

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL

FEBRUARY 4, 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.

CLERGY TEAM

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TUESDAY:

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ

4:30 p.m. at SEAS SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m. at SMOS

9:00 a.m. at SEAS

10:00 a.m. at SMOS

11:00 a.m. at SSJ

8:30 a.m. at SSJ MONDAY:

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

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SEAS

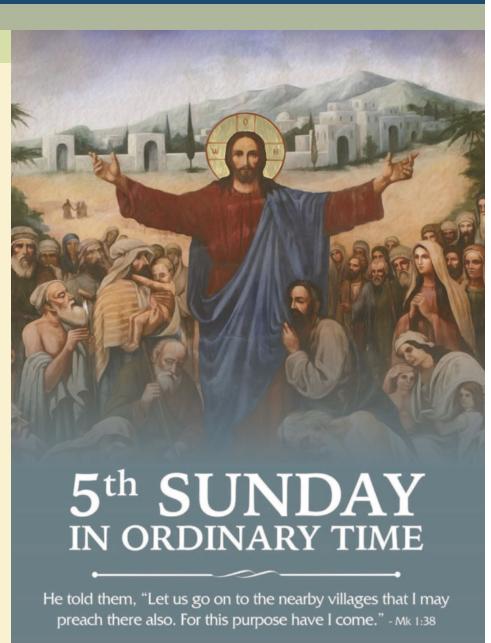
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

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

FRIDAY:

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

This schedule does not reflect holidays or Holy Days.



PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER

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

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 (beginning Feb.10)

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

at Ss. Simon and Jude Church

—Or by appointment.—

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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FEBRUAR'	Y 4	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Living and deceased of the Balestrieri and Cortese families by Ann and Tom Balestrieri			
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	People of the Parish			
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	George Christmann Sr. by the Christmann family			
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	John M. Zajicek by Monica Zajicek and family			
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Vinnie Fera by Pam and Dennis Sansotta			
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Patrick McCaffrey by family			
FEBRUAR'	Y 5	MEMORIAL OF ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Kurt Dadey by Chuck Scheuble and Tom Galluze			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	John Shurgot and family by Monongahela Neighbors			
FEBRUAR'	Y 6	MEMORIAL OF ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Carl Henn by Joe Hoffman			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	John Groll by Doretta Whalen			
FEBRUAR	Y 7	WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Michelle McGann by Mary Lou Chiodo			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Living and Deceased of the Hayes family by Marie and Wayne Hayes			
FEBRUAR'	Y 8	THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Robert Sherwin by the Gudewicz Family			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	James Armani Sr. by the Charitan and Ball Families			
FEBRUAR'	Y 9	FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Ella LaMonde by Eveline York			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Eugene Whalen by wife, Doretta			
FEBRUAR'	Y 11	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Maura Grace Schwab by family			
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Amy Dell by William Dell Jr.			
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	Raymond and Ann Fischer by Ronald "Butch" Schuler			
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	David Panucci by Amy, Jeffrey, and Jacob Cronin			
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish			
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Nancy Lolli by Mercy Nurse friends			

*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. Note: Guardian Angel Academy follows the Pittsburgh Public Schools regarding all weather-related school closings and delays, and will also be listed under Guardian Angel Academy on KDKA, WTAE, and WPXI.

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FROM THE PASTOR -

"Where a man's heart is, there is his treasure also. God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. Since he is good, and especially to those who are faithful to him, let us hold fast to him with all our soul, our heart,

our strength, and so enjoy his light and see his glory and possess the grace of supernatural joy. Let us reach out with our hearts to possess that good, let us exist in it and live in it, let us hold fast to it, that good which is beyond all we can know or see and is marked by perpetual peace and tranquility, a peace which is beyond all we can know or understand."

—St. Ambrose, Flight from the World

On February 11 the Church celebrates the "World Day of the Sick." This was established in 1992 by St. John Paul II. If you have sick family members or friends who would benefit from prayerful support, be sure to have them (and yourself) remembered by the "Partners in Prayer" and consider scheduling reception of the "Anointing of the Sick." *See page 10 for more information.*

A limited number of Blessed Candles from Candlemas Day are available for a donation. There are two medium taper candles in each box.



A reminder that Ash Wednesday occurs on Valentines Day, February 14, this year. There are no dispensations from the required fasting and abstinence of that day (based on age and health). See pages 12 and 13 for the Lenten regulations and the Lenten schedule.

Be sure to pick up a copy of "The Word Among Us" devotional for the season of Lent. The daily readings are included in these books and will be very helpful for daily Lenten reflections.

