

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

NOVEMBER 12, 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.



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

xcerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER

330 3rd Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106

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

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 (Not on Nov. 1 Holy Day)

6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

at Ss. Simon and Jude Church

—Or by appointment.—

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 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			
NOVEMBE	R 13	MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Deceased of the Avolio Family by children			
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Mary Beth Green by Marianne Erhart			
NOVEMBE	R 14	TUESDAY OF THE 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Joseph Amorose by R. Sciubba			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Agnes Duman by Dorothy Gardner			
NOVEMBE	R 15	WEDNESDAY OF THE 32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Nancy Lolli by Mercy Friends			
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Louis Leporace by Bob Greek			
NOVEMBE	R 16	MEMORIAL OF ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Deceased of the Shaffer-Murphy Family by family			
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Rosemarie Kraves by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schenck			
NOVEMBE	R 17	MEMORIAL OF ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Rose Marie Eberlein and John Eberlein by Diane and Gary Baranowski and family			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Bonnie Smith Family by Pat Pittore			
NOVEMBE	R 19	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	George T. Legin by Natalie, Mark, and Justin Metz			
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	Alice Diggins by Irene Sekelik			
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Jeremiah Sullivan by his children			
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish			
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Ruth Marston by Elizabeth and Charles Marston and family			
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	John Mazzoleni by nieces			

*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 LIFE



Last week, new entrance doors, gym doors and internal doors were installed at the Saint Raphael Pre-School at Ss Simon and Jude. The cost of the doors, \$55,968, was covered by the "Church Alive"

campaign from the former Ss. Simon and Jude Parish account. This improvement was included in the case statement and was made to enhance the security of the building.

The results of the recent October count find this comparison to last year's count:

2022	October 1-2	October 8-9	October 15-16	October 22-23	October 29-30	Average
	1346	1498	1348	1425	1375	1399

	2023	Sept. 30 – October 1	October 7-8	October 14-15	October 21-22	October 28-29	Average
	1518	1405	1508	1506	1402	1468	

The temporary closure of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church has cost us offertory. We estimate that at least \$500 is lost from each weekend offertory because of those who are not attending Mass in our parish. This is unfortunate, and I have hope that those folks will return when St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is reopened.

Looking ahead to Christmas weekend (December 23-25).

Because Christmas falls on a Monday, the previous days are observed as the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This requires that TWO obligations to attend Mass are met. The Masses for the Fourth Sunday will take place on Saturday evening and Christmas Eve (Sunday) morning. The Masses for Christmas will take place Sunday evening (the earliest at 4:00 p.m.) and Monday morning. All Catholics who are not otherwise prohibited by a serious matter are expected to meet obligations for both the Fourth Sunday and Christmas. You may attend Saturday evening and then Sunday evening. You may attend Sunday (Christmas Eve) morning and then Sunday evening. You may attend Saturday evening and then Monday (Christmas Day) morning. Deliberate failure to attend twice that weekend will compromise reception of the Eucharist at Christmas. I would be interested in knowing if you would attend on Saturday evening or Christmas Eve (Sunday) morning to accomplish the obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Please complete a brief survey on our website, or submit the form on page 16. I am thinking of adding another Saturday evening Mass for convenience. Of significant interest to me would be parents with children who regularly attend the 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. Masses on Sundays. Will you attend those Masses or will you attend the Saturday evening before?

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Patricia Ann Brannan
Paul Kirsch
Theresa Nelson
Janet Pimpsner



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 Kelly 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. Gra<u>nata</u> 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

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 Quinn 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 Bernice Zyzak

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

Eugene Loniero

John Loniero



STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 11/01/2023 thru 11/07/2023 \$25,248

All Saints Day \$3,803

2023 Parish Appeal

2023 Goal\$278,967Monthly Due to the Diocese\$23,24711/01/2023 thru 11/07/2023\$6,693Received to date\$448,128Goal excess\$169,161

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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.

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GUEST SPEAKER HERE

PAGE 11 MONDAY! Learn the Catholic Truth about angels, demons, ghosts, exorcisms, and hauntings.

MASS BOOK IS OPEN

PAGE 16 ● The Mass book for 2024 is now open.

YOUNG ADULTS

PAGE 16 ● Parishioners ages 21 to 35 are welcome to join us for a fun evening on November 15.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

PAGE 13 • The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Christmas Seals next weekend.

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 Thursday, November 30 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.

ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE

Pray with us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thursday, December 21

PAGE 18 ● Join the Knights of Columbus for the best deal in town!

—DUE	—DUE BY NOON ON DAYS LISTED —		
Date of publication	Date when articles and news are due:		
November 26	Wednesday, November 15		
December 3	Monday, November 20		
December 10	Wednesday, November 29		
December 17	Wednesday, December 6		
December 24/25	Monday, December 11		
December 31	Monday December 18		
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HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

SECOND COLLECTION

January 7

Next weekend, the Second Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. See page 18.

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 | ALLOW MY PRAYER AND PLEA



Tune: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

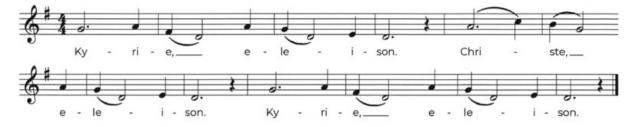
Text: Intret oratio mea; Psalm 88: 2-3,5,9,10; Christoph Tietze Introits Hymns for the Liturgical Year © 2005 WLP

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.]
- 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 | WISDOM 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,

and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire;

Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.

For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence,

and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care;

because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her,

and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 63:2-8



O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

SECOND READING | 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,

so too will God, through Jesus,

bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord,

that we who are alive,

who are left until the coming of the Lord,

will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself, with a word of command,

with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven.

and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left,

will be caught up together with them in the clouds

to meet the Lord in the air.

Thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore, console one another with these words.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 24: 42, 44



Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

GOSPEL | MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps,

brought no oil with them,

but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Since the bridegroom was long delayed,

they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry,

'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish ones said to the wise,

'Give us some of your oil,

for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise ones replied,

'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'

While they went off to buy it,

the bridegroom came

and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him.

Then the door was locked.

Afterwards the other virgins came and said,

'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'

But he said in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Therefore, stay awake,

for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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.

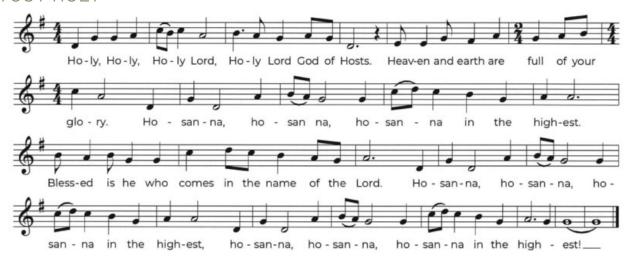
OFFERTORY HYMN | AWAKEN, SLEEPERS!



Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, John Day's Psalter, 1562

Text: Michael Forster, b.1946 © 1993 Kevin Mayhew, Ltd.

SANCTUS / HOLY



MYSTERY OF FAITH



GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEL/LAMB OF GOD



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 | HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME



Text: Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719-1790; tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1820-1900, alt.

Tune: GROSSER GOTT; Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, .1774

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Celebrating the Sacraments

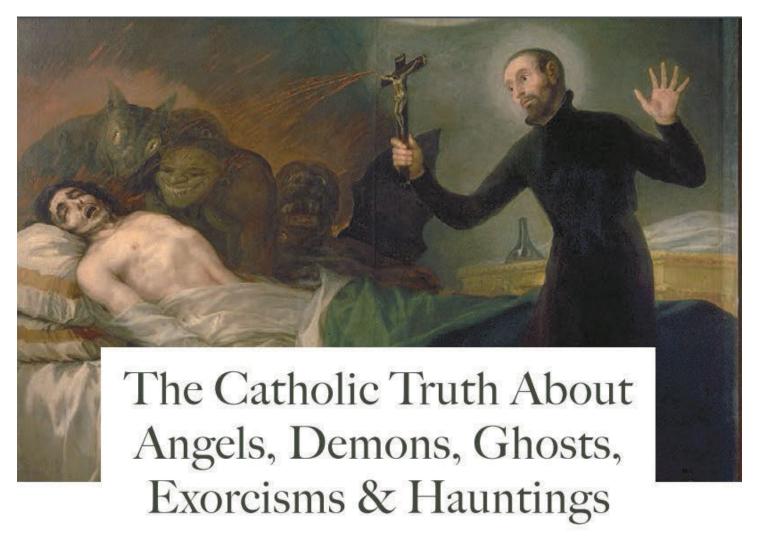


Congratulations to Katelyn and Jared Williams who were united in Holy Matrimony by Fr. Grecco on October 21 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. We wish them many years filled with Faith, love, good health, and wonderful memories.



We welcome Sophia Ann Rizzo to our Church family. Dcn. Jim baptized Sophia by water and the Holy Spirit on Sunday, November 5 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Sophia's parents are Jennifer and Robert Rizzo. Congratulations and God's blessing to baby Sophia and the entire family.





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



CARING + GIVING + SERVING

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her.

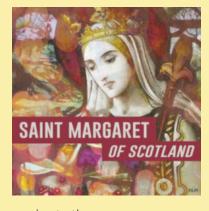
-Wisdom 6:12

Today's readings from the Book of Wisdom and the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in Matthew's Gospel emphasize wisdom, prudence, watchfulness, and readiness. It might be helpful to contemplate the lives of three female saints we celebrate this week who embodied wisdom by using their talents and resources in service to God and neighbor. Through works of mercy, they not only prepared their own souls, but also contributed to readying many souls they encountered, for the day and hour they were called to eternal life.



Monday, November 13 is the Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, often known as Mother Cabrini. Mother Cabrini was born into a family of farmers in Lombardy, Italy in the nineteenth century. She felt called to missionary work from the time she was a child, and after completing her education in Italy, she founded a religious order called the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mother Cabrini and members of her order were sent initially to minister to Italian immigrants in the United States. She ultimately founded schools, orphanages, and hospitals to serve the sick and poor throughout many parts of the world.

Margaret of Scotland (Memorial Thursday, November 16), was a Scottish queen in the ninth century. First and foremost a dedicated wife and mother, she used her power and influence to serve the church in many ways. St. Margaret had a passion for catechesis for her own children and the children of Scotland. She promoted efforts to ensure that priests and educators were available throughout her country. St. Margaret formed an embroidery guild to provide vestments and furnishings for churches in Scotland. St. Margaret regularly practiced prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



Although royal, she was committed to humble service to the poor.



On Friday, November 17, we observe the Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, who lived in the eleventh century. St. Elizabeth was born into royalty and was a loving wife and mother. Like St. Margaret, she brought her husband and children closer to God through her own witness of faith and service. St. Elizabeth chose to live simply and made it her mission to deliver food to the hungry daily. She had a hospital built to care for those who were ailing and homeless. St. Elizabeth is recognized as the patron saint of charities.

These three wise and holy women are all models of faith, hope, and charity who had the wisdom to look and live beyond this world to prepare to meet their Lord in the next and who generously shared their long view with others.



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



the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church for coffee, donuts, and conversation. All are welcome!

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.



KFFPING KIDS SAFF

Are you thinking about getting your clearances? Need more information?

Here is your solution:

Go to the diocesan website, diopitt.org.

Click on Obtain Clearances on the top of the page.

Then click on the volunteer position you are interested in: Church Volunteer or Parish Volunteer.

Want even more information?

Click on Offices and you will see this title in bold, Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults, which has categories of Obtain Clearances (which you may have already visited), Child Protection, and others. If you click on the Child Protection tab, it will take you to Healing, Education and Prevention Center Information, and at the bottom of that page there is a place to click on to examine the Child Protection Essential Documents.

Some of the documents listed include: FBI Disclosure Statement for Volunteers, Code of Pastoral Conduct, the Safe Environment for Children Policy Booklet in its entirety, and much more. All of the items mentioned are in English, but Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean versions are also listed.

This is just some of the myriad of information for you that is just a click away on your computer.

Please email or call Karen Maurer, Safe Environment Coordinator, if you have any questions or need additional information: karen@straphaelcgs.org, 412-857-5356, ext. 430.



On Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. we will gather for a crisp autumn walk. Meet at the Marian shrine in the Ss. Simon and Jude parking lot and walk and talk with other St. Raphael the Archangel Parishioners. In case of inclement weather, we will cancel.

ATTENTION, COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Care Ministry office would like to reach out to our college students as they prepare for their final exams. If you are the parent or guardian of a college student, please email or call Laura at laura@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356, ext. 431 with the name and college mailing address of your beloved student! We will be sending cards and a small gift out during the week of November 26, so we need to have all information by Wednesday. November 22. We want to let our college students know that they are an important part of our parish family, and that we are remembering them in prayer even when they are away.



"As I hope in thee, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to thy holy mountain"

-St. Margaret of Scotland

The Partners in Prayer meet this Thursday, November 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Cry Room at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. All are invited to bring special prayer intentions and/or to join us in prayer. We will attend Noon Mass, then adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

Yeterans day salute

Candles burn this week at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Honor of the following Veterans, living and deceased. Please remember all Veterans in prayer with gratitude for their sacrifice and service to protect our freedoms.



In loving memory of...

John Anselm

by Anselm Grandchildren

Charles Atkinson

by Maureen Atkinson

Lacy Bailey

by Mary and Lowery Bailey

Bill Baxter

by Betty and Don Baxter

Henry Benvenuti

by Sandy Stevenson

Albert Bernhardy

by Pat Bernhardy

James Blissell

by Karen and Kevin Maurer

Michael Buraczewski

by Liz and Bob Caivano

James Butler

by Judith Book

Walter Caivano

by Liz and Bob Caivano

Joseph Caivano

by Liz and Bob Caivano

George Christmann

by Kathy Christmann and Family

Fred Conroy

by Judy Conroy

William Decker

by Mark, Natalie, and Justin Metz

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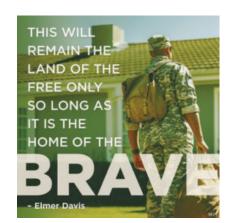
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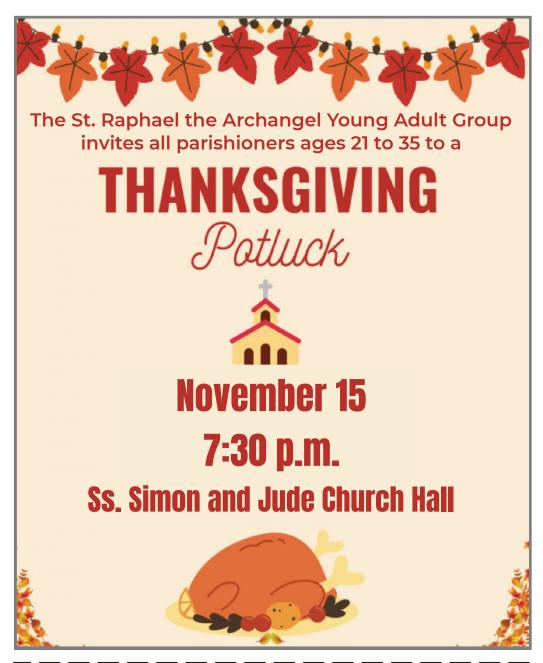
Thank You to All Veterans

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Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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CHRISTMAS WEEKEND MASS SURVEY On the Fourth Sunday in Advent, I will likely attend an evening Mass on Saturday, December 23. a morning Mass on Sunday, December 24 (this is NOT the Christmas Liturgy). On Christmas Day, I will likely attend an evening Mass on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. a Mass on Christmas morning, Monday, December 25.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAII ABI F

MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book is open for 2024. At this time, parishioners are invited to request up to one weekday and one weekend Mass. Please come to the Parish Administration Center or call 412-857-5356. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers that will adorn the sanctuaries at our churches during the Christmas season.

Please print clearly and use names or title only ("Mom by Mary Smith" or "Loretta Grecco by family"). We are not able to print sentiments and descriptions such as "loving father, Joe Schmoe" or "best friend in the world. Bernice G." or "Loving Godmother, Norma Rose."

If you look at your completed envelope and think it might be difficult to read, consider adding a current phone number.

Note: You cannot specify that your donation is only to be used in one particular church.

Donations are also accepted through our online giving portal. Please specify if your dedication is "in memory of" (deceased) or "in honor of" (living).

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MEN OF THE PARISH

Were you unable to attend this weekend's men's retreat? If you missed the opportunity, we offer another chance for a faith-filled getaway. Come to the Men's Emmaus Retreat. If you're reaching for answers, feeling overwhelmed, or just want some time to rethink and reboot, come to the Men's Emmaus Retreat. If you're looking to make this Advent the best ever. Come to the Men's Emmaus Retreat. Join us on December 1 through December 3, at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. To reserve your spot, go to pittsburghemmaus.com. If you have questions, please call Jim Walther: 412-531-9432.

CANDLES FROM NOVEMBER 2

If you were unable to attend the All Souls Day Mass on November 2, where we remembered the parishioners who died between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023, please come to the parish administration center during normal business hours to pick up a candle with your loved-one's name. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.





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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 12: 9:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church November 19: 10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church November 26: 10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland 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.

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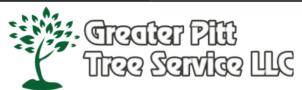
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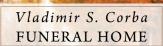
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