

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

MAY 3, 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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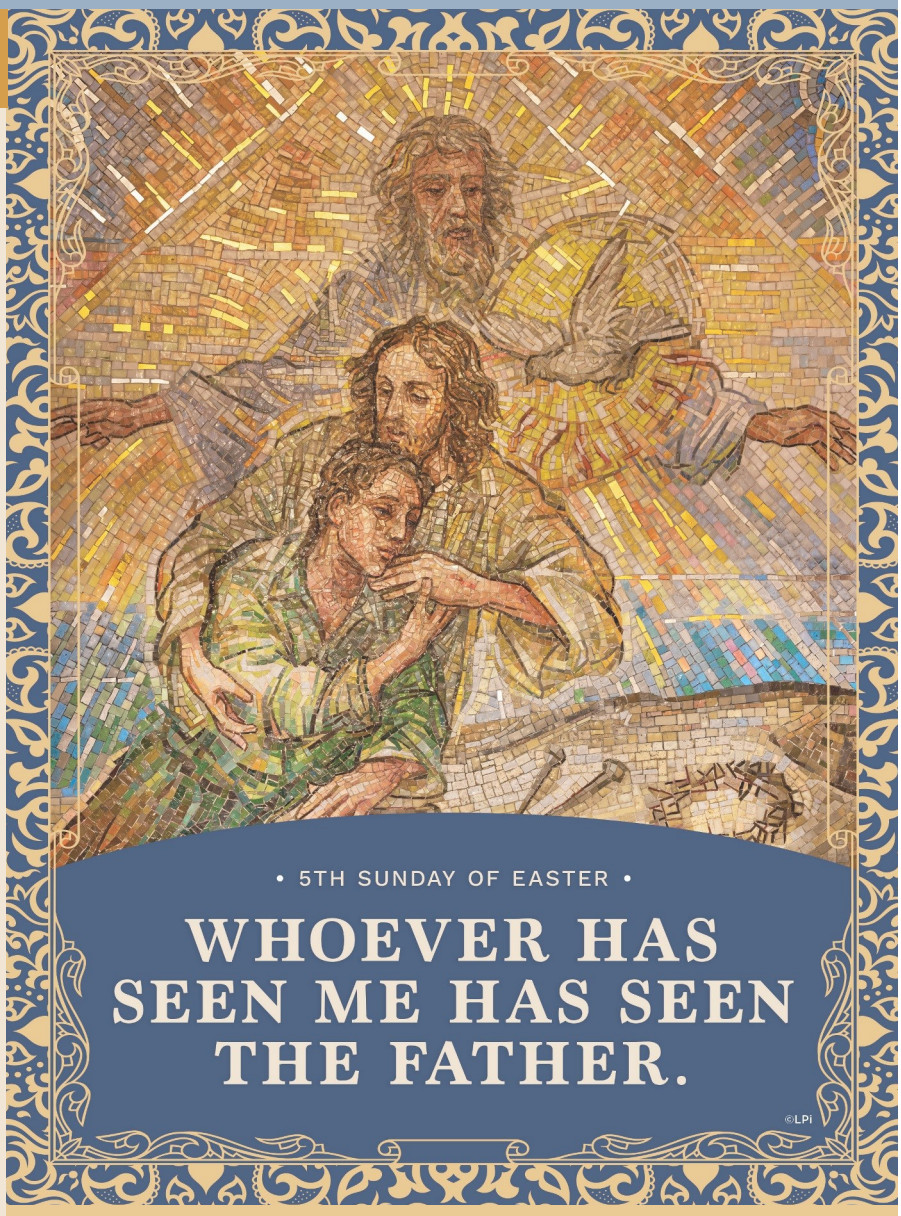
In Residence
Fr. James McDonough

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.



PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTER

330 3rd Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106

412-857-5356 | STRAPHAELCGS.ORG

For church locations and staff information, see page 20.

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.—

EUCHARIST:
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: pLim@diopitt.org

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

MAY 3 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
*4:00 p.m.	John McCaffrey by Donna Azzaretto	SSJ
*4:30 p.m.	Teresa Silla by Melissa and Denis	SEAS
8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Alexander by Dan Herrmann	SMOS
9:00 a.m.	Harkins Family by family	SEAS
10:00 a.m.	Deceased of the Troiani Family by Carol	SMOS
11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	SSJ
MAY 4 - MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER		
8:30 a.m.	Thomas and Joseph Costa by Mel Leonette	SSJ
12:00 p.m.	Robert Grandinetti Jr. by Dorothy and Roger Paradis	SEAS
MAY 5 - TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER		
8:30 a.m.	Health and spiritual wellbeing of Marissa and Craig Dobransky and family by family	SMOS
12:00 p.m.	Andrea Mariani and Ron Freeborough by Charlotte and Lino Amatangelo	SSJ
MAY 6 - WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER		
8:30 a.m.	Stephen Caruso by family	SSJ
12:00 p.m.	Deceased of the O'Bosky Family by Victoria	SEAS
MAY 7 - THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER		
8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Fred Pasquinelli by family	SSJ
12:00 p.m.	Benefactors of the St. Raphael the Archangel Food Pantry by Sue	SEAS
MAY 8 - FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER		
8:30 a.m.	Yvonne and Bud Frenock by Lloyd	SMOS
12:00 p.m.	Ann and James Kramer by family	SSJ
MAY 10 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
*4:00 p.m.	Hugh J. Coyle Jr. by Linda Giehll	SSJ
*4:30 p.m.	Bob Kinzler by family	SEAS
8:00 a.m.	Mary Katus and Regina Pencosky by Donna and William Pencosky	SMOS
9:00 a.m.	Marie Raco by Ann Shimatzki and family	SEAS
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	SMOS
11:00 a.m.	Catherine Howe by the Howe, Capriotti, and Farrell Families	SSJ

FROM THE PASTOR

This week the Church commemorates the first anniversary of the election of the first US-born Pope, Leo XIV. Below is a prayer for the welfare of the Holy Father.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Leo,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Did you know that each month the Pope offers a particular prayer intention for which he invites us to join him in prayer? The monthly intention can be found at www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026.