You have received in the mail from me (yes, really from ME) the notification of the 2024 Annual Parish Appeal (formerly Parish Share). The assessed goal for this year is \$278,987 (same as last year). You may remember from last year that under the new directions, the program requires a "cap" on the amount of money retained and not assessed. Although we do retain here all of the money received over and above the assessment, only the first 10% in excess will remain unassessed. We ended last year's appeal with an excess of \$214,615! I am so grateful to all who contributed to make the goal of the past year's appeal, and I am confident that they will step forward with the same generosity this year. Hopefully those who did not assist with reaching the goal will do so in 2024.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Richard Dwyer Jr.

Maria A. Quinn

mother of Paula Mulcahey

Judith Suhy

William Vetter Sr.

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 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 Brandon Gross Mark Hagelauer Margaret Harkins Linda Harrity Eileen Henefeld Mary V. Hester Patti Howcroft Noreen Joslyn Barry Kaiser 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 **Bob Super** Ed Super Ed Sutilla Rose Talmonti Theresa Tapper Jerry Tokar Allen Turske Stephanie Vail Penny Verow Mary Kay Walsh James Walther Kathy Zajicek Bernice Zyzak

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



At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
In memory of
Carl Kleysteuber
by Mary Matlak

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 1/24/2024 thru 1/30/2024 \$17, 128

The Parish Appeal report will be updated in a future bulletin.

Reminder:

Fr. Grecco will **never** ask you for money or gift cards through text messages and/or emails. Do not get scammed by criminals posing as clergy or staff. Look for our official email addresses to authenticate the correspondence, and never send money or gift cards in response to *any* text message or email.

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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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

PAGE 16 ● The Knights of Columbus are having a Pancake Breakfast this weekend. Don't miss it. It's a great price for a great meal!

MARDI GRAS

PAGE 11 ● Come for the fun! The last day to reserve your spot is tomorrow!

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 scheduled Thursday, February 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. Please call Carol Kossler at the parish office at 412-857-5356.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

PAGE 14 ● Join Fr. Grecco and Sharon Smoller on a Biblical walk through Christ's Passion.

SPRING FLING

PAGE 17 ● The space is filling up!

ALTAR SERVER INFORMATION

PAGE 19 ● We are offering an introductory session for students who are interested in becoming an altar server.

FISH FRY AT SSJ

PAGE 18 ● Our Fish Fry is back at Ss. Simon and Jude Church in the Parish Life Center.

LENT

PAGES 12 AND 13 • Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. See our guide of events, Masses, opportunities for Confession, and more. There will be more information about Lenten events coming in next week's bulletin!



WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Madison Marsico Sheila Ann Mitchell Jeanne Reddington Richard Rodi

The Gombami Family
Natasha and Owen, Collen and Abram

We're so glad you're here!

TAX INFORMATION

OFFERTORY REPORTS FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR

Tax statements are not automatically mailed to every household.

Online Giving users may receive a tax statement at any time by logging in to your account. As always, you may access the Online Giving portal on our website's homepage or by scanning the QR code (left).

To request a 2023 Contribution Summary, contact Carol at the Parish Administration Center: 412-857-5356 ext. 426 or clkossler@straphaelcgs.org. When leaving a message, please leave your complete information, including last name spelling, envelope number if you know it, and a contact number in case we need to call. Please let us know if you would like it mailed or if we can send by email.

THE ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE HYMN | O CHRIST, THE HEALER



Tune: ERHALT UNS HERR, Klug's Geistliche Lieder, 1543

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000, © 1969, Hope Publishing Co.

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. [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 | JOB 7:1-4,6-7

Job spoke, saying:
Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?
Are not his days those of hirelings?
He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.
So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"

then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 147:1-6



Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.

SECOND READING | 1 CORINTHIANS 9: 16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!

If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

What then is my recompense?

That, when I preach,
I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 8:17



Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

GOSPEL | MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her.

He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.

The whole town was gathered at the door.

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

THE ORDER OF MASS

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also.

For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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

(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

he came down from heaven

He ascended into heaven and is sea 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.

