

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 22, 2018



1513 Dunster Road ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20854

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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, AUGUST 7



- 6:45 PM EXPOSITION
- 7:15 PM BENEDICTION
- 7:00 PM CONFESSION
(WILL CONTINUE DURING MASS)
- 7:30 PM MASS
HEALING SERVICE TO FOLLOW

Celebrant: Father Michael Salah/Father David Wells
Deacon Frank Salatto, Deacon Jorge Gatica

Retrouvaille Weekend

Help Our Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue? Have you stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 14-16, 2018, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443)400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

National NFP Awareness Week Begins July 22nd—July 28th

The theme for 2018 is:
Celebrate God's Gift of married love!

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 22-28, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote methods of Natural Family Planning. Natural Family planning (NFP) methods reflect the dignity of the human person with the context of marriage and family life, and promote openness to life and the gift of the child. By complementing the love-giving nature of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. For more information about NFP visit: <https://adw.org/living-the-faith/marriage-family/natural-family-planning/>

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Monday	July 23	
6:30 AM	Elizabeth Aino (d)	
9:00 AM	Jim Verme	
Tuesday	July 24	
6:30 AM	Pat Sullivan (d)	
9:00 AM	Jack Dettleff (d)	
Wednesday	July 25	
6:30 AM	Rudolph Alexander Dickel (d)	
9:00 AM	Julie Wessel (d)	
Thursday	July 26	
6:30 AM	Mary & G. P. Paul (d)	
9:00 AM	Michael J. Tabacco (d)	
Friday	July 27	
6:30 AM	Ryan Walden (d)	
9:00 AM	James Clive Milway (d)	
Saturday	July 28	
9:00 AM	Jimmy Randazzo (d)	
5:00 PM	Fr. Wells	Agnieszka Wnek (d)
Sunday	July 29	
7:00 AM	Fr. Wells	Members of the Parish
8:30 AM	Fr. Wells	Jack Butler (d)
10:00 AM	Fr. Salah	John Ford (d)
11:30 AM	Fr. Salah	Vilma Carol Lehman (d)
1:00 PM	Fr. Wells	Len Ralston (d)
6:00 PM	Fr. Salah	Lou Griffith (d)

The Priest Mass Schedule is subject to change.

Schedule for Confession:

Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 PM, Fr. Salah/ Fr. Wells
Saturday, July 28, 3:45-4:30PM, 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, lpindexter@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

Baptisms:

Mackenzie Moira Woo July 7
Bryson William Knodel July 16

- Visit www.FORMED.org
- Parish Access Code: VCCHCY
Be sure to check it out.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, July 23

Tuesday, July 24

6:45PM Exposition, Novena, Benediction

Wednesday, July 25

Thursday, July 26

After Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00AM
Mass

Friday, July 27

Saturday, July 28

Sunday, July 29

12:30PM Water and Soda Sales—Cofradia of Our Lord of Miracles

Budgeted weekly collection to meet expenses and obligations.....\$42,000.00
Offertory — 342 envelopes..... \$19,503.00
Loose..... \$ 6,420.50
Faith Direct—432 donors \$15,958.45
(\$118.05)

Poor Box: \$577.00

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.

Parish Council: Please feel free to contact a Parish Council member listed here to discuss your views, opinions, or concerns regarding our parish.
 Dave DeSalle—301-869-4064
 Michelle Aldridge—301-351-2775

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.

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 9:00AM weekday Mass, the Minister will stand near the pulpit.



Readings for the Week of July 22, 2018

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18;
 Mk 6:30-34

Monday Saint Bridget, Religious
 Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23;
 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Saint Sharbel Makhlúf, Priest
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7, 8;
 Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday Saint James, Apostle
 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
 Mt 20:20-28

Thursday Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11;
 Mt 13:10-17

Friday
 Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;
 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday
 Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18;
 Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



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

Please pray for soul of Ken Durst, Marcella Haugaard, and Lila Abrajano.

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

The Knights of Columbus held their Installation on July 14th. Congratulations everyone!

Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

High School Youth

Zombie Apocalypse – July 22

On July 22, the Trumpet Room will become a post-apocalyptic wasteland of nerf guns, dodgeballs, overturned tables, and strobe lights...it's the annual Zombie Apocalypse! All high school teens are invited to join us from 7-9PM for food and fun!

Volleyball – July 29

Come to Youth Group for a volleyball tournament outside from 7-9PM. It's a favorite summer tradition and a great chance to bring a friend for the first time!

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreats

Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend

Upcoming weekends:

Aug 23-26, Sep 20-23, Oct 18-21, Nov 15-18

Are You Ready?! You're not just planning a wedding, you're preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS Inventory included and we are a partner of the Witness to Love program! The cost for the retreat is \$295 per couple. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org, or call 301-365-0612. These weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Visit our website to register for these or other upcoming retreats www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

To Teach As Jesus Did

In the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, we find Jesus teaching in the synagogue in his home town. The people there, including his relatives, are not open to hearing him; in fact, they take offense at him. Undeterred, Jesus continues his ministry; and even sends his disciples out two by two to teach and to heal. When he finds out that his cousin, John, has been beheaded for "preaching" to Herod, Jesus goes away with his disciples to pray. But they are met by people who have not heard the Good News. So in verse 34 we hear, "As Jesus went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." (Mark 6:34)

As our Religious Education office prepares for the 2018-2019 school year, we – like Jesus and his disciples in this Gospel account - are met by a great crowd! We serve 320 families and nearly 500 children and teens in our 45 class sections. Though many of our catechists and aides will be returning in September, we know that God is calling new people to join us in ministering to the children and families in our program. Because of the compassion and faith of the disciples of Jesus throughout 2000 years of Christian history, the Church is still teaching the Good News. We invite you to consider sharing the good news with the children and young people of our parish. Please contact Mary Beaudoin for more information on becoming part of our SRRE catechetical team or the CLW leaders group. Phone her at 301-762-2143, ext. 124 or email her at mbeaudoin@straphaels.org.

Did you know?

- ⇒ You can *stay and say* the Rosary Monday thru Friday following the morning Masses at 6:30 and 9:00 AM.
- ⇒ on Tuesday evenings at 6:45PM, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions at 7PM, 7:30PM, the Miraculous Medal Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Benediction.
- ⇒ First Tuesday of every month Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:45PM, Confessions at 7PM through Mass, Benediction 7:15PM, **Holy Mass 7:30PM followed by Healing Service.**
- ⇒ Thursdays after 9:00 AM Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day, Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 7PM, 7:15PM Benediction. May and October Rosary at 6:40PM
- ⇒ First Friday of every month, Spanish Holy Hour, 7PM, in church

Eucharistic Adoration

Each Thursday, after 9:00 AM Masses

We thank all the Adorers who stay and pray with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays. If you are present at Eucharistic Adoration, please continue to sign in to let us know which time slots are filled. We hope to see all of you again each week. Newcomers are always welcome.

There are 30-minute time slots open and we welcome those who are willing to make the commitment for a time each Thursday, after the 9AM Mass until closing with benediction at 7:15PM. We know by your sign-ins that Our Lord will never be alone.

If you are already committed to a specific time each week, and your name is not typed on the list and/or would like to commit to a specific time each week, please call Elaine at 240-864-2513 and your name will be added.

2019 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

MARCH 20, 2019-MARCH 30, 2019

LAND ONLY \$2,525 *PLUS AIRFARE* - 11 DAYS

Visit Carmel, Cana, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt. Tabor, Mt. of Beatitudes, Mt. of Transfiguration, Jericho, Bethany, Jerusalem, Mt. Zion, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, Emmaus, The Dead Sea, and more.

Departures from Detroit Metro Airport or Wash., DC Dulles Airport

JOIN US FOR A MEMORABLE VISIT TO THE BEAUTIFUL HOLY LAND!



Fr. Michael Salah, M.Div., *SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR*, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

since 1991. He is currently the Pastor of St. Raphael Catholic Church, Rockville, Maryland.

After practicing dentistry and doing mission work in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala, Fr. Mike entered the Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts and received a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained a priest in June, 1991 for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. Fr. Mike also presents Retrouvaille workshops for married couples. Fr. Mike's family is from Jerusalem and Jordan. They emigrated to the United States in 1973.



Kathleen A. O'Connor, M.A., *PILGRIMAGE COORDINATOR*, lives in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Kathleen received her Master of Pastoral Ministry degree from Boston College in 1989. She served as Director of Healthcare Ministry for the Archdiocese of Detroit and also as Director of Pastoral Ministry in the Trinity Health System in Michigan. Since 1993 she has organized and led over 40 pilgrimages to the Holy Land, France, Poland, Italy and Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Kathleen has organized many Catholic Conferences and Days of Reflection and is a conference speaker and promoter of the Divine Mercy devotion and spirituality. She has also done mission work in the Dominican Republic and the Ukraine. She was a featured speaker on the former *Michigan Catholic Radio 1090* for three years.

Price, based on a minimum of 30 pilgrims. Includes rooms based on double occupancy with private bath, buffet breakfast and dinner daily, all air taxes, tips, gratuities and entrance fees, professional Holy Land guide and an air-conditioned deluxe motor coach. Not included: Roundtrip airfare from Detroit Metro or Washington Dulles, passport, items of a personal nature, lunch, and drinks at dinner in Jerusalem. TRAVEL INSURANCE (recommended).

MUST HAVE A VALID U.S. PASSPORT-valid through OCTOBER, 2019

LAND PORTION PROVIDED BY *SAFIEH TOURS & TRAVEL AGENCY, ISRAEL*

DEPOSIT \$600 DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2018

ADDITIONAL \$1,500 DUE DECEMBER 1, 2018

FINAL BALANCE \$450 DUE IN ISRAEL NOTE: Single supplement, if available, additional \$650.

DEPOSIT Checks are payable to: Mercy Pilgrimage Ministry. MAIL \$600 DEPOSIT to:

Kathleen O'Connor, M.A., 23652 Cottrell St., Clinton Township, MI 48035

For additional information contact: Kathleen at 586-791-2191; or e-mail: koconnor48073@yahoo.com

FOR LAND RESERVATIONS: PLEASE COMPLETE the form below & RETURN TO KATHLEEN.

NAME: _____ TELE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____ CELL #: _____

If you have a Roommate please include their information below.

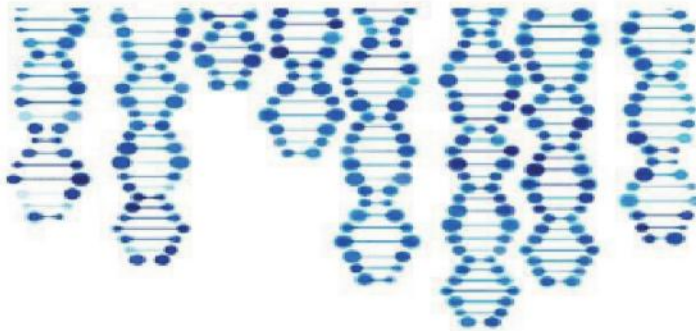
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FR. JOSEPH THAM, PHD



At the invitation of parishioner Dr. Mark Li and the St Raphael Science & Faith Group,
FATHER JOSEPH THAM, will present:

GENETIC EDITING

St Raphael Church, Parish Library
1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD 20854
7:30-9:00 PM
Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Dr. Tham was a physician in Toronto before he was called to be a priest. After his Ordination, he obtained his PhD degree in Bioethics at Georgetown University and joined the faculty of the School of Bioethics, *Pontificio Ateneo Regina Apostolorum* in Rome, Italy. He currently serves as:

- Professor, School of Bioethics, *Pontificio Ateneo Regina Apostolorum*
- Fellow and founding member, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights
- Visiting Professor, Holy Spirit Seminary College, Hong Kong
- Fellow, Bioethics Resource Centre of the Holy Spirit Seminary College, Hong Kong

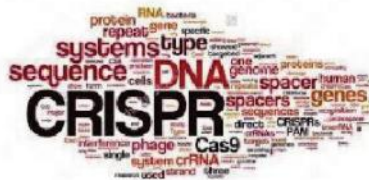
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What is "CRISPR"?

What genetic research are you aware of?

How does the Church teach about connections

between ethics and "genetic editing"?



What questions do you have?

Come and See.

FREE WILL OFFERING.

Help us plan seating. Please reply to suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com

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See more here:

<https://www.upra.org/docente/joseph-tham/>

Facebook: [S Joseph Tham](#)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/joseph-tham-61a65427/>

Volunteer Opportunities through St. Raphael Religious Education Office



Making Music Little Angels

Music is a pathway to God. Since 2011 St. Raphael has offered a music program for young children (ages 0-5) and their parents. Families take part in an interactive program with song, dance, instruments, and parachute play, while engaging in prayer and music of our Catholic culture. We are very grateful to Diane Arcieri, who has been the Making Music leader for seven years. Diane will be retiring, so we are looking for a new leader. The program has been held on a weekday morning.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

CLW is a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with readings in language that children can readily understand. Leaders share the Gospel in a way that is developmentally-appropriate for children. CLW is part of the 10:00 and 11:30 Sunday Masses mid-September through May. Special thanks to Steve Mister and Cathleen Shannon who have trained and coordinated CLW leaders for the past four years. More leaders and a program coordinator are needed.



SRRE Classes

SRRE provides ongoing formation in our Catholic faith. Each grade level curriculum leads the child/teen into deeper understanding and practice of their faith. Youngsters learn from one another as they share their faith under the guidance of a catechist. Catechists are needed for classes on Sunday nights, Monday afternoons, Monday nights, and Tuesday afternoons.



RCIA adapted for Children (RCIC)

RCIC is a program for children ages 7-18 who have not been baptized. It includes attendance at Religious Education classes and celebration of the rites of initiation. Faith mentors are needed to accompany families with children preparing for sacraments.

How to Volunteer:

- Contact Mary Beaudoin at mbeaudoin@straphaels.org or 301-762-2143, ext. 124
- Complete child protection requirements (application, background check, Virtus training, booklet)
- Complete interview and attend orientation session
- Participate in initial and ongoing training

Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)

Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514

'Summer in the City' food drive: Next weekend, July 28th-29th, brown paper bags with the list of food items needed will be distributed after all Masses. Please accept one and return the filled bag on the weekend of **August 4th-5th** to the truck parked in the circle of the parking lot. We will follow the same procedure as our monthly Stone Soup Sunday food drive where a volunteer will be available to accept your donation from you. Thank you for helping the poor parish neighborhoods in Washington, D.C.

Vincentian reflection: St. Vincent de Paul, a great man of action, was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor. Are you searching for a way to grow in faith while helping others? Then tune into the new television series, **"Our Faith in Action: Today's Society of St. Vincent de Paul,"** which airs on EWTN. The 10-episode series airs 6:30 AM ET Sundays, and 6PM ET, Saturdays. For more details, visit <https://svdpusa.org>. Say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten and how you can say 'yes' to Jesus in helping them.



Annual Christmas in July Collection: There is still time to drop off your toiletry and sock donations during this month. Look at the clear boxes in vestibule that has the exact sizes and types of toiletries and the socks we need to complete this year's gift for our guests. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office between the hours of 10AM and 4PM, Monday through Friday. Thank you!



S.R.O. Spotlight-Serving the Vulnerable Subcommittee: This week, we focus on the multiple efforts of our **Respect for Life Committee** that tirelessly works to uphold the Sanctity of Life. Our mission statement in part reads: **"St. Raphael's Respect for Life Committee (RFL) seeks to promote a greater reverence in both our parish and community, for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. We approach this task with a readiness to nurture and sustain this precious gift of human life through pro-life education, advocacy, works of charity and prayer."** Over the last several decades, our society has been bombarded with systematic, cultural changes that were introduced almost subliminally; in our present day, the fruits of these changes have been growing to alarming levels. The upcoming year of committee work will focus on education on three specific concerns: late-term abortion, Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) and how our society supports the "throw-away" mentality. Join other like-minded parishioners who will work to promote the truth. Watch the bulletin's parish calendar for the first RFL meeting of the academic year on September 18.



"Laws which legitimize the direct killing of innocent human beings through abortion or euthanasia are in complete opposition to the inviolable right to life proper to every individual; they thus deny the equality of everyone before the law."

~ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (1995), no. 72.

Catholic Church teaching on abortion: Church teaching specifies *"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."* (*Donum Vitae*, 5). This doctrine will **never change**. So what can Catholics do or say to change the minds of the pro-choice stance? First of all, we must **pray for the conversion of hearts** of all persons who support abortion. Without prayer, we can do nothing. Secondly, we must **not be afraid to point out the brutality of abortion, particularly, Late-Term Abortion (L.T.A.)**. This fact must be stressed in our faith community, neighborhoods, and residents of our state. Third, **we must offer help to women in crisis pregnancies**. This means promoting efforts that provide hope and support rather than allowing fear or pressure to abort to influence decisions of women in crisis pregnancies. We must raise *our voices* in favor of women and their unborn babies *without* the negative tactics our opponents use. Watch future notices under this column on the issue of abortion. Each month will focus on a different issue.

Your presence is making a difference! 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.

Pro-Life booth at Montgomery County Fair: New volunteers are needed to help man the booth at this year's County Fair, which will be held from **August 10 through August 18**. Call Mr. Tharpa C. Roberts at 301-962-5611 or email him at rtl-omc@snkmail.com. There is no need to contact him if you volunteered last year as he will contact you.

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 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
Out-of-parish fee - \$50

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!

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Confirmation Service Project

Young people who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation show that they are followers of Jesus by serving others as he did. Those preparing for Confirmation in spring 2019 need to complete their Confirmation Service Project by September 1. Candidates and parents can find service information and forms at www.straphaels.org/confirmation-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



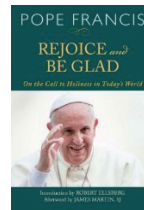
of a family who does not attend Mass or does not bring their child with a disability to Mass due to fears about their behavior, etc., please have them contact Mary Beaudoin in the Religious Ed. office.

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. This week: The Saints "Next Door"

The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God's holy and faithful people. In salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people. [#6]



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July

Evangelization: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry
That priests may find help and support for their pastoral work in the time they spend in prayer with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



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AFF QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*"We shall say no more, 'Our god,'
to the work of our hands
for in You the orphan finds compassion."
-Hos. 14:4*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Fr. Joseph Tham, PhD
"Genetic Editing"
Wednesday, August 1
St Raphael Parish Library
7:30-9:00 PM

Dr. Tham was a physician in Toronto before he was called to be a priest. After his ordination, he obtained his PhD degree in Bioethics at Georgetown University and joined the faculty of the School of Bioethics, *Pontificio Ateneo Regina Apostolorum* in Rome, Italy.

BOOKS & LINKS

- *Religious Perspectives on Bioethics and Human Rights* by Joseph Tham, PhD, 2017.
- *Totally Catholic: A catechism for kids and their parents and teachers* by Sr. M. Kathleen Glavich, 2013.
- *GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE* by Pope Francis, 2018
<http://w2.vatican.va>
- *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.

ST. RAPHAEL SMALL GROUPS



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.

2018-2019 SRSG Theme:

Who we are; who we are called to be.
Will you be a Facilitator, a Host,
and/or a Participant?

Part 3 of 3: Participants

Personal Qualities

- Aware of and welcoming to each person in the group
- Open to the opinions and styles of others

Skills

- Articulates thoughts and feelings related to the topic of discussion
- Listens carefully to others
- Draws others into the conversation
- Links to or builds on the contributions of others
- Builds friendly relationships with others

Roles and Expectations

- Prepares by reading the material for discussion
- Is faithful in attendance
- Participates in the discussions
- Shares "goods and services" as needed,
e.g., bring a snack, look up a reference, or lead a prayer
- Prays for the fruitfulness and growth of SRSG's.




Coming in September:

Sign-up Sunday, Information Night,
Facilitator Commissioning

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