

# ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



1513 Dunster Road • Rockville, Maryland 20854

**Parish Office Hours** Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

**Parish Phone** 301-762-2143

**Parish Fax** 301-762-0719

**Website** [www.straphaels.org](http://www.straphaels.org)

**Rev. Michael Salah, Pastor, ext. 112**

**Rev. David Wells, Parochial Vicar, ext. 150**

**Rev. Msgr. Vincent Gatto, in residence**

**Deacon Jose Carbonell, ext. 187**

**Deacon Jorge Gatica, ext. 164**

**Deacon Richard Mattocks, 301-928-8227**

**Deacon Frank Salatto, ext. 149**

**Mary J. Beaudoin, Dir. of Religious Education, ext. 124**

**Gerri Stoner, St. Raphael School Secretary, ext. 122**

**Teri Dwyer, Principal, Baptism Coordinator, ext. 121**

**Eileen Kutchak, Dir. of Parish Programming, ext. 110**

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**Vince Natali, Dir. of Music Ministries - 240-864-2532**

**Suzanne Nelson, Adult Faith Formation - 443-472-3730 (cell)**

**Linda Poindexter, RCIA Coordinator - 240-864-2543**

**Elaine Salatto, Publications, Welcoming - 240-864-2513**

**Sandy Shamburek, Social Concerns Coordinator- 240-864-2514**

**Juliana Weber, Associate for Religious Education, ext. 123**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM  
and 1:00 PM (en español), 6:00 PM (youth)

**Weekday Masses:** Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 9:00 AM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM

**Penance:** Tuesday: 7:00 - 7:30 PM  
Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30 PM

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesday: 6:45 PM  
Thursday, 9:30 AM

**Benediction:** Tuesday, 7:30 PM; Thursday 7:15 PM

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Tuesday, 7:30 PM

**Chaplet to the Divine Mercy:** Tuesday, following Novena  
Thursday, 7:00 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parish Registration and a Baptism class is required. Please contact Teri Dwyer to register and plan to attend the class while awaiting the birth or adoption of your child.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** In Accord with the regulations of the Archdiocese of Washington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration and active participation for the minimum of three months is required *before* preparation may begin. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to the future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time.

**New Parishioners:** A warm welcome to St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Blue registration cards are available on the wall rack in the main entrance of the church. Information describing each ministry can be found on our website: [www.straphaels.org](http://www.straphaels.org), click on Parish Organizations.

## For Life Affirming Resources:

<http://www.adw.org/pregnant-need-help/>

Healing after abortion? Project Rachel 301-853-4565

**What does it mean to be an active Catholic?** Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating they are parishioners and active, practicing Catholics. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to a stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. We encourage all parishioners to become active in one of the parish organizations. In a community as large as St. Raphael, one means of verifying participation is through the regular use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

## Holy Mass and Healing Service



FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 5**

6:45 PM EXPOSITION

7:15 PM REPOSITION

7:00 PM CONFESSION

(WILL CONTINUE DURING MASS)

7:30 PM MASS

WITH HEALING SERVICE TO FOLLOW

Celebrants: Father Michael Salah/Father David Wells  
Deacon Frank Salatto

### Training for New Altar Servers

For those who were unable to make the training for new altar servers at the beginning of the summer, here's another opportunity. This training is open to all who are at least entering third grade and who have made their first Holy Communion. The training will be broken up into two, hour-long sessions. The first one is on Saturday, September 9, from 10:00AM-11:00AM in the church. The second one is Saturday, September 16, also from 10:00AM-11:00AM in the church. Please reach out to Fr. Dave for more details or to sign up: [dwells@straphaels.org](mailto:dwells@straphaels.org).



**Altar  
Servers**

# Parish Picnic

**September 24th  
2-5PM**

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

**Monday August 28**  
6:30 AM Richard B. Hacker (d)  
9:00 AM Greg Landon (d)

**Tuesday August 29**  
6:30 AM Oscar Escobar (d)  
9:00 AM John Falvey (d)

**Wednesday August 30**  
6:30 AM Nancy Conley (d)  
9:00 AM Michael F. Gallagher (d)

**Thursday August 31**  
6:30 AM Frank Radl (d)  
9:00 AM Jimmy Fisk (d)

**Friday September 1**  
6:30 AM Meredith & John Liddy  
9:00 AM Thomas Silvestri (d)

**Saturday September 2**  
9:00 AM Alison Ming Soberano (d)  
5:00 PM Fr. Wells Carol Carnahan (d)

**Sunday September 3**  
7:00 AM Fr. Wells Bernadette Carroll (d)  
8:30 AM Fr. Salah John Gleavy (d)  
10:00 AM Fr. Wells Rev. Stephen Adams  
11:30 AM Fr. Salah Dillon, Dunn, &  
Schuyler Families (d)  
1:00 PM Visiting Priest Members of the Parish  
6:00 PM Fr. Salah Percic-Stare Families

**The Priest Mass Schedule is subject to change.**

### Schedule for Confession:

Tuesday, August 29, 7:00 PM, Fr. Wells/Fr. Salah  
Saturday, September 2, 3:45-4:30 PM,  
Fr. Wells/Visiting Priest

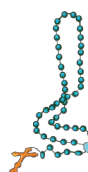
**RCIA/RICA (Spanish RCIA):** Non-Catholics or Catholics who have not received Eucharist and Confirmation, come and discover more about the Catholic Faith! Contact Linda Poindexter, 240-864-2543, Luis & Maruja Quezada, 301-330-5982) for details. Any youth interested in becoming Catholic contact the Office of Religious Education, 301-762-2143, ext. 124.

### Education:

**St. Raphael School:** 301-762-2143—Mrs. Teri Dwyer, Principal

### Baptisms:

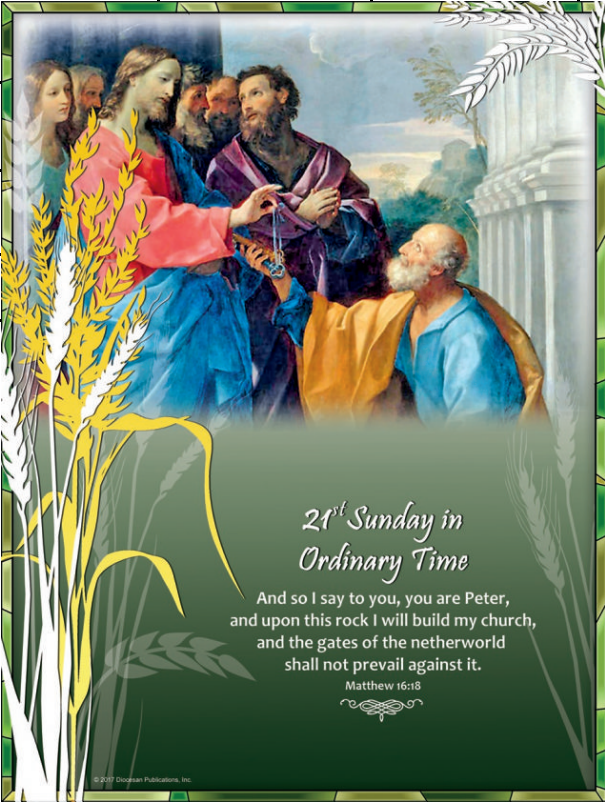
Thorson Chang Joseph Jameson August 19  
Anais Grace Virginia Jameson August 19



