



THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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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Dcn. Paul Lim
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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

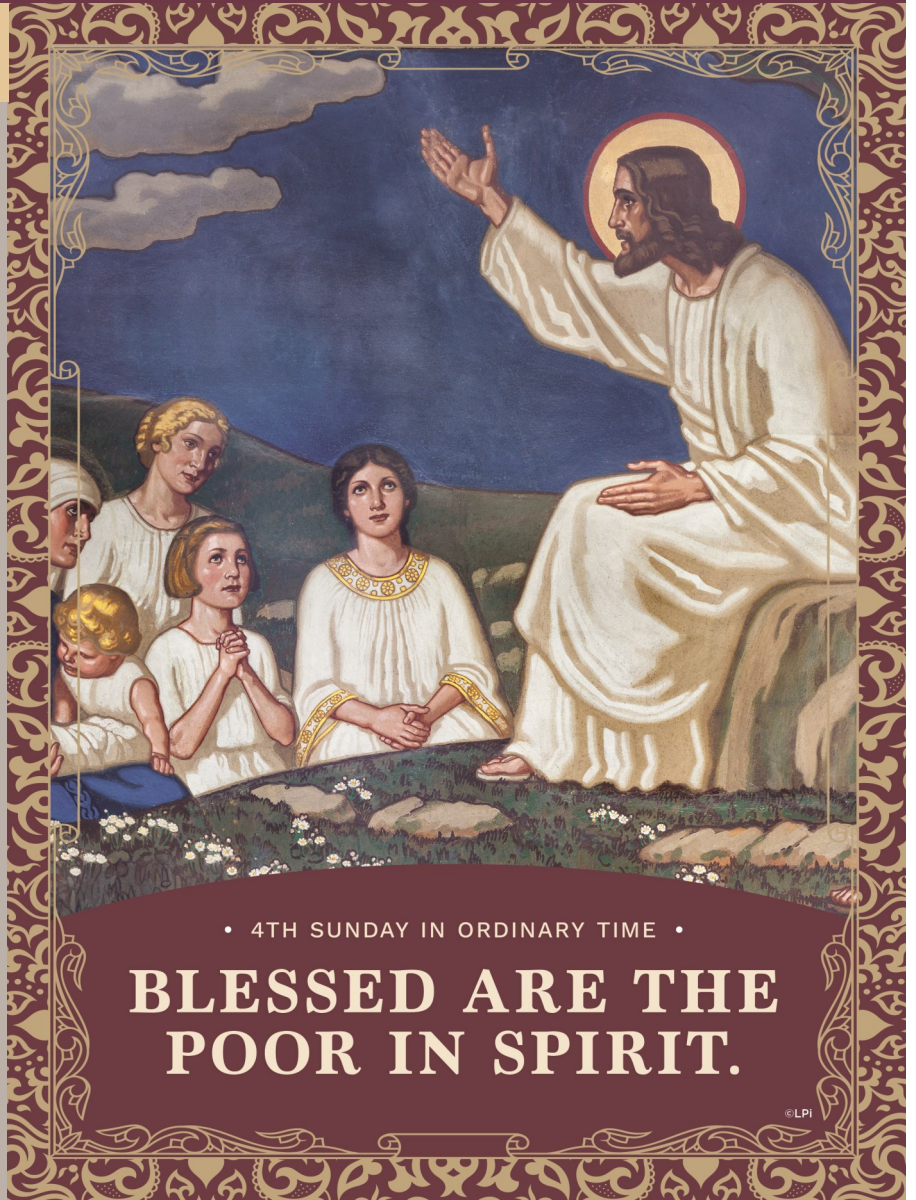
TUESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS
12:00 p.m. at SSJ

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 IN ORDINARY TIME •

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT.

