

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

FEBRUARY 18, 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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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

MONDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

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

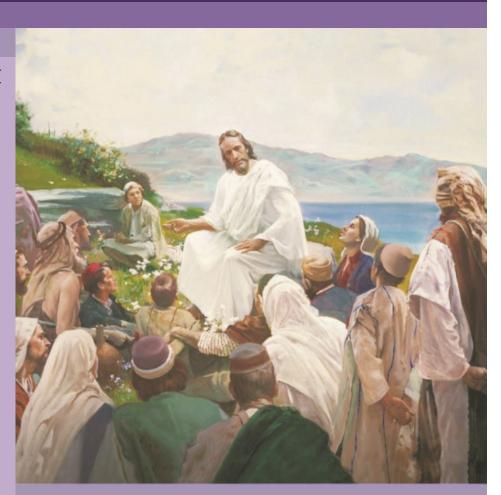
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

> 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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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
FEBRUAR'	Y 19	MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Charlotte McGervey by Janice Garrone
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Betsy Dell Pekar by the Dell Family
FEBRUAR'	Y 20	TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Marjorie Sullivan by children and grandchildren
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Edward Zbezinski III by the Hayes and Adamski Families
FEBRUAR	Y 21	WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	John Groll by the Quinn Family
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Ray Beck by Jean
FEBRUAR'	Y 22	FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER, APOSTLE
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	John A. Kuchta by daughter, Anna Marie
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Living and deceased of the Adamski Family by Marie and Wayne Hayes
FEBRUAR'	Y 23	FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Judy Suhy by the Ferrie Family
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Deceased of the Oliverio and Perry Families by Mario Oliverio
FEBRUAR'	Y 25	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
*4:00 p.m.	SSJ	Lee and Dom Nigro by Dee Heckathorn
*4:30 p.m.	SEAS	Sylvia and Walter Dlugos by family
8:00 a.m.	SMOS	People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	SEAS	David Panucci by Mary Lou and Ann
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	James Boerio by Melissa Wallace
11:00 a.m.	SSJ	John Groll by Patti and Bob Carothers

*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.

PARISH LIFE



FROM THE PASTOR

"May I never boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ! Through it, the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. It means

nothing whether one is circumcised or not. All that matters is that one is created anew." -Calatians 14-15

Congratulations to the children who had their first experience of God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend!

Special thanks to Karen Maurer and all who planned, prepared and made possible the wonderful "Mardi Gras" celebration last weekend.

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 at least once a year particularly during the span of time that began 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).

The Annual Parish Appeal, 2024 has begun. All registered households have received a letter and brochure with specifics as well as pledge card. I am grateful that many have already sent back a pledge and/or check. The monthly extraction will be \$23,247, so please do not wait to make your pledge and try not to withhold payments so that we can make the monthly expectations. A reminder that the "red" envelopes are in the pews for your use if you are a regular visitor, or parishioner who has forgotten the regular offertory envelope. On the reverse side of the APA pledge card is available space for prayer petitions. These petitions will be provided to the "Partners in Prayer" for their attention and remembered in general during the Saturday/Sunday Mass petitions.

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 the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel; 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 do not mail or DROP OFF any parish correspondence to 310 Mansfield Avenue. All parish correspondence, contributions, etc. are to be mailed to St. Raphael the Archangel Administrative Center at 330 Third Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

John Stawiarski

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 Joseph DiSarro 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 Stella Uzar by Suzanne Uzar and Kathy Uzar

At Ss. Simon and Jude Church In memory of Tony Licciardello and Maddox Carroll by Mom

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory

Required Weekly \$30,000 2/7/2024 thru 2/13/2024 \$31,351

2024 Parish Appeal

 2024 Goal
 \$278,967

 Monthly Due to the Diocese
 \$23,247

 2/7/2024 thru 2/13/2024
 \$36,221

 Received to date
 \$49,341

 Offering Needed to Meet Goal
 \$229,626

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.

LENT

PAGE 12 • Information for our Lenten journey.

WIN \$500

PAGE 15 ● Look for the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild members this week and next week and buy a chance to win a Money Tree.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

PAGE 15 ● Grades 5 through 8: come to a pizza party!

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 for Tuesday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. Please call Carol Kossler at the parish office at 412-857-5356.

ALTAR SERVERS

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

ST. JOSEPH TABLE AND LENTEN EVENT

PAGE 13 • Our annual event will be here soon. Be sure to read about it.



WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

Karlee and Austin Zurik

We're so glad you're here!

TAX INFORMATION OFFERTORY REPORTS

FOR THE 2023 TAX YEAR

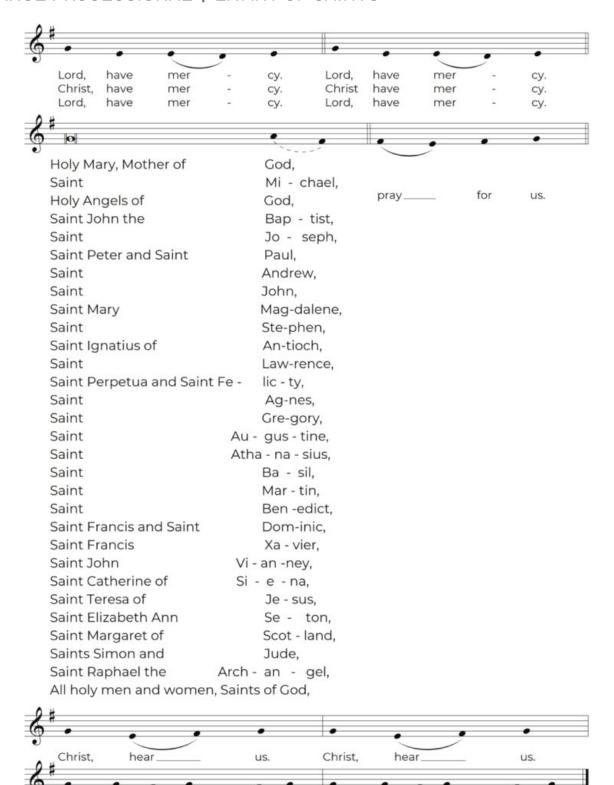
Tax statements are NOT automatically mailed to every household. To request your contribution report, click the link on our homepage, or scan the QR code.

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 this weekend is for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel. Your generous donations help us to continue our work to be the hands and feet of Christ on earth. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

ENTRANCE PROCESSIONAL | LITANY OF SAINTS



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FIRST READING | GENESIS 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark.
I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."
God added:

"This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you

and every living creature with you:
I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign
of the covenant between me and the earth.
When I bring clouds over the earth,
and the bow appears in the clouds,
I will recall the covenant I have made
between me and you and all living beings,
so that the waters shall never again become a flood
to destroy all mortal beings."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 25:4-9



Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

SECOND READING | 1 PETER 3:18-22

Beloved:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all,

were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 4:4



One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL | MARK 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

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.

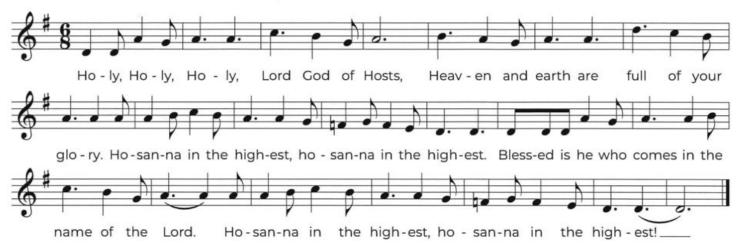
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins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

OFFERTORY HYMN | FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

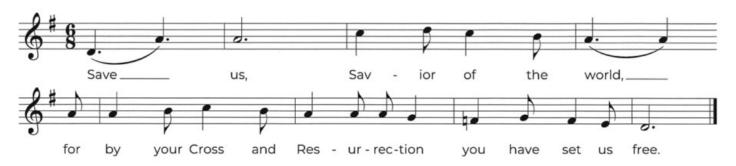


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SANCTUS / HOLY



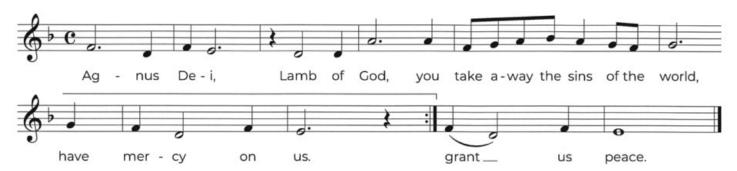
MYSTERY OF FAITH



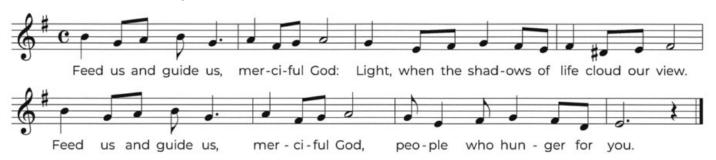
GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN | MERCIFUL GOD-FEED US AND GUIDE US

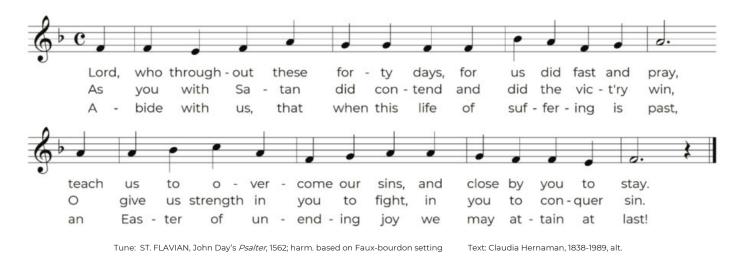


- Surely, you alone can save us. You pay our price with precious blood.
 Reaching through your great com passion. You lift up your people with love.
- 2. Surely, you alone uphold us. You give us strength for all our needs. Shielding with a father's favor, You bless us with pardon and peace.
- 3. Surely, you alone can heal us. Yours is the will to make us whole. Soothing with a mother's kindness, The contrite of heart you console.
- 4. Surely, you alone can free us. You break the bonds of guilt and sin. Bracing, till we walk uprightly, You bolster our hope once again.
- 5. Surely, you alone refine us. You give us grace for lives made new, Forging, through your fire and radiance, a sacrifice worthy for you.
- 6. Surely, you alone redeem us. You fill our dust with holy breath. Bursting from the grave in glory, You rise from the ashes of death.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN | LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS



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ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



CARING + GIVING + SERVING

Repent and believe in the gospel. -Mark 1:15

The words above from Mark's Gospel are used as one of the formulas we hear on Ash Wednesday as we are signed with ashes. Ash Wednesday, although not a Holy Day of Obligation, draws more people to our churches than any other day of the year. It is a day that even people who do not regularly attend Mass or practice their faith embrace their Catholic identity. We can't deny that the tradition of receiving ashes has made a deep impression on people.

Theologian Stephen Bullivant has studied the sociology of religion and attempted to discover reasons that people wander from their Catholic faith. He claims that the change in allowing consumption of meat on Fridays throughout the year post-Vatican II had a surprisingly major impact on the cultural identity and related conscientious practice of many Catholics. Bullivant notes that behaviors contributing to faithful Catholic practice include devotions focused on Jesus and Mary (e.g., Stations of the Cross and the Rosary) and learning about the saints and martyrs, whose holy lives and sacrifices attract people to Christian virtue.

Tradition, defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation" impacts our behavior and sense of identity. Sports teams, school districts, and corporations go to great length and expense to promote a culture that is recognizable, and in good fun or gullibility, people celebrate those entities and purchase their merchandise. Religious traditions should be at least as impactful. As Tevye, the Jewish milkman, states in the musical, Fiddler on the Roof (Book and Lyrics by S. Harnick and J. Stein), "Because of our traditions, we've kept our balance for many, many years...And because of our traditions, every one of us knows who he is and what God expects him to do."

In addition to the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we may want to consider adopting or reviving Catholic traditions in our homes and daily lives this Lent. Simple actions such as wearing a crucifix or medal, saying grace at meals, displaying holy pictures in our homes, blessing ourselves with holy water before bedtime, or reading about the saints can help to keep the practice of our faith at the forefront of our minds and remind us that we are in relationship with God every day; not just on Sunday.

Fostering "little t" traditions might instill a greater appreciation for the "big T" Tradition of the Church, handed down from the Apostles to church leaders. This Friday, February 23, we celebrate the feast of St. Polycarp, who was a disciple of the beloved Apostle, St. John. As a bishop in Asia Minor, St. Polycarp made it his mission to pass the Tradition of the Church on to others, including another bishop and saint, Irenaeus. The passing down of Tradition in the Church is key to the spread of the Gospel and adherence to the truths revealed by Jesus Christ to his Apostles. Pope Benedict XVI stated that "by the work of the Holy Spirit and under the guidance of the magisterium, the Church hands on to every generation all that has been revealed in Christ." (Verbum Domini, 18)

May the marking with the sacramental of ashes inspire all who received them to renew commitment to adhere to Catholic Tradition. We pray that both the enthusiastic and the tepid members of our Church family are moved toward greater conversion throughout the season of Lent and a sincere renewal of Baptismal promises at Easter.



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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held next Sunday, February 25 during 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church. Children in grades K through 3 are encouraged to join a priest or deacon and another adult to hear the Mass reading on an ageappropriate level. Children are dismissed prior to the first reading, and they will return to their pews after the petitions. This will be the last CLW until fall due to the Easter calendar.



Next weekend marks the last full weekend of the month. Couples who received the Sacrament of Matrimony in the month of February are invited to remain after Mass next weekend to receive a blessing. The blessings will take place after *every* Mass; no appointments or reservations are required.

Looking ahead: Since Easter falls on the last Sunday of the month, the March Anniversary Blessings have been moved to Laetare Sunday: March 10.



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 this weekend in our parish. Today, 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 this 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!



EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR: VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

— SUNDAYS 4:00 P.M. —

Ss. Simon and Jude Church February 18 February 25 St. Margaret of Scotland Church March 10 March 17

Ss. Simon and Jude Church St. Margaret of Scotland Church

March 3 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

TENEBRÆ: PASSION AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 8:00 P.M. 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.

12:45 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 Church

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.

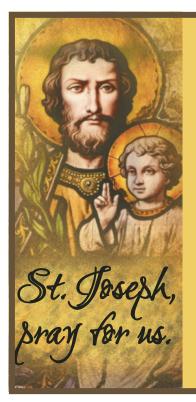
THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

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

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



ST. JOSEPH DRIVE AND LENTEN SERVICE EVENT

We will have our annual St. Joseph's Table drive this year on the weekends of March 3 and March 10. This tradition originated in Sicily when the people prayed for the intercession of St. Joseph for relief from a draught and famine. In thanksgiving for the rain and harvest that followed, the villagers collected food for those who were poor and homeless on the Feast of St. Joseph.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is during Lent on March 19. We will honor St. Joseph with a morning of prayer and service in Ss. Simon and Jude Church and Hall. Recognizing St. Joseph as Head of the Holy Family and Hope of the Sick, we will be contributing our donations and service to the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh. The Ronald McDonald House provides residence and support for families with children requiring prolonged treatment for serious illness at hospitals away from their own homes.

Parishioners of all ages are invited to join us on Saturday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Ss. Simon and Jude Church for a brief prayer service after which we will gather in the Church Hall to pack welcome bags for the families at Ronald McDonald House. We will end the morning with Fellowship and light treats. See next week's bulletin for a list of specific items needed for the families at Ronald McDonald house and instructions for donation.

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)

ST. RAPHAFI THE ARCHANGEL



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. This Lenten season, help save lives by praying for an end to abortion

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 by scheduled time 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



SPRING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Do you wish you had a safe, confidential place to share your feelings and experiences since you lost a precious person? Are you wondering if what you are going through is normal? We are offering a seven-week Bereavement Support Group to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. You are welcome to join us for prayer, support, discussion, and fellowship whether your loss was recent or not, and whether or not you have participated in a group in the past. We share experiences, information, and inspiration. The group will meet live from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on seven Thursdays: March 14 and 21; April 4, 11, 18, 25; and May 2. We will gather in the Church Hall at Ss. Simon and Jude at 1607 Greentree Road. There is no charge to participate, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Laura at 412-857-5356, ext. 431 or laura@straphaelcgs.org to register or for additional information.

WIN \$500!

All parishioners can have a chance to win the famous MONEY TREE from the Spring Fling, even if you are not attending the event.

Christian Mothers and Women's Guild members will be selling chances to win at all Masses this weekend and next weekend.

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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.

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To register, email the following information:

- Child's Name, School, Grade, Age, and Shirt Size (youth sizes S, M, L, XL)
- Parent's Name(s), Parent's Phone Number(s), Parent's Email Address(es)
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Wayne Crowe
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Call Wayne if you have questions: 412-953-6467

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL





FISH FRY

COME TO THE FISH FRY 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. Enjoy our lobster bisque, homemade cabbage and noodles, homemade macaroni and cheese, and so much more! It is 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).

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kids meals

- ♦ Fish Nuggets
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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: 4:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church February 25: 9:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church March 3: 11:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church



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.

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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:

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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