## PRAY THE ROSARY



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Monday<br>August 28  | Tuesday<br>August 29                            | Wednesday<br>August 30                      | Thursday<br>August 31                                 | Friday<br>September 1                             | Saturday<br>September 2 | Sunday<br>September 3   |
|--|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|---|
| SVdP, 6:30PM, Parish Library   | Exposition, Novena, Benediction, 6:45PM, Church | All Day Staff Training—Living Catholic      | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:00 AM Mass | Light of Christ, 7PM, Parish Library              | No Spanish Bible Study  | Second Collection: New Education Building   |
| Parish Picnic Planning, 7PM, Duffy Center 3  | Men's Group Planning, 7:30PM, Parish Library    | Contemplative Prayer, 9:45 AM, Upper Room D | Legion of Mary, 7:30 PM, Upper Room ABC               | Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Upper Room ABC, Youth Center |                         | Stone Soup Sunday Coffee/Donuts after 8:30, 10, 11:30 AM, 1PM, Masses, Trumpet Room |
|  | Spanish Prayer, 7:30PM, Upper Room ABC          |   | Baptism Prep/English, 7:30PM, Room 11                 | Holy Hour, 7:30 PM, Church                        |                         | Spanish CLW Planning, 11:30AM, Teachers Lounge                                      |
|  <p><i>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.</p> <p>Matthew 16:18</p> |   |   |   | Young Adult Divine Mercy, 7:30 PM, Room 12        |                         | Spanish Choir, 11:30AM, Upper Room ABC  |
|  |   |   |   | AA, 8:30PM, Duffy Center 3456                     |                         | Spanish Prayer, 2:30PM, Upper Room ABC, Duffy Center 3, 5                           |
|  |   |   |   |   |                         | Spanish Ministry, 2:30PM, Upper Room D  |
|  |   |   |   |   |                         | No Youth Ministry   |

**Budgeted weekly collection to meet expenses and obligations.....\$42,000.00**

**August 20, 2017**

**Offertory — 363 envelopes.....\$15,226.00**

**Loose.....\$ 5,638.50**

**Faith Direct — 375 donors.....\$13,587.25**

**(\$7,548.25)**

**Poor Box: .....\$534.00**

**Education Building .....\$407.00**

**To enroll in Faith Direct, direct debit program, visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely on line or complete an enrollment form. Our parish code is MD34.**



Mary Crawford, Alicia Czorny, Bob Denny, father of Tammi Henneman, Jack DePont, Joseph Gregory, Mary Rey Girardi, John Hacker, son of Ruth Hacker, Katherine Lanes Huelster, Kathy Mayfield, Finn McKeegan, grandson of Nancy Roan, Catherine Poindexter, great niece of John and Linda Poindexter

**Please pray for the soul of Vilma Grace.**

**If you are on the mend and wish your name to be removed from our prayer list, please call the parish office and let us know. Names on this list are only included with permission of the individuals. They will remain on the list for one month, and can be repeated by calling the parish office.**

**Ministry to the Sick:** The priests of the parish want very much to make sure that parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound receive pastoral care. We depend on the families and neighbors of parishioners to notify the parish office so we can bring you the sacraments. If you would like to receive Communion, a visit from Priest/Deacon or are going into the hospital please call the parish office. For immediate needs ask for one of the Priests.

**Parish Council:** Please feel free to contact a Parish Council member listed here to discuss your views, opinions, or concerns regarding our parish.  
Karen Sachs—301-424-3438  
Janet Leonard-Walker—301-315-0863

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON FRIDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: [esalatto@straphaels.org](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org). Due to the debt, we will no longer produce bulletin inserts instead have it summarized and put in the bulletin.

The bulletin cover this week  
Here is a first grade class from the past—other classes await you. Would you be our Catechist?  
You can call Mary Beaudoin for more information on how to become a catechist, 301-762-2143 x124.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)



CLW is a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word, specifically prepared for children ages 4-10. Leaders share the Gospel in a way that is developmentally-appropriate for children. CLW is not Religious Education class. Rather, it is part of the Mass - the Liturgy of the Word - with readings and reflection in language that children can readily understand. No fee and no registration. **CLW resumes on Sunday, September 10**, at 10:00AM, 11:30AM and 1:00PM Masses.

## Catechists Needed Religious Education



#### Sunday Mornings

**4 years & kindergarten**

Sundays, 7:05-8:20 p.m.

Grade 3

Grade 6 (We need 2 more!)

Grade 7 (We need 2 more!)

**+ Class Aides**

Mondays, 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Grade 5

Special Needs

**+ Class Aides**

Mondays, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Grade 2

Grade 3

Grade 8

**+ Class Aides (including special needs assistant)**

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Grade 1 (co-catechist)

**+ Class Aides**

*Please contact Mary Beaudoin*

301-762-2143 x124

### Do you want to be a Catholic??

Have you been thinking that perhaps God is calling you to become a Catholic?

Were you baptized a Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation?

Have you been "away" from the Church and need to learn about what you have missed?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church?

**Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be just the place for you. RCIA will be beginning on Sunday, September 24 with an introductory session and a chance to ask questions, in the Youth Center at 9:30 AM.**

**There will also be a few Inquiry meetings prior to September 24<sup>th</sup>. Inquiry meeting times will be announced.**

If you are interested in the Inquiry meetings or in RCIA, please contact Linda Poindexter at [lpindexer@straphaels.org](mailto:lpindexer@straphaels.org) or Deacon Jose Carbonell at [jrcarbon@comcast.net](mailto:jrcarbon@comcast.net) or leave a message at 240-864-2543.

Practicing Catholics who for some reason have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation may receive it at the Cathedral of St. Matthew on or about Pentecost Sunday 2018. There will be an announcement in the Bulletin during the Season of Lent about preparation for this sacrament. Those who wish to are welcome to come to RCIA if they would like.

### ADULT CLUB EVENT — Come join the Adult Club



for our annual Kick-Off Luncheon on Tuesday, September 12 at NOON at the Lakewood Country Club, located at 13901 Glen Mill Road in Rockville! Lunch will feature both salmon and

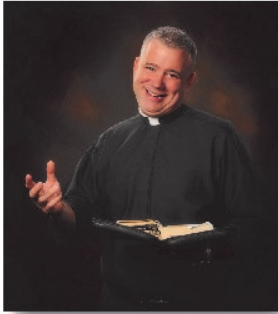
chicken with accompaniments. The cost for Adult Club Members is \$43; for non-members and guests the cost is \$48. In addition to sharing a delicious meal with fellow parishioners in a beautiful setting, attendees will get information on the other exciting events scheduled for October 2017 - June 2018. **If you're not already a member, come join the fun at the luncheon and see what we're doing this year!** If you're already a member, you know you'll have a great time!! Send your check made payable to St. Raphael's Adult Club to Chickie Zaudtke, 11332 Brandy Hall Lane, North Potomac, Maryland 20878 by August 31.

All St Raphael Church and School Staff will attend a Living Catholic seminar on Wednesday, August 30.



**ST. RAPHAEL'S MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
PRESENTS:**

**FR. LARRY RICHARDS  
"BE A MAN!" DVD SERIES**



**WHEN**  
**Saturdays 6:00 AM - 7:45 AM**  
Starts 09/09 /17 (Latecomers welcome)

**WHERE**  
**Trumpet Room**  
1513 Dunster Rd.  
Rockville MD, 20854

**WHO**

All Men 18+ are invited to join our fellowship.

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, Our Lord Jesus Christ wants to meet you right there.

**WHAT**

Light Breakfast  
Fellowship

"Be a Man" Video

Small Group Discussion

\*Based on the best seller book of the same title which has sold more than 100K copies; Father Richards is also host of the EWTN radio show called "The Reason For Our Hope", and a live EWTN radio show called "Open Line"

**CONTACT US**

For more information contact

Brian De Kowzan

bdekowzan@gmail.com

Daniel Rueda Posada

danielrueda@yahoo.com

**Sodality invites all women of St. Raphael...**



To the First meeting of the Year  
For the Installation of the New Officers by  
Father Michael Salah  
Following the Rosary, a Business  
Meeting and Refreshments

Wednesday, September 13,  
7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Duffy Center

Remember to wear your Miraculous Medal.

**St. Raphael Sodality** invites all women of the parish to join us. Sodality aims to foster in its members a deeper devotion and love for Mary, our Blessed Mother, who is our role model and inspiration. Our motto is "To Jesus Through Mary. We encourage members to participate in a variety of spiritual and corporal works of mercy for one another and for the community of St. Raphael parish. We are committed to supporting one another in prayer and in deed.

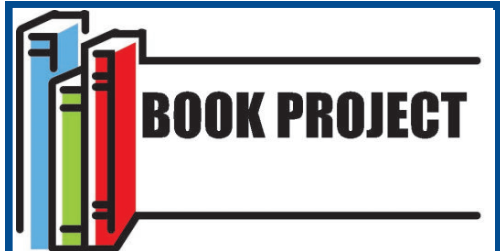
Monthly meetings provide an opportunity for prayer, spiritual and educational enrichment and friendship.

Please send your dues of \$25, payable to St. Raphael Church (note Sodality dues in the memo line) to Aleta Phillips, 304 Winter Walk Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Dues will increase to \$30 after October 31.



**Sodality Calendar  
of Events**

|                                |  |                      |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| September 13, 2017             | Installation/business meeting              | Fr. Michael Salah    |
| October 17, 2017               | Rosary, Mary's Prayer                      | Fr. Michael Salah    |
| November 6, 2017               | Mass, the Perfect Prayer                   | Fr. Dave Wells       |
| January 16, 2018               | What's on His Heart                        | Kevin Wells          |
| February 13, 2018              | Mardi Gras Tea                             |                      |
| 2/16; 2/23; 3/9; 3/16;<br>3/23 | Stations of the Cross Mary's Way           | Janet Leonard Walker |
| March 20, 2018                 | Women Speak for Themselves                 | Helen Alvare         |
| April TBD                      | Emmitsburg Pilgrimage                      | Betty Gill           |
| May 23, 2018                   | Year End Dinner Installation/<br>Induction | Fr. Michael Salah    |



This year the **Sodality Book Project** will donate funds for the children of St. Raphael's families who need assistance purchasing instructional materials required to prepare for their First Communion or Confirmation. We are asking parishioners for a \$5.00 donation, or whatever you would like to give, to continue our work of giving books to children. Please send your check payable to St. Raphael's Church (note Book Project on the memo line) to our Treasurer, Aleta Phillips, 304 Winter Walk Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## Dear St. Raphael parishioners ~ Please help us earn free money... Every grocery card counts!

By linking your Giant and Harris Teeter cards to St. Raphael School, you help us earn free money. Every time you shop, a percentage of your total is donated to SRS. Simply give us your numbers, and we'll do the rest. Either submit your info online at [www.tiny.cc/grocery-2017](http://www.tiny.cc/grocery-2017) or complete the form below and drop it off at the school reception desk or even in the offertory basket at your next Mass.



Five minutes of your time would mean so much to us!  
Please send in your grocery card numbers today!  
THANK YOU for supporting your parish school!



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Giant (12 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

*Forget your card number? Contact Giant at 877-366-2668*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Harris Teeter (all digits) \_\_\_\_\_

*Forget your card number? Contact Harris Teeter at 800-432-6111*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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I agree to have my account information  
renewed for the following school year.

[www.straphaelschoolmd.org](http://www.straphaelschoolmd.org) | [www.srnsmd.org](http://www.srnsmd.org) | @SRSrockville



# Reserve Your Spot Today!

## 9th Annual



**MONDAY  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**



*Lakewood  
Country Club*

## Schedule of Events

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

### 10:00 am ~ PLAYER REGISTRATION

- o Raffles, Mulligans, Apparel, and Player Gifts
- o Driving Range and Putting Green Warm-Up

### 11:00 am ~ COOKOUT ON OVERLOOK

- o Grilled Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Chicken
- o Drinks and Sweets

### 12:00 pm ~ SHOTGUN START

- o Handicapped Scramble (Net & Gross Winners)
- o Unlimited Beverages & Snacks on Course
- o 7 Hole Contests including a New Car!

**5:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

### FR. BILL FINCH MEMORIAL RECEPTION

- o Cocktail Party, Open Bar, and Dinner
- o Awards Ceremony and Raffle Drawings
- o Live Auction
- o Live Music
- o Reception Long Drive Contest!

Fr. Michael Salah, Teri Dwyer and the St. Raphael community are excited to announce the 9th Annual Fr. Bill Finch Memorial St. Raphael Golf Classic to be held Monday, September 25, 2017 at Lakewood Country Club. As we continue to fulfill one of Fr. Bill's last works in progress prior to his passing, we hope we can count on your support by playing golf, volunteering to help with the event, and/or committing to a sponsorship. For those who choose not to play golf, but still want to be part of this tradition, we invite you to join us for the Memorial Reception beginning at 5:30 pm. We are looking forward to seeing you on the links for another memorable day of fun and friendly competition!