I am truly grateful to all who made possible the wonderful "Wine Tasting" event last weekend. Jeff Palastro and his committee as well as the volunteers made it an enjoyable evening and another opportunity to make needed funds to be applied to the debt reduction campaign.

The ushers at parish Masses serve an important function. We are in need of more men and women (and even teens aged 16 and older) who would help to fulfill this role. Please contact the office to indicate your willingness to serve.

As a courtesy to those who clean the churches and to those who will sit in the pews after you; please do not leave used tissues in the hymnal racks. It is disgusting and unsanitary.



Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Linda Amoroso-McElrath, sister of Paul Amoroso
Joseph Brennan
Jeffrey Repka

Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:

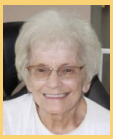
Emma Allshouse
George Bado
Charlene Barry
Patrick Barry
Emilia Bentley
June Bentley
Kelly Bittner
Alexander Boankrah
Gina Burton
Pete Caligiuri
Elisa Carsia
Evelyn Christopher
Lorraine Contristano
Roberta Curtin
Gina Dangelico
Joanne Dato
Antoinette DePofi
Joseph DiSarro
Stephanie Fahnestock
Vicky Feeney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

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.

Due to privacy issues, you may not submit names on behalf of others without consent or legal right to do so.

TABERNACLE CANDLE Dedications

At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
In loving memory of

Patricia J. (Gordon) Smith
5-2-32 — 5-7-23
by family

At St. Margaret of Scotland Church
In memory of the
deceased members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society


At Ss. Simon and Jude Church
In memory of
Marie and Bill Durso

Requested by Bob Shalamon

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	
Required Weekly	$33,000
Received 4/15/2026 through 4/21/2026	
Envelopes and loose cash	$14,062
Online offertory	$6,171
Total Offertory	$20,233

2026 Parish Appeal	
2026 Goal	$299,386
Monthly due to the Diocese	$24,949
4/15/2026 through 4/21/2026	$4,584
Received to date	$271,871
Funds Needed	$27,515

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.

ART & SOUL SUMMER CAMP
PAGE 15 ◆ For children ages 4 to 7.

DIAPER DRIVE
PAGE 14 ◆ Our Diaper Drive ends this weekend.

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 will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 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 12 ◆ Next week.
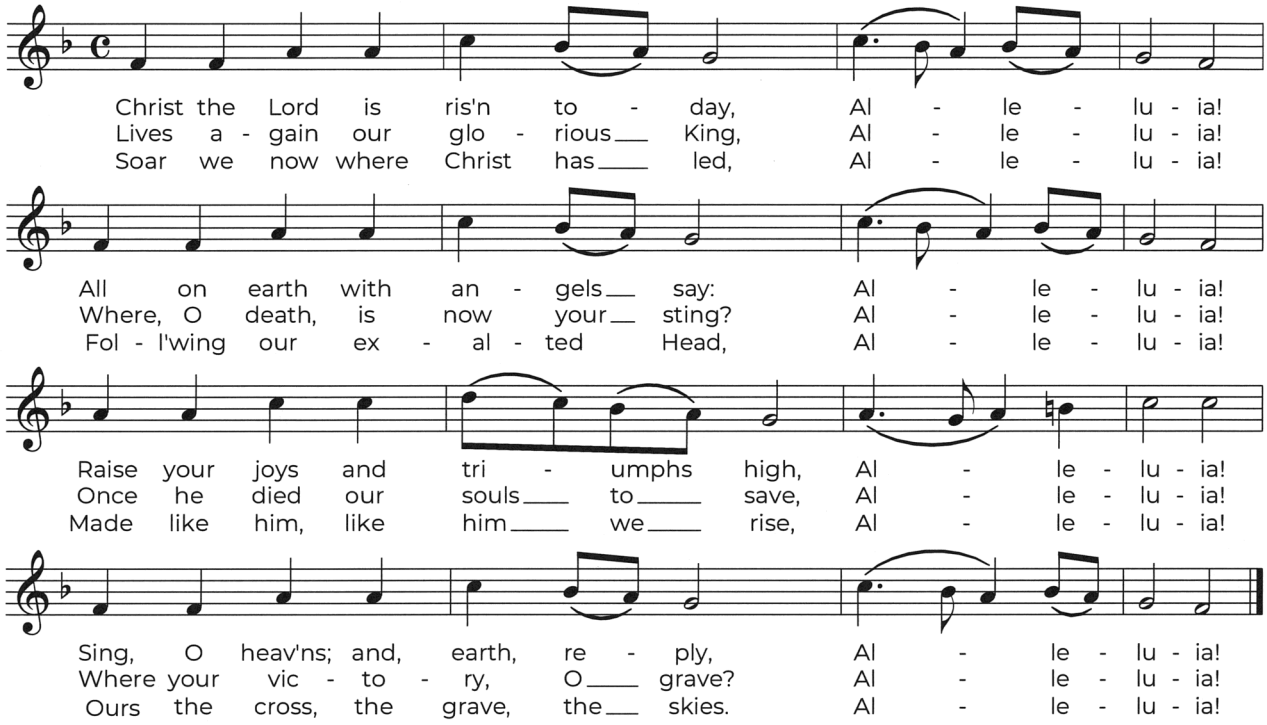
MOTHER'S DAY ROSARY AND CANDLE LIGHTING
PAGE 15 ◆ Join us at St. Margaret of Scotland Church this Friday, May 8.

RAPHAEL'S RAMBLERS
PAGE 12 ◆ Walk with us this week.

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.



