

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

WELCOME

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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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ

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

9:00 a.m. at SEAS

10:00 a.m. at SMOS 11:00 a.m. at SSJ

MONDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SEAS

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 SEAS

THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER

330 3rd Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106

412-857-5356 | WWW.STRAPHAELCGS.ORG For church locations and staff information, see page 20.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM:

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

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



MARRIAGE:

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



PENANCE:

Saturdays

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

FEBRUARY 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			
FEBRUAR'	Y 12	MONDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus - Anonymous			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Gerald McNamara by Ken McNamara and family			
FEBRUAR'	Y 13	TUESDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Mary Ann Horgan by Bob and family			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Daniel McCaffrey by family			
FEBRUAR	Y 14	ASH WEDNESDAY			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Ruth Rethage by her family			
10:00 a.m.	SSJ	Lois Hoerster by family			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Larry Gaburri by Bob Greek			
4:00 p.m.	SMOS	Not a Mass —Liturgy of the Word and Ashes			
6:30 p.m.	SSJ	Not a Mass —Liturgy of the Word and Ashes			
FEBRUAR'	Y 15	THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Kathryn Oliverio by her husband, Mario			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Charles Matlak by Mary Jane Charitan			
FEBRUAR'	Y 16	FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus - Anonymous			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Leonard Colosimo by Anne Rosenberg			
FEBRUAR'	Y 18	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Frances and Steve Ostrowski by the Walther family			
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Larry Gaburri by Carol Campbell			
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish			
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	Bob Kinzler by his daughters			
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Louis Rea by Michele Rea			
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	Ellen Flohr and Margaret Arcurio by family			
		*anticipated Mass on the evening before the obligated Liturgy			

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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.

PARISH LIFE

FROM THE PASTOR

"The celebration of Lent...offers us a valuable opportunity to meditate on the relationship and charity; between believing in God – the God of

between faith and charity: between believing in God – the God of Jesus Christ – and love, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and which guides us on the path of devotion to God and others... The Christian life consists in continuously scaling the mountain to meet God and then coming back down, bearing the love and strength drawn from him, so as to serve our brothers and sisters with God's own love." — Pope Benedict XVI

Because the blessed ashes imposed on the forehead symbolize our mortality and call us to repent of sinfulness, in addition to the adults, ashes will be given only to children who are old enough to have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church does not recognize the child's ability to deliberately commit sin that is in need of repentance until the age of "reason" (age 7).

If you are looking for some practice that can bear spiritual fruit during the coming season of Lent, might I strongly suggest the memorization of some form of the "Act of Contrition"? It is evident that many adults are not familiar enough with this prayer that is used during the Sacrament of Reconciliation and really should be prayed before bedtime. Two forms of the prayer are found back-to-back on pages 13 and 14 of this bulletin. Please cut it out and make one a daily recitation during Lent. It is a regular reminder that we are sinners in need of mercy, and that the mercy is abundant and awaiting us. When memorized, it can be recited anywhere, any time.

The Church calls us to be attentive to the "Easter Duty" that requires all Catholics who are able to receive the Holy Eucharist to do so <u>at least</u> once a year particularly during the span of time that begins with the First Sunday of Lent and continues through to "Trinity Sunday" (May 26). Please note that the reception of the Holy Eucharist might require a prior reception of the Sacrament of Penance (which is required if mortal sin is present).

School families planning to apply for the "Bishop's Education Fund" scholarships MUST meet the following criteria for my signature on the application: 1) Child(ren) must be baptized 2) The family must be registered in St. Raphael the Archangel Parish; 3) The family must be practicing the Catholic faith regularly (Mass attendance should be weekly) and using the "envelope" offering system/electronic giving. Please submit the forms in a timely manner and allow two weeks for completion if criteria are met.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Koby Looman