*For more information, or to register and pay online, please visit the Parish website at [www.straphaels.org](http://www.straphaels.org) or contact us below.*

### St. Raphael Golf Classic Contacts

Michael Cronin (Sponsorships & General Info) 301-520-8631  
Angela Mussio (Registration)

[CroninMic@straphaels.org](mailto:CroninMic@straphaels.org)  
[Golf@StRaphaels.org](mailto:Golf@StRaphaels.org)

## Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)

Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514

**Next weekend's poor box:** The first Sunday of each month's poor box collection will benefit **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul/St. Raphael Conference**. Your generous giving helps us to help those individuals and families facing financial crisis, many of whom are facing it for the first time in their lives. Thank you for helping us to give them a "hands up" in resolving their difficulties!

**Stone Soup Sunday collections resume next week!** Our monthly food collection of non-perishables for St. Martin's of Gaithersburg Food Pantry will occur at all Masses on the first full weekend of each month. Please bring your non-perishable items to the truck parked in the circle and a volunteer will accept them from you **next weekend**. Thank you!

**Vincentian reflection:** In today's Gospel, we hear of Simon Peter's proclamation: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** It is only through Peter's faith that the Father revealed the knowledge that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah.



Frederick Ozanam, the Founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, had this type of deep faith that moved him to follow and serve

Jesus Christ by helping the poor. A friend wrote about Frederic: **"He has the sacred fire. There is such an air of interior conviction in this man, that without the appearance of doing so, he convinces and moves you."** **Frederic's sacred fire was faith. Faith for Frederic Ozanam was indeed a living reality that permeated his entire being; it was his "second sight."** Yet it was a hard-won gift. **Frederic attributes the foundation of his faith to his parents. "In the midst of an age of skepticism, God gave me the grace to be born in the true faith. As a child I listened at the feet of a Christian father and a saintly mother."** (Ramson, *Praying for Frederic*, p.49) How or to whom do you attribute your faith? More importantly, how will you act on it?

**First clothing drive:** The first clothing drive of this academic year is on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off your gently used and laundered warm items to the Trumpet Room stage no sooner than Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> after 5PM. There is unfortunately no storage space to hold your donations before this date. Volunteers are welcome for the sorting day, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Call Eileen Cheng at 301-762-6340 to volunteer.

**Volunteer opportunities continue into the new academic year:** Looking to do something for your parish community? There are many opportunities for students and adults alike. See the Home Page of the parish website at [www.straphaels.org](http://www.straphaels.org) for a list of things to do. Additional activities for students who need to fulfill their SSL hours will be posted as the holiday season approaches. What the bulletin for these notices!



**"If someone we know has received a prenatal diagnosis, let us ask the Holy Spirit to work through us. May the families of these little children be strengthened and comforted by our affirmation of the truth that their child's life—however long or short—is worth living."**

~Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities —<https://goo.gl/5pFJ1f>

**Pray to end abortion:** Join the prayerful Vigils held on Monday mornings at the Germantown Reproductive Health Services office located at 13233 Executive Park Terrace at 8:00 until 10:00 AM.

**Save the date!** St. Raphael will host the program **"Shining the Light on Assisted Suicide: A Screening of the Euthanasia Deception"** on **September 26<sup>th</sup> to start at 7:00 PM in the Trumpet Room**. Sponsored by Maryland March for Life, a 10 minute video of Maryland professionals that oppose the Physician Assisted Suicide bill in Maryland will be first shown followed by a Q&A session. It is of utmost importance that everyone come to educate themselves on the dangers of this legislation that will be re-introduced at the next General Assembly Session in 2018. Knowledge is power, the power we need to defeat PAS!

**Movie that inspires when facing terminal illness:** Actor Andy Whitfield was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2010. Instead of despairing, he chose to live his life in hope. Watch the award winning documentary, **"Be Here Now: The Andy Whitfield Story"**, which traces his journey. To watch the trailer, visit: [www.netflix.com/title/80061160](http://www.netflix.com/title/80061160).

## Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

### High School Youth

#### Color War and Fall Kick Off – September 10

Kick off the Youth Group fall semester with a color war! On September 10, come to the Youth Center from 7-9PM for food, fun, and Color War games. It's a great chance for new people to start coming to Youth Group.

