

# THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL

**NOVEMBER 5, 2023** 

## Welcome!

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#### TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ

4:30 p.m. at SMOS

8:00 a.m. at SMOS SUNDAY:

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

8:30 a.m. at SMOS

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

FRIDAY:

This schedule does not reflect holidays or Holy Days.



#### 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

#### 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

NOVEMBER 5		THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Babe Costa by sister, Mel Leonette	
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	Joseph Price III by the Joseph Price family	
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish	
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Antonette Miller by Jim Miller and family	
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	James Duncan Sr., James Duncan Jr., and Frederick Duncan by the Duncan family	
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Sandy and John Bowen by the Corradi & Bowen families	
NOVEMBE	R 6	MONDAY OF THE 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Richard Pfender by the Pfender family	
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Betty and John McDermott by family	
NOVEMB	ER 7	TUESDAY OF THE 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Marion LaPointe by the Luke family	
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Mary and Ray Palumbo by Lorraine and Virgil Palumbo	
NOVEMB	ER 8	WEDNESDAY OF THE 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Christina Cardiello by daughter, Donna Cardiello	
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Deceased of the Coyle and Loibl families by Linda Giehll	
NOVEMB	ER 9	FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME	
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Deceased of the Costa family by Mel Leonette	
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Ann Wintermantel by Rita Sassano and Maureen Wagner	
NOVEMBE	R 10	MEMORIAL OF ST. LEO THE GREAT	
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Rita and Elmer Roth by family	
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Frank L. Scharbo by Sue Reed	
NOVEMBE	R 12	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Joseph Yurchak by family	
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	Ken Uzar by family	
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish	
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Anna Marie Mauti by Janice and August Mauti	
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Nancy L. Bagnull by Bobbi and Jim Henry	
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Theresa and John Sothergill by family	

\*anticipated Mass on the evening before the obligated Liturgy

#### 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 LIFF



#### FROM THE PASTOR -

"The Church has always strongly advised that we pray for the dead. She invites believers to regard the mystery of death not as the 'last word' of human destiny but rather as a passage

to eternal life...It is an important obligation to pray for the dead, because even if they have died in grace and in God's friendship, they may still need final purification in order to enter the joy of Heaven." (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church,* n. 1030). Pope St. John Paul II, *Angelus,* November 2003

An invitation.... Let us help you to welcome back to Church and the full practice of the Catholic Faith a family member or friend who has drifted away. Father Dan and I are happy to help answer questions, alleviate concerns, sacramentally reconcile, whatever possible...to assist those who want to return to the grace of Christ during the coming Advent season and beyond. Please feel free to call us in order to schedule an appointment for a loved one who would like to "come back."

Beginning this Wednesday, Sharon Smoller and I will be presenting a "course" for the seventh and eighth grade students in the parish Faith Formation Program. The study, entitled "Altaration" is a five-week exploration of the Mass and Eucharist for teens. It is our hope that the students (and their parents) will either be enriched or "sparked" in their Eucharistic Faith through these presentations. As we are experiencing the "Eucharistic Revival" in our country, we take it to the future adult members of the Church and our local parish.

A special reminder to all who have generously supported the Annual Parish Appeal: As the calendar year comes to a close, please review your pledge card to determine how soon you are responsible to complete your pledge. Please note that if you wish to have the full contribution reflected as your charitable giving for 2023 tax purposes; the completed pledge must be received by December 31.

Be sure to follow our parish Facebook page for helpful information about "indulgences" and special prayers for our deceased during the month of November.

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

Barbara Koziak Robert Rothdeutsch



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 Nancy 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 Miller Joyce Mostowy Robin Munko Pat Murdzak Judi Novak Victoria O'Bosky Mario Oliverio Joan Pandolph Linda Perris Charles Perry Diane Perry Nancy Pistella Carol Poecking Robert Prevost Diane Pritchard Dolores Ouinn Bob Recaldini Dave Redman Joann Redondo Paxton Renk Florinda Rosemeyer Helen Salamon Andrew Patrick Schade Margery Schell 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 Wesley Kathy Zajicek

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

Bernice Zyzak



At Ss. Simon and Jude Church for the Health and well-being of **Gary Fenwick** by the Schmitt Family

At St. Margaret of Scotland Church in memory of the deceased of the **Duman and Gardner Families** by Dorothy Gardner

#### STFWARDSHIP

#### Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 10/25/2023 thru 10/31/2023 \$21,058

#### 2023 Parish Appeal

2023 Goal	\$278,967
Monthly Due to the Diocese	\$23,247
10/25/2023 thru 10/31/2023	\$8,431
Received to date	\$441,435
Goal excess	\$162,468

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.

#### 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. To register to attend, please call Carol Kossler at the parish office at 412-857-5356.

#### **VETERAN'S DAY**

PAGE 13 ● All are invited to a special prayer service on Friday, November 10.

#### **CRAFT SHOW**

PAGES 14 & 16 ● Our Parish Craft Show takes place on Saturday, November 11. Bakers needed!

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION

PAGE 12 ● There is a First Reconciliation Family Service on Tuesday.

#### **MEN'S RETREAT**

PAGE 13 • Last call! All men are invited.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER HERE**

PAGE 11 • November 13. Learn the Catholic Truth about angels, demons, ghosts, exorcisms, and hauntings.

#### **ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE**

Pray with us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass.

#### **GOLDEN AGERS**

The annual Golden Agers
Thanksgiving Luncheon and Craft
Show takes place on Wednesday at
1:30 p.m. Reservations were required.
No walk-ins for lunch. Call Don Cain
to be added to the wait list:
412-279-0885.

#### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS AND WOMEN'S GUILD

All women of the parish are welcome to join us at our next meeting on Thursday November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Luke Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

#### MAILING ADDRESS

If you need to send correspondence to the parish, please mail to the Parish Administration Center: 330 3rd Avenue, Carnegie PA, 15106. All offices are located there, even though the church is temporarily closed. Please do not mail items to Ss. Simon and Jude Church or St. Margaret of Scotland Church.

If you need to visit the offices please ring the bell at the 4th Street door (closest to the parking lots) during normal business hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. When the construction is completed, we will reopen the main doors on 3rd Avenue.

There is not a second collection this week. The collection for the Archdiocese for Military Service is not collected in 2023. If you are passionate about this cause, you may consider making a private donation at milarch.org.

Mass Scripture readers are reminded that copies of the "2024 Workbook for Lectors" are available to pick up in the sacristy of both Ss. Simon and Jude and St. Margaret of Scotland churches.

#### THE ORDER OF MASS

#### ENTRANCE HYMN | LORD WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE



Tune: IN BABILONE, ; Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlieties en Contredansen, c.1710

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt., © 1988, Oxford University Press

#### PENITENTIAL ACT/KYRIE

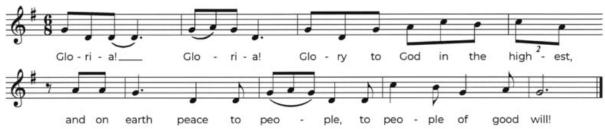
I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,

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.



#### **GLORIA**



- 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. [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 | MALACHI 1: 14-2:2, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts.

I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 131:1-3



O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me. Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.

#### SECOND READING | 1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-9, 13

Brothers and sisters:

We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.

You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 23: 9, 10



You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

#### GOSPFI | MATTHEW 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees

have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.

Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example.

For they preach but they do not practice.

They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders,

but they will not lift a finger to move them.

All their works are performed to be seen.

They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in

synagogues,

greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father: vou have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ.

The greatest among you must be your servant.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;

but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

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.

#### OFFFRTORY HYMN | THE VIRTUE OF HUMILITY



Tune: WINCHESTER NEW; adapt. from Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b.1939, © 1995, 1996, GIA Publications, Inc.

#### SANCTUS / HOLY



#### MYSTERY OF FAITH



#### **GREAT AMEN**



#### AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



#### COMMUNION HYMN | BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN



- 1. Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; Giving thanks, hungry ones gather round. Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; In Christ's presence the loaves will abound.
- 2. Seek not the food that will pass away; Set your hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the living way, That the fullness of life may be yours.
- 3. Love as the One who, in love for you, Gave himself for the life of the world. Come to the One who is food for you, That your hunger and thirst be no more.
- 4. Take in the light that will never dim, Taste the life that is stronger than death. Live in the One who will come and then Raise you up at the last with the blest.
- 5. Dwell in the One who now dwells in you; Make your home in the life-giving Word. Know only Christ, Holy One of God, And believe in the truth you have heard.
- 6. Drink of this cup and declare his death; Eat this bread and believe Easter morn; Trust his return and, with ev'ry breath, Praise the One in whom you are reborn.

Tune: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine melody adapt by Marty Haugen, b.1950 Text: Based on St. John 6; adapt by Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952 © 2001 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN | FOR ALL THE SAINTS



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#### ARING + GIVING + SERVING

#### So shines a good deed in a weary world.

-Willy Wonka (mis)quoting Shakespeare

I admit that although the quote above is slightly modified from Shakespeare, I first heard it in one of my favorite childhood movies, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. In the movie, several children on a tour of a world-famous candy factory are eliminated one by one from the opportunity to win a lifetime supply of chocolate. Each of these children exhibits a certain vice, such as gluttony or greed, and when they behave badly, they are banished from the tour group. Only one of the children demonstrates integrity and selflessness. Willy Wonka, the owner of the factory, is so moved by the boy's good deed that he gives him the entire chocolate factory.

In chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches that we have the opportunity to inherit the kingdom prepared for us by doing acts of mercy and selflessness. If we need examples, we have only to look at the lives of the saints. The saints, like us, were all sinners, but they strived to continue to grow in holiness by loving God and neighbor. Their backgrounds, gifts, and talents varied like any other people who ever walked the earth, but they directed their gifts toward the glory of God and bettering the lives of others. During the month of November, we honor all saints and all the faithful departed in a special way. Take the opportunity to learn about the saints by reading or on FORMED.org. Get to know them, be inspired by them, ask for their intercession, and make friends with them!

When I came upon the leaves in the picture accompanying this article, I was struck by the beautiful gold one among the many brown ones. Although all these fallen leaves are dead, the gold one shines with more beauty than when it lived and was green. Jesus calls us to be the light of the world to stand



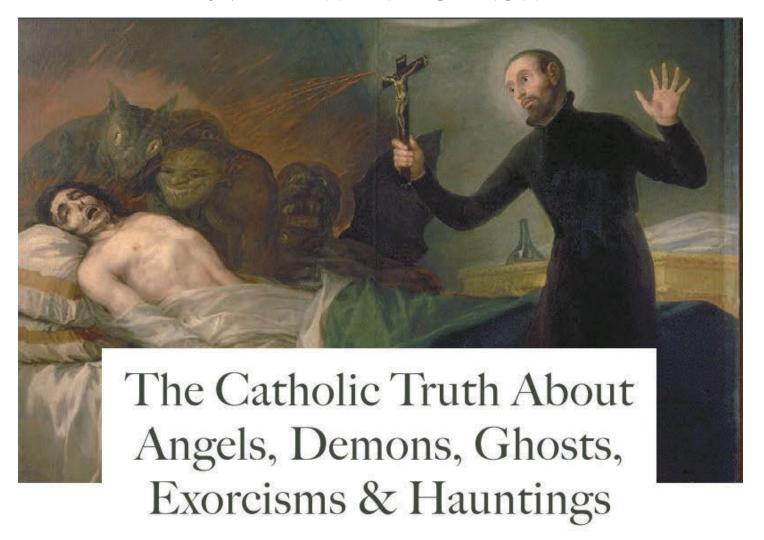
out, not for vanity, but as a mirror of His love and goodness. We pray for the grace to grow in holiness so that at the end of our earthly lives, we may join the saints who have gone before us in the presence of God.

# MILITARY **PRAYER** REMEMBRANCE

Cynthia Alward, Navy Tyler Alward, Navy CAPT Shawn Balent, USMC A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF SSgt David Blackhall, USAF SPC Casey Busch, Army SSqt 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 2LT Grant Walnoha, Army SN Caleb Zajicek, Navy

#### MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Morning Fellowship this month will be on Thursday, November 16 following 8:30 a.m. Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church in the Church Hall. Join us for coffee. donuts, and conversation!



Modern culture tends to be obsessed with all things paranormal, but the Catholic Church is the only true authority on this subject. It is time to share the power and glory of Jesus Christ's victory over the gates of hell!

Dave VanVickle has extensive experience assisting priests in their ministries of exorcism and deliverance. In this presentation, he clears up the many misunderstandings surrounding these topics and delivers the truth of the Church's teaching.

The presentation will be followed by a time for Q&A and the opportunity to venerate a collection of relics.



Featuring

DAVE VANVICKLE

Catholic spiritual warfare expert

Monday, November 13, 2023 ◆ 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Ss. Simon and Jude Church

#### KEEPING KIDS SAFE

Do you want to be a volunteer for our parish or the preschool that is located at Ss. Simon and Jude? Get your clearances. Here's how:

Go to the official diocesan website: diopitt.org.

Click on the top of the page on Obtain Clearances.

Then click on the box that describes you: Parish Volunteer or School Volunteer.

Both boxes will display 5 tasks that must be completed/considered.

Click on Number 1 where you will be asked for an Access Code to the Virtus database.

Please contact Karen Maurer, Safe Environment Coordinator for St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, for your Access Code. Call 412-857-5356, ext. 430 or email karen@straphaelcgs.org.

- 1. Proceed with providing information for task #1, then submit your database application. At this time, a Criminal Record Check will be obtained for you from the PA State Police.
- 2. Next you must get a PA Child Abuse History Clearance, either online or submit a paper application with a release form to Karen Maurer and she will get it for you. This is all available online. If done online, please submit certification to Karen.
- 3. An FBI Clearance or Waiver needs to be submitted to Karen. If you have lived in PA for ten consecutive years, you only need to submit a signed Fingerprint Waiver. If you have lived in PA for less than ten years consecutively, you must get fingerprints taken. Instructions, times, locations and costs are all on the website and can be accessed with just a click. If prints are needed, you will be reimbursed by the parish after you submit your report and the bill to Karen.
- 4. The Virtus Protecting God's Children Training Class must be completed. To access this online class, contact the Office for the Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults at 412-456-3093.
- 5. Mandated Reporter Training is required if your parish volunteer work is listed on Appendix D; it is mandatory if you are a School Volunteer. To determine if you need to complete this, click on Appendix D and read through the list. The course can be completed by a click on the next link. This course is offered through the University of Pittsburgh at no cost to you. Once it is completed, please send the certificate to Karen.

All of these requirements are able to be completed in a matter of hours, in one day, or spread over a number of days. No computer—no problem. Contact Karen to make an appointment to complete all computer tasks in her office on computers designated for this purpose. Take the time and make the effort. You won't be sorry. Volunteers thank us every day for the opportunity to serve others in the parish, in the community and at the preschool.

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION FAMILY SERVICE

Second graders of our parish preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2024 and their parents are to attend the First Reconciliation Family Service this Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. This service gives families a time to grow together in understanding of Christ's sacrament of healing and His unending merciful love. The candidates will be educated in the sacrament on an age-appropriate level with a teacher in the church; parents will gather in the church hall to be renewed in the gift of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Questions? Contact Sharon Smoller at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext 429.



#### 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.

## OUTREACH TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Care Ministry of the Parish would like to reach out to our college students to assure them of our prayers as they approach final exams. If you are the parent of a college student, please email or call Laura at laura@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356, ext. 431 with the name and mailing address of your son or daughter by Wednesday, November 22. Cards and a small gift will be mailed during the week November 27.

# VETERANS DAY PRAYER SERVICE

All parishioners are welcome to join us on Friday, November 10 following 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church as we honor our Veterans with a Prayer and candlelighting service.



The Knights of Columbus still have a few lottery calendars for sale. Give a wonderful birthday gift. Hand your Thanksgiving Day host a gift to remember.

Stock up for Christmas gifts. Or treat yourself! Get them now before they're 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!

Call or text Jim Walther: 412-475-5155 or contact Bob Greek:

bobadgreek@gmail.com, 412-889-0830.

#### **FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOPS**

Parishioners who have questions about Funeral Masses or who would like to pre-plan their own Funeral Mass are invited to attend one of two workshops being offered in November by Laura O'Keeffe, Care Minister. There will be information provided on frequently asked questions regarding funerals, an opportunity for questions and answers, and guidance and materials for pre-planning a Funeral Mass. These sessions will be offered on Tuesday, November 14 in the Church Hall following Noon Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude and on Wednesday, November 15 in the Cry Room following Noon Mass at St. Margaret. All are welcome. To ensure that enough materials are available for those in attendance, an RSVP to Laura at laura@straphaelcgs.org would be helpful. If you are interested, but are not able to attend, you are welcome to call Laura at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 to arrange for an individual appointment.

#### MEN'S RETREAT

All men of the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel are invited to join us for the annual Men's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center from November 10 to 12. Retreat begins with dinner on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and



ends after 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Enjoy a Spirit-filled weekend of prayer, Sacraments, camaraderie, leisure, comfortable accommodations, and five meals. This year's theme is "Living in the World and not Being of the World." To register, go to stpaulsretreatcenter-pittsburgh.org or call 412-381-7676.

If you have any questions or would like a printed brochure, please contact Joe O'Keeffe at 412-287-1417 or Jim Grazulis at 412-278-0437.

#### LOOK FOR THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Christmas Seals after all Masses on November 18 and 19. This campaign benefits the Bishop's Project: serving intellectually disabled and/or physically challenged youth and adults in the Saint Anthony Schools and McGuire Memorial Home and Schools. Each year, the seal image is changed and will usually show the Bishop with students at St. Anthony School Program and/or McGuire Memorial Home.

Don't miss getting your free Christmas Seals from our Knights. When you send out Christmas cards this year, be sure to add your Christmas seals on the back of the envelopes to show your support to our Knights of Columbus and raise awareness of the Bishop's Project. Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for aiding this worthy cause.





Ss. Simon and Jude

Church (in the gym).

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

# CRAFT

The St. Raphael the Archangel Craft Show will take place next Saturday, November 11 in the gymnasium of the Parish Life Center at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. We will be packed with vendors, so we need volunteers to help us make this our best show ever. We also need bakers to help us create a spectacular Bake Sale! Contact Lisa DeRose: 412-563-6821 or pghbarber981@aol.com.



#### **OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE**

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#### **Monetary Donations**

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#### Gift Items

Donate any of the items on the list of toiletries. We also need socks, hats, gloves, and scarves.

ONLY **NEW** ITEMS can be accepted.

The deadline is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & WOMEN'S GUILD

The dues are due! If you are a member of the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild, it is the time of year to pay your annual dues.

We have three ways to submit your one-time payment of \$5:

- 1) Pay in person at the next meeting on November 9 in St. Luke Hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (7:00 p.m. start).
- 2) Use the envelope provided with this month's parish envelopes.
- 3) Use the online giving portal (scan code on page 4 or visit our website: straphaelcgs.org).

Additional donations are always welcome!



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# Calling All Bakers: DONATIONS NEEDED

Help us to create a spectacular Bake Sale at the annual Parish Craft Show!

Take your Bake Sale donations to the Ss. Simon and Jude Family Life Center's lower level on Friday, November 10 after 4:00 p.m. or Saturday morning, November 11.

Questions? Call Lisa DeRose 412-563-6821

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Over the years we have had many great social events in our parish community. We have had socials for New Year's Eve, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Valentine's Day, and so many more. It seems we will use any excuse to have a party and enjoy each other's company. And for more than the last decade, my pastor has been present at most of these events. What always tickles me is to see him in his clerics going around with a tray of entrees or desserts as he seeks to serve his parishioners. We have joked that his clothing does resemble that of a waiter in a fine restaurant. The only difference is no tips! Sorry, Monsignor.

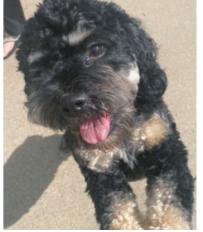
To see a shepherd serve his sheep causes me to reflect on how we are all called to serve one another. We are called to a life of humility and service, giving of ourselves for the greater glory of God. When we seek to serve our brothers and sisters, the Jesus in us meets the Jesus in them.

In our everyday lives we can find ways of serving others if we are mindful of the opportunities all around us. We must never fall into the trap of seeing others in terms of "us and them." In Christ, there is only US. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, servant or free. We are one. On this day, who will God place on your path for you to serve? Don't be fooled into thinking that all calls are for something grand. Sometimes, even a little dessert might be all it takes to show others they are loved

#### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

We continue to highlight our four-legged friends from the pet blessing last month.





































Many thanks to all who participated in our pet blessing this year. It was wonderful to see so many faces from all three communities in our parish. Special thanks to Fr. Dan for his patience and kindness, and for his beautiful blessing service.

#### PRESCHOOL AT SSJ



Thank you to East Carnegie Fire Department and Deputy Jason Tarap for visiting our Preschool and teaching us about Fire and Halloween Safety.



#### GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

#### For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

#### For our fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

#### For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

#### For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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#### THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

November 5 - 9:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church November 12 - 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.

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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. St. Margaret of Scotland Church

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