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For church locations and staff information, see page 20.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

(Canon Law 867 §1)

Parents are obligated to see to it that infants are Baptized within the first few 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:

pLim@diopitt.org

CONFIRMATION:

Preparation for children in grades 6-8,

contact Sharon Smoller:

ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org

For high school students and adults,

contact Dcn. Paul Lim:

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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

** anticipated Mass*

SEAS St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church		SMOS St. Margaret of Scotland Church		SSJ Ss. Simon and Jude Church	
FEBRUARY 1 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
SSJ	*4:00 p.m.	Mike Robinson by Sue Reed			
SEAS	*4:30 p.m.	John Zajicek by his wife, children, and grandchildren			
SMOS	8:00 a.m.	Lorraine K. Wahl by Rick Canello			
SEAS	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish			
SMOS	10:00 a.m.	Pasquale Gentile Sr. by Sandy and Pat Gentile			
SSJ	11:00 a.m.	Rebecca Ann Schmid by Mom, Dad, and family			
FEBRUARY 2 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD					
SSJ	8:30 a.m.	Eugene Palombi by the Brickley Family			
SEAS	12:00 p.m.	Rita Mae Wade by her husband, Robert			
FEBRUARY 3 TUESDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME					
SMOS	8:30 a.m.	Patrick King by Rosie and Ralph Vitt			
SSJ	12:00 p.m.	Vincent Leonette by his wife, Mel			
FEBRUARY 4 WEDNESDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME					
SSJ	8:30 a.m.	Frances and Steve Ostrowski by the Walther Family			
SEAS	12:00 p.m.	Marion McElwee by Dorothy Gardner			
FEBRUARY 5 MEMORIAL OF ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR					
SSJ	8:30 a.m.	Deceased of the Reffert and Truxell Families by Terri and Jeff Reffert			
SEAS	12:00 p.m.	Nellie and James Reale by Joan Reale			
FEBRUARY 6 MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS					
SMOS	8:30 a.m.	Villa and Carsia Families by Elisa and Bruce Carsia			
SSJ	12:00 p.m.	Mario Oliverio by Nancy and Joe Redlinger			
FEBRUARY 8 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
SSJ	*4:00 p.m.	Maura Grace Schwab by her mother, Marilyn			
SEAS	*4:30 p.m.	Mary Katherine Scalerico by J. Murphy			
SMOS	8:00 a.m.	Douglas Walls by loving family			
SEAS	9:00 a.m.	Robert Kinzler by family			
SMOS	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish			
SSJ	11:00 a.m.	Mario and Kathryn Oliverio by Terri and Jeff Reffert			

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.

**no confessions on Ash Wednesday

FROM THE PASTOR

“If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently....” —St. Thomas Aquinas




The “Called by Name” program is Bishop Eckman’s effort to raise awareness of the great need for more priests to serve the diocese and to strongly encourage more young men to recognize the sacred Call in their lives. Please make use of the cards situated in the pews to make the bishop aware of someone who has impressed you with the qualities needed to serve as a Priest of Jesus Christ. The cards can be placed

in the collection basket or dropped off/mailed to the parish office. Father Dan and I are always happy to discuss the Priestly Vocation that we have recognized and accepted in our own lives with young men of the parish who have questions.

You will find on page 18 the “Prayer for Vocations.” Please consider cutting it out and placing it with your daily prayer routine.

If you keep a regular eye on the “Stewardship” column in the weekly bulletin you know that we have completed the 2025 “Annual Parish Appeal” with an excess of \$151,647! I am grateful to all who made and completed their pledges to make this possible. You will be receiving from me in the coming weeks a letter regarding the 2026 campaign.



Join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, February 5 at Ss. Simon and Jude Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending with benediction prior to the noon Mass. Or join us for Nocturnal Adoration that will begin at 10:00 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, with benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Alice Abbott
James Enrietti
Elaine Viola

Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:

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| Emma Allshouse | The Looman Family |
| George Bado | Peter Paul Lyle III |
| Charlene Barry | Barbara Lynch |
| Patrick Barry | Mary Ann Macino |
| Bob Bartell | Arch MacLennan |
| Emilia Bentley | Penny Mahoney |
| June Bentley | Kay Mannarino |
| Kelly Bittner | Lucille Marabito |
| Alexander Boankrah | Harry Martorella |
| Gina Burton | Marlene Martorella |
| Pete Caligiuri | Carl Masciola |
| Elisa Carsia | Kathy Masko |
| Evelyn Christopher | Marlane Mensor |
| Joann Ciccone | Cathy Militzer |
| Lorraine Contristano | Joyce Mostowj |
| Roberta Curtin | Pat Murdzak |
| Gina Dangelico | Joan Pandolph |
| Joanne Dato | Linda Perris |
| Antoinette DePofi | Nancy Pistella |
| Joseph DiSarro | Diane Pritchard |
| Betty Dunner | Dolores Quinn |
| Stephanie Fahnstock | 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 |
| Peg Hunter | Teresa Stacy |
| Sharon Hwilka | Bob Super |
| Charlotte Kapton | Ed Super |
| Anna Mary Karpinski | Theresa Tapper |
| William Karpinski | Jerry Tokar |
| Joanne Keating | Allen Turske |
| Tom Keating | Patricia Turske |
| Lori Krally | Ron Vercammen |
| Danielle Kramer | Penny Verow |
| Maureen Krichbaum | Louis Walsh |
| Veronica Kujawski | Mary Kay Walsh |
| Joyce Kurelis | Karen Westlock |
| Jackie Kushner | Gary Williard |
| 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. **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

John Zajicek

11-21-63 — 2-2-23

Requested by his wife,
children, and
grandchildren



At Ss. Simon and Jude
Church

In memory of

Maura Grace Schwab

2-7-86 — 12-7-15

Requested by her
mother, Marilyn



STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship report was not available at the time of printing.

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.



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.

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, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Ss. Simon and Jude Church Hall. To register, please call the parish office at 412-857-5356.

FELLOWSHIP

Page 14 ◆ Join us one last time before Lent.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Page 14 ◆ Students ages nine through fourteen are invited to this annual event.

MARDI GRAS

Page 15 ◆ Come to our annual Mardi Gras Party.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Page 13 ◆ Join the Knights of Columbus today for a delicious breakfast at a terrific price!

PURSE RAFFLE

Page 12 ◆ This is the last day to purchase tickets.

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. Join us.

SPRING FLING

Page 16 ◆ Don't miss your opportunity to attend the Spring Fling. Tickets are on sale now.



CELEBRATE LOVE PRAY FOR LIFE

Page 17 ◆ Next weekend, beginning on February 7, we celebrate National Marriage Week.

February 17 is the kick-off to the **40 Days for Life** Lenten campaign.

Our Baby of the Year: Soren.



We welcome and ask God's blessings to the newest members of our parish family

Carrie, Richard, and Vanessa Oakes

Scott Nelson

We're so glad you're here!

THE ORDER OF MASS

ENTRANCE HYMN | CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S LIGHT

Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none oth - er; born in our
Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none oth - er: no one can
Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er: give God the
dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er. If we have seen him,
serve him and de - spise an - oth - er. Who else u - nites us,
glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther: Give God the glo - ry,
we have seen the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high.
one in God the Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high.
God - with - us, our broth - er: Glo - ry to God on High!

Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM; Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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

PENITENTIAL RITE / KYRIE

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do,
(*strike breast*) 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. Chri - ste,
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

GLORIA

Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high² - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good will!

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks [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].
to refrain Amen [Amen].

THE ORDER OF MASS

GOSPEL | MATTHEW 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.
Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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 | O BLEST ARE YOU



O blest are you, Christ Je - sus said, who know how deep your need.____
O blest are you, the___ poor, the meek, who toil your whole lives long.____
O blest are you, through grief and loss, who weep from sor - rows borne.____
O blest are you who___ work for peace, with pa - tient hope and care.____
O blest are you, Christ Je - sus says, who know re - jec - tion's pain.____



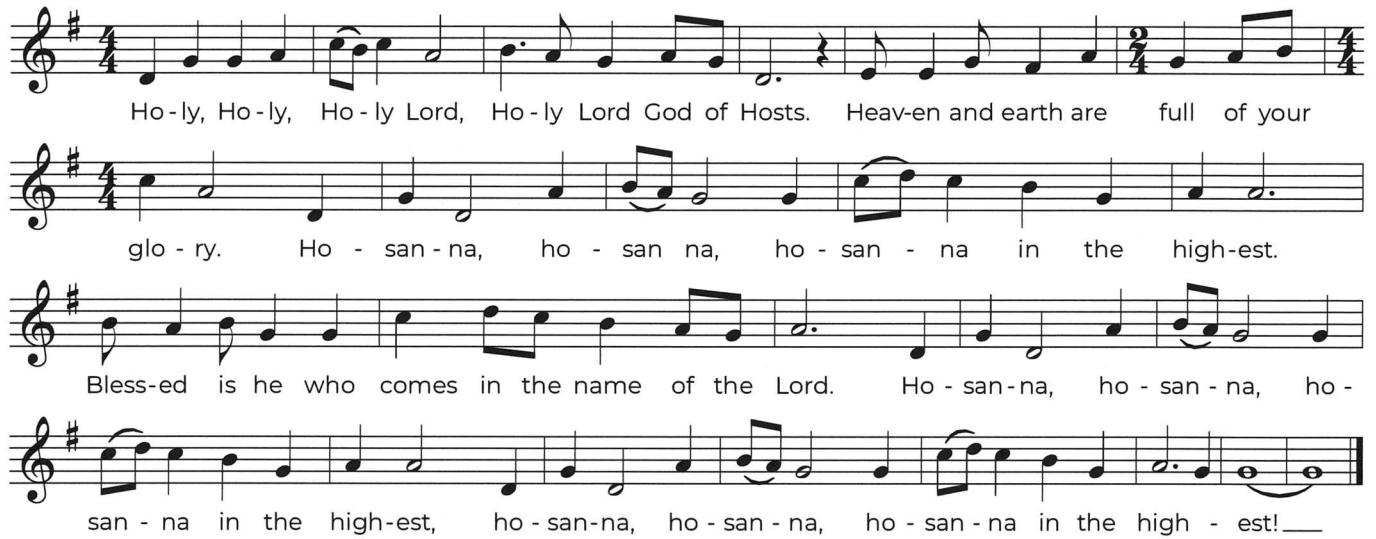
For you, I o - pen heav - en's door, where earth - ly wants are freed.____
Though world - ly scorn may deem you weak, my joy will make you strong.
Come stand be - neath my emp - ty cross: I com - fort all who mourn.
And blest are you, when mer - cy shapes your life as lov - ing prayer.
From bear - ing wit - ness for my sake. I call you by my name!

Tune: ST COLUMBA; Irish melody

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953 © 2006 GIA Publications, Inc.

THE ORDER OF MASS

SANCTUS / HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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,___ un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men,___ a men,___ a - - - men!
A - men, a - men,___ a - - - men, a - men!_____

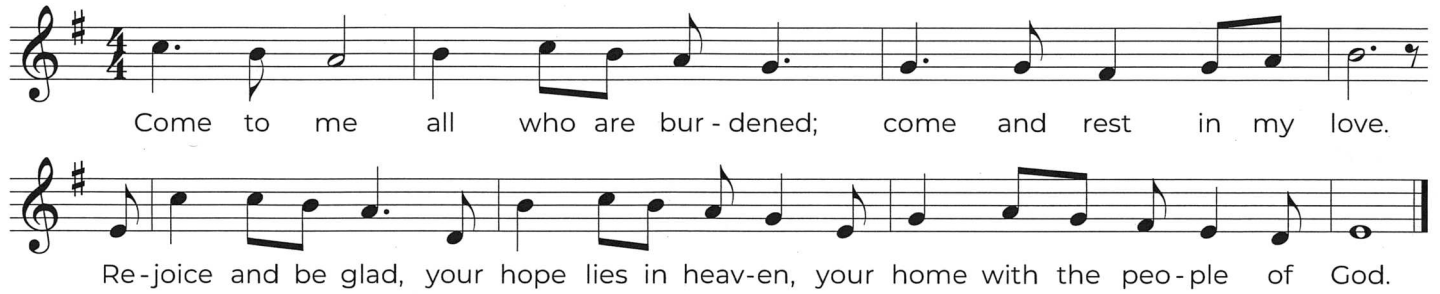
AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God,___ you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. **Final time** world, grant us___ peace.

THE ORDER OF MASS

COMMUNION HYMN | THE PEOPLE OF GOD



Come to me all who are bur - dened; come and rest in my love.
Re-joyce and be glad, your hope lies in heav-en, your home with the peo-ple of God.

1. Blessed, blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed be the Lord's own children, theirs is the kingdom of God. Blessed, blessed are they who walk in sorrow, blessed be the Lord's own children; they are embraced by God.
2. Blessed, blessed the ones who are lowly, blessed be the Lord's own children; they shall inherit the land. Blessed, blessed the ones who thirst for righteousness, blessed be the Lord's own children; all of their dreams will come true.
3. Blessed, blessed are they who show mercy, blessed be the Lord's own children; mercy from God shall be theirs. Blessed, blessed the ones with a pure heart, blessed be the Lord's own children; for they shall see God.
4. Blessed, blessed the ones who make peace. Blessed are they who know pain for the sake of righteousness. Blessed, blessed are you who know suff'ring, blessed are you who know insult because of your God.

Text: Matthew 5:3-12;

Tune: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958, © 1992, GIA Publications, Inc.

RECESSIONAL HYMN | THE KINGDOM OF GOD



The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy; for Je - sus re - stores
God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal; in Jes - us be - gun,
what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we
in hea - ven made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall ans - wer his
know; and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
call; and all things cry 'Glo - ry!' to God all in all.

Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

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ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



Caring Corner
by Laura O'Keeffe

CARING + GIVING + SERVING

They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue.

-Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13



This Wednesday, February 3, is the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. St. Blaise was a Bishop in Armenia and died a martyr in the year 316 A.D. Because St. Blaise cured a little boy who was choking on a fish bone, he is the patron of illnesses of the throat. On this day, the blessing of throats is often done by a priest or deacon holding two candles on the throat or as a general blessing over the congregation.

The blessing of throats is very popular, perhaps because early February is prime time for colds, flu, and other ailments of the throat and upper respiratory system. Obviously, we all hope and pray to stay well. As we have our throats blessed, we also have an opportunity to think about how we use the voice and speech that emerge from them. While we pray to avoid colds and strep, let's also pray to avoid taking the Lord's name in vain, using profanity, telling lies, spreading gossip, raising our

voices in anger, or making hurtful comments to or about another person. Recognizing that speech and voice are wonderful gifts from God, let's use them to join in responses and hymns at Mass to give God glory. Greet people with a warm, "Hello;" call someone who is lonely and tell them you are thinking of them; speak a genuine word of kindness to someone; and enjoy conversation and laughter with family and friends.

St. Blaise, pray for us!

MILITARY PRAYER REMEMBRANCE

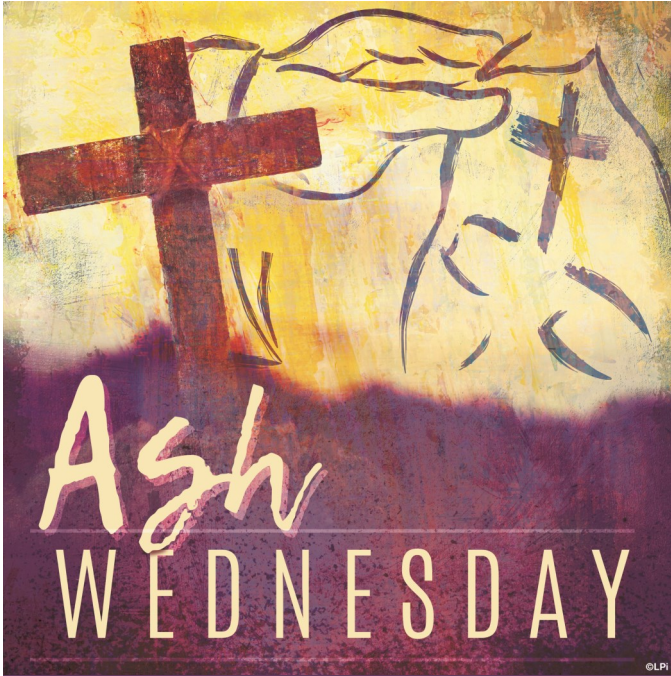
Cynthia Alward, Navy
Tyler Alward, Navy
CAPT Shawn Balent, USMC
AIC Noel Blackhall, USAF
SSGT David Blackhall, USAF
SGT Casey Busch, Army
SSGT Kristiana Coote, USAF
Isaiah Dugan, USAF
SGT Michael Dugan, USAF
LTC Ronald Gaudelli, Army
CAPT Matthew Grebinoski, Army
MAJ Leila Joint, Army
AIC Sean Mahoney II, USAF
Col. Christopher Marchetti, Army
1LT Matthew Montanaro, Army
2LT Kristina Mullen, Army
CAPT Anthony Palumbo, USMC
CAPT Anthony Redondo, USMC
CAPT Jake Ridings, USMC
SGT Jordan M. Rush, USMC
AIC Elana Russell, USAF
SRA Jay Russell, USAF
2LT Jonathan Savko, USAF
TSGT Justin F. Smith, USAF
CPL Nicholas Steinert, USMC
2LT Gregory Timmerman, Army
LT Sean Trombetta, Navy
CPT Garrett Walnoha, Army
1LT Grant Walnoha, Army

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FEBRUARY 18

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Liturgy of the Word and Ashes

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

There will be no evening confessions on Ash Wednesday.

CELEBRATIONS FOR OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE PARISH OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



MARDI GRAS

Our annual Mardi Gras celebration will take place the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. See page 15.

SPRING FLING

The annual Spring Fling is coming soon! See page 16 for more information.

WINE TASTING

Save the date: April 25. Be ready to join us for a sampling of wine, complementing appetizers, door prizes, and raffles. Details coming soon.

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are hoping for a Sunday in the month of May, or maybe a weeknight. The plans are being made. Keep watching the bulletin for information.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday, June 7. It's our annual procession through the streets. Save the date. For our fifth anniversary, let's make this our biggest procession ever!

PARISH FESTIVAL

Our fifth anniversary as a parish, and the fifth St. Raphael Festival! Be sure to schedule your vacation plans around this so you don't miss the fun and prizes! July 9, 10, and 11.

PARISH PICNIC

Did you mark your calendar? We are planning for fun at Scott Park on Sunday, September 20.

ST. RAPHAEL FEAST DAY EVENT

We will mark the September Feast Day with special liturgies, a weekly novena, and more. Details coming near the end of summer.

Throughout the year, we have many, many more opportunities, outside of Mass, to come together as a parish family: monthly adoration, workshops, classes, prayer services, outreach events, pancake breakfasts, Lenten adoration, Fish Fry, and so much more! Find your niche, bring your friends and family, and make it a point to do more this year. While the heart of our spiritual journey is unquestionably centered around the table of the Lord, there lies a world of opportunities beyond the Liturgy to engage with our parish family. This year, engage.



PARTNERS in prayer

We will gather this Thursday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Family Hall, the narthex of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. All prayer warriors are invited to join us, and all prayer requests are welcome.

PURSE RAFFLE

This is the last day to buy a ticket! 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.

This weekend, January 31 and February 1, you may purchase tickets after the 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses at Ss. Simon and Jude Church (if tickets are still available).

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 350th 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 OPEN HOUSE

All families with students in grades six through eight are invited to attend a Middle School Youth Group Open House!

If you are attending the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy this weekend, Saturday, January 31, at Ss. Simon and Jude Church, you are invited to come to the church hall after Mass to say hello, meet the youth group team, and have a snack. We look forward to seeing you!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Our parish (and its predecessor) has been making prayer shawls for 18 years. In that time, I believe we have gifted around 1700. Those who make them, at home on their own schedule, pray for the recipient as they work. Parishioners and care ministers then distribute to those in need. Recipients receive a comforting reminder that the prayers of the parish are with them, and that God is near when one is suffering. People are very touched when they receive one. We have seen recipients moved to tears.

Now here is the faith story. We keep very little inventory, but we NEVER run out. It happened again today. I went to all three churches to resupply and pick up donated ones for packaging. I left the last two I had at St. Margaret of Scotland Church and I thought to myself that I hoped the other two churches still had some as I had no more left. When I got to Ss. Simon and Jude Church there was a huge bag of gorgeous shawls left under the table. Once again we were back in business. If you would like to be part of this ministry please contact Lynne Gross at 412-303-0631 or g.gross@comcast.net. God Bless the prayer shawl makers! —Lynne



Weekday Mass Intentions are available. Please call or visit the parish office. Note: While it's a beautiful gesture to attend the Mass you have requested, it is not obligatory. Your intention will be honored regardless of your presence.

PLEASE READ

PARISH-WIDE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI)

Survey begins February 18.

It is hard to believe that three years have passed since our diocese first participated in the DMI survey. That initial effort helped our parish to understand where people were in their spiritual lives, providing the foundation for our pastoral plan for evangelization and to better engage all parishioners in deepening their relationships with Jesus Christ.

Bishop Mark Eckman is inviting and encouraging all parishioners to retake the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). Your participation is crucial.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and running through Palm Sunday, March 29, the Disciple Maker Index Survey will be available for parishioners to complete. This is the same survey that parishioners took during Lent of 2023.

The purpose of this second survey is to help our parish assess the effectiveness of the pastoral planning goals we set three years ago and to identify new opportunities for spiritual growth and deepening faith within our community.

Please look for more details and information on how to access the survey in the coming weeks.



Join the Knights of Columbus for a
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Breakfast
— on Sunday, February 1

IN ST. LUKE HALL
at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
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PRIZE DONATIONS WANTED

Spring Fling

The Spring Fling Luncheon is just around the corner, and one of the highlights of this cherished event is always the incredible raffle prizes. We're reaching out to our generous community to help fill our prize tables and inspire our guests to contribute to a worthy cause.

How You Can Help

We are seeking **brand new, never-used items** that can be included in a gift basket or stand alone as a prize. Your donations will not only add excitement to our event but also help raise funds for our parish.

Types of Donations Needed

- **Gift Baskets:** Create a themed basket or contribute items that can be combined into one.
- **Individual Prizes:** High-value individual items are always a hit.
- **Monetary Donations:** Cash contributions are welcome and will be used to purchase additional prizes.
- **Gift Certificates and Gift Cards:** These are versatile and always appreciated.

Donation Details

- **Contact:** For any questions, please reach out to Heidi Hartman at 412-260-9280.
- **Drop-off Location:** Parish Administration Center in Carnegie during office hours.
- **Pick-up Option:** We can arrange to pick up your donation if needed.
- **Deadline:** All donations should be turned in by February 19.

Your generosity makes a significant difference, and we thank you in advance for your support. Let's make this Spring Fling Luncheon unforgettable!

FISH FRIES, FESTIVALS, AND PICNICS, OH MY!

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to become a volunteer for our parish? Have you always wanted to be a volunteer? Would you like to help out at the upcoming fish fry, the festival this summer, the Parish Picnic in September, or the many projects and events that are held all year round? Then NOW is the time

for you to obtain your clearances. Volunteers complete the required tasks before they are to volunteer, so there is no time like the present to start that process. It's simple! Go to diopitt.org and click on Obtain Clearances. Then click on Parish Volunteer where you will see five steps to complete. The first step is to create an account with the Virtus Online Safe Environment Database. If you are not sure that you have an account, please call or email Karen Maurer, Safe Environment Coordinator, at 412-857-5356, ext. 430, karen@straphaelcgs.org. Don't have a computer? Call Karen. Can't understand the paperwork? Call Karen. Need an access code? Call Karen. Don't delay—get started today!



FELLOWSHIP

Our last Wednesday Fellowship before Lent is on February 11 following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. Enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation with other parishioners and friends.



All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to compete in the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL COUNCIL #11143:**

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The competition will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Green Tree Borough Municipal Gym located at 10 West Manilla Avenue (Pittsburgh, 15220).

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

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

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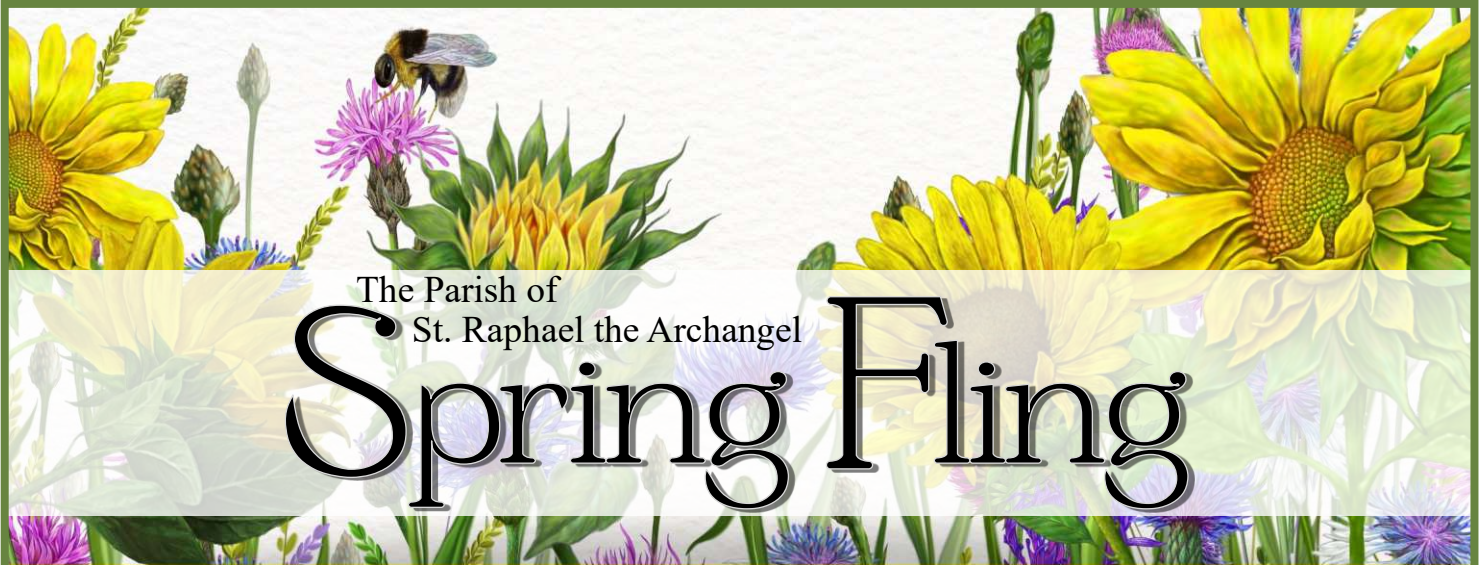
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The Parish of
St. Raphael the Archangel
Spring Fling

Hosted by the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild

All are invited to our annual luncheon and card party.
(Card-playing is optional.)

Sunday, March 1
at The Club at Nevillewood.

— 1000 Nevillewood Drive | Nevillewood, PA 15142 —

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch is served at Noon
Tickets are \$43.00 per person.

Tickets may be reserved by contacting Lori Dedola: lddedola@comcast.net or 412-302-9143

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.**

ALL REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED AND PAID BY FEBRUARY 15.

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All meals can be prepared gluten-free, but we must know in advance, please indicate "GF" with entrée selection.

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From February 18 to March 29 you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Join our parish (date to be announced soon) for an afternoon of prayer and fellowship outside Planned Parenthood.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com,


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Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church (184 Washington Pl, Pittsburgh 15219), on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a *Eucharistic Procession* to Planned Parenthood All Christians are welcome! (His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid will be presiding.)

26,144 babies saved • 275 abortion workers converted • 184 abortion centers closed!

Go to 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

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OFFERTORY REPORTS FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR

Tax statements are not automatically mailed to every household.

To request your contribution report, go to straphaelcgs.org/taxes, or click the link on our homepage.

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

Online Giving users may receive a tax statement at any time by logging in to your account. As always, you may access the Online Giving portal on our website's homepage or by scanning the QR code on page 4.



On January 14, 2026, members of the Ladies of Charity met at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church and participated in a "Spiritual Gifts Inventory." The exercise was designed for each person to discern their particular gifts and reflect on how those gifts can be used to further the mission of the Ladies of Charity and our parish.



Reminder

If you are wearing a mask at Mass, you must lower it, or remove it, to receive Holy Communion. No one, for *any* reason, is permitted to walk away with the Eucharist in his or her hand.



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TO THE GLORY OF GOD
FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS

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

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

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

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

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

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

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS

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

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CHOIR SCHEDULE

February 1

Contemporary Choir: 9:00 a.m. SEAS

February 8

Contemporary Choir: 9:00 a.m. SEAS

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

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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*

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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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Marriage

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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

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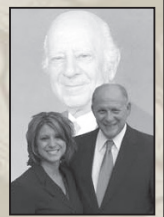
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