## Religious Education

Mary Beaudoin, 301-762-2143, ext. 124

### Religious Education Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 10

Families who are new to St. Raphael Religious Education are asked to attend an orientation meeting on Sunday morning, September 10, after the 8:30, 10:00 or 11:30 Mass in the Duffy Center. Families attending the Spanish Mass are asked to come at 12:30. Returning families with questions are welcome. Please stop by and pick the *Religious Education Parent Handbook - 2017*. You can also purchase a Bible for \$10.

### Catechists and Aides Meetings

Our schedule for the coming weeks:

Thursday, September 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

New Catechist/Aide Orientation

Saturday, September 9, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Catechist/Aide Retreat Day

Monday, September 11, 7:00-8:30

Catechist/Aide Grade Level Planning

Sat./Sun., September 16/17, all Masses

Blessing and Commissioning

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, September 17, 18, 19,  
Classes begin

Wednesday, September 20, 6:45-9:45 PM

Virtus Training for New Volunteers



**Religious Education Welcomes Our  
New and Returning Families!**

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) offers faith formation sessions for children ages 3 to 18. Each year of faith formation builds on the previous year, so children and teens should attend every year. SRRE sessions will begin September 17. SRRE late registration is now open. Find the registration link at [www.straphaels.org/religious-education](http://www.straphaels.org/religious-education). Please have your parish envelope number to begin registration. (Families without an envelope number will need to contact our office.) Let Juliana or Mary know if you have any questions.

\* Please note that all of these sessions are dependent on volunteer catechists coming forward to receive training and to serve in catechetical ministry mid-September through mid-May. We still need quite a number of catechists and class aides in order to offer all the sessions currently listed.

**Program Schedule:**

- Sunday morning at 10:00-11:00 for 3 year old, 4 year old, kindergarten
- Sunday morning 11:30-12:30 for 3 year old, 4 year old, kindergarten
- Sunday night at 7:05-8:20 for grades 3 through 8 (+ youth group for high schoolers)
- Monday afternoon at 4:30-5:45 for grades 1 through 6 + Special Needs
- Monday night at 7:00-8:15 for grades 1 through 8 + high school
- Tuesday afternoon at 4:30-5:45 for grades 1 through 8

**Tuition Schedule:**

- One Student \$150.00
- Two Students \$225.00
- Three or more \$275.00

**Sacramental Activities Fee:**

- \$75.00 for children receiving **First Eucharist** in 2018
- \$125.00 for children (\$150 for high schoolers) receiving **Confirmation** in 2018 (includes Confirmation Retreat)

The easiest way to pay is through Faith Direct. (See Quick Links on the Home page. Use the On-Line Giving - One Time Gift link to pay Religious Education tuition and Religious Education sacramental fee.) You can also write a check (payable to St. Raphael RE) and bring or send it to our office. Please put your child's name on the memo line of your Faith Direct payment or your check. If you need tuition assistance, please contact us. We will be happy to work something out with you.

**An Invitation to the Ministry of Catechesis**

St. Theresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands, but yours; no feet but yours." As followers of Christ, we are called to heal, to proclaim, and to teach. SRRE is looking for adults and high school students to become part of our catechetical team.

We invite you to take a look at page 3 for all our catechist needs. Is God calling you to fill one of these special places?

**Preparation for Sacraments**

The SRRE office oversees and coordinates sacrament preparation for all children ages 7-18. This includes Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. Please contact Mary Beaudoin for information.

If your child attends a Catholic school (other than SRS) and will be entering grade 2, 7 or 8 in the fall, please complete the Catholic School Sacrament Registration form (Eucharist or Confirmation) and return it to the St. Raphael Religious Education office. We will contact you with important information, including meetings and preparation guidelines. You can download the form from the Religious Education page of St. Raphael website or contact us to request a copy. Thanks!

**First Communion**

While parents help their children prepare for First Communion throughout their early lives, formal preparation generally begins in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and encompasses two years. Children need to attend religious education or Catholic school. In addition, parents are given at-home sacrament preparation materials to complete with their children. Parents of children in their second year of preparation need to attend the First Penance parent evening meeting on Tuesday, September 26, or Thursday, October 5.

