

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 5, 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, 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

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Monday	August 6	
6:30 AM	Heesun Lee (d)	
9:00 AM	Joseph Majer (d)	
Tuesday	August 7	
6:30 AM	Donny Wilson (d)	
9:00 AM	Anne Curtis Hannon (d)	
7:30 PM	Mass & Healing Service	Moira Dawson (d)
Wednesday	August 8	
6:30 AM	Virginia Wolf (d)	
9:00 AM	Jack Dettleff (d)	
Thursday	August 9	
6:30 AM	Marion Cove (d)	
9:00 AM	Siegi Tully (d)	
Friday	August 10	
6:30 AM	Martha Beaulieu (d)	
9:00 AM	Marie Matelis (d)	
Saturday	August 11	
9:00 AM	Helga Castro (d)	
5:00 PM	Fr. Wells	Michael & Nan Calpin (d)
Sunday	August 12	
7:00 AM	Fr. Wells	Percic & Stare Family
8:30 AM	Fr. Salah	Sue du Fief (d)
10:00 AM	Fr. Salah	Robert McDermott (d)
11:30 AM	Fr. Wells	Rev. Msgr. Vincent Gatto (d)
1:00 PM	Fr. Wells	Members of the Parish
6:00 PM	Fr. Salah	Bob Silk (d)

The Priest Mass Schedule is subject to change.

Schedule for Confession:

Tuesday, August 7, 7:00 PM, Visiting Priests

Saturday, August 11, 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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15, a Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass in Spanish
Tuesday, August 14, 7:30PM

Masses, Wednesday, August 15
6:30 and 9:00 AM
4:30 and 7:00 PM



DC PADRES FINAL GAME of 2018!

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests (including Fr. Dave) and seminarians, will play their final game of the 2018 season **Sunday, August 26**, against St. Vincent Pallotti High School, at the Baysox Stadium in Bowie. The Padres game begins shortly after the 1:35 PM Baysox game ends (i.e. ~4:30-4:45 PM). For updates and info about tickets, please see the DC Padres webpage (www.dcpadres.com) or the DC Padres Facebook page, or contact Bill Wannall at wwannall@sacredheartlaplata.org. Let's fill the stadium in support of our priests and seminarians!

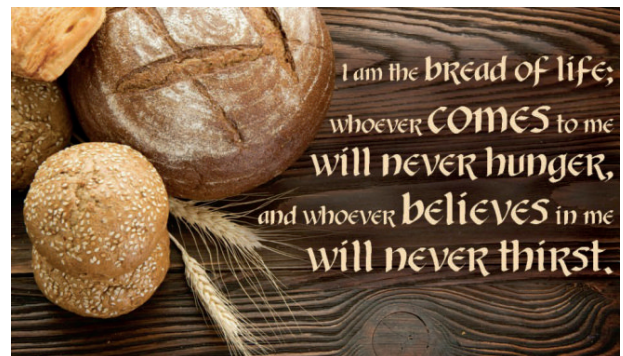


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday August 6	Tuesday August 7	Wednesday August 8	Thursday August 9	Friday August 10	Saturday August 11	Sunday August 12
	> 6:45 PM EXPOSITION > 7:15 PM BENEDICTION > 7:00 PM CONFESSION (WILL CONTINUE DURING MASS) > 7:30 PM MASS HEALING SERVICE TO FOLLOW	Spanish Ministry, 6PM, Parish Library	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9AM Mass	Spanish Prayer, Upper Room ABC, Youth Center	Spanish Ministry, 6PM, Duffy Center 3456	Second collection: New Education Building (date changed)
		Legion of Mary, English, 7PM, Room 10	Knights of Columbus, 7:30PM, Duffy Center 4, 6	Light of Christ Prayer, 7:30PM, Parish Library		Spanish Choir, 11:30AM, Upper Room ABC
	Men's Group, Planning, 7:30PM, Parish Library	Young Adult Divine Mercy, 7:30PM, Upper Room ABC	Legion of Mary, 7:30PM, Upper Room ABC	AA, 8:30PM, Duffy Center 3456		Cofradia of Our Lord of Miracles, Water and Soda Sales, after 11:30 and 1PM Masses
						Spanish Prayer, 2:30PM, Upper Room ABC, Duffy Center
						Youth Ministry, 7PM, Trumpet Room, Youth Center
						Young Adult Group, 7PM, Upper Room ABC


Budgeted weekly collection to meet expenses and obligations.....\$42,000.00
July 29, 2018
Offertory.....\$34,146.20

Poor Box: \$493.00
Education Building \$227.00



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



 John Buckley, Michael Caso, Mary Crawford, Greg Daly, Marilyn Ford, John Hacker, son of Ruth Hacker, Alette Kivlighn, David Roberts, Sr., Yasmine Tashman, William Valentine

Please pray for soul of Robert M. Balkam and Jack Lopez, Sr.

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.

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.
 Silvia Abularach—301-251-1634
 Karen Sachs—301-424-3438

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.

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

There were plenty of birthday good wishes and cake to surprise Father Salah after the 6:30 and 9:00 AM Masses on Monday, July 30. Have a blessed year, Father Salah!



Seeking New Altar Servers



Would you like to serve both God and our parish by assisting the priest and deacon at the holy sacrifice of the Mass? We invite all those who are entering fourth grade and above to

register for a training for new altar servers on **Saturday, September 8 at 10:00AM**. If your child is interested, register for the training by contacting Mrs. Karen Watson at straphaelaltarserver20854@gmail.com.

Collection for Catholic Communications and Human Development

This weekend, August 4-5, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up the Catholic Communications and Human Development second collection, providing funds for both the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Funds for the CCC support various communications initiatives of the Church - at the local level, the national level, and in developing countries. Funds for the CCHD support non-profit groups, locally and in other parts of the country, working to help the poor and disenfranchised. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Raphael's Adult Club KICK-OFF LUNCHEON:

Come join the Adult Club for our annual Kick-Off Luncheon on Wednesday, 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 and it's \$48 for non-members. In addition to sharing a delicious meal with fellow parishioners in a beautiful setting, attendees will get information on the exciting events scheduled for October 2018 - June 2019. 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.

JOIN ST. RAPHAEL'S ADULT CLUB at Toby's Theater to see AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' !

Join us on Thursday, October 18, 2018 to see this Tony Award winner for Best Musical which evokes the delightful humor and powerful energy of an "American original," the inimitable Thomas "Fats" Waller, including music made famous from uptown clubs to Tin Pan Alley to Hollywood. If you would like to attend this show with us, please send your check for \$58 made payable to St. Raphael's Adult Club to Chickie Zaudtke, 11332 Brandy Hall Lane, North Potomac, MD 20878. We will arrange carpool transportation leaving St. Raphael's at 9:45 AM (after the 9 AM Mass) and returning around 3:30 PM. The play, a wonderful buffet lunch, tips as well as coffee, hot tea and iced tea are included; all other beverages (including sodas, lemonade, and alcoholic drinks) are at individual expense the day of the performance. Only 9 tickets left! Come join us and have a fun filled day!

Retrouvaille Weekend—September 14-16

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. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443)400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

Ushers Needed:

The title Usher is interesting because it simply means someone who shows people to their seats; but, as with so many other activities in life, it requires a number of seemingly ancillary duties. Maintaining Order in the event of an Emergency immediately comes to mind, so too do Welcoming, and Aiding in the event of Need. The Ushers of St. Raphael have been doing all of these for years (intuitively doing what is necessary). The only additions envisioned in the enhancement of Ushering roles are the awareness, training, and evaluation aspects of planned functions.

Perhaps due to the changes in the World around us, the Usher's at St. Raphael are being asked to enhance their role in Church activity. This is a multi-pronged change in tasks, which requires planning and training.

So, St. Raphael is asking who might be interested in participating in this ministry. Might you wish to join the Ushers? If so, please contact Terry Sullivan, via e-mail tsullivan19@verizon.net, indicating your willingness, and providing her with complete contact information (name, address, phones, and e-mail).

Input Needed



Children's Choir

Although we consistently hear feedback that the St. Raphael Children's Choir (grades 3-8) is a blessing to the families who participate and Mass attendees, we have seen a decrease in numbers over the past few years. In an effort to boost participation, we need your input! If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate in this ministry, please send me a quick email about the best day and time for rehearsal for your family. For many years rehearsals have been on Monday from 3:45-4:30 PM; however, if changing it to a different day or time would support families' participation, we are all for it! Please send me a quick email at vnatali@straphaels.org, by Monday, August 20th to help us plan with your family in mind.

Domestic Church - Renewal Movement for Marriages



Domestic Church (DC) (family branch of the Light-Life Movement) is a movement for sacramentally married Catholic couples and families who want to grow in mutual love and pursue sanctity together. The Movement helps spouses in building true unity and in creating a truly Christian environment for bringing up children. It provides lifelong formation in personal, marital

and family spirituality. To learn more please visit: www.domesticchurchfamilies.com

This fall, the Domestic Church is coming to St. Raphael. All couples are welcomed! Please feel invited to a kick off meeting on Sunday, September 16th at 7:15 PM in the Parish Library.

For more information contact: Tatiana & Krys Psurek, Email: dc@oaza.us, Phone: 240-813-0017

Save the Date

Fr. Bill Finch Memorial St. Raphael Golf Classic

Monday, September 24
10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Details on the website:
www.straphaels.org
www.straphaelschoolmd.org

Carmelite Formation Program St. Rose of Lima Church

The Flower of Carmel Lay Carmelite Community invites you to join our Fall 2018 formation program. The formation program will begin in September 2018 (day and time to be determined through signups) and will meet monthly at St. Rose of Lima Church. We will introduce you to basic Carmelite spirituality to help you explore and discern if you are being called to deepen your relationship with God through Carmel. To find out more about Lay Carmelites or to sign up (and indicate preferred day/time), please visit our website at: <https://flowerofcarmelcc.weebly.com>. Questions may also be directed to Anna Ryan at: ryananna3@gmail.com.

For Single and Young Adult Catholics—20th annual Bethany Beach Retreat/Vacation in Delaware, Labor Day weekend/week September 1-September 7. Price \$260 men; \$230 women payment by August 8 + \$20 after. All meals included. Space is limited. Mass daily with Fr. T. Morrow. Holy Hour available daily. Send payments to St. Catherine Society, 11801 Claridge Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20902. For more info call Francis at 240-428-8592 or Roxanna, 240-893-0571. For more details go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/2232718346745435/>.



Rockville Catholic Summer Program (RCSP)



Revised

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, tips, gratuities and entrance fees, professional Holy Land guide and an air-conditioned deluxe motor coach. Not included:** Roundtrip airfare and air taxes 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 \$425 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.

NAME: _____ TELE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

E MAIL: _____ CELL: _____



Other Volunteer Opportunities

Children's Liturgy of the Word (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.



Making Music Little Angels: 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.



Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

High School Youth

Movie Night – August 5

Youth Group movie night on August 5! We'll watch *I Can Only Imagine* which is the inspiring, true story behind the song "I Can Only Imagine." The story is a gripping reminder of the power of true forgiveness. All high school teens are invited to join us from 7-9PM for popcorn and a movie!

Raphael House Sing Along – August 12

Teens will go next door to sing with the elderly at Raphael House on August 12. We'll play piano and sing along with the residents. Join us from 7-9PM for pizza and the sing along!

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



In his new apostolic letter, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, or in English, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis teaches about the universal call to holiness. This week: *The Lord Calls*

In this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy." The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord – each in his or her own way – to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect." ¹⁰ [#10]

¹⁰Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, 11.

Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)

Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514

Food drive is this weekend: Please drop off your donation to the vehicle parked at the circle of the parking lot before or after Mass. A volunteer will help you with your donation. **The John S. Mulholland Family Foundation** is grateful for your generosity in feeding the poor at the poorest parishes in the District.

Vincentian reflection: In today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims:

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." As part of Vincentian formation, members reflect on a Gospel reading at every meeting (2 times each month). The following is a reflection from this week's Gospel: *"If Jesus is the bread from heaven given for us and we are the body of Christ, then we must conclude that we ourselves are to be bread from heaven that fosters eternal life for others. Jesus gives himself as bread from heaven. We give ourselves to others, as bread from heaven, when we confirm our belief by means of the everyday actions we do. Treating another as the body of Christ is believing. Taking time to be in touch with our spiritual needs is believing. Reaching out in compassion to others is believing. Self-giving is believing."* (Living Liturgy, p.182). How do we give ourselves to others as bread from heaven ...in works, words and relationships?

S.R.O. Spotlight-Global Solidarity: This week, we focus on a longstanding committee that works to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ with another parish. **The Twinning Committee** has existed at St. Raphael's for the last 24 years with the mission of helping St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in N.W. Washington. St. Martin's DC and St. Raphael's Twinning Committee members have joined efforts to engage parishioners from both parishes in the sharing of spirituality, music, life experience and fellowship. Shared activities include an annual picnic and retreat, a pulpit exchange, a Thanksgiving food and frozen turkey drive for the disadvantaged in the St. Martin Community, a winter coat drive and our annual support from our Advent Giving Tree program. New members are always welcomed! For additional information on the committee and/or activities, contact: Jeff Dunckel and Carolyn Tyc at tyc1dunc3@aol.com or 301-951-5262.

Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) fall retreat 2018: The Metro division of HEC will hold its annual fall retreat on Friday, October 5 to Sunday, October 7 at the Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD. The cost is \$150/per person if paid before August 15 and \$200/per person if paid after August 15. An application must accompany payment. Contact Sandy Shamburek for a copy of the application then send it and payment to Christine and Jack Weber, 415 Aigburth Road, Towson, MD 21286. For additional information on the retreat, contact Jack Weber at jack@uptownpress.com or (410) 905-2543.



"Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do the miraculous."

~ Mother Angelica

Planned Parenthood and Margaret Sanger: Margaret Sanger (1883-1966) an eugenics enthusiast, was an outspoken advocate for birth control to improve the "quality" of persons born in the U.S. (Eugenics was the rationale the Nazi's used to euthanize physically "defective" or mentally ill children.) In 1914, Sanger started her public outcry to promote birth control, which at the time, had a negative connotation. She launched a radical magazine named *The Women Rebel* and then founded the American Birth Control League in 1921, which changed its name to Planned Parenthood (P.P.) in 1942. Since the time of the name change, P.P. provided contraception and since 1974, abortion as a means to prevent births resulting from "unwanted pregnancies." Read notices during month of August for truths unveiled by P.P.

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 11 am, 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.

Save the date: Sadly, LeRoy Carhart is still actively aborting babies at his Bethesda clinic location. We will once again hold a **40 Days for Life Campaign** starting on September 26th until November 4. A Kick-Off activity is in the planning stages. Watch the bulletin for more information in September.

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

Religious Education

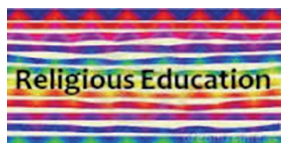
Mary Beaudoin, 301-762-2143, ext. 124

Religious Education Open through August 15 – Register Now!

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 need to attend every year. SRRE sessions will begin September 16. We look forward to having all our SRRE children and teens back with us, and we are eager to welcome any new families!



SRRE registration is open through **August 15**. Please be sure to register by that date. Late registration will open later, but a late fee will be charged. Find the SRRE registration link at www.straphaels.org/2018-19-religious-education-registration.



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.

Program Schedule:

- Sunday morning at 10:00-11:00 for 3 and 4 year olds, kindergarten
- Sunday morning 11:30-12:30 for 3 and 4 year olds, kindergarten
- Sunday night at 7:05-8:20 for grades 3 through 8
- Monday afternoon at 4:30-5:45 for grades **kindergarten** 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

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.

Tuition for those who register by **August 15**:

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!



Sacramental Fees:

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

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 and turn in 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. We are preparing to begin our seventh 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. For more information please contact Mary Beaudoin in the Religious Ed. office. Also, we are seeking people to become part of our ministry. For more information about this joyful and enriching program, please contact Maria Harrington at maria.harrington@msn.com.

An Invitation to the Ministry of Catechesis

Our faith is a treasure that brings great joy; it is a pearl worth more than any other possession. SRRE catechists are blessed to share this treasure, this pearl, as they mentor young Catholics.



We invite you to be part of this exciting mission. Training, ongoing support and excellent resources are provided. Our greatest needs currently include:

Sunday night, grades 4, 6, and 8
Monday afternoon, grades 5 and 6
Monday night, grades 2, 3, 6, and 8

Please contact Mary Beaudoin to learn how you can become involved as a catechist, co-catechist or class aide. Phone her at 301-762-2143, ext. 124 or email her at mbeaudoin@straphaels.org.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

Universal: The treasure of Families
That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

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

AFF QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The Eucharist brings every worshiper into Christ's very consciousness. We share the trust Jesus had in God, calling God Abba, and embracing the love Jesus had for his brothers and sisters."

-in *The Developing Christian* by Peter Feldmeier



WHY SRSG'S?

"Every period in the history of the Church has its unique challenges and opportunities. Ours is no different. The pastoral direction of developing and sustaining Small Church Communities is a response to the signs of our times. Certainly, in a large parish such as ours, and at a time in the world when Catholic values are counter cultural, the pastoral direction of Small Groups provides a way to deepen our sense of community, prepare for Sunday Mass and support one another as we strive to be disciples of Jesus Christ in our daily lives." - <https://stpaulcatholicchurch.org/small-church-communities/scc-what-why-how/>

"It seems entirely timely, therefore to form ecclesial (church) communities and groups of a size that allow for true human relationships...In such a context it will be easier to hear the word of God, to reflect on the range of human problems in the light of this word, and gradually to make responsible decisions inspired by the all-embracing love of Christ." -Pope John Paul II
[Ecclesia in America Papal Exhortation, 1999](#)

BOOKS & LINKS

- *The Developing Christian* by Peter Feldmeier, 2007.
- *The Complete Stories of Flannery O'Connor*
<https://www.potho.org/documents/2017/1/The-Complete-Stories-Flannery-OConnor.pdf>
- *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.
- 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?***



Saint Raphael Small Groups (SRSG) will give parishioners the opportunity to journey with like-minded adults in growing as disciples of Jesus Christ through prayer, fellowship, evangelization, and faith.

Coming in September:

Sept. 8/9 – Sign-Up Sunday
Sept. 13 – Information Night
Sept. 15/16 – Facilitator Commissioning
October 2018 – SRSGs begin

****See more at****

www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation

LET'S TALK FAMILY!




Overview: http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/dam/laityfamilylife/News/2017/FAQ%20article%20on%20WMOF2018_ENG.pdf

Amoris Laetitia – Parish Conversations

Go to: <https://amoris.ie/conversations/>

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