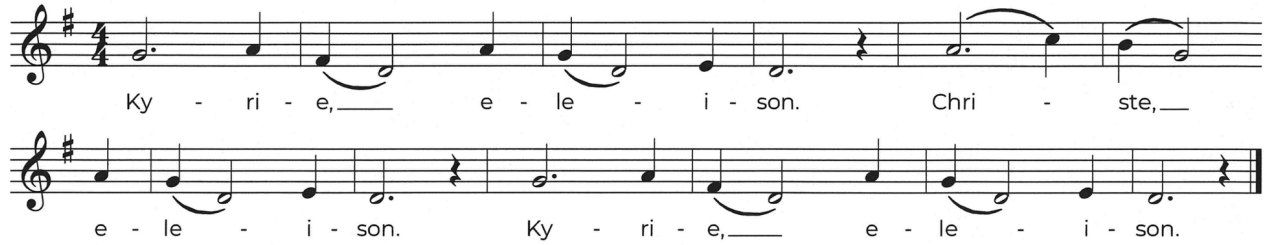
ENTRANCE HYMN | CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY



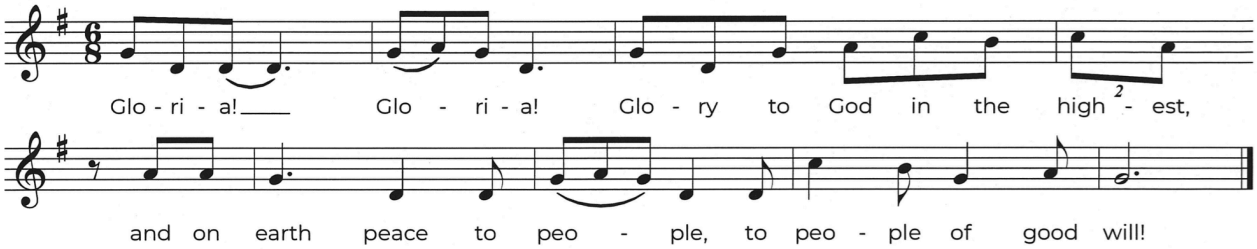
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PENITENTIAL ACT / KYRIE

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do,
(all strike their breast as they say:)
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



GLORIA



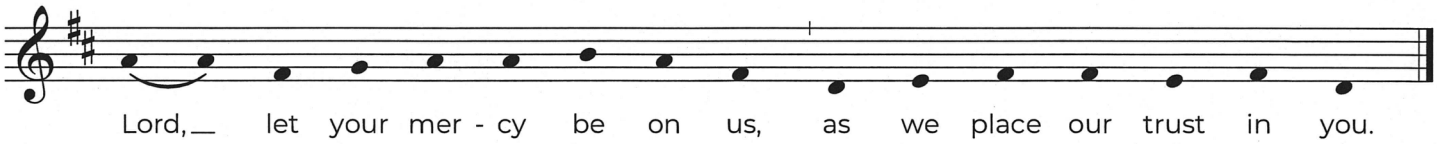
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks [thanks] for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take 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].

FIRST READING | ACTS 6: 1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow,
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews
because their widows
were being neglected in the daily distribution.
So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples
and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to
serve at table.
Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men,
filled with the Spirit and wisdom,
whom we shall appoint to this task,
whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer
and to the ministry of the word."
The proposal was acceptable to the whole community,
so they chose Stephen,
a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit,
also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas,
and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.
They presented these men to the apostles
who prayed and laid hands on them.
The word of God continued to spread,
and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased
greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming
obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19



1. Exult, you just, in the LORD;
   praise from the upright is fitting.
   Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
   with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.
2. Upright is the word of the LORD,
   and all his works are trustworthy.
   He loves justice and right;
   of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.
3. See, the eyes of the LORD are
   upon those who fear him,
   upon those who hope for his kindness,
   To deliver them from death
   and preserve them in spite of famine.
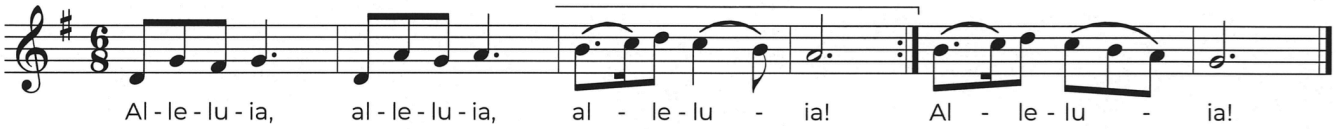
SECOND READING | 1 PETER 2:4-9

Beloved:
Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God,
and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual
house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
For it says in Scripture:
Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.
Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those
without faith:
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone, and
A stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.
They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood ,
a holy nation, a people of his own,
so that you may announce the praises" of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | JOHN 14:6



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

GOSPEL | JOHN 14: 1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not,
would I have told you that I am going
to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.
Where I am going you know the way."
Thomas said to him,

"Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?"
Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father.
From now on you do know him and have seen him."
Philip said to him,
"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."
Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time
and you still do not know me, Philip?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?
The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.
The Father who dwells in me is doing his works.
Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,
or else, believe because of the works themselves.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,
and will do greater ones than these,
because I am going to the Father."