**Confirmation**

Formal preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation generally encompasses 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, though preparation can also be completed during high school. Candidates need to attend religious education classes or Catholic school; they also complete a number of projects over a two-year period. Students and their parents need to attend an evening meeting on Wednesday, September 27, or Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 for Confirmation I or 8:00 for Confirmation II.

**Special Needs Religious Education**

St. Raphael's Special Needs Religious Education provides weekly sessions that offer children, teens, and young adults - no matter what challenges they may face - an opportunity to grow in their faith along with their peers. If you know of a family who does not attend Mass or does not bring their child with a disability to Mass due to fears about their behavior, etc., please have them contact us. We want them to come and we want to help!

Also, we are seeking people with interest in special needs education to become part of our ministry. For more information about this joyful and enriching program, please contact Maria Harrington at [mariaharrington@msn.com](mailto:mariaharrington@msn.com).

**Making Music Little Angels**

Little Angels is a Catholic music program for children ages 0-5 with a parent. Children learn about Jesus and about God's love through prayer, interactive song, dance, instruments, parachute play and more. **Sessions begin September 15.** Registration information at Religious Ed. webpage or office



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*Pope Francis, Aug. 15*

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### **NEW PROGRAMS COMING IN THE FALL**

See fliers and more on the AFF webpage:

[www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation](http://www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation)

#### **1. Stay & Pray: Our Catholic Life series**

<http://www.twentythirdpublications.com/ourcalireand.html>

Prayer, Reading, and Discussion

**Vol. 1 The Human Journey of Faith**

**Sundays – in English**

7:05-8:20 PM

Begins September 17

Facilitator: Quyen Metzger

**Vol. 3 Drawing Closer to Christ**

**Mondays – in Spanish**

7:00-8:15 PM

Begins September 18

Facilitator: Ana Fernández-Daza

#### **2. EPIC: A Journey through Church History**

**DVD, Reading, Discussion, Prayer**

<https://shop.ascensionpress.com/t/category/study-programs/church-history/foundational-study>

**Tuesdays**

9:45-12:00 Noon

Begins September 19

Please contact Dorothy Welsh to sign up: [dwwelsh5@aol.com](mailto:dwwelsh5@aol.com)

#### **3. Sharing Christ: Part 3 of ChristLife**

**DVD, Prayer, Discussion, Commitment**

<https://christlife.org/>

**Wednesdays**

7:00-9:00 PM

Begins September 27

#### **4. Bible Study: ACTS, part 2**

Prayer, Discussion, DVD, Reading

<https://shop.ascensionpress.com/products/acts-the-spread-of-the-kingdom-dvd-set>

**Thursdays**

7:30-9:00 PM

Begins September 14

Facilitator: [Vicki Swaney](#)

#### **5. The Pivotal Players**

Prayer, DVD, Discussion, Reading

<http://pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org/>



**Tuesdays**

7:30-9:00 PM

Begins October 3

### **UPCOMING PLANNING MEETINGS:**

Tuesday, September 12 – 7:30 PM – Parish Library

Faith and Science Committee

Wednesday, September 13 – 9:30 AM Parish Library

EPIC – Facilitators meeting

Wednesday, September 20 – 7:30 PM – Duffy

Sharing Christ- Team

Thursday, September 21 – 7:30 PM – Room 7

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### **ONGONG ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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1. Log on to: <https://formed.org/>

2. Under the picture, click on **REGISTER**.

3) Type in the parish code and your email. The Parish CODE is **VCCHCY**

4) Gather a group in your home, choose a program, and **Enjoy!**

### **BOOKS AND LINKS**

See more at: [www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation](http://www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation)

**The Cave and the Light: Plato Verses Aristotle and the Struggle for the soul of Western Civilization** by Arthur Herman, 2013. (A bit of the history of philosophy)

**The Marian Option: God's Solution to a Civilization in Crisis** by Carrie Gress, 2017.

**Elizabeth Ann Seton** by Anne Merwin, 2015 (Saints by Our Side series)

**The Bible Blueprint** by Joe Paprocki, 2009.

**The Believing Scientist** by Stephen M. Barr, 2016

**The Joy of Believing** by the Most Rev. William Lori, 2017

**Catholic News Service (from the USCCB)**

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