



# THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

DECEMBER 21, 2025

*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.*

## CLERGY TEAM

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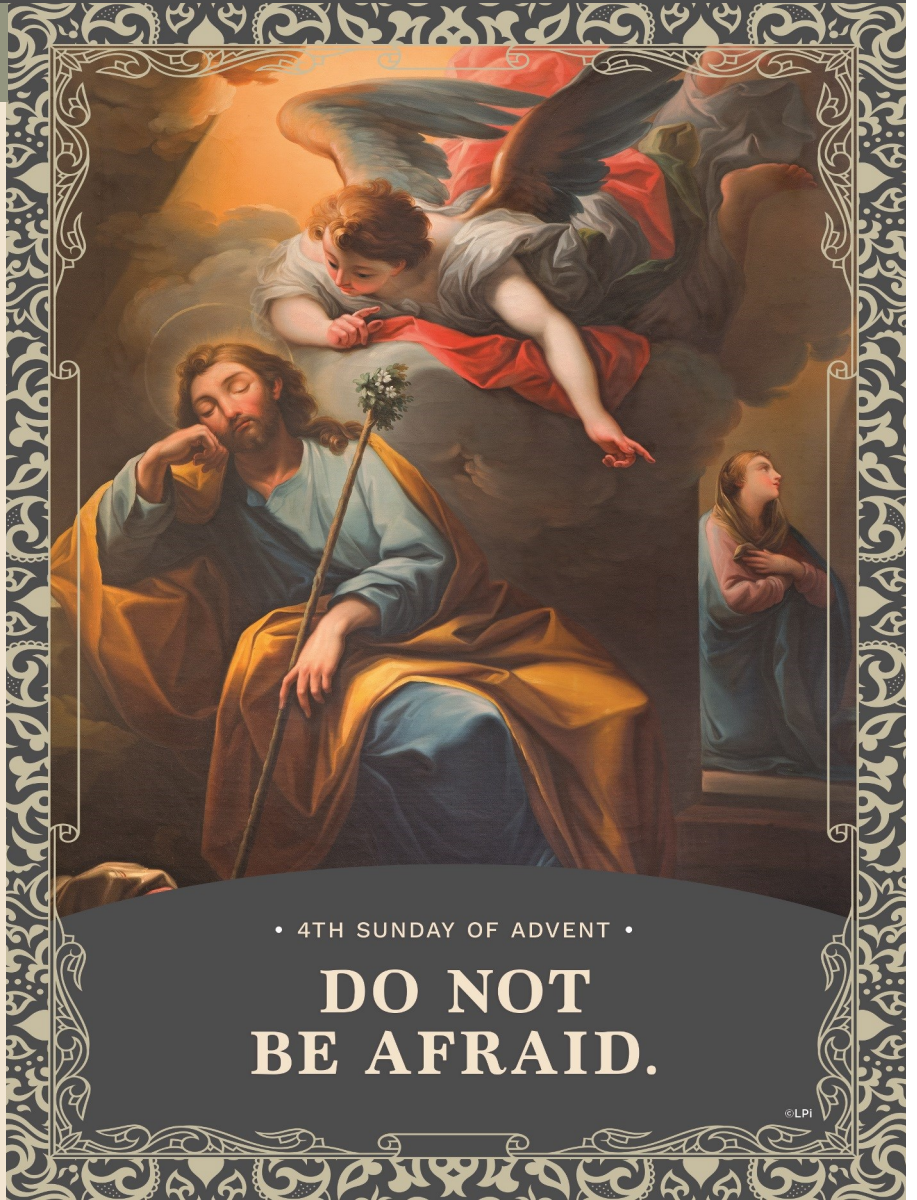
**In Residence**  
Fr. James McDonough

**Deacons**  
Dcn. Kevin Lander  
Dcn. Paul Lim  
Dcn. Jim Mackin

## 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  
**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  
**FRIDAY:** 8:30 a.m. at SMOS  
12:00 p.m. at SSJ

*This schedule does not reflect holidays or holy days.*



• 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

# DO NOT BE AFRAID.

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For church locations and staff information, see page 20.

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM:

*Canon Law (869-1)*

Parents are obligated to see to it that infants are Baptized within the first weeks after birth.

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

### 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.—

### EUCCHARIST:

Preparation for children in grades K-8, contact Sharon Smoller:

ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org

For high school students and adults,

contact Dcn. Paul Lim:

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### CONFIRMATION:

Preparation for children in grades 6-8, contact Sharon Smoller:

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For high school students and adults,

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### MARRIAGE:

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

### HOLY ORDERS:

If you are discerning the call to priesthood and are seeking more information, talk to one of our priests or visit pghpriest.com.