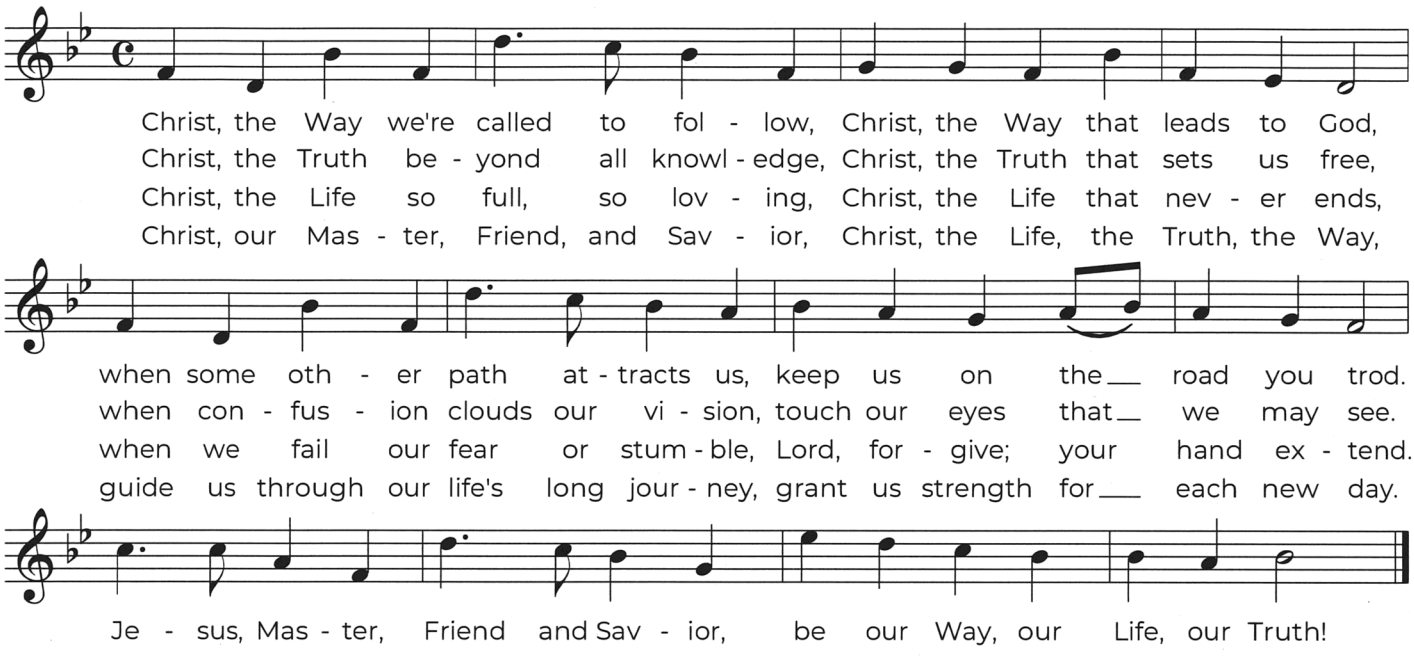
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

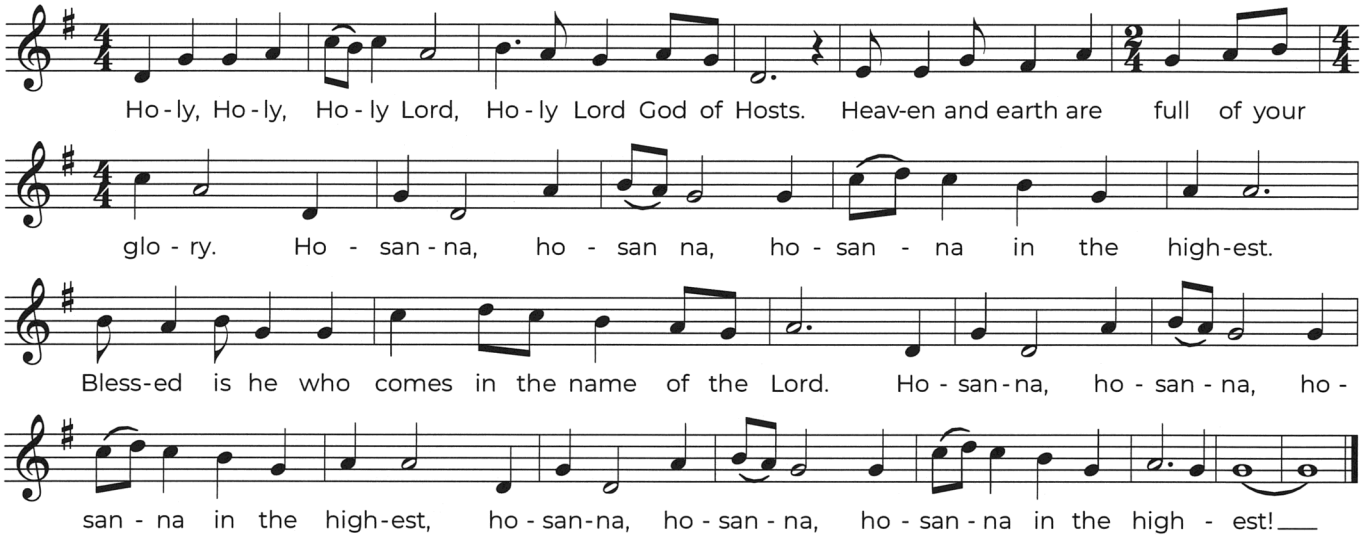
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(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 | CHRIST, THE WAY WE'RE CALLED TO FOLLOW