Grandson of Teresa and Jim Malacki

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 The Looman Family Peter Paul Lyle III Mary Ann Macino Arch MacLennan Penny Mahoney Lucille Marabito Laura Martin Sam Martin Carl Masciola Kathy Masko Gina Massengill Kathy McGann Virginia Miller Joyce Mostowy Robin Munko Pat Murdzak Judi Novak Victoria O'Bosky Mario Oliverio Joan Pandolph Linda Perris **Charles Perry** Diane Perry Nancy Pistella Carol Poecking Robert Prevost Diane Pritchard Dolores Ouinn Bob Recaldini Dave Redman Joann Redondo Paxton Renk Florinda Rosemeyer Helen Salamon Andrew Patrick Schade Margery Schell John Schenk Tyler Schepis Mary Patricia Schnars Kathleen Shilling Mary Socci Genevieve Sonson Edie Sortwell Mildred Spezialetti Teresa Stacy Jaime St. Ledger **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 Mildred Spratt

Requested by Sue and Melissa

At St. Margaret of Scotland Church
In memory of
Ruth Rethage
Requested by her family

At Ss. Simon and Jude Church In memory of Tom O'Shea Requested by Sandy Stevenson

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 1/31/2024 thru 2/6/2024 \$18,147

2024 Parish Appeal

2024 Goal \$278,967
Monthly Due to the Diocese \$23,247
1/17/2024 thru 2/6/2024 \$13,120
Received to date \$13,120
Offering Needed to Meet Goal \$265,847

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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LENT

PAGES 12 AND 13 ● Lent begins with this week with Ash Wednesday. See our guide of events, Masses, opportunities for Confession, and more.

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.

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 SERVERS

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.

LENTEN MEAGER MEAL

PAGE 11 ● Join us on Wednesday, February 28.

SAVE THE DATE!

We will have a Lenten morning of prayer and service to honor St. Joseph on Saturday, March 16 in Ss. Simon and Jude Church and Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. Refer to our upcoming bulletins for details.



WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Ronald Masko

We're so glad you're here!

TAX INFORMATION

OFFERTORY REPORTS

FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR

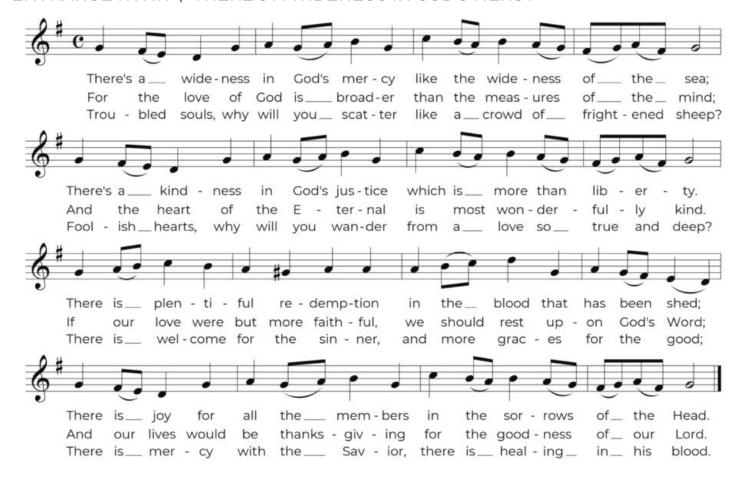
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If you do not have access to the online request form, please call the office during our business hours: 412-857-5356.



The Second Collection next weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Read the post-holiday report on page 16 of this bulletin, and please give generously.

ENTRANCE HYMN | THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY



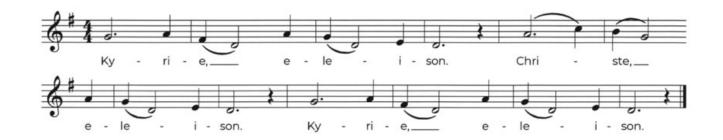
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Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

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 | LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
"If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,
or to one of the priests among his descendants.
If the man is leprous and unclean,
the priest shall declare him unclean
by reason of the sore on his head.
"The one who bears the sore of leprosy
shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,

and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 32: 1-2, 5, 11



Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.
Blessed the man to whom the LORD

imputes not guilt,

in whose spirit there is no guile.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin. Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart.

SECOND READING | 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or
the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in every way,

not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved.

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | LUKE 7:16



A great prophet has arisen in our midst, God has visited his people.

GOSPEL | MARK 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said.

"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,
"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him,

"See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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.

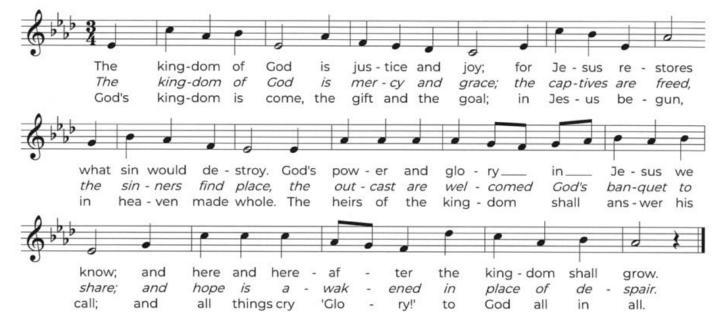
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation

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.

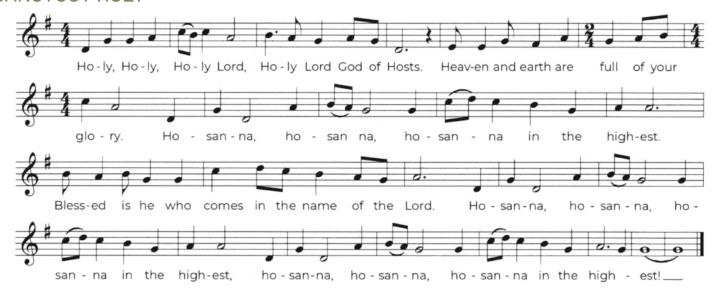
OFFERTORY HYMN | THE KINGDOM OF GOD



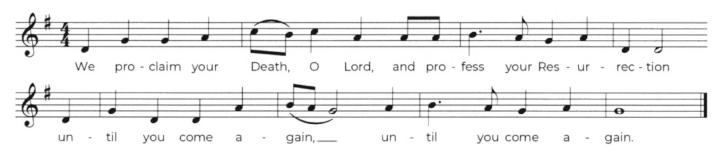
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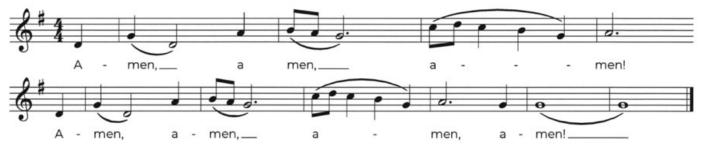
SANCTUS / HOLY



MYSTERY OF FAITH



GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



THE ORDER OF MASS

COMMUNION HYMN I IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGELS



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

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RECESSIONAL HYMN | AMAZING GRACE



Tune: NEW BRITAIN; Virginia Harmony, 1831

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

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CARING + GIVING + SERVING

As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. -Leviticus 13: 46



This winter, we don't have much snow. When walking, driving, or looking out a window, we see brown and barren landscapes. Devoid of leaves and not coated with snow, the trees are transparent. Were it not for the effective camouflage of their winter coats, even the deer would be perfectly visible as they graze in the woods or await an opportunity to cross the road. There is nowhere to hide.

Reflecting on the stark, colorless scenery that surrounds us might be a helpful starting point as we begin the season of Lent this week. We all have dark, deadened spaces in our souls due to the reality of sin. As we enter this liturgical season, we recall that even Jesus, the Son of God, was not spared from temptation as he journeyed in the desert for 40 days. Some of our sins may be quite visible (or audible) to those around us, but even those that are not are known to our consciences as they gnaw on us internally and form barriers between us and others. Furthermore, as Adam and Eve learned in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), we cannot hide our sins from God.

On Ash Wednesday, we are called to repent and to acknowledge our mortality. The sanctuaries of our churches are bare as we approach to be marked with black ashes. This should be a wake-up call and a reality check that moves us to ongoing conversion throughout the Lenten season and for the remainder of our lives. We cannot hide from our sinfulness, but we can accept the loving grace and mercy of God that reaches out to us like Jesus reached out to the Leper in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel (Mark 1: 40-45).