### 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.

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

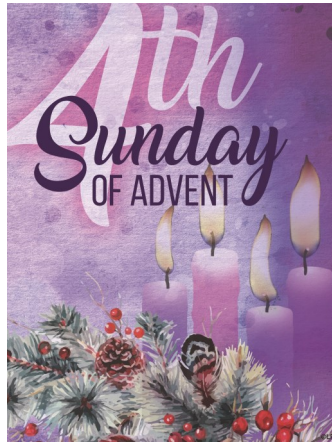
	SEAS St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	SMOS St. Margaret of Scotland Church	SSJ Ss. Simon and Jude Church
<b>DECEMBER 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>			
SSJ	*4:00 p.m.	Marco Zingrone by Nunny	
SEAS	*4:30 p.m.	Frank Capezio by his wife, Barbara, and family	
SMOS	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Robert Herrmann by Dan Herrmann and family	
SEAS	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
SMOS	10:00 a.m.	Thomas Quinn by family	
SSJ	11:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Luke by family	
<b>DECEMBER 22 MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT</b>			
SSJ	8:30 a.m.	Thomas F. Shanahan by Nancy Morgan	
SEAS	12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth, Thomas Jr., and William Marszalek by Mary Ann Marszalek	
<b>DECEMBER 23 TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT</b>			
SMOS	8:30 a.m.	Edward Peduzzi by Rosemary and Ralph Vitt	
SSJ	12:00 p.m.	Ronnie Russitano Jr. by his parents, Carol and Ron	
<b>DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE — THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>			
SEAS	4:00 p.m.	Members of the Arcangelo Society	
SMOS	4:00 p.m.	Ronald Ferrie by his wife, Lois, and family	
SSJ	4:00 p.m.	Kitty and Jim Walther by the Walther Family	
SMOS	10:30 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mazur by Edmund Gaskill and Ron Mazur	
<b>DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY — THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>			
SSJ	8:00 a.m.	John Groll Jr. by family	
SMOS	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
SEAS	11:00 a.m.	Josephine and Walter Jagielski by Victoria	
<b>DECEMBER 26 FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR</b>			
SSJ	12:00 p.m.	Mary Zychowski by her daughter, Stephanie Raffa	
<b>DECEMBER 28 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</b>			
SSJ	*4:00 p.m.	James Harrison by his wife, Darlene	
SEAS	*4:30 p.m.	Bertha Bobak by her daughter, Johnette	
SMOS	8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
SEAS	9:00 a.m.	Antonette Miller by Sue Allen and family	
SMOS	10:00 a.m.	Amy Nagorski Carmichael by Rose Dobis	
SSJ	11:00 a.m.	Sam Licciardello by family	

\* *anticipated Mass*

FROM THE PASTOR

“Let Mary’s soul be in each of you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Let her spirit be in each to rejoice in the Lord. Christ has only one mother in the flesh, but we all bring forth Christ in faith. Every soul receives the Word of God if only it keeps chaste, remaining pure and free from sin, its modesty undefiled. The soul that succeeds in this proclaims the greatness of the Lord, just as Mary’s soul magnified the Lord and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior.

—Saint Ambrose, Commentary of the Gospel of Saint Luke



In these final days before the Christmas celebration, be sure to take time to stop and quietly reflect on the spiritual purpose of all of the preparations. May we all experience the joy of heart and thankfulness to God that Mary expressed when she was chosen to bring our Savior into this world.

The priests are truly grateful for all of the greetings, cards, and gifts received during the holiday time. God bless you for your generosity!



**ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

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

In each church you will find in the pews, or on the bulletin tables, the purple “Debt Reduction” envelopes. Feel free to make use of those or the one already included in your monthly envelope packet. *A reminder that the offerings to assist in the debt reduction should not replace your regular offertory gifts.*

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

Margaret Abramowicz  
Richard Weikel

Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:



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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Emma Allshouse       | The Looman Family     |
| Ann Amoroso          | Peter Paul Lyle III   |
| George Bado          | Mary Ann Macino       |
| Charlene Barry       | Arch MacLennan        |
| Patrick Barry        | Penny Mahoney         |
| Bob Bartell          | Kay Mannarino         |
| Emilia Bentley       | Lucille Marabito      |
| June Bentley         | Harry Martorella      |
| Kelly Bittner        | Marlene Martorella    |
| Alexander Boankrah   | Carl Masciola         |
| Gina Burton          | Kathy Masko           |
| Pete Caligiuri       | Kathy McGann          |
| Elisa Carsia         | Marlane Mensor        |
| Evelyn Christopher   | Cathy Militzer        |
| Joann Ciccone        | Joyce Mostoway        |
| Lorraine Contristano | Pat Murdzak           |
| Gina Dangelico       | Joan Pandolph         |
| Joanne Dato          | Linda Perris          |
| Antoinette DePofi    | Nancy Pistella        |
| Joseph DiSarro       | Diane Pritchard       |
| Betty Dunner         | Dolores Quinn         |
| Stephanie Fahnestock | Roseanne Rathlage     |
| Vicky Feeney         | Bob Recaldini         |
| Lois Ferrie          | Joe Redlinger         |
| Rosemary Ferruzza    | Joann Redondo         |
| Gabriel Fontana      | Florinda Rosemeyer    |
| Delores Franchot     | Helen Salamon         |
| Michelle Frego       | Charmaine Sample      |
| Karen Fromme         | Andrew Patrick Schade |
| William Gabella      | Margery Schell        |
| Jane Gardner         | John Schenk           |
| Edmund Gaskill       | Joe Schmitt           |
| Donna Giudice        | Mary Patricia Schnars |
| Joseph M. Granata    | Marilyn Schwab        |
| Mark Hagelauer       | Kathleen Shilling     |
| Linda Harrity        | Betsy Snatchko        |
| Bobbi Henry          | Genevieve Sonson      |
| Lucille Herman       | Edie Sortwell         |
| Joan Kostas Hester   | Mildred Spezialetti   |
| Debi Horn            | Teresa Stacy          |
| Sharon Hwilka        | Bob Super             |
| Charlotte Kapton     | Ed Super              |
| Anna Mary Karpinski  | Theresa Tapper        |
| William Karpinski    | Jerry Tokar           |
| Joanne Keating       | Allen Turske          |
| Lori Krally          | Patricia Turske       |
| Danielle Kramer      | Ron Vercammen         |
| Maureen Krichbaum    | Penny Verow           |
| Veronica Kujawski    | Louis Walsh           |
| Joyce Kurelis        | Mary Kay Walsh        |
| Jackie Kushner       | Karen Westlock        |
| Pauline Kyle         | Bernice Zyzak         |
| John Linn            |                       |

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

If you would like to be added to our prayer listing, please contact Mary Kay Smith: [mksmith@straphaelcgs.org](mailto:mksmith@straphaelcgs.org). **Unless notified, names are removed after five years.** Due to privacy issues, you may not submit names on behalf of others without consent or legal right to do so.



At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
in memory of the deceased of the  
**Kaczmariski Family**  
Requested by family

At St. Margaret of Scotland Church  
in loving memory of



**Joseph Kenny**  
6-6 -1926 — 12-21-2012  
Requested by  
his wife, Nancy

At Ss. Simon and Jude Church  
in memory of the deceased of the  
**Shalamon and Kocak Families**  
Requested by Bob and Joe Shalamon



# UPCOMING EVENTS

◆ Find more information where page number is listed.

## 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 Monday, December 29 at 6:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. To register, please call the parish office at 412-857-5356.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHT SPECTACULAR

Page 18 ◆ All ages will love the free light show right here in our parish! You've got to see it!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Page 13 ◆ All students in grades six through eight are invited to a Christmas party.

## PURSE RAFFLE

Page 13 ◆ We're putting some fun in fundraiser. Get your tickets now!

## ROSARY AGAINST VIOLENCE

Come join us every Wednesday after the noon Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for the recitation of the Rosary Against Violence. We'll meet again on January 7. Join us.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Offertory

Required Weekly	\$33,000
Received 12/03/2025 thru 12/09/2025	
Envelopes and loose cash	\$20,000
Online offertory	\$6,808
<u>Total Offertory</u>	
<u>Immaculate Conception Shrine</u>	<u>\$3,006</u>

### 2025 Parish Appeal

2025 Goal	\$299,386
Monthly due to the Diocese	\$24,949
12/03/2025 thru 12/09/2025	\$5,297
Received to date	\$435,639
<u>Goal Excess</u>	<u>\$136,253</u>

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](http://straphaelcgs.org).

*The churches are listed alphabetically in this bulletin and online.*

Unless otherwise noted, the bulletin deadline is Monday at Noon. See holiday deadlines (right).

Email: [mksmith@straphaelcgs.org](mailto:mksmith@straphaelcgs.org)

## SECOND COLLECTION ON CHRISTMAS

The Second Collection on Christmas is the annual Christmas Charities Collection for Children and Youth.

**There is only one Mass the day after Christmas.  
It will be held at noon at Ss. Simon and Jude Church.**

### UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES

News and articles due on or before	Bulletin Date	completed
Thursday, November 20	Christmas	×
Monday, December 15	December 28	×
Wednesday, December 17	January 4	×

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.

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## ENTRANCE HYMN | O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,  
O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se's stem, From ev - 'ry foe de-liv - er them  
O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of hu - man-kind;  
that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God\_\_ ap-pear.  
That trust thy might-y pow'r\_\_ to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er\_\_ the grave.  
O bid our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be for us our King\_\_ of Peace.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, French 15th C, adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890 Text: Veni, Veni Emmanuel, Latin 9th C, trans John Neale, 1818-1866, © 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

## 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.

Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer-cy. Chri - ste e - le - i - son,  
Christ, have mer-cy. Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Lord, have mer-cy.

## FIRST READING | ISAIAH 7: 10-14

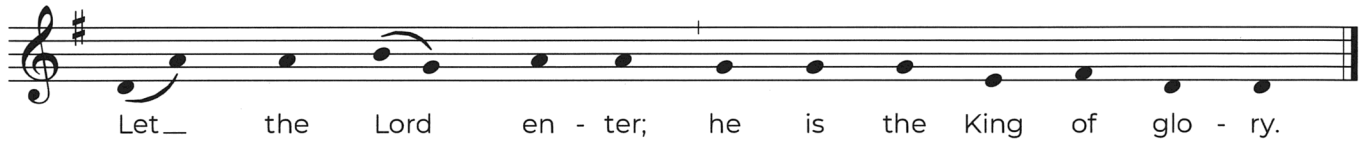
The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"  
Then Isaiah said:

Listen, O house of David!  
Is it not enough for you to weary people,  
must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 24: 1-6



The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

Who can ascend the mountain of the  
LORD? or who may stand in his holy  
place? One whose hands are sinless,  
whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain.

He shall receive a blessing from the  
LORD, a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

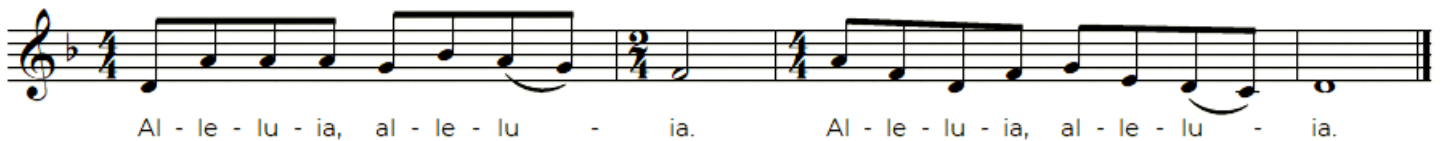
## SECOND READING | ROMANS 1: 1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,  
called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God,  
which he promised previously through his  
prophets in the holy Scriptures,  
the gospel about his Son, descended from  
David according to the flesh,  
but established as Son of God in power  
according to the Spirit of holiness  
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,  
to bring about the obedience of faith,

for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,  
among whom are you also,  
who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;  
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | MATTHEW 1: 23



A virgin will give birth to a son, His name shall be Emmanuel: God is with us.

## GOSPEL | MATTHEW 1: 18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.  
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,  
but before they lived together,  
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.  
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,  
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,  
decided to divorce her quietly.  
Such was his intention when, behold,  
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,  
"Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.  
For it is through the Holy Spirit  
that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,  
because he will save his people from their sins."  
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through  
the prophet:  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
When Joseph awoke,  
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him  
and took his wife into his home.

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

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## 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 | SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME



Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.  
Not by hu - man flesh and blood, But the Spir - it of our God,  
Won - drous birth! O won - drous child Of the Vir - gin un - de - filed!  
From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, Back to God his path - way leads,  
Bright - ly does Christ's man - ger shine, Glo - rious is its light di - vine.



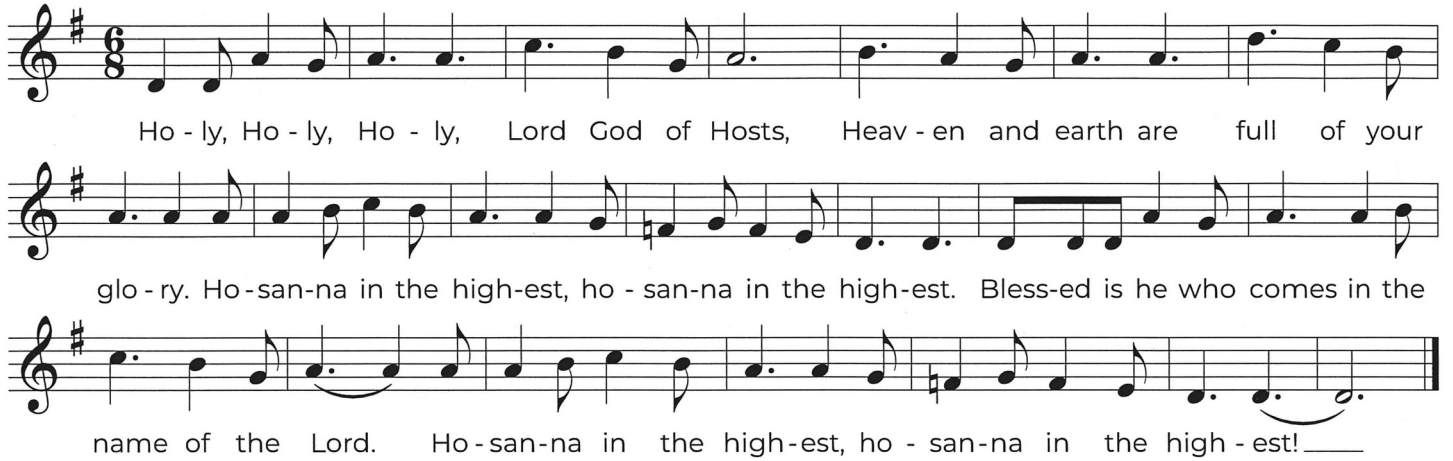
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Was the word of God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
Ve - ry God, and Ma - ry's son, Ea - ger now his race to run!  
Out to van - quish death's com - mand, Back to reign at God's right hand.  
Night can - not this light sub - due, Let our faith shine ev - er new.

Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, Wittenberg, 1524  
Text: Veni Redemptor Gentium, ascribed to St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397, trans. by Wm. Reynolds © 2006, Augsburg Press



# THE ORDER OF MASS

## SANCTUS / HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts, Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est! \_\_\_\_

## MYSTERY OF FAITH



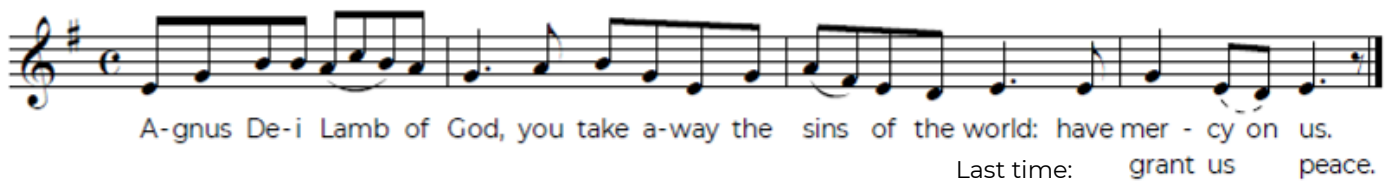
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -  
fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain!

## GREAT AMEN



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men!

## AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



A - gnus De - i Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Last time: grant us peace.

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## COMMUNION HYMN | MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you, our hope reborn in dying and in rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain, open to us the pathway of your peace.
5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us, let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of his hand.
6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens, Creator of the mountains and the seas, Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

Tune: Marty Haugen. Text: Psalm 95 and 'O' Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, © 2005, GIA Publications, Inc.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN | O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH!



O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day  
O come in peace and meek - ness, for low - ly will your cra - dle be:



when hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way. —  
though clothed in hu - man weak - ness, we shall your God - head see. —



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, and bid us



hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence



waits the day when hope shall sing its tri - umph, and sad - ness flee a - way!

Tune: VENEZ DIVIN MESSIE, French Carol, 16th C, harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968 © 1958, The Basilica Fathers  
Text: Venez Divin Messie; Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745, trans by Mary of St. Philip, SND, 1825-1904

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## THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

**4:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**

—with the Contemporary Choir  
choral prelude begins at 3:30 p.m.

**4:00 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church**

**4:00 p.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church**

—with Brass Choir

**10:30 p.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church**

—with the Parish Choir and Brass Choir  
Carol concert starts at 10:00 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**8:00 a.m. Ss. Simon and Jude Church**

**10:00 a.m. St. Margaret of Scotland Church**

**11:00 a.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church**

—with the Bell Choir



*The Nativity of the Lord*



No sessions will be held December 24 and December 31. Sessions resume January 7 in the Parish Life Center from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

On the last Sunday of each month during 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, children in grades K - 3 will be invited to the cry room following the opening prayer or "Collect" to listen to the Sunday readings and homily on an age-appropriate level led by a deacon (if scheduled) and accompanied by another adult. Children will return to their pews to participate in the Offertory Hymn and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held  
next Sunday, December 28.

 **Caring Corner** by Laura O'Keefe

**CARING + GIVING + SERVING**



The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home." – *Matthew 1:20*

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear of an angel appearing to St. Joseph as he dreamt. The message before the birth of Jesus was a comforting one that he need not fear because Mary was going to bear the Savior of his people. When Joseph awoke from sleep, he was ready to act with resolve and peace upon the will of God communicated to him in his dream by the angelic messenger.

Many classic Christmas stories center around sleep and dreams. The children in *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* sleep "while visions of sugar plums dance in their heads." In *The Nutcracker*, Clara's toy nutcracker comes to life at the stroke of midnight and leads her into magical adventures. In *The Polar Express*, a train transports children to the North Pole on Christmas Eve, and one boy is left with a special token from Santa to strengthen his belief. Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve who lead him to convert from his miserly ways in *A Christmas Carol*. These secular tales of fantasy draw our attention to the specialness of Christmas Eve and the excitement, joy, and wonder it awakens in us from the time we are children.

At Christmas, we can reflect on all the lessons conveyed in the stories of Christmas Eve dreams. We should be excited like children going to sleep on Christmas Eve because we are celebrating the Incarnation of the Son of God and awaiting His return! Because ancient prophecies were fulfilled in God coming to life, we are assured, like Clara in *The Nutcracker*, that he is with us on the adventures, good and bad, of this life and there is a more special place awaiting us. Like the boy in *The Polar Express*, we pray never to lose our faith. As Scrooge learned, we must be grateful for blessings even when inevitable disappointment and loss occur and must seek to share our blessings with others.

In order to ensure that we learn and live these lessons, we can turn to St. Joseph and his unfailing trust and obedience in God's plan for him and his love of Jesus and Mary. In these last days of preparation before Christmas, consider praying the Prayer to Sleeping St. Joseph.

O Saint Joseph, you are a man greatly favored by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector. Dear Saint Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident of his absolute power and goodness, look upon me. Please take my need into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son. Help me then, good Saint Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise, and act with love. I praise and thank God with joy. Saint Joseph, I love you. Amen.



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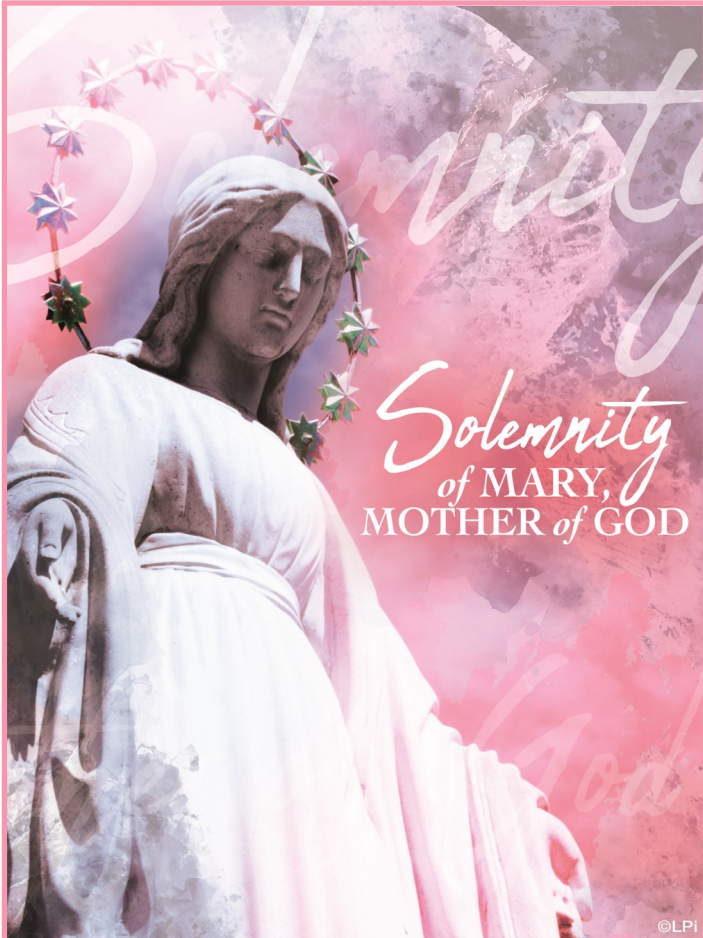
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**JANUARY 1**  
**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Mass Schedule:**

Wednesday, December 31  
4:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Thursday, January 1  
8:00 a.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church  
10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church  
11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church


**HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSING**

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24 and will remain closed until January 5.

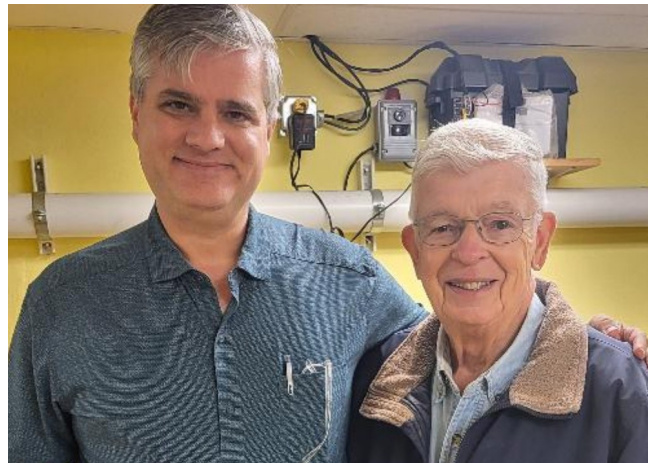
**Pray the NOVENA**  
beginning December 26.

As we approach the fifth anniversary of the founding of our parish, we ask that every parishioner take just a minute each day and add to their daily prayers our Novena to St. Raphael the Archangel.

The novena will be found in the Christmas bulletin, and at [straphaelcgs.org](http://straphaelcgs.org). This special devotion contains prayers specifically for the needs of our parish family. There is also a place dedicated to add your own intentions as well.



**Please pray with us.**



**Many thanks!**

We are grateful to all of our Food Pantry volunteers (and the seminarians) who selflessly serve the people in need in our communities. Special thanks to Ampco Pittsburgh/ Union Electric Steel Corporation for the very generous monetary donation to the St. Raphael Food Pantry. Pictured above is Roscoe Carrier, CIO at Ampco Pittsburgh and VP of Finance at Union Electric, giving the donation to parishioner and Food Pantry volunteer, Bob Greek.

# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## PURSE RAFFLE

Win brand new designer handbags from Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Coach, Dooney and Bourke, Ralph Lauren, and more!

**Tickets are on sale now!** The cost is \$20 for a dual-numbered ticket that is valid for the entire month of February. Winners are determined by the PA Lottery's Evening Pick 3. If one of the numbers on your ticket matches the drawn number, you win the purse (or purses) designated for that day. These tickets make a great last-minute Christmas gift!

Get your tickets at the parish office, or after the final song at any Mass with the Contemporary Choir. We may add selling dates in January based on the number of tickets still available. Watch the bulletin for news.

*Complete rules are listed on the ticket. See the purses online now at [straphaelcgs.org](http://straphaelcgs.org).*

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following business and organizations for their support in this Capital Campaign Fundraiser:

Green Tree Auto Body

Sahaira Beauty Salon

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The Parish Choir

L. Thomas Body Shop & Towing, Inc.

The Contemporary Choir

A huge thanks to the **many** parishioners who donated. When we started, we thought we wouldn't be able to fill the calendar (and certainly not before Christmas). Once again, the generosity and kindness of our parish family came through beyond our expectations. We are so grateful. Get your tickets before it's too late, and remember, because it is a Capital Campaign fundraiser, each dollar raised with this raffle will be doubled.

*Note: If you were too late to donate to this fundraiser (who knew?), please keep watching the bulletin for more ways to get involved.*

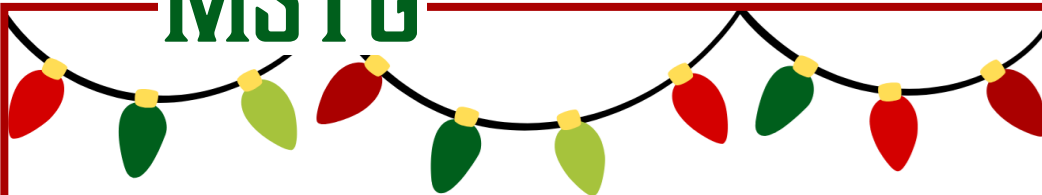
*Enthronement of the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus*



The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a long-standing tradition that offers families and individuals an opportunity to begin or enrich a devotion to Christ under that esteemed title "Sacred Heart." As this year marks the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Christ to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, I would like to offer the opportunity for parishioners to schedule a visit by one of the priests or deacons for a short ceremony in your home that includes the blessing and "enthronement" of an image of the Sacred Heart (you may already have a picture or statue - if not, we will provide you a picture suitable for framing); prayers of blessing and consecration; and act of reparation. This will be an ongoing opportunity.

Schedule an appointment on our homepage, or call Fr. Grecco: 412-857-5356, ext. 412.

# MSYG



The Middle School Youth Group will meet in Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall, on Sunday, December 28, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for our Christmas party (music, games, food, and cheer).

Students in grades six to eight are encouraged to bring a gender-neutral \$5 gift to participate in our gift exchange games.

Permission slips are a must and can be found under the education tab on the parish website, or just scan the QR code for your copy. Questions can be directed to Kate Bays at 412-200-0122.



**Parents, please text an RSVP to Kate on behalf of your student.**  
*Parents with clearances are encouraged to stay and volunteer to help.*

# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## PARKING ETIQUETTE FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and parking lots

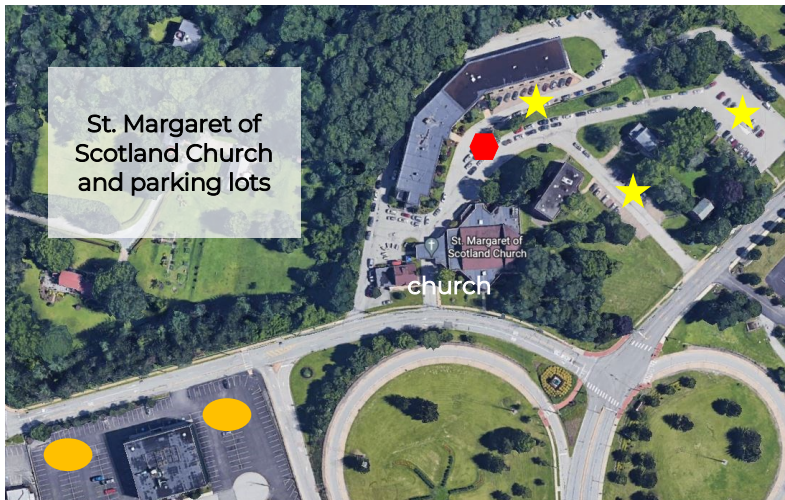
- ★ Our parking lots
- Additional parking
- ⬡ Areas of concern

Our churches each have enough parking spaces to accommodate parishioners. It is only when people park selfishly that we lose precious spaces in our lots. Do not be that person.

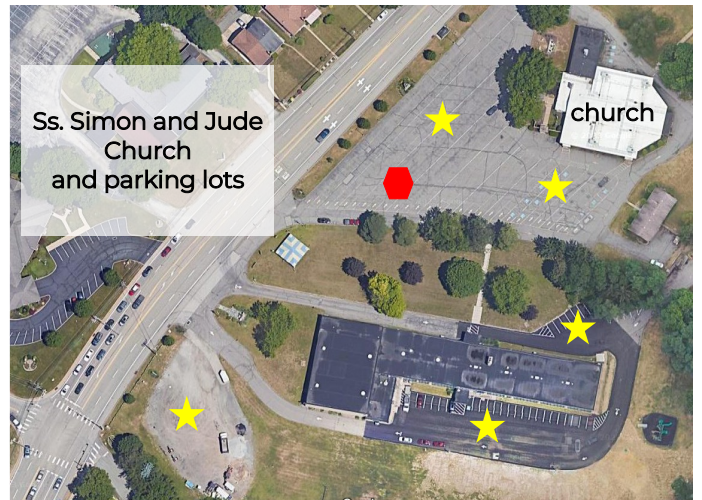
### At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

For Weekend Masses and Holy Days, fill in every row in the main parking lot (corner of 3rd Avenue and 4th Street). *The lanes with arrows are to remain open on weekdays only. Pull all the way up to the car in front of you.* Leave no gaps. If you do not have the few minutes that it takes to exit the parking lot, then do not park in the lot and use on-street parking being careful not to block driveways. There is an additional parking lot on the corner of 3rd Street and 2nd Avenue. It is one short block from the church. We own a few spaces on Barrett Way behind the church, too.

● Parking is also usually available next to the Fire Station (one long block from the church in Bagnato Funeral Home lot). ⬡ Please do not park in Leo Greta's parking lot on the corner of Main Street and 3rd Street. ⬡ It is not recommended to park at the borough building. There is not a safe path to the stoplight to cross the four-lane roadway.



St. Margaret of Scotland Church and parking lots



Ss. Simon and Jude Church and parking lots

### At St. Margaret of Scotland Church

We have room for two rows of cars going up the driveway. ⬡ DO NOT start a second row and leave an empty space against the curb. If you can't parallel park in the empty space, move on.

As a courtesy, able-bodied folks should leave the level parking near the school for those who may have difficulty walking up the driveway to the other lots.

Please pay attention to the signage! Do not block traffic by parking behind the school improperly. Do not park in the clergy spaces. ● If using the Fleet Street Lot, please use the crosswalk and exercise caution when crossing the street.

### At Ss. Simon and Jude Church

All lanes in the parking lot must be filled in as you arrive. You **must pull all the way up to the car in front of you in the lot.** **Big gaps and spaces eat up our precious parking spots.** ⬡ DO NOT PARK IN THE BACK OF THE LOT UNLESS IT IS THE ONLY OPTION! Failure to pull all the way in results in many, many spaces left empty in the middle of the lot. Don't be that person. It is Christmas. We have requested police support to help empty the lot in a timely manner.

Most of all, be kind, be patient, and help one another. Welcome our guests with smiles. You have probably experienced worse traffic at sporting events or concerts than you will on Christmas at church. To help with the number of cars, consider a carpool with family, friends, or neighbors.



### NOTICE IN ADVANCE

The Christmas bulletin had to be sent to the printer by December 3. Flower dedications received before Thanksgiving will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. This deadline was noted in the November bulletins. Dedications received after Thanksgiving through December 12 will be listed in the December 28 bulletin. Any requests received after December 12 will be published in January bulletins.

If you submitted a flower donation envelope or online request before December 13 and your dedication is not in the Christmas or the December 28 bulletin, please contact Mary Kay Smith: [mksmith@straphaelcgs.org](mailto:mksmith@straphaelcgs.org) or 412-857-5356 ext. 422.



### ST. STEPHEN FEAST DAY DECEMBER 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow. ©LPI

CELEBRATING OUR  
**5th**  
ANNIVERSARY

Three Kings. Five Years. One Saint.  
January 4, 2026

**Come and celebrate!**

This year, the Epiphany of the Lord will coincide with our parish's five-year anniversary and the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (though we believe St. Elizabeth would encourage us to focus on the other events).

Please join us at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Our combined choirs will be present to lead the music.

After Mass, we invite everyone to gather for coffee and donuts in Holy Family Hall (the narthex).

**Upcoming Anniversary Luncheon**

We are planning a special Anniversary Luncheon to be held in the Spring. Details will be shared soon.

We look forward to celebrating these meaningful occasions with our parish community. Your presence will make the day even more special.



The happiest of birthdays and God's blessings to **Stephanie Raffa** who, this weekend (December 20), celebrates being **101 years young.**

**JESUS,  
GIVE  
ME  
THE  
FAITH  
OF ST. JOSEPH**



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Matthew 1:18-24

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home"** (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

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## TITHING VS. STEWARDSHIP

### Question:

What is the difference between tithing and stewardship?

### Answer:

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God. ©LPi

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The name Emmanuel means, "God is with us." This is a title we use for Jesus frequently during the Advent and Christmas season, but its impact should stay with us throughout the year. The Incarnation, God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ, broke into our world in a profound manner that means that God is not only with us, God is us. The relationship offered to you and me by God is now more intimate and meaningful because of the birth of Jesus Christ.

God is truly with us, and our goal is to be truly present to Him at all times. To be *prayerful* is an important characteristic of an Everyday Steward. It means more than reciting prayers and setting aside ten minutes a day. Our goal is to experience the presence of God throughout the day in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of living. Offering all the actions and moments of the day to God as we awake, and then examining our day before we go to sleep at night, help lead us closer toward that goal.

When we begin to sense God's presence at all times, and we realize that being with God does not mean one of us has to be talking all the time, then we can truly attest to our reality in a quiet voice at any time, "Emmanuel, God is with us."

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We are still seeking sponsors for Christmas brass musicians. Please contact the music office, or speak to Fr. Grecco, if you are able to help. If you wish, you can donate in memory of your loved ones.

You are also welcome to drop your donation in the collection basket. Be sure to place it in an envelope clearly labeled "Christmas Brass."

Thank you in advance.  
—Béla Pater  
bpater@straphaelcgs.org



**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS  
AND WOMEN'S GUILD**

Many, many thanks to Maria DeFelice and Angela Verbene for chairing the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild Christmas Party once again. They worked tirelessly cooking and setting up the room, and we truly appreciate their hard work and the delicious dinner they made. Thanks, too, Darlene Gaudelli, Maria Walther, Donna Pencosky, and all who made appetizers and desserts. Special thanks to Georgeann Danzuso for the beautiful centerpieces/door prizes. It was a fun evening enjoyed by all who attended.

A graphic for 'CHRISTMAS LIGHT SPECTACULAR' featuring a large white star at the top with blue and green light beams radiating downwards. The text 'CHRISTMAS LIGHT SPECTACULAR' is written in large, blue, dotted letters. The entire graphic is framed by a black border with a row of small teal dots.

**Don't miss it!**

The 2025 Christmas Light Spectacular is here! The Ss. Simon and Jude Church parking lot has been transformed into an amazing musical Christmas Light Display with dancing lights, music, Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Mrs. Claus, some Elves, and more. You can see the display every night from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m.

This VERY FAMILY FRIENDLY show is about 60 minutes in length and is looped continuously so you can drive in anytime, and you will not miss anything! Stay as long as you like, and come back as many times as you want – **it's FREE!** The show is broadcast on FM Radio channel 96.7, so all you have to do is park your car and turn on your radio to see and hear this amazing light show!

Make sure to tell all your friends, family, and every little one you know about the fabulous Christmas Light Spectacular Show! Hope to see you there!

# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

### FOR CATHOLICS

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, **participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour.** A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

### FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

### FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

### FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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## CHOIR SCHEDULE

### December 21

Contemporary Choir: 9:00 a.m. SEAS

Parish Choir: 11:00 a.m. SSJ

*See page 10 for the Christmas schedule.*

### December 28

Contemporary Choir: 9:00 a.m. SEAS

Bell Choir: 10:00 a.m. SMOS (the Parish Choir has the weekend off)

*Note: The music for the Contemporary Choir Masses can be found in a bulletin supplement at the entrance(s) of the church.*



## HERE FOR YOU

*Mercy in Action*

### 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.

### 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.

### Penance

Saturdays: 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*  
1st & 3rd Wed.: 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.  
*Ss. Simon and Jude Church*

## SCHOOLS

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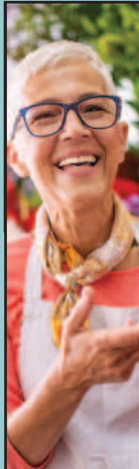
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