ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 1, 2018

1513 Dunster Road ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20854

Parish Office Hours	**Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM–5:00 PM**
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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 listing our ministries and contact information can be found on our website by clicking Ministries, Social Responsibility, Ministry Sheet.

For Life Affirming Resources:
http://www.adw.org/pregnant-need-help/
Healing after abortion? Project Rachel 301-853-4565

Weekend Masses:	Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30AM, 1:00PM (español), 6:00PM (youth)
Weekday Masses:	Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 9:00AM Saturday: 9:00 AM
Penance:	Tuesday: 7:00 - 7:30 PM and Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30 PM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Tuesday: 6:45 PM Thursday: 9:30 AM
Benediction:	Tuesday, following novena 7:45 PM Thursday, 7:15PM
Miraculous Medal Novena:	Tuesday, 7:30PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet:	Tuesday, following Novena Thursday, 7:00PM

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.

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, JULY 3

6:45 PM EXPOSITION

7:15 PM BENEDICTION

7:00 PM CONFESSION

(WILL CONTINUE DURING MASS)

7:30 PM MASS IN ENGLISH

HEALING SERVICE TO FOLLOW

Celebrant: Father Michael Salah
Deacon Frank Salatto, Deacon Jorge Gatica

Missionary for Mission Co-op 2018

Our parish will have a collection for the **Diocese of Suyani, Ghana** the weekend of **July 7-8th. Fr. Joseph Dumfeh** will tell us about the experiences of the important mission work. Please be generous. Thank you and God bless you!

Retrouvaille Weekend

4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). Our next weekend is September 14 - 16, 2018. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400 -7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

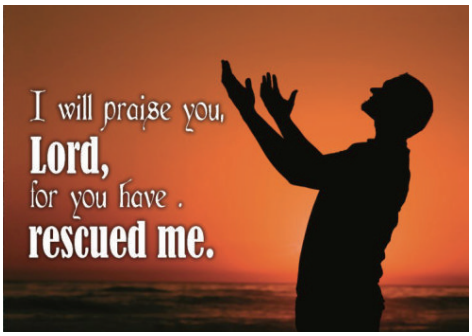
Monday	**July 2**	
6:30 AM	Ricardo Ysmael (d)	
9:00 AM	Beth Stoycos (d)	
Tuesday	**July 3**	
6:30 AM	Father Joseph Khong Nang Bao (d)	
9:00 AM	Gene Mangiante, Sr. (d)	
7:30 PM	Healing Mass	Virginia Wolf (d)
Wednesday	**July 4**	
6:30 AM	Valentine Matelis (d)	
9:00 AM	Philomena Lizzio (d)	
Thursday	**July 5**	
6:30 AM	Deacon Larry & Beatrice Gordon (d)	
9:00 AM	Menachery Family	
Friday	**July 6**	
6:30 AM	Harry H. Semmes (d)	
9:00 AM	Jean Whiteis (d)	
Saturday	**July 7**	
9:00 AM	Col. Frank Kaczmarek (d)	
5:00 PM	Fr. Wells	John Barcola (d)
Sunday	**July 8**	
7:00 AM	Fr. Wells	Percic &Stare Family
8:30 AM	Fr. Salah	Joe & Pat Doane
10:00 AM	Fr. Salah	Mary & Bob Muzzy (d)
11:30 AM	Fr. Wells	Helen Angello (d)
1:00 PM	Fr. Wells	Members of the Parish
6:00 PM	Fr. Salah	Cliff & Annabelle Sampson (d)

The Priest Mass Schedule is subject to change.

Schedule for Confession:
Tuesday, July 3, 7:00 PM, Visiting Priests
Saturday, July 7, 3:45-4:30PM, Fr. Salah/Fr. Wells

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, lpoindexter@straphaels.org and for Spanish: 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



Monday, July 2

Tuesday, July 3

6:45PM Exposition
7:00PM Confessions
7:15PM Benediction
7:30PM Mass followed by Healing Service

Wednesday, July 4

Parish Offices Closed—Happy 4th of July

Thursday, July 5

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9AM Mass, Benediction at 7:15PM

Friday, July 6

Spanish Holy Hour, 7:30PM, Church

Saturday, July 7

Sunday, July 8

Second collection this weekend is for Missionary Cooperative diocese of Suyani, Ghana
Stone Soup Sunday
Cofradia of Our Lord of Miracles water/soda sales

The Work of Evangelization

St. Theresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body on earth but yours; no hands, but yours; no feet but yours." While he lived on earth, Jesus sent disciples out in pairs to help in his work of evangelization. We believe that today he is calling adults of our parish to be catechists, co-catechists, and class aides who prepare the minds and hearts of children to hear and respond to the Good News throughout their lives. Is he calling you?

As the Religious Education prepares for the 2018-2019 year, we invite you to consider becoming involved in the ministry of catechesis. Our goal in the next few weeks is to help potential catechists to discern their vocation and to begin developing the skills needed. Please contact Mary Beaudoin for more information on becoming part of our SRRE catechetical team. Phone her at 301-762-2143 or email her at mbeaudoin@straphaels.org.

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON FRIDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: esalatto@straphaels.org. We no longer produce bulletin inserts instead have it summarized and put in the bulletin. Please note that graphic PDF's and graphic page inserts are to be sized 1/4 page and 1/8 page and will be placed as space permits.

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

Offertory — 338 envelopes……..$16,972.00
Loose……$ 5,317.50
Faith Direct— 427 donors……..$16,569.25
($3,141.25)

Poor Box: ……$784.00

Low Gluten Hosts that are approved by the Catholic Church for the Holy Eucharist are offered at the time of Communion. The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion offering these Hosts will be standing near the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Sunday Masses. At the 9:00 AM weekday Mass, the Minister will stand near the pulpit.

To enroll in Faith Direct, direct debit program, visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely on line or complete an enrollment form. Our parish code is MD34.

Prayers for Healing

Bob Balkam, Michael Caso, Mary Crawford, Greg Daly, John Hacker, son of Ruth Hacker, Ayette Kivlighn, David Roberts, Sr., Yasmine Tashman, William Valentine

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.

The bulletin cover this week
Come enjoy sitting on newly donated benches to reflect and pray near the Sacred Heart statue, located above the parking lot between the school and Raphael House.

Yes, it's Christmas in July! For the fifth year in a row, we will collect items for our guests attending the Mother Teresa Soup Kitchen Luncheon in December. We are asking parishioners to donate items needed to complete the toiletry gift bag assembled for each guest. We need your help!

The following toiletry items are requested for donation:

One 3 oz. bottle of shampoo
One 3 oz. bottle of conditioner
One 2.5 oz. *tube* of hand cream
Two pairs of warmer men's socks

Please include your donations listed above in a **gallon-sized zip-lock bag** for one person but we will gratefully accept any bulk donations, too! Drop off your donation to the **Parish Office between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:30 PM. during the work week any time during the month of July.** Check out all the items to be included in this year's gift located on the credenzas in the church vestibule.

Many thanks to St. Raphael Parishioners for your generosity!
~The Mother Teresa Team

INQUIRY SESSIONS

Are you interested in learning more about Christianity and the Catholic Church? *The Coordinators of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) would like to help you do just that!

You would be invited to attend meetings of no more than six people about once a month. And you would be free to ask any questions you might have. Those who feel they are ready to take the next step may choose to enter the RCIA which usually begins in the Fall (late September) and continues until a few weeks after Easter. Those who participate in RCIA enter the full communion of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

If you would like to know more about this please contact Linda Poindexter (240-864-2543) and leave a message or e-mail lpoindexter@straphaels.org or Deacon Jose Carbonell, jrcarbon@comcast.net

St. Raphael's Sodality invites all women of the parish to join us. Sodality aims to foster in its members a deeper love and devotion for Mary, Our Blessed Mother, who is our role model and inspiration, who leads us to her Son, Jesus. 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's. We hold monthly meetings September through May, which provide an opportunity for prayer, spiritual enrichment and friendship.

We will begin to collect annual membership dues in September. Look for notices in the bulletin beginning in August and we'll see you in September.

Sodality is delighted to welcome twenty-four new members this year.

Anne Marie Begley
Glenda Buchanan
Eileen Cheng
Patricia Crew
Carol DeClementi
Carol De Oro
Sharon Discavage
Pat Doane
Maria Fernando
Julie Gilak
Marion Griffith
Dorys Haugaard
Mihuryl Hernandez
Juliana Jacobson
Armelle Kouakou
Shirley Lee
Maureen McHugh
Mary Meyer
Olga Moore
Indah Oei
Dora Pachajoa
Kathy Patterson
Angela Rappa
Norma Saad

If you have questions about Sodality, please call or email Louise Cox 240-731-1348, louisecox25@comcast.net or Anna Derry 301-762-6826, annamaven@verizon.net.

Around the Archdiocese

The Gabriel Project assists needy women and women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County. Women volunteers (**especially bilingual Spanish speaking women**) are needed to stay in touch with client mothers. This includes keeping in touch with them via phone or email during their pregnancy, bringing them needed items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc. that are provided by the Gabriel Project, and praying for them. The average time commitment would be approximately 1 - 4 hours per month (or less). Men are also needed to pick up donations once or twice per month. Daily prayer supporters are also needed. For more information, please call or text Toni Wohleber (240) 882-9893, or e-mail Carmen Rojas at gccthompson@juno.com.

Holy Land Festival
On Saturday, July 14, the Francisan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St., NE, Washington, DC) will host the Holy Land Festival from 11AM-5PM. Experience the Holy Land in DC with Middle Eastern food and authentic Holy Land vendors. Enjoy a musical performance by the Magnificat School from Jerusalem. Take part in guided tours of the historic church, catacombs, and lush gardens. Great for adults and children alike with presentations by National Geographic, Bethlehem University, Holy Family Hospital, and a special talk by the Franciscan friars on the Franciscans' 800 years in the Holy Land, along with Arabic writing, face painting, and much more. End the day with the celebration of Mass at 5PM. For more information, call 202-526-6800.

Film Viewing - *Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae*
Celebrating the beauty of the Church's teaching on married love, St. Joseph Church in Pomfret, MD invites you to a dinner and viewing of *Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae* on Friday, July 27. This brand-new film examines the effects of the free-love experiment of the Hippie Generation and the prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Food, film, and childcare all FREE (donations gratefully accepted). Food served at 6:30PM, and film starts at 7:30PM. Space is limited, so RSVP by calling the parish at 301-539-3903. The parish is located at 4590 St. Joseph Way, Pomfret, MD 20675.

Volunteering at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land
The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild is seeking one or more persons who can commit to a few hours each week to provide administrative support for this important community outreach program that feeds hundreds of those in need each year. Hours are flexible. Persons with organizational and clerical skills who are interested in helping the friars grow this program are encouraged to contact Ann Jones at ann@myfranciscan.com or 202-526-6800, x852.

Volunteering at the National Shrine
Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception invites you to become a Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services, at 202-526-8300, x111 or dsteel@bnsic.org. Thank you for your interest in this special volunteer ministry.

Catholic Terps at the University of Maryland, College Park
Are you (or your child/friend/relative) attending the University of Maryland, College Park in the fall? Visit the Catholic Student Center for Mass, free Wednesday dinner every week, Bible studies, retreats, service, and more! To connect with Catholic Terps, go to catholicterps.org or email Lisa Lytwyn at lisa@catholicterps.org.

St. Raphael Honor Roll

Please pray for those serving in our armed forces and for those families who have suffered loss.

Daniel Bertrand Del Bianco, USN (d) and family
Cpt Paul D Galvin
E-3/HN Colleen Gardella
Robert Garret, US Army MP
Ens. Andrew Hayes, USN
Sgt Thomas Kimelblatt
Jake Klosowski, USNA
Captain Frank Lowery, USN
Ed Mackey USMC
Commander Mike McNally, USN
Col. Ivan Monclova
LT Zachary Poindexter, USN
LT Paul Schauppner, USN
LT James Sheets (USN)
Cadet Andrew Valentine USMA
LT Kenneth Yale, USAF

Changes: e-mail esalatto@straphaels.org

School News

A peek behind our classroom doors

JULY 1, 2018

Photos by MJ Zafis-Garcia

Field Day!

From team contests to a water-balloon toss, and, of course, the dunk tank, our spirited event closes the school year with a celebration.

www.straphaelschoolmd.org | www.srnsmd.org | @SRSrockville

Photos by MJ Zafis-Garcia

For more photos (and videos!) from Field Day, visit our Facebook Page

Congrats to the Class of 2018!

Photo by Derek Woodward

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Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)
Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514

Stone Soup Sunday: Our next collection scheduled for *next weekend,* **July 7 or July 8** for our monthly food collection that benefits St. Martin's Food Pantry in Gaithersburg, MD. Drop off your donation by the truck parked in the circle of the parking lot. A volunteer will be happy to help you with your donation.

Vincentian reflection: In today's Gospel, we see how in faith, Jarius, asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering. We ask you to remember SVdP on the first full weekend of the month (for July, on July 7th or July 8th) with a poor box offering. **Through these gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will bring the love and healing of Jesus to our suffering neighbors.**

Today is the deadline to drop off your donations: If you have not already dropped off your donation of **disposable razors, non-aerosolized shaving cream and dish soap**, please make sure it is in the box located in the Church vestibule by Monday, July 2. A representative from Catholic Charities will be collecting the donations this week.

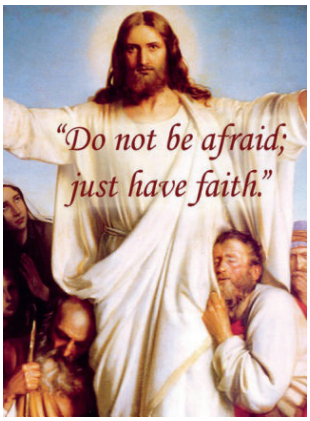
Annual Christmas in July Collection: A sample of the toiletry items that are needed this year is located on the credenzas in the vestibule. If you wish to have a copy of the flier, please visit: www.straphaels.org or call Sandy Shamburek at 240-864-2514. We will be collecting throughout the month of July and donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office between the hours of 10AM and 4PM, Monday through Friday. Thank you for helping us to make the Mother Teresa annual celebration a memorable one!

S.R.O. Spotlight- Advocacy Subcommittee: This subcommittee works in the promotion of advocacy and action on issues related to Catholic Social Teaching in the public square. Includes but is not limited to an annual event called **Catholics in Annapolis,** which gives individuals time to interact with our elected state representatives on legislation before them in the General Assembly Session. Many issues up for consideration for making them Maryland law have significant impact on Catholic doctrine. As Catholics, we are called to voice our concerns for the poor and vulnerable who have no one else to speak on their behalf. Be that voice! Watch the bulletin as we start to prepare for the 2019 session. New members are needed so that the voice is strong. Contact Sandy Shamburek at 240-864-2514 or sshamburek@straphaels.org .

"You are not simply the future leaders of the Pro-Life movement. You are the leaders now!"
~ Fr. Frank Pavone

Late-Term Abortion (L.T.A.) Education Program commences! As promised, this weekend and for the next year, bulletin notices on a specific topic related to abortion for that month will be published under this column. ***What exactly is late-term abortion?*** A late-term abortion is performed during the 3rd trimester and are not legal in most states except during certain medical situations. L.T.A.s end the life of unborn babies many of whom would have been viable, that is, able to survive outside of the womb. It is very specific to the viability of the fetus, its ability to survive outside of the womb. The point of viability is a highly contested issue in medical and legal circles, but most states establish the point of viability at 20 to 24 weeks gestation. Maryland is one of the few states in our nation that ***permits L.T.A. up to the time of birth.*** To learn more on the facts of L.T.A., stay tuned to notices under this column for the remaining weeks of this month.

The need to pray at late term abortion locations is *still very much needed*! Join other concerned pro-lifers for the weekly prayer vigil every Monday morning north of the Wildwood Shopping Center, 9 to 11AM, to end late term abortions performed by Leroy Carhart. Carhart, until recently, committed atrocities against innocent unborn life in Germantown; now, he completes them in Bethesda. Meet on the public sidewalk north of the Wildwood Shopping Center (in front of the Sun Trust Bank) on Old Georgetown Road. Visit www.prayforbethesda.com for more information and parking instructions. Dick Retta, 301-538-2500 and Missy Smith, 202-288-4984 are the points of contact. Carhart has identified a bio-waste removal company who is happy to receive payment for services rendered.



Youth Ministry
Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

High School Youth

Board Game Bonanza – July 1
Get to know other teens at Youth Group by competing in various board games on July 1. All teens, rising 9th grade through graduated senior are invited to join us from 7-9PM for a fun Board Game Bonanza!

Swinging In The Spirit – July 8
Come to Youth Group on July 8 for a night of dancing! "Swinging in the Spirit" is a chance to learn fun line dances and swing dances. All high school teens are invited to join us from 7-9PM to dance the night away!

Religious Education

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

Religious Education Registration

Registration for St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) is open at www.straphaels.org/2018-19-religious-education-registration .

We look forward to having all our SRRE children and teens back in September, and we are eager to welcome new families. SRRE registration is completed online through the parish website. Note that you will need your parish envelope number, as well as the location and date of your child's baptism. Contact our office if you have any questions. **Please register early so that we know where catechists are needed.** Thanks!

Regular Tuition through July 31:
One child - $125
Two children - $200
Three or more children - $250
Sacramental Fees:
First Eucharist in 2019 - $75
Confirmation (8th grade) in 2019 - $125
Confirmation (high school) in 2019 - $150

Payment plan and reduced tuition are available for families who need financial assistance. Please contact Mary Beaudoin.

The SRRE Office also coordinates sacrament preparation for all children ages 7-18. This includes Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please contact Mary Beaudoin for information. Children preparing for sacraments need to be registered and attending religious education classes or Catholic school.

Catholic School Students – Sacramental Preparation

Children in Catholic schools need to register with their parish Religious Education office because sacrament preparation and celebration take place in the child's home parish, not in the Catholic school they attend (though Catholic schools assist with aspects of the preparation). If your child attends a Catholic school (other than St. Raphael) and will be entering grade 1, 2, 7 or 8 in September, please register online at https://www.straphaels.org/2018-19-religious-education-registration. We need to be able to contact you with important information, including meetings and preparation guidelines. Thanks!

Sacramental Fees:
First Eucharist in 2019 - $75
Confirmation (8th grade) in 2019 - $125
Confirmation (high school) in 2019 - $150

Confirmation Service Project

In the Gospels Jesus teaches us - by word and example - all about service. In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." We strive to recognize Jesus present in each person and make a point to serve those in greatest need. And in John 13:1-17, Jesus, who is their teacher and master, washes the feet of his disciples.

Young people who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation show that they are followers of Jesus by serving others as he did. Those who are preparing for Confirmation in spring 2019 need to complete a Confirmation Service Project. The project consists of ten or more hours of service and a reflection paper. Confirmation candidates and parents can find service information and forms at www.straphaels.org/confirmation-1. Records of Service and Reflection Papers are due on September 1.

Special Needs Religious Education

St. Raphael is blessed to have an active special needs ministry that strives to provide religious education to students of all abilities. This ministry just completed its sixth year of providing religious education classes that meet weekly so that children and young adults in our parish can grow in their faith along with their peers, no matter what challenges they may face. We have celebrated along with our students as they have received the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation. However, we know that we are not reaching everyone. We could use your help. 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 Mary Beaudoin in the Religious Ed. office.

Special Needs Religious Education is a blessing for both the child and the catechist. We are also actively seeking people who would like to become catechists for our children and teens with special needs. For more information about this joyful and enriching program, please contact Maria Harrington at mariaharrington@msn.com.

Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in Today's World

Pope Francis' new apostolic letter is about our call to be holy. Over the next year we will reflect on excerpts of Gaudete et Exsultate*, or in English,* Rejoice and Be Glad.

"Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:12), Jesus tells those persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence...

My modest goal is to repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges, and opportunities. For the Lord has chosen each of us "to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4). [#1-2]

Adult Faith Formation
Suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com
443-472-3730

AFF QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

Peter Marshall

SRSG PILOT PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY!

Please keep this new adventure in your prayers.

Holy God, Creator of the human family, we give you thanks for the many a varied ways you build up your Church.
Bless all those participating in the SRSG pilot program this summer. Grant that through their vision and dedication they may be of service to this parish and bring honor and glory to your name.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

BOOKS & LINKS

Called and gifted for the Third Millennium
http://www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/laity/called-and-gifted-for-the-third-millennium.cfm
The Resurrection by Fabrice Hadjadj, 2016.
Facilitating for Growth: A Guide for Scripture Study Groups and Small Christian Communities by Barbara J. Fleischer, 1993.
FORMED: A Free online platform for AFF Resources
Go to: www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation
and click on the link.

AFF IN 2018-2019

What type of AFF do you want in coming year?

Thank you to all who responded to our emailed Survey.
You can still send comments and new ideas to
suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com

ST. RAPHAEL SMALL GROUPS

Theme for 2018-2019
Who we are; who we are called to be.
Over the summer, we will explore this theme here:

Part 1: Who we are

I am a human being, a woman, of a specific age, with a specific family, education, and career in teaching and administration. I am a baptized member of the universal Catholic Church, a citizen of the USA, a part of the community of the Archdiocese of Washington, and a parishioner at St. Raphael Church.
Who are you? _____

Part 2: Who are we called to be?

I am called to live and grow in my relationship with Christ and with others. Through God's grace and goodness to me I'm called to share my life, gifts, and talents with all those in my circle of influence; and to widen that circle of "discipleship" as much as I can.
Who are you called to be? _____

Part 3: Follow-up

Take some time these summer days to consider what it would be like to read each parishioner's answers to the above questions.
Then try to describe the parish as a whole.
Share your thoughts about this with some of your friends.
Will these friends be a part of your SRSG this Fall?

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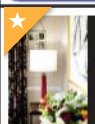

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