

# THE PARISH OF RAPHAFI HE ARCHANGEL

**JANUARY 7, 2024** 

We are the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, established in 2021, embracing the spiritual and corporal needs of the communities of Carnegie, Green Tree, and Scott. We strive to live as faith-filled disciples of Christ and, in doing so, spread His Gospel message of Love, Hope, Mercy, and Eternal Life.

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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

8:30 a.m. at SMOS

TUESDAY:

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SMOS

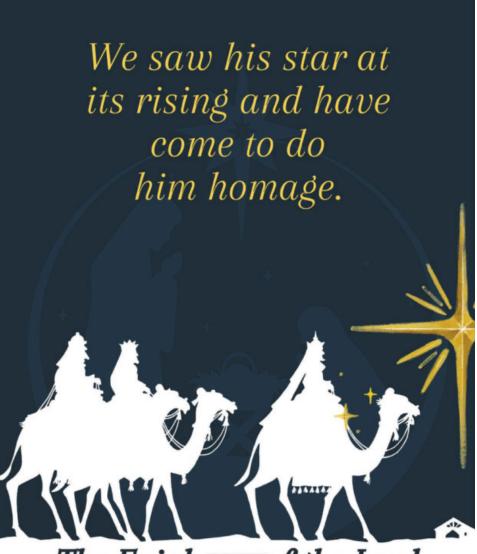
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ 12:00 p.m. at SMOS

FRIDAY:

8:30 a.m. at SMOS

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

This schedule does not reflect holidays or Holy Days.



# The Epiphany of the Lord

#### PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER

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### PRAYER & WORSHIP

#### SACRAMENTS



#### **BAPTISM:**

For arrangements call the parish office: 412-857-5356



#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death. If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for that facility.



#### MARRIAGE:

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



#### **PENANCE:**

#### Saturdays

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

#### Wednesdays

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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JANUARY	7	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Dolores Gigliotti and Tom Gigliotti by the Gigliotti Family
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	Elizabeth Marszalek by Carol and Steve Steenson
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Clara Bielecki by the James Enrietti Family
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Janet Hagan by family
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Dorothy Conaboy by Judy Moses DiSarro
January 8		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Sam Kelly by Evelyn DeCesare
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Vinnie Fera by Roxanne and Rudy Sansoha
JANUARY	9	TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Vinnie Fera by Pam and Dennis Sansoha
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Leonard Colosimo by Anne Rosenberg
JANUARY	10	WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Elizabeth McCarthy by family
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Larry Gaburri by Bob Greek
JANUARY	11	THURSDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Georgiana Hoerster by family
12:00 p.m.	SMOS	Lorraine Deer by family
JANUARY	12	FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Carl Henn by Joe Hoffman
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Mary Jane Martin by Marie and Wayne Hayes
JANUARY	14	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	David Lawson by Jorie Murphy
*4:30 p.m.	SMOS	Richard Sember by the Zinski Family
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Jack Yankovic by the Quinn Family
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	William (Bill) Trosky by Kim and Bill Chester
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Charles Lewis by Maureen Lewis Mullen

\*anticipated Mass on the evening before the obligated Liturgy

Winter weather alert: On Tuesdays and Fridays, if Guardian Angel Academy is delayed or closed due to the weather, the 8:30 a.m. Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention will be rescheduled.

#### 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 -

It is tradition on the Feast of the Epiphany to announce the date of the celebration of Easter. This practice comes from the early days when no printed calendars were in use. The number of

Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising, celebrated between the evening of the 28th of March and the evening of the 31st of March. Each Easter—as on each Sunday—the Holy Church makes present the great saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin—and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 14th of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the 9th of May.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 19th of May. And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the 1st of December.

Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, forever and ever. Amen.

On January 3 at Mass the Church honored the "Most Holy Name of Jesus." That celebration gave me pause to consider and to share with you that one of our resolutions in the new year should be more attention to how we use the Lord's Name. It was custom that a Catholic would bow his/her head when mentioning the Name. I suggest that we get back to that habit of reverence. It may prevent us from using the Name in a manner that is not only vulgar but offensive to the Lord.

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

Carole Bucci Harry W. (Bill) Smith

## Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:

Emma Allshouse Anthony Anderson Kathy Aspinall George Bado Bob Bartell Marge Bartell Emilia Bentley June Bentley Brian Bishop Kelly Bittner Jim Boerio Gina Burton Pete Caligiuri Donald Campbell Dorothy Campbell Amy Carmichael 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 Anna Fontana 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 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 Pauline Kyle

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 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 John M. Tinney Jerry Tokar Allen Turske Stephanie Vail Penny Verow Mary Kay Walsh James Walther Kathy Zajicek

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

Bernice Zyzak





At Ss. Simon and Jude Church in loving memory of Timothy Mark Castello Jr. from Mom and Dad

#### STEWARDSHIP

#### Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 12/19/2023 thru 12/27/2023 \$25,419 Christmas Offering \$25,002 Christmas Charities \$8.796

#### 2023 Parish Appeal

 2023 Goal
 \$278,967

 Monthly Due to the Diocese
 \$23,247

 12/19/2023 thru 12/27/2023
 \$4,794

 Received to date
 \$481,940

 Goal excess
 \$202,973

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.

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#### LIGHT SHOW

PAGE 14 ● This is the last weekend for our magnificent light show!

#### **BOOK STUDY**

**BELOW** • We are offering a threeweek small group book discussion starting tomorrow!

#### YOUNG ADULTS

PAGE 12 • Join us this week and bring a friend!

#### SAVE THE DATE

PAGE 10 ● The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast on February 4.

#### **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. Please call Carol Kossler at the parish office at 412-857-5356.

#### **ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE**

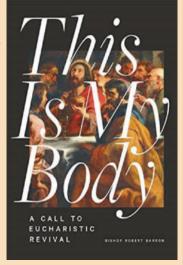
Pray with us every Wednesday after the Noon Mass.

#### 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.

#### This Is My Body Book Study

A reminder that our small group book discussion of Bishop Robert Barron's *This Is My Body* begins tomorrow, January 8, 2024. The afternoon session follows Noon Mass in the Cry Room at St. Margaret of Scotland, and the evening session meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall at Ss. Simon and Jude. All participants should bring a copy of the book, which is available at no cost at the entrances of our churches. Please consider preparing for the first meeting by reading Chapter 1 (*The Eucharist as Sacred Meal*) in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Laura in Care Ministry at laura@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356, ext. 431.



#### **OFFICE NOTE:**

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Please submit bulletin articles by Friday, January 12 at Noon.

#### THE ORDER OF MASS

#### ENTRANCE HYMN I O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

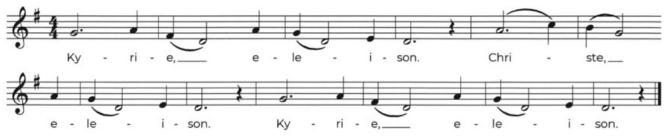


#### PENITENTIAL RITE / KYRIE

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.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### FIRST READING | ISAIAH 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13



- O God, with your judgment endow the king; with your justice endow the king's son. With justice he will govern your people, your afflicted ones with right judgment.
- 2. Justice shall flow'r in his days, lasting peace 'til the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, from the river to the ends of the earth.

- 3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles offer gifts, those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute.
  All kings shall pay him their homage, all nations shall serve him.
- 4. He rescues the poor when they cry out, the afflicted with no one to help. The lowly and poor he shall pity, the lives of the poor he will save.

Text: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Michael Joncas, © 1987, 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

### SECOND READING | EPHESIANS 3:2-3, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed

to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 2:2**



We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage.

#### GOSPEL | MATTHEW 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising

and have come to do him homage."
When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the

people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (bow at the following bolder words)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

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

#### OFFERTORY HYMN | WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT



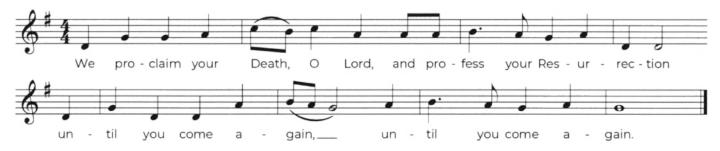
Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, John. H. Hopkins, Jr. 1820-1891

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr. 1820-1891, alt.

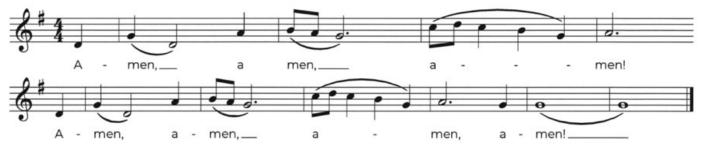
#### SANCTUS / HOLY



#### MYSTERY OF FAITH



#### **GREAT AMEN**



#### AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



### COMMUNION HYMN | THE FIRST NOËL



Tune: THE FIRST NOEL, English Carol; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Text: English Carol, 17th C.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN | ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



Tune: REGENT SOAURE, Henry Smart, 1813-1879

Text: Stanzas 1-2, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; Stanza 3, *Christmas Box*, 1825

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Celebrating the Sacraments









Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage are Madison (Zimmer) and Justin Foreman. The happy couple was married on October 28, 2023, at the groom's parish (St. Patrick Church of St. Isidore the Farmer Parish), with Fr. Joseph Uzar presiding. The bride was able to bring along a bit of her own parish as the St. Raphael Contemporary Choir led the music for the Mass. Madison's aunt, Heidi, has been a member of the choir for many, many years.

The parents of the bride are parishioners Amy and Robert Zimmer. Grandmother of the bride is parishioner Kathy Hartman. The parents of the groom are Bevin and Stephen Foreman.

Congratulations Madison and Justin. May God continue to bless them with many years of good health and happiness!



Best wishes and God's blessings to

who are celebrating
55 years

of Marriage on January 11.

They have lived in the parish area for over 50 years!

Congratulations!



Join the Knights of Columbus for a

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST on Sunday, February 4

in St. Luke Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy generous portions of Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, and Juice.

Adults: \$8.00 Children (ten and under): \$4.00



#### CARING + GIVING + SERVING

Raise your eyes and look about. - Isaiah 60: 4

The Epiphany of the Lord: Look Up and Out

As we celebrate Epiphany today, and mark the end of the Christmas Season, we can reflect on our journey through Advent and Christmas that has brought us, with the Magi, to recognize and praise the newborn King. We began Advent with determination to **Watch, Listen, and Commit** to follow the call to prepare our hearts for our Savior. We then resolved to **Repent** to be ready to meet Him. As Christmas drew nearer, we could not conceal our **Joy** as we anticipated his arrival. With great **Faith**, we welcomed Emmanuel, God with us in the flesh, at Christmas. Last week, we reflected on the Holy Family and their perfect model of **Love** of God and each other.

Today, we meet the Magi who followed a star and faced challenges and perils traveling to a foreign land to find the King they had heard about. When Advent began, we recognized the need to move beyond complacency and be attentive to God's call, even when it requires effort, inconvenience, or discomfort. The liturgical seasons provide us with opportunities to be more responsive to His call every year. Our theme today, exemplified by the Magi in Matthew's Gospel is Look Up and Out.



The Magi were attentive to God's creation as they gazed up to see the star of Bethlehem. In our culture, we sometimes physically find it hard to look up at a person across the table from us because our eyes are focused downward on our cell phones. Mentally, it is often easier to ingest the endless ugliness and negativity fed to us by media instead of elevating our thoughts to things of beauty, goodness, and ingenuity. In our spiritual lives, we might be succumbing to the empty promises of Satan and the world rather than raising our hearts and souls to follow Jesus more closely.

To recognize and grow closer to the presence of Jesus Christ, think of how we can cultivate the practice of prayer. St. Therese of Lisieux defined prayer as "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." To feel that movement St. Therese describes in our own hearts, we need to **Look Up**. Like the Magi who paid homage to the child Jesus, we can't keep the good news to ourselves. We are called to **Look Out** and find those who need to hear the Gospel, and we must reach out to those with whom we can share God's mercy. As we continue our journey from the Christmas Season into a New Year of Ordinary Time, let's make a resolution to **Look Up and Out**.



Cynthia Alward, Navy Tyler Alward, Navy CAPT Shawn Balent, USMC A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF SSgt David Blackhall, USAF SGT 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



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#### ST. RAPHAFI THE ARCHANGEL



#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you are 21 to 35 years old, come and join the Young Adult Group of our parish. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the hall at Ss. Simon and Jude Church on Wednesday, January 10. We hope to see you there.

# LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of a parishioner (or two or more) who would be willing and able to help keep St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church tidy. Duties would include general dusting and vacuuming. If interested, please call the office: 412-857-5356.

#### NEW HEARING LOOP AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH

Hearing Loops allow people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the PA system in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device.

If you wear hearing instruments you will need to find out if your hearing aids have the wireless receiver called a T-coil or Telecoil in order to hear better with the hearing loops in the church. Headsets will still be available for those without T-coil hearing aids. More information is coming soon.

# THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Most Reverend Bishop David A. Zubik will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church.

A mandatory rehearsal for both Candidates and Sponsors will take place on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at Ss. Simon and Jude Church at 6:30 p.m.



#### MANY THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

We appreciate the kindness and generosity of parishioners who sponsored the Brass Choirs for our Christmas Masses.

In memory of Marguerite Oliver and Gianna Kozarian by Betty Graziani

In memory of my mom, Loretta Grecco

by Lisa Grecco

In memory of Marguerite Oliver

by Lorraine Hungerman

In memory of the deceased of the Capezio, Konchos, and Posney Families

by Penny and Alfred Kaercher

In memory of John Mostowy and Richard Mostowy by Joyce Mostowy

In memory of Anna and Steve Remish

by Joan Reale

In memory of the deceased of the Sweeney and A'Hearn Families

by Timothy Sweeney

In memory of the deceased relatives and friends of the Tersak Family

by Jean Tersak

Donations were also made by Patricia and Thomas McNelis

Janet and Chuck Vukotich and anonymous contributors.



#### ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



#### Chalking the Door.

The practice of writing a special code over the entrance to a home with blessed chalk is a centuries-old traditional blessing of a home each January. It's a reminder of God's presence in our daily lives and a dedication of the year, and everything that will happen during it, to God. It's also great witness for our guests, not to mention that it looks pretty cool!

Take a stick of chalk that's been blessed, and write above your home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 24. Ask God's blessing on your home and family and anyone who visits you there. Invite Jesus to be a daily guest in your home, your comings and goings, your conversations, your work and play, your joys and sorrows. The letters C, M, and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi who brought gifts to Jesus sometime soon after his birth: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which translates to "May Christ bless this house." The '+' signs represent the cross, and the numbers, the year. Traditionally this was done after Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany.

This weekend we offer families a free Epiphany Home Blessing Kit to take home.\* Inside this resealable pouch you will find a stick of blessed chalk and a prayer booklet. We invite you to mark the entrance of your home, and save the kit for future years.

If you wish, share a picture of your prayer service, marking of the door, or finished door. Your parish family would love to see it! Send a photo to mksmith@straphaelcgs.org.

\*There are a limited number of kits available at each church, please contact the parish office if there were no kits at the church you visited.



# Happy New Year from our Baby of the Year!

Baby Alex represents our parish this year as we celebrate life. We celebrate life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, and every moment in between.

Be sure to watch
EWTN on Friday,
January 19 (starting at
9:30 a.m.) for televised coverage of the
March for Life in Washington D.C.



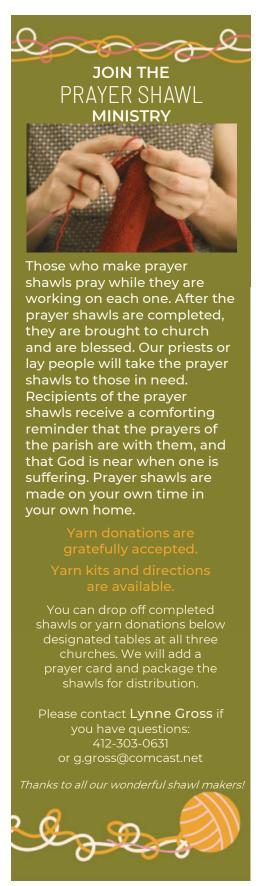


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# LAST WEEKEND!





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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

January 7: 9:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church January 14: 10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church January 21: 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.

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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.

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#### 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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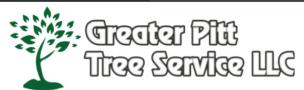
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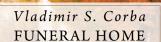
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