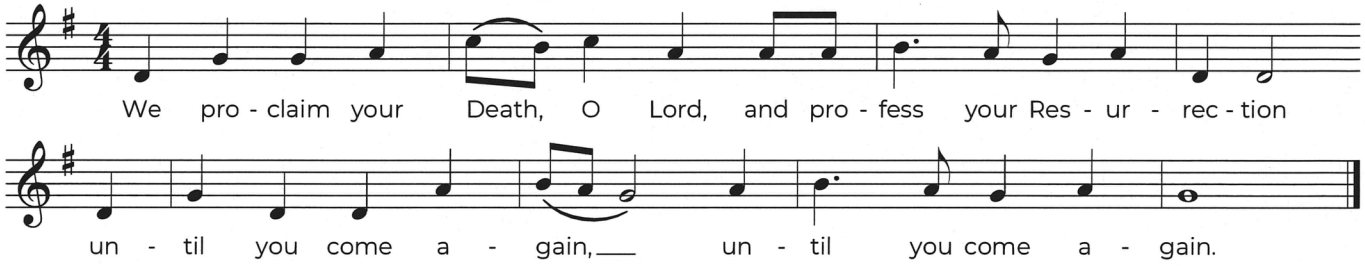


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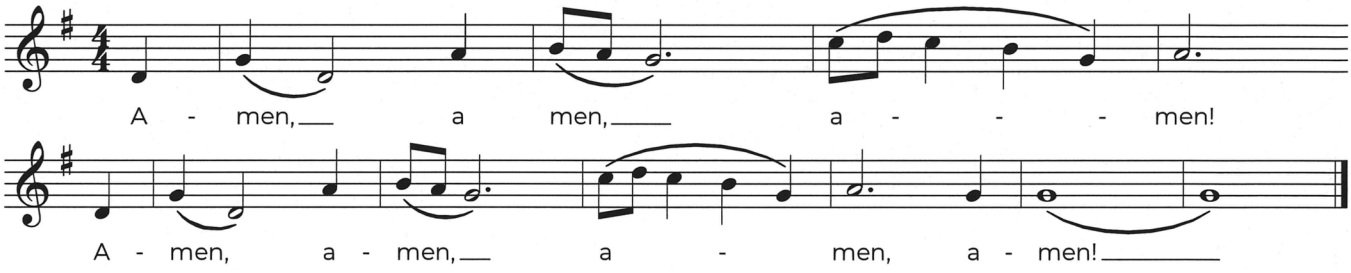
SANCTUS / HOLY
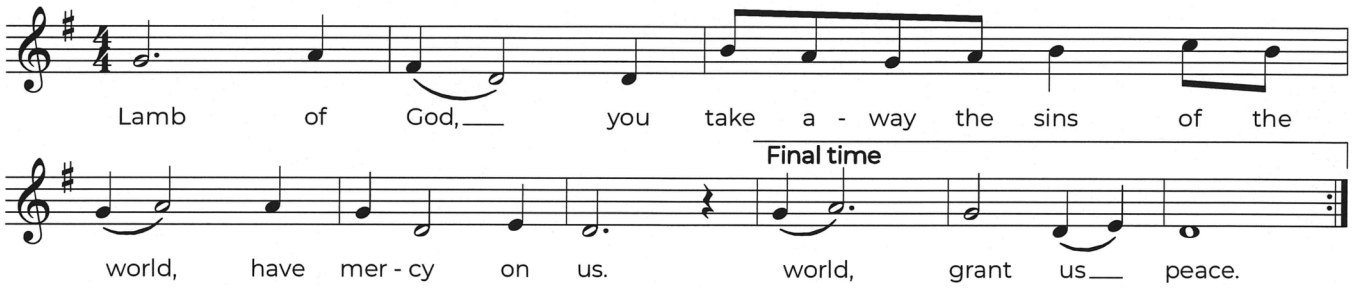


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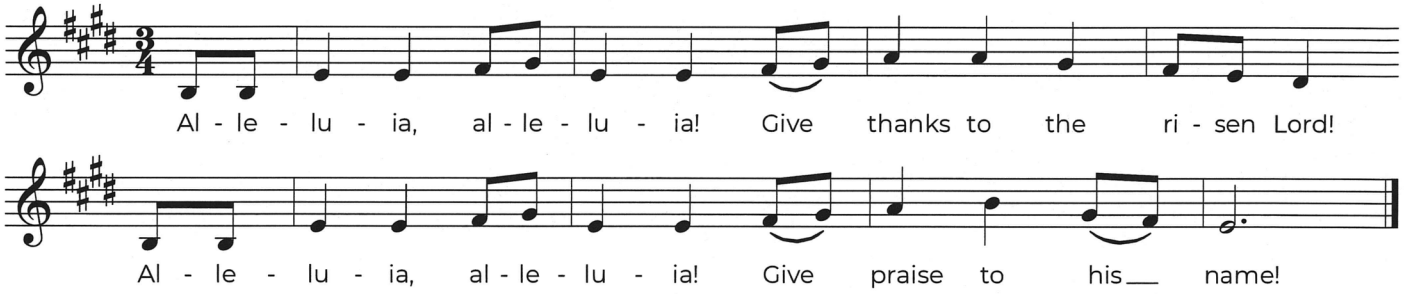


GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD
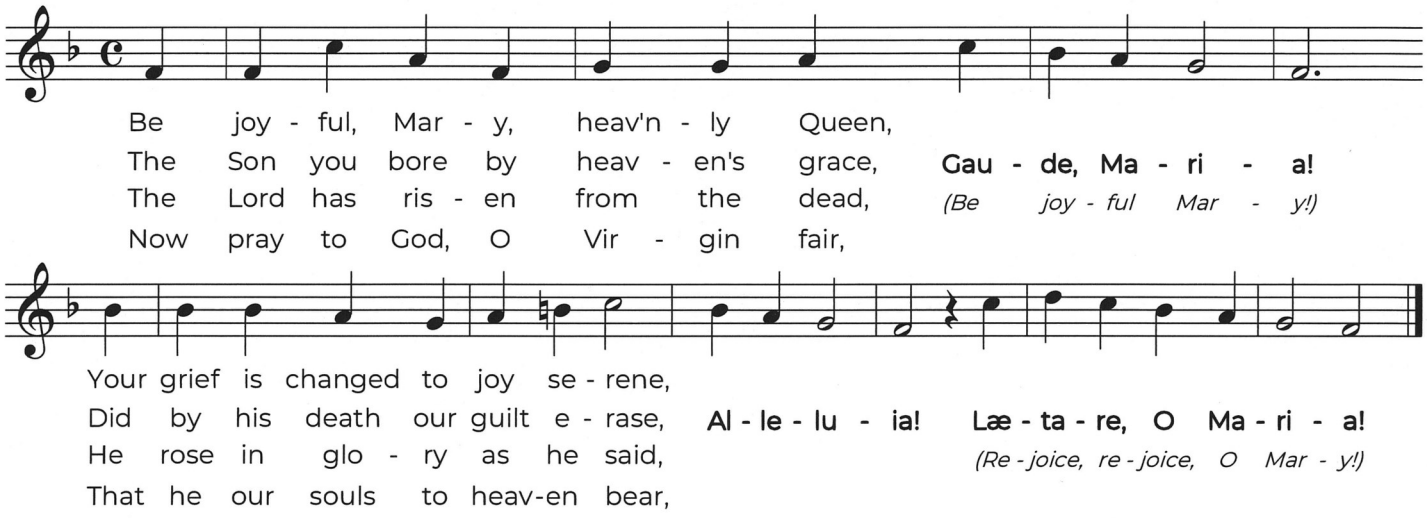


COMMUNION HYMN | ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD



1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
3. We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever.
4. God has proclaimed his gracious gift: Life eternal for all who believe.
5. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN | BE JOYFUL, MARY