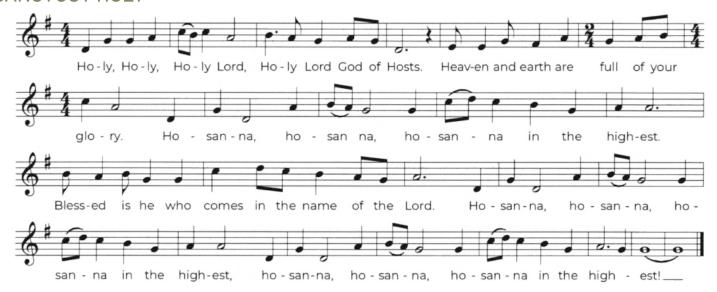
OFFERTORY HYMN | YOUR HANDS, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD



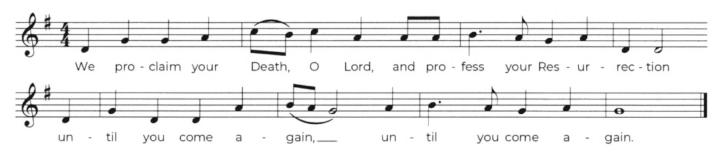
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Text: Matthew 14:35-36; Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt ©1986 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

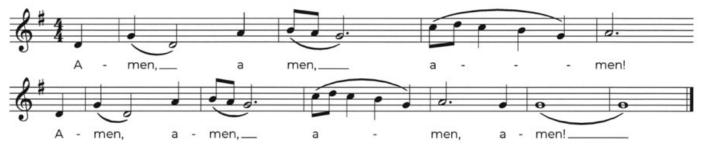
SANCTUS / HOLY



MYSTERY OF FAITH



GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / 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 | I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY



Tune: KINGSFOLD, CMD; English melody; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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CARING + GIVING + SERVING

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. -Mark 1: 34

In Mark's Gospel today, we find Jesus busily engaging in his ministry of healing. It is this ministry of Jesus throughout the Gospels that is the origin of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Other scriptural foundations of the Sacrament include the commissioning of the apostles to cure people (Mark 6: 13) and the recommendation to the sick in the Letter of James to ask the presbyters (priests) to pray over them and "anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5: 13-15)."

Soon the Care Ministry office will be mailing out letters from Fr. Grecco to the homebound members of our parish. These letters are invitations to have one of our priests visit during the Lent or Easter Season for reception of Sacraments, including Anointing of the Sick. At this time, we will take the opportunity to clarify some misunderstandings about this beautiful Sacrament.

Often, we receive calls at the parish requesting a priest for "last rites" for someone who is close to death. Through the long, rich history and tradition of the Church, the anointing of the sick became associated exclusively with the dying in the early church where severe periods of penance were imposed and individuals could not be anointed until the completion of penance, which was often just before death. The sacrament continued to be associated with the dying and was referred to as "last rites" or "extreme unction" until the Second Vatican Council.

Vatican II restored the understanding that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is intended to provide healing, strength, comfort, and peace to those who are sick and to recognize in their suffering, the passion of Christ and hope for the resurrection. Ideally, a person has the opportunity for reconciliation beforehand, and receives Eucharist as their last sacrament, or "food for the journey" prior to death. Reception of this Sacrament is healing and peaceful, and should not be feared or associated with imminent death. Most of us realize that the longer we live, the greater our chances of illness occurring and the closer we move toward our eventual death. Those who are of advanced age, even in good health, should therefore not put off reception of Anointing of the Sick.

When, then, should people be anointed? Ideally, as soon as one receives a serious medical diagnosis; when reaching advanced age; when anticipating surgery; or when first recommended for hospice care. The Sacrament can be administered in the case of sudden or tragic illness or injury as long as the individual is still alive. Optimally, the recipient of the Sacrament is conscious and able to understand and benefit from the healing effects of the Sacrament as well as being able to confess and swallow Holy Communion. This Sacrament can be received more than once. In the reality we face of fewer priests, it is increasingly urgent to receive the Sacrament at the initial point of serious illness or advanced age when one is possibly in danger of death, and not to wait until just before death. If admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic chaplain or priest on call for that facility. Contact the parish office at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or one of our priests to arrange to receive this Sacrament if able to come to the Church or office or homebound. It is always our desire to meet the sacramental needs of our parishioners, particularly those undergoing difficult circumstances.



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 CAPT Anthony Palumbo, USMC CAPT 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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ASH WEDNESDAY— FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

8:30 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church 10:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church 12:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Liturgy of the Word and Ashes

4:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church 6:30 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

— SUNDAYS 4:00 P.M. —

February 18 Ss. Simon and Jude Church March 10 February 25 St. Margaret of Scotland Church March 17 March 3 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church March 24

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

— FRIDAYS —

12:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Marian Stations of the Cross

Ss. Simon and Jude Church

Ss. Simon and Jude Church 6:30 p.m.