May Lent be a time that we examine our consciences, partake in the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, open our hearts to love and forgive others, and grow in relationship to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

WOULD YOU LIKE A BOOST THIS LENT?

Register for the Diocese of Pittsburgh 2024 Lenten Challenge. Each day in Lent you will receive a text (or email) with a challenge for the day. Last year, 7,500 people participated. Don't miss this unique opportunity for spiritual growth. Text LENT2024 to 84576. Or register at diopitt.org/lent.

We also invite you to visit our website each day during Lent for Bishop Barron's Lent Reflections, and /or to watch the daily Mass (live or recorded) by clicking the livestream button.



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 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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ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

A Confirmation retreat day for eighth grade candidates of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish will be held on Monday, February 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, St. Luke Hall. If your candidate will be getting a ride home from someone other than a parent/ quardian, you must provide a written notice prior to retreat day by emailing Sharon Smoller at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org. If written notification is not obtained ahead of time, your child will not be released to anyone other than a parent/ guardian. The parish covers the cost of the retreat day and lunch; there is no cost to the candidates or families. Please pray for these young men and women as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Our second grade students will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday, February 17, 2023 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Parents are asked to arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. The service will begin at 1:00 p.m. Please pray for our little disciples as they encounter the mercy of Jesus in the sacrament of mercy.

WORLD MARRIAGE SUNDAY

Today, February 11, is World Marriage



Sunday. It is a day we joyfully celebrate a love beyond words shared between a husband and wife in the sacramental marital covenant. We pray for all married

couples called to be imitators of Christ's sacrificial love in the world. May their marriages be bright beacons of hope to family members and friends, living reminders of Jesus' love as they create nurturing homes, wellsprings of hospitality where the warmth of Jesus' love is shared and felt.

If you were married outside of the Catholic Church, and would like more information about receiving the Sacraments again, be sure to see Fr. Grecco's article in next week's bulletin.



LADIES OF CHARITY

Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you

gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me."

-Matthew 25: 35-36

The St. Raphael the Archangel Ladies of Charity will have their first meeting of 2024 on Tuesday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. Ladies, won't you join us in serving our community? The Ladies of Charity follow St. Vincent DePaul's motto of service in humility, simplicity, and charity. For more information about how the LOC serve those in need, please attend the meeting or call, Leslie Charitan, LOC president, at 412-257-3117. Light refreshments will be served.



Sending of the Catechumens for Election

At the conclusion of the period of the catechumenate, a rite of sending catechumens (those who are unbaptized) to their election by the bishop takes place. It is within the parish community that the preliminary judgment is made concerning the catechumens' state of formation and progress. The rite offers the local community the opportunity to express its approval of the catechumens and to send them forth to the celebration of the election assured of the parish's care and support (RCIA 106-107). Please pray for our three catechumens, Anthony Elliott, Martin London, and Mike West, who will participate in the Rite of Sending next weekend in our parish. On Sunday, February 18, parishes across our dioceses will send their catechumens along with their sponsors to the Rite of Election at St. Paul's Cathedral with Most Reverend Bishop Zubik.



LENTEN MEAGER MEAL

Following Noon Mass on Wednesday, February 28, we will have a Lenten Meager Meal in St. Luke Hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. We will have a prayerful Lenten reflection followed by a simple meal of vegetarian soup from the Olive Garden and rolls. There is no charge for this event, but please pre-register with Laura at laura@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356, ext. 431 by Wednesday, February 21 so that we have an accurate head count. Seating is limited and reservations will be taken in the order they are received.



Our February weekend walk is on Saturday, February 24 at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Marian shrine in the Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot for our opening prayer for the intercession of St. Raphael the Archangel. We will then walk (and talk!) for 45 minutes before closing with a special prayer for the Season of Lent. All are welcome!





ASH WEDNESDAY— FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

8:30 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church10:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church12:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Liturgy of the Word and Ashes

4:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church6:30 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 Ss. Simon and February 25 St. Margaret of Scotland Church March 17 St. March 3 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church March 24 St. Elizabeth St.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

— FRIDAYS —

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

12:45 p.m. *Marian Stations of the Cross*

Ss. Simon and Jude Church

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

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 Church

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (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.
- **5.** 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.
- **6.** 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.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen. (A traditional version)



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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.

ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

(from the Rite of Penance)



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful vigils in front of abortion businesses. Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion February 14 to March 24.

On Tuesday, March 12, join with parishioners of the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel to witness and pray for an end to abortion. We have committed to four hours of peaceful prayer during the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil outside Planned Parenthood on Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. We will gather between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. that afternoon. We need to fill the entire shift, but ideally, several participants can rotate time slots of 30 minutes, one hour, or two hours during our shift. At the 40 Days Vigil, we witness peacefully, pray sincerely in fellowship with others, and provide printed resources for people who request them. Even if you can't join us at that time, please unite your prayers with us that afternoon for innocent preborn babies to have a chance to live, for women in crisis pregnancies to have the support they need to choose life, for men to embrace the role of father with love and responsibility, and for our government and society to work toward a culture of life in which the most vulnerable human beings are cherished and loved as our Creator loves them. Please help us to fill our scheduled time by contacting Laura laura@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356, ext. 431 to sign up for a time slot and/or arrange to car pool.

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!

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.

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: 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

MAGIC AND MUFFINS

ST. RAPHAEL PRE-SCHOOL AT SSJ

During the festivities celebrating Catholic Schools Week, the grandparents of our preschoolers were invited to a magic show featuring the wonderful Steve Haberman. (More pictures of Catholic Schools Week coming soon!)













ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE FISH FRY!

The first Fish Fry will be held next week, on Friday, February 16. 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 people to come in at 7:00 p.m. to help with the final cleaning of the day and tearing down tables and chairs. Remember, 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.



THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Post-holiday Report

Despite a relatively mild winter so far, we've had an increased number of requests for help with utility bills. In addition to assisting financially, we've also had success directing our neighbors in need to resources available through various agencies. The B.R.I.D.G.E. People (a local non-profit) in Carnegie has been very helpful in that regard.

The age range of the people we help is broad; from the 20s through the 80s. Recently we helped a 25-year-old who was unable to make a rental payment due to company downsizing where she held her first job. Since there would be no income from her new job for thirty days, we were able to help her avoid a default and subsequent bills.

Several times a year we are asked to help women who are relocating from a shelter for abuse or were a victim of trafficking. From baby clothes to household financial assistance, we help out in a myriad of situations and are fortunate to do so. Our most recent case was a mother of two children (one and two years old) who desperately needed furniture. We were able to help and are also trying to provide clothes for her toddlers.

We've helped with temporary transportation to work (bus passes) so people don't lose employment due to transportation issues. We even helped a neighbor secure the re-issue of a CDL (commercial driver license) after a serious injury derailed him for over a year.

So you see, your contributions help a range of people in need. We supplied almost \$9,000 of aid in January. Sometimes just a one-time "hand up" keeps people from despair or more serious financial problems. Please remember that the people we help really are our neighbors, as they all live within the boundaries of our parish.

We in the St. Raphael the Archangel Conference are continually "blown away" by your generosity and thank you with prayers of gratitude for your welfare. The next collection for St. Vincent de Paul (with special envelope) will be next weekend. Your donations will serve more neighbors in need like those mentioned here. Thank you and God bless!

—The St. Vincent de Paul Society





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

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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.

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Dinners include choice of fries OR baked potato and choice of coleslaw OR applesauce.

Served with a vinegar-based cole slaw and fries on the sandwich

kids meals

- ♦ Fish Nuggets
- Baked Fish (half piece)
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Lobster Bisque	.\$6.00
Coleslaw	
Applesauce	. \$2.25
Add cheese	. \$.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 17: 10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church February 17: 4:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church February 25: 9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

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Sick Calls

If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for the facility, or let us know so we can get you the proper spiritual care. Because of the HIPAA law, treatment facilities are not permitted to release your information to us unless you or your family give them permission to do so.

Home Visits

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

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

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

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

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

*Located at the Administration Center in the back of the building: 330 Third Avenue (rear) The street is named Barrett Way.

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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:

You must be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months before requesting sacramental sponsor forms. Please allow three weeks for completion.

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