Tune: REGINA CAELI; Leisentritt's *Gesangbuch*, 1584 Text: *Regina Cæli, jubila;* Latin, 17th C; translated by anonymous in *Psallite*, 1901

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Celebrating the Sacraments

Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2026

Congratulations to the young men and women of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation, conferred by Most Reverend Bishop Mark A. Eckman on April 26, 2026.
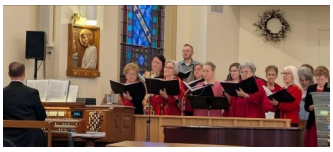
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Nia Mullen
Vinay Patel
Daniel Proch
Gianni Rocco
Sophia Romanovich
Olivia Santavicca
Maci Segar
Bruno Smith
Isla Spinelli
Jake Tulowitzki
Nolan Velmire
Camden Washington
Mark Winter
Caroline Yuhas

**Ryan Bittner was Confirmed on March 19, 2026 at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish*























EASTER VIGIL 2026

At the Easter Vigil, we continued the Solemn Beginning of the night with the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet. Kevin Maurer chanted this ancient hymn of praise, calling heaven and earth to rejoice in Christ's triumph singing, "Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!"

The proclamation ends with a prayer that Christ's light has been shed on all humanity, "May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever."



The Second part of the Easter Vigil is Liturgy of the Word, which begins with the Paschal Candle being the only source of light in the church. We are invited to "listen with quiet hearts to the Word of God, to meditate on how God in times past saved his people and in these, the last days, has sent us his Son as our Redeemer, that our God may complete this paschal work of salvation by the fullness of redemption."



The movement from the Word of God, proclaimed only by the light of the Easter candle, as seen on the left, is transformed with the long-awaited singing of the Gloria. No longer in darkness, the church bursts into light as the overhead lights come on, altar candles are lit, and triumphant bells ring out in jubilation. With joyful praise, we honor our Triune God.



Deacon Jim proclaims the Gospel account from St. Matthew, announcing the Resurrection of Jesus. Liturgy of the Word concludes with a homily by Fr. Grecco, inviting us to reflect more deeply on the mystery and joy of the Risen Christ.

On April 26, the Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Pittsburgh held the annual Investiture ceremony at St. Paul's Cathedral in which approximately 120 ladies were invested. Investiture is a formal ceremony where new members are received into the organization, marking a public commitment to the Vincentian charism. Among the ladies invested, were seven members from St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. We are pleased to welcome them and thank them for their commitment to service.



Front row left to right, Mary Anne Brosky, Colleen Cangelier, Dana Granito, Marlene Urso, Back row, Patty Wihlborg, Ritney Reinheimer, Karen Koval. *(photo by Barb Donehue)*

PARTNERS *in prayer*

We meet on the first and third Thursday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Family Hall, the narthex of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Come pray with us this Thursday, May 7, for the intentions entrusted to us by our parishioners. If you have a special prayer intention, please stop by and know that we will pray with you and for you. Following our meeting, all intentions are sent to our committed online prayer warriors and lifted in the General Intercessions at Mass.

Raphael's Ramblers

Come walk with us this Tuesday, May 5. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian shrine in the Ss. Simon and Jude parking lot for opening prayer followed by 45 minutes of walking and conversation. In case of rain or thunderstorms, we will cancel.

FELLOWSHIP

Next Wednesday, May 13, we will have donuts and coffee in the Church Hall following 8:30 a.m. Mass at Ss. Simon and Jude Church. All are welcome.

APPLY NOW!

MAURA GRACE SCHWAB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established by Marilyn Schwab to honor the memory of her daughter, Maura Grace Schwab '04 who passed away in 2015. The applicant must demonstrate financial need, should be a 'B' average student and an active participant in church,

VISIT BISHOPCANEVIN.ORG TO APPLY!

UNDER THE ADMISSIONS SECTION, CLICK ON SCHOLARSHIPS!

Easter flowers were dedicated in memory of Nancy Jean Schuler by Ronald Schuler.

Our official website and email address domain is straphaelcgs.org. Please be cautious of any emails from Gmail or other generic providers, as these are likely scams. If you're new to the parish, you might wonder the meaning of the "cgs" in our address. We are blessed to have three churches in three communities that are in close proximity to each other. Those communities are Carnegie, Green Tree, and Scott —cgs. There are a multitude of St. Raphael Parishes throughout our country. Although we are in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, we chose *not* to use "pgh" to set us apart. This was to minimize confusion with the former St. Raphael Parish (now Church) in the Morningside neighborhood of Pittsburgh. You may also notice that we usually use "the Archangel" in our title as another way to distinguish us from the Morningside St. Raphael — especially since that church is now part of St. Jude Parish, which can be a bit confusing.

Caring Corner

by Laura O'Keeffe

CARING † GIVING † SERVING



...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. -1 Peter 2:4

Both our second reading and Gospel today use the imagery of houses. St. Peter describes the building of the Church with Christ as the cornerstone and all baptized believers as living stones contributing to the building. St. John quotes Jesus describing our eternal home in heaven as his "Father's house."

We can all relate to these descriptions of houses. Throughout our lives, we probably live in and visit many houses. Even after not being in a house for many years, we might hold a detailed picture of it in our minds.

I have vivid memories of the houses in which my grandparents lived. I can recall every room of their homes in detail. If I close my eyes, I can picture my grandmas and grandpaps in their favorite chairs. It is easy to remember the smells of apple pie, ham baking with cloves, mothballs, and Pine-Sol.

Although those houses left deep impressions on me, it was the people and activities in them that were the true foundation on which our family was built. Being greeted with hugs and kisses as we entered, celebrating special occasions together, saying grace over shared meals, and listening to stories about their lives were the important and lasting things from my grandparents' houses.



When we attend Mass in our church buildings and receive Jesus, the cornerstone, in Communion, he strengthens us to build his Church. Houses and church buildings can fall into disrepair and be destroyed, but if we nurture and share the love we carry in our hearts and souls from them, we can be assured that the Father will have a dwelling place for us when the time comes to enter our eternal home.



