

# ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



June 2, 2019

**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. The Parish Wide Ministry Resource List can be found on our website by clicking Ministries, Social Responsibility, and Documents.

## **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.

**Quo Vadis Camp-** The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org). Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

### Stronger Men's Retreat

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat on Saturday, June 22. Explore how God calls you to lead as a man of faith, husband, son, and father. Lunch is included with registration. More information and registration [strongerretreat.eventbrite.com](http://strongerretreat.eventbrite.com). For questions, please email [events@jp2shrine.org](mailto:events@jp2shrine.org).

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 3</b>
6:30 AM	Goyko Stare
9:00 AM	Audrey Franz (d)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 4</b>
6:30 AM	Deacon Larry & Beatrice Gordon (d)
9:00 AM	Alfonso Leyba (d)
7:30 PM	Mass & Healing Service K. Kaviani
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 5</b>
6:30 AM	June Sheehan (d)
9:00 AM	Faust Villareale (d)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 6</b>
6:30 AM	K. Kaviani
9:00 AM	Minelly Villarreal (d)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 7</b>
6:30 AM	Alexander Aino (d)
9:00 AM	Laurence Adams (d)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 8</b>
9:00 AM	Marion Wilson (d)
5:00 PM	Fr. Morrow Helga Castro (d)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 9</b>
7:00 AM	Fr. Salah Diane Woodington (d)
8:30 AM	Fr. Morrow David D. Denker (d)
10:00 AM	Fr. Salah Laurence Adams (d)
11:30 AM	Fr. Morrow Catherine & Charles Hoffman (d)
1:00 PM	Visiting Priest Mariano & Carmen DelaPuente (d)
6:00 PM	Fr. Gallagher Fathers

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

### Schedule for Confession:

Tuesday, June 4, 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 8, 3:45-4:30PM

**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](mailto: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: May 25

Rhoads Ryan Rothert

Matthew Gander Wilson

Free Rosary download with Handel's Messiah in background

go to [www.chalive.org](http://www.chalive.org) and Click on Rosary Download Bring the 8MP3 files into your computer.

Then open your CD burning software and select those 8 files and burn the CD as an audio file.

To put them on your ipod, simply copy the files from your computer to your ipod. (All public domain)

The best in family planning

Introductory Presentation on NFP

**Natural Family Planning**

Speakers:  
Peter and Marjorie Hickman  
Certified NFP instructors with The Couple to Couple League



*...and it can change your hearts in surprising ways!*

[www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org)

**Thursday, June 6, 7:30 PM**  
**Parish Library**



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Monday June 3	Tuesday June 4	Wednesday June 5	Thursday June 6	Friday June 7	Saturday June 8	Sunday June 9
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:45 PM Exposition</li> <li>7:00 PM Confession</li> <li>(will continue during Mass)</li> <li>7:15 PM Benediction</li> <li>7:30 PM Bilingual Mass</li> <li>Healing Service to follow</li> </ul>	Contemplative Prayer, 9:45AM, Upper Room D	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9AM Mass	First Friday Coffee, after 9AM Mass, Parish Library	Spanish Bible, 10AM, Upper Room D	Parish Library is OPEN, 8AM—1PM
		Spanish Ministry, 6:30PM, Room 9	Bible Study, 7:30PM, Duffy Center 3, 5	Adult Club Year-End Mass, 10:30AM, Church	Spanish Ministry, 1:30PM, Youth Center	Spanish Ministry, 10AM Trumpet Room
	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	Legion of Mary, English, 7PM, Room 10	NFP with Peter and Marjorie Hickman, 7:30PM, Parish Library	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Upper Room ABC, Youth Center	Spanish Ministry, 6PM, Duffy Center 3456, Room 10	Spanish Choir, 11:30AM, Upper Room ABC
 <p>And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.</p>		Young Adult Divine Mercy Spanish, 7:30PM, Upper Room ABC	Spanish Ministry, 7:30PM, Room 8	Spanish Holy Hour, 7:30PM, Church		Scripture Study, 11:30AM, Youth Center
		Social Concerns, 7:30PM, Upper Room D	Boy Scouts, 7:30PM, Trumpet Room, 8PM, Parents, Youth Center	Light of Christ Prayer, 7:30PM, Parish Library		Spanish Prayer, 2:30PM, Duffy Center 3456, Upper Room ABC
			Legion of Mary, Spanish, 7:30PM, Upper Room ABC			Youth Band, 3:45PM, Church
						Youth Ministry, 7PM, Trumpet Room, Youth Center

**Offertory** .....\$37,221.63  
**Poor Box:** .....\$151.00

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



Kitty Gleavy, Carolyn Huard, Eugene Kline, Joan Lombardi, Yasmine Tashman, William Valentine

Please pray for soul of Dick Coffman and Dolores Svec.

**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.**

**Parish Council:** Please feel free to contact a Parish Council member listed here to discuss your views, opinions, or concerns regarding our parish.  
Mark Dirlam—240-364-4523  
Silvia Abularach—301-251-1634

**Bulletin notices** are due in writing ON FRIDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: [esalatto@straphaels.org](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org). 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.

### Garage-to-Attic Sale 2019 (GAS19) Opportunities for Service

The Knights of Columbus, Mater Dei Council, # 9774, offer all the opportunity to participate in this year's GAS, in various pursuits, including:

- picking up and moving sale items; sales; · cleanup;
- helping older members pack their goods for the GAS or other charitable disposal; and various other related activities.

The first opportunities will be for pickups between now and June 21st, with special emphasis on June 15th & 21st, setup on June 21st, sale on June 22nd from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and cleanup on the 22nd from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We are trying to gear the times and dates of pickups to the availability of:

- youthful, physically capable crews; and
- pickup trucks with drivers.

Those interested may contact Joe Doane at 240-464-8285, or at [joe@simplexstruc.com](mailto:joe@simplexstruc.com).

**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 Rosary Makers distributed 2,580 rosaries in 2018 to various ministries listed here: St Raphael Mass, St. Raphael School, Military/NIH, Catholic Hour, (TVAR), Individuals (US Missions), Foreign Missions, Prison Ministry. Pictured L to R: Kathryn Patterson, Dora Pachajoa, Martha Verme, Betty Muskey and Esther Stello. Thank you, for this beautiful ministry.

# Holy Mass and Healing Service First Tuesday, June 4



Celebrant: Father Dan Gallagher  
Deacon Frank Salatto

- 6:45 PM Exposition
- 7:00 PM Confession
- (will continue during Mass)
- 7:15 PM Benediction
- 7:30 PM Bilingual Mass
- Healing Service to follow

**Parish Library is NOW Open**  
**Sunday after Masses**  
**from 8AM to 1PM**  
**Entrance at the circle**



Come join us  
**First Friday Coffee**  
**Friday, June 7th at 10AM**

Reflection Talk and discussion  
given on the topic of suffering.

*If God is a good God,  
then why is there  
so much suffering in the world?*

Given by Fr. Tom Morrow  
in the Parish Library

## Holy Hour for Vocations

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the  
Blessed Sacrament at the

*"Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi" and an  
increase in Vocations to the priesthood and  
Consecrated Life on*

**Thursday, June 13,**  
**6:15-7:15PM,**  
**St Raphael Church.**

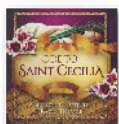
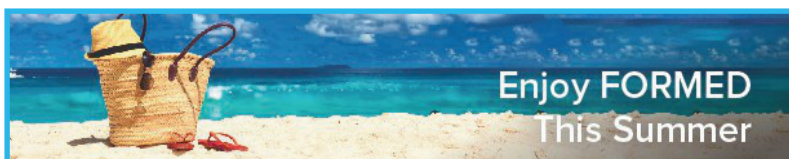
Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of  
Washington as we anticipate the Ordination of our  
Priests on June 15! This year's Ordinandi:

**Deacon John Benson**  
**Deacon Joseph Cwik**  
**Deacon Brendan Glasgow**  
**Deacon Christian Huebner**  
**Deacon Ebuka Mbanude**  
**Deacon Stefan Megyery**  
**Deacon Patrick Mullan**  
**Deacon Benjamin Petty**  
**Deacon Jan Pietryga**  
**Deacon Michael Russo**

Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us,  
ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because  
it leads to God, to sharing in God's own life."

— Pope John Paul II

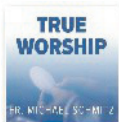




## Ode to Saint Cecilia

Hear the dramatic story of a modest young woman from Rome whose life has influenced poets, composers, and painters. Enjoy these other audio dramas as well:

- Brother Francis
- The Trials of Saint Patrick



## True Worship

Father Michael Schmitz takes you deeper into the Mass. Check out these other popular Lighthouse Talks:

- Made for Greatness by Leah Darrow
- Marriage and Family by Scott Hahn
- What's So Great about Being Catholic? by Jason Evert



## Beloved: Living Marriage

Strengthen your marriage with a practical video series that will help you put faith at the center of your relationship so it can thrive.



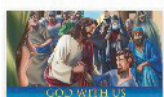
## Ignatius of Loyola

This modern and very human movie is an incisive and thrilling look at Saint Ignatius's transformation into a soldier-saint.



## Joan of Arc

Witness the story of the legendary warrior and saint who, at seventeen, led one of the world's greatest military campaigns.



## God with Us

Children and adults alike will be captivated by this account of Jesus's life, featuring vivid storytelling and high impact animation.

To sign up for FREE go to <https://straphaels.formed.org>

## Faith Formation for People with Special Needs

In the fall of 2012 St. Raphael started a religious education program for students with autism and other special needs who could not be accommodated in our typical classes. The first class had three students. Since then the program has blossomed and grown. Two weeks ago, five students from our program received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a beautiful ceremony where they celebrated with over 40 of their peers who were also being confirmed. Marie Novak's son, Henry, was one of the original three students in our first class and he was also one of those confirmed. Here Marie shares her experience:

*Henry was diagnosed with autism at age 2, and once we realized his needs could not be accommodated in a traditional preschool setting we knew he would be taking a very different path than his older sister, who attended SRNS and later SRS. In addition to the host of challenges we faced, we worried about his religious education. Would he understand our faith as he grew older? How would he learn if he couldn't go to a typical religious education class?*



*Two other SRS families we knew were in the same predicament, each having a child of the same age with autism. A call went out for volunteers to teach these three special children, and St. Raphael's parishioners answered. We were overwhelmed with the helping hands that came forward, both with and without special needs experience. It was NOT easy. The volunteers who stepped forward shared their talents and spent countless hours preparing materials and lessons. Henry received his first communion on time. I can't express the joy I still feel every time Henry (now 13) receives communion. We are proud to be part of the community that made this happen. Our group has grown. Five students were confirmed on May 18<sup>th</sup>, including Henry. These children are truly a joy, and we are grateful for the support of Maria Harrington, who leads the program, all the aides, our wonderful priests and the entire parish.*

Do you or someone you know have a child/adult with special needs in their family? Has the child/adult received the Sacraments? Does the family feel like they can't come to church with their family member with special needs? We want to help! Please contact Maria Harrington ([mariaharrington@msn.com](mailto:mariaharrington@msn.com)) or Mary Beaudoin in the RE Office. ALL Are Welcome!



## 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  
 LT Victor H. Esch, III, USA  
 Cpt Paul D Galvin  
 E-3/HN Colleen Gardella  
 Robert Garret, US Army MP  
 Taylor Hardy, AE USN  
 Ens. Andrew Hayes, USN  
 Jake Klosowski, USNA  
 Captain Frank Lowery, USN  
 Commander Mike McNally, USN  
 Charles McTavish, USA  
 Col. Ivan Monclova  
 LT Zachary Poindexter, USN  
 1LT Will Quackenbush, USA  
 LT Paul Schauppner, USN  
 LT James Sheets (USN)  
 2nd Lt. Andrew Valentine USMA  
 LT Kenneth Yale, USAF

Changes: e-mail [esalatto@straphaels.org](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org)





# School News

JUNE 2, 2019

A peek behind our classroom doors



Photos by Roger Pardo  
and MJ Zafis-Garcia

## Celebrating Mothers



Our annual Mother's Day Celebration begins with a special Mass and May Crowning, led by our second-graders wearing their First Communion outfits. The morning continues with a

light brunch, handmade gifts, a video produced by all of the grades, and portraits of our special guests. The event is organized by the staff of SRS to say thank you to all of the wonderful mothers in our community.



[www.straphaelschoolmd.org](http://www.straphaelschoolmd.org) | [www.srnsmd.org](http://www.srnsmd.org) | [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) @SRSrockville





*For more photos from the event,  
visit our Facebook page*



## SRNS Basket Raffle Winners

- ☀ A Summer of Adventure: Julie Cress
- ☀ A Summer of Pampering: Diana Cordoba
- ☀ A Summer of Splashin': Ramona Thompson
- ☀ A Summer of Sports: Marty Singleton
- ☀ A Summer of Dreams Come True: Nico de Leon
- ☀ A Summer of Date Nights: Gabriela Emamjomeh
- ☀ Bonus—\$50 gift card for families that donated to baskets: The Harbison Family

**A huge St. Raphael thank you to our parishioners, families, donors, and friends for supporting SRNS!**



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

## Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)

Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514

**Vincentian reflection:** Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples...and now through us. ***When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives, and into the hearts of those who are poor.***

**Today is Stone Soup Sunday:** Drop off your donations at the truck parked in the circle before or after each Mass. The proceeds of this monthly collection benefits St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg. Thanks!

**Memorial Mass for famous and faith-filled young poet from the Archdiocese of Washington:** All are invited to the **15th Anniversary Memorial Mass for Mattie J.T. Stepