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Open House in the school after all Masses at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on October 14 and 15. (Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.) Check out books for all ages and pick up gift ideas for the holidays. Preorder the 18th Diary of a Wimpy Kid at a special paperback price or the latest Cat Kid Comic Club graphic novel! Stop in to browse or buy. This is a great opportunity for families to preview the Fair and help their students make selections. Beginning October 13, you can shop online at scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy1. All proceeds benefit the school library. Major credit cards accepted.

#### Guardian Angel Academy

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#### THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

October 1 — 10:00 a.m. Feast Day Celebration Mass with the Parish Choir at St. Margaret of Scotland Church

October 8 — 10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church

October 15 — 9:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church



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

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Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Wednesdays: 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church

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Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death.

If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

#### Note:

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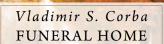
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