1:45 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church

> with the school February 16, 23,

March 1, 8, 15

March 22 1:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, March 29:

12:00 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church 6:30 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland

12:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS (EXCEPT HOLY SATURDAY)

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — St. Margaret of Scotland Church 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS

6:00 to 6:45 p.m. — Ss. Simon and Jude Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. — Ss. Simon and Jude Church
The Sacrament will not be scheduled after March 27 except by appointment.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

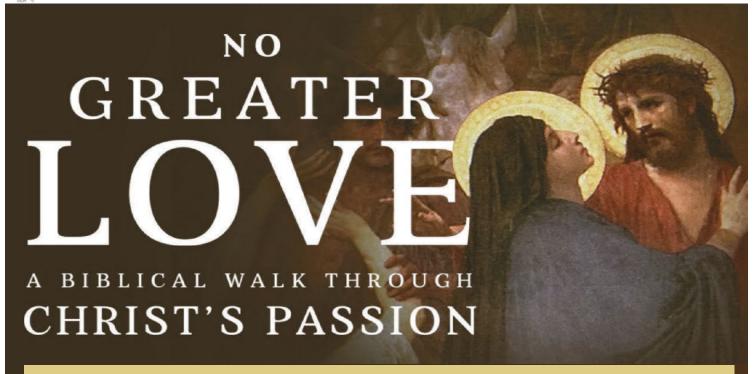
12:30 to 1:30 p.m. — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. — St. Margaret of Scotland Church 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. — Ss. Simon and Jude Church

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
- 2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
- **3.** Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
- **4.** Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
- **6.** All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
- 7. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes is not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN: an invitation to participate in 40 Days for Life; information about the Lenten Challenge; news of an opportunity for a Lenten Service Project, and more!





In No Greater Love, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

This study might be familiar, as we began it in 2020 but had to cancel due to the Pandemic closures. Come and "see it through" to the completion! We welcome those who previously attended and those who would like to experience a deeper understanding on the Passion of Christ.

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program being presented by Fr. Grecco and Sharon Smoller Mondays Evenings:
February 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish
Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall

Cost: You may already have the required texts to bring. Otherwise, \$20 to partially cover two-book study set. For information or to register, contact Sharon Smoller at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext. 429. When registering, please indicate if you need to order materials.

SPRING FLING GIFT BASKET DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

One of the best parts of the Spring Fling Luncheon is always the amazing prizes that we raffle. Help us to fill our prize tables and entice our guests to dig deep into their pockets. We are in need of any BRAND NEW, NEVER-USED items that can make up a gift basket or stand as a prize on its own. As always, monetary donations, gift certificates, and gift cards are welcome. Please contact Heidi Hartman if you have any questions: 412-260-9280. You can have your item picked up or just drop it off at the Parish Administration Center in Carnegie during office hours. All donations are to be turned in by February 20. Proceeds of this event go to our parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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Digital hearing aids have significantly improved in the last decade, but they do not restore hearing to normal. Difficulties often remain when in challenging listening situations. Hearing loops help hearing aid users overcome this problem by broadcasting sound directly to the hearing aid without background noise.

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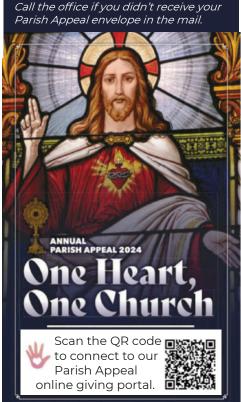
Look for the Hearing Loop brochure at the church, or talk to your audiologist.

Headset receivers will still be available for those without T-coil hearing aids.



Funds raised support each parish's co-responsibility to the daily needs of the entire diocese beyond what any one parish can do individually. Giving with One Heart, One Church allows us all to serve with greater reach.

Call the office if you didn't receive your





All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to the Kniahts of Columbus compete St. Raphael the Archangel Council #11143:

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The competition will be held at TODAY, Sunday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m.

> at the Green Tree Borough Municipal Gym (10 West Manilla Ave PGH, PA 15220).

There will be awards for each age group. No preregistration necessary. No Cost. Proof of age is required at the time of competition (birth certificate preferable).

Any Questions? Call: Bill O'Connor 412-716-5577

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers first meeting in 2024 is scheduled for MARCH 6. at 1:30 p.m. in St. Luke Hall of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

(There is not a meeting in February)

All are welcome to join us in March for prayer, lunch, and fun with friends. Call Don Cain if you have questions: 412-279-0885

Save the dates for some fun trips we have planned for 2024:

Wednesday, April 10—Wheeling Island Casino

Wednesday, June 19 — For the comedy, *The Play that Goes Wrong* at the Mountain Playhouse in Jennerstown

Wednesday, July 24 — Sight and Sound production of Ruth

at the Ohio Star Theater in Sugar Creek Ohio

Friday, October 25—Halloween Murder Mystery—Columbiana Ohio

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





IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE FISH FRY!