Please pray for the parishioners who serve our country, those listed here, and those who cannot be listed. May God bless them and keep them from harm.

Cynthia Alward, Navy
Tyler Alward, Navy
MAJ Shawn Balent, USMC
A1C Noel Blackhall, USAF
SSGT David Blackhall, USAF
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SSGT Kristiana Coote, USAF
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LT Sean Trombetta, Navy
CPT Garrett Walnoha, Army
1LT Grant Walnoha, Army



DIAPER DRIVE

ENDS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend May 2 and May 3, the Ladies of Charity are holding their annual Diaper Drive for Mary's Place of Pittsburgh and Jeremiah's Place. Pack 'n Plays (play pens) will be placed in the back of each of our churches for your donations.

Mary's Place of Pittsburgh was founded to answer a call, one rooted in faith, dignity, and the belief that no mother should face pregnancy or early motherhood alone.

Jeremiah's Place cares for young children and supports families during a crisis.

- **Mary's Place is in need of preemie size diapers only.**
- **Jeremiah's Place is in particular need of 2T/3T pull-ups, 4T/5T pull-ups, and sippy cups.**
- **Other suggested items include new baby bottles, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper cream, onesies, sleepers, and outfits (size newborn to 24 months). Items must be new and in an original packaging.**

Monetary donations may be dropped in the collection baskets at Mass or mailed to the Administration Center (330 Third Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106). Donations can also be deposited in the drop-off box in Holy Family Hall (the narthex) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The drop-off box is located near the elevator, just outside of the double doors that lead to the offices. Please clearly mark all monetary donations for the diaper drive.

St. Raphael the Archangel Ladies of Charity thank you in advance for your donations that will be submitted to Mary's Place of Pittsburgh and Jeremiah's Place. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Cangelier at 412-779-0959.

JOIN THE PARISH

It's very easy to register in our parish. Just go to our website and click "Join our parish" under the Quick Links on our homepage: straphaelcgs.org.

UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION

If you've recently moved, changed your phone number, or had another change to your status, please update your registration. Go to "Update your registration" under the Quick Links on our homepage.

No computer? No problem! Just call the parish office, and Cathy or Carol will happily start either process for you: 412-857-5356.

2026 FISH FRY REPORT

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the fish fry a great success:

The core team of Pat and Haylie Walther, Kim and Kelsey Bissert, Cris Bridge, Joe Walther, Wayne and Diane Crowe, and Christian Tutsock were key in making the fish fry flow smoothly. Each one has specific expertise in various areas that helped make our fish fry so good.

An increasingly larger blend of parishioners from all of our communities volunteered to make this year's fish fry a success.

Our senior citizens came to help prepare the food and arrange the gym each Friday. We had a wonderful response from our youth. They procured and delivered the orders for our customers, cleaned the tables, assisted in retrieving the takeout orders, and some stayed to help put away the tables and chairs at the end of the night. It was very gratifying to see so many people working together each week to make our fish fry a success.

Some of the things that happen prior to the fish fry are preparation of the baked fish and coleslaw, making our "homemade" mac & cheese, and cabbage & noodles, taking the orders, putting the orders together, frying the fish, and organizing the bake sale. A special thanks to all our parishioners who provided an abundance of bake sale donations every week.

There are several jobs that are essential to the operation of the fish fry but do not receive recognition because they are really "behind the scenes." The people who emptied the trash and the courageous souls with dish pan hands who washed all our dishes deserve a special thank you. Your hard work enabled all of us to go home at a decent time each week. Our parking crew deserve a big thank you for braving the weather to welcome our guests and provide a safe entry and exit for our fish fry. We all looked fresh in our aprons because Debbie did all the laundry each week. Thanks to Paul and Dan who were always available to make sure everything was working properly.

Last, but certainly not least, are all of you, your friends, and your families, who came each week and supported our efforts. You are what makes our parish GREAT!

Total Income - $76,352.38
Expenditures - $38,260.31
Net Proceeds - $38,092.07

—Peg Sembrat, Fish Fry Chairperson



Children ages 4 to 7 are welcome to join a fun, faith-filled summer experience where they can create, learn, and make new friends. We offer five different weeks throughout the summer. Camps run from Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Parish Life Center on Greentree Road. Sign up for one week or multiple weeks. No two weeks are the same. The cost is $165 per week. Daily snacks and drinks are included, along with an Art & Soul Camp T-shirt. All art supplies and project materials are included in the price. Learn more by scanning the QR code or see the link on the parish homepage.

Mother's Day Candles

On Friday, May 8 we will have a
CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE AND ROSARY FOR MOTHERS
at St. Margaret of Scotland Church following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
All are welcome to join us to pray for our mothers, living and deceased.

Golden Agers Meeting

Wednesday, May 6 at 12:45 p.m.
in St. Luke's Hall
at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

Come celebrate
Cinco de Mayo
on Seis de Mayo!

Have lunch, have a few laughs, play bingo, and take a chance on our 50-50 raffle.
If you would like to attend please call Darlene Harrison 412-523-7620.

COMMUNICATIONS NOTE

to all parish organizations and groups when communicating to the public:

To demonstrate our unity in mission, please submit for review all announcements and flyers *before* publishing to outside audiences. This helps us ensure that the wording, branding, and artwork align with the overall vision of our parish, and is an accurate representation of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. As flyers, letters, and digital resources from committees are often assumed to be official, this process will verify that all communication clearly and accurately reflects our shared community voice and is approved by the pastor.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Kay Smith: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356, ext. 422.

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Thank you to the following:

- Everyone who attended the wine tasting last weekend. You helped make the evening a special event and a successful fundraiser to pay down our debt.
- Dr. Michael, Patricia, and Christian Kavic for planning and presenting their wines featured during the event.
- Judy Castello, Lori Dedola, and Mary Kay Smith for assisting me in planning, preparation, and presentation of the food pairings for the event. Their charcuterie table was a highlight of the event.
- The volunteers that ensured everything ran smoothly before, during, and after the event: Daryl Golinski, Elizabeth Kletzli, Annette and Al Marodi, Mary Jo Masko, and Kristen Palastro.
- The parish office staff for ticket sales and dealing with me on a daily basis.
- And a special thank you to the co-chairs, Victoria O'Bosky, and Gregg Palastro for being my idea generators, planning coordinators, gift card hunters, and the straight forward voice of reason on my ideas.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Palastro
(Wine Tasting Committee Chairman)



left to right: Gregg and Kristen Palastro, Jeffrey Palastro, Victoria O'Bosky, Mary Jo Masko, Elizabeth Kletzli, Annette and Al Marodi



The Kavics









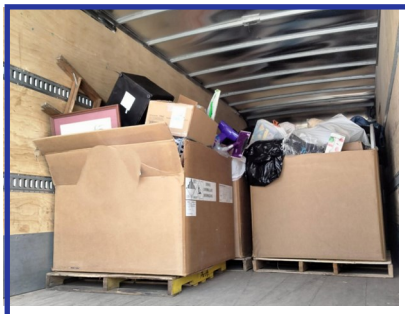




CHINESE AUCTION

Maria Walther, with the help of her daughter-in-law, Haylie, are chairing our giant Chinese Auction at the festival. They, with their team of volunteers, are counting on our generous parishioners to make this the greatest collection of prizes that we've ever had. Donate a monetary gift, items, or a complete basket. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Administration Center in Carnegie. We also accept gift cards, lottery scratchers, and bottles of cheer. Don't wait. The sooner you donate, the better!

Note: All donated items must be new in unopened packaging. Used items and items that are dirty will not be used for this raffle. Call Maria Walther if you have questions: 412-531-9432.



Thank you for donating clothing, shoes, and small housewares during our April drive.

Your charity filled all of the bins on the large box truck (26 feet long). The items will be distributed in our area to our stores in Castle Shannon, Coraopolis, Penn Hills, and Monroeville. Our stores rely on your generous donations of clothing, furniture, and household items. Last year, we assisted over 150,000 of our neighbors in need throughout Pittsburgh.

We hope to be able to do another donation drive in the early Fall.

St. Vincent de Paul Society









TRIP PLANNED

Joann and Don Cain are planning another day trip. Join them on a bus to Sugar Creek, Ohio on Wednesday, June 17, to see *Elijah: Prophet of Fire.* The bus will leave the parking lot at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the trip is $125. This amount includes admission to the show, a meal, a snack, and all gratuities and fees. Your ticket must be paid before May 27. No refunds will be issued. The bus will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait to reserve your spot. Call Don Cain after 6:00 p.m. to make a reservation: 412-279-0885.

PARISH FESTIVAL



FLEA MARKET

DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED STARTING ON MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 25

It is (almost) that time of year! Help us fill the gym!

*Please drop items at the GYM PORCH of the Parish Life Center at Ss. Simon and Jude Church beginning on May 25 —**do NOT drop off earlier than this date!***

After Memorial Day, if you need assistance unloading your donations, help will be available on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

We will not accept:

- ⃠clothing
- ⃠shoes
- ⃠furniture
- ⃠TVs
- ⃠baby car seats
- ⃠play pens
- ⃠strollers
- ⃠knives
- ⃠chemicals/cleaners/paints

Please make sure your donations are not:

- ⇒broken
- ⇒missing key pieces
- ⇒in poor condition and/or really dirty

The Festival is earlier this year (July 9-11) so the cut-off for donations is early: July 3.

Our volunteers work for hours sorting and pricing items. Please help them by screening your donations before they leave your home. If it looks like trash, do not bring it to us.

Would you like to be a part of the Flea Market Volunteer Team? We could always use the extra hands.
Call Phil Mastrean, Flea Market Chairman, to learn more: 412-420-9969.



In the Diocese of Pittsburgh, festival volunteers must be compliant with the Safe Environment Policy. To obtain your clearances, click the link on our homepage (straphaelcgs.org) or contact Karen Maurer to begin the process: karen@straphaelcgs.org, or 412-857-5356, ext. 430. This process is free for our volunteers and isn't difficult to complete. Contact Karen if you need more information.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O LORD JESUS CHRIST,
ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST AND SOURCE OF ALL GRACE,
MULTIPLY VOCATIONS AMONG US.
THE HARVEST IS GREAT, THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

BLESS OUR DIOCESE
WITH MANY HOLY AND FERVENT
PRIESTS, DEACONS AND RELIGIOUS.
GRANT A GENEROUS SPIRIT IN OUR FAMILIES
THAT WE MAY HONOR YOU IN YOUR CHURCH
AS WE SERVE IN FAITH AND CHARITY
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS.

AMEN.

TOGETHER, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR AN INCREASE IN PRIESTLY VOCATIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

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The Veterans' Lunch will take place on May 16 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in St. Luke Hall

Volunteers are needed to:
- Donate a side or dessert
- Direct parking
- Set up buffet & serve at food tables
- Work the sign-in table
- Cut and serve desserts
- Fill and serve drinks

We are very much in need of people to:
- Decorate and set up the room Friday afternoon May 15
- Clean-up around 3:00 p.m. after the lunch on May 16

We invite any who serve these areas to come and join the veterans for lunch.

If you are interested in helping please respond to Lynne Gross at 412-303-0631 or g.gross@comcast.net.

Volunteers working the event must have clearances. If you don't have them, we will work with you through that process.

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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Note: 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 (or even take a few steps) with the Eucharist in his or her hand.

CHOIR SCHEDULE

May 2/3 — Contemporary Choir: 9:00 a.m. SEAS
The Parish Choir and Bell Choir have the week off.

May 9/10 — Parish Choir: 11:00 a.m. SSJ
Contemporary Choir: 9:00 a.m. SEAS
The Bell Choir has the week off.



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.

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

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.

SCHOOLS

Guardian Angel Academy Elementary School
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St. Raphael the Archangel Pre-school at SSJ
Director: Amy Baumgart
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412-321-1071 ext. 2

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412-489-5848

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Mondays by Noon
mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

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