The first Fish Fry will be held on February 16. That is just three weeks away. Our parish will only have one Fish Fry location this year: it will be held in the gymnasium at the Parish Life Center at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. The hours are 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. We have "Take Out," so you can order when you leave work and it will be ready for pick up on your way home. Or dine in! Enjoy our lobster bisque, homemade cabbage and noodles, homemade macaroni and cheese, and so much more! There will be great food at great prices with generous portions. Credit cards are accepted. You can order in person or online at SSJFISHFRY.COM. See our full menu on page 18 of this bulletin and be sure to share it with friends and family and/or hang it up at work or other places of business.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT OUR FISH FRY. It's a great opportunity to spend time with your friends and fellow parishioners. We need volunteers to help in all areas of the Fish Fry including: set-up, tear down, bake sale, filling orders, delivering orders to tables, cleaning tables, and re-stocking supplies. We especially need five volunteers on the days of the Fish Fry to wash dishes in the kitchen: two people work from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and two people work from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with an additional person to work from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All volunteers must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Policy. Please contact Karen Maurer to get started or to update your clearances: karen@strapahelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext. 430.

Please volunteer even if you can only come once or twice during Lent. We need a lot of people to make this a success. Call Peggy Sembrat to volunteer or if you have questions: 412-818-6623. On Fish Fry Fridays call 412-563-1353 with any questions. Note: we are NOT taking phone orders. Please order in person or online (SSJFISHFRY.COM).

CALLING ALL BAKERS! We are in need of baked goods for the bake sale table each week of the Fish Fry! Please help by baking and dropping off your baked goods on the Fridays of Lent starting at Noon.





Luncheon and Card Party

Hosted by the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild

Saturday, March 2 | 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Tickets may be reserved by contacting Mary Kay Smith: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356 ext. 422

Or complete the bottom of the form and return to the Parish Administration Center

with your check payable to *The Christian Mothers and Women's Guild.*You may also drop your order in the collection basket at Mass. Be sure to clearly mark: Spring Fling.

Seating is very limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis even if you submit your request and payment prior to the deadline.

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED AND PAID BY FEBRUARY 16.

NAME (please print)	<u>ENTRÉE (</u>	ENTRÉE CHOICE	
<u>NAME (please print)</u> single or table of 2, 4, or 8	Beef Tips	Chicken Romano	
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Dinners include choice of fries OR baked potato and choice of coleslaw OR applesauce.

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kids meals

and fries on the sandwich

- ♦ Fish Nuggets
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Macaroni & Cheese	\$4.50
Pierogi (each)	. \$1.25
Lobster Bisque	.\$6.00
Coleslaw	
Applesauce	. \$2.25
Add cheese	. \$.50
Add a bun	. \$.50

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Requirements to be an altar server:

- -Be a registered parishioner and attend Mass regularly
- -Have been baptized and received First Holy Communion
- -Be in the fourth grade or older and able to carry out their responsibilities
- -Enrolled in the Faith Formation Program or attend a Catholic School

Parents of interested children and teens should register to attend one of the two introductory sessions via the sign-up on our parish website. Interested kids (and their parents) can attend at either location regardless of where they attend Mass most often.

- -Saturday, March 2 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church
- -Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church

"The altar server has a privileged place in liturgical celebrations... you are much more than simple 'helpers of the parish priest.' Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, of the eternal High Priest. Thus, you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus. Be determined to go deeper and to cultivate this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."

-St. John Paul II during his General Audience on August 1, 2001

THE CONTEMPORARY CHOIR SCHEDULE

February 3: 4:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church February 11: 10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church February 17: 4:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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Home Visits

If you are homebound and desire Holy Communion and/or the Sacraments of Healing (Penance or Anointing of the Sick) please call Laura at the parish office: 412-857-5356 ext.431.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 412-444-5424

If you are in need, SVdP may be able to assist you. Individual cases are confidentially evaluated and help is provided as our resources and guidelines allow. A variety of direct services including clothing, furniture, utility assistance, and more may be available.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry* 412-489-5848

Our pantry supports local families who are unable to make ends meet or who have experienced a recent crisis. This second branch of our SVdP outreach program is specific to the mission of feeding the hungry. Open Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon; stop by or call to learn more.

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

For arrangements please call the parish office.

Marriage

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

Penance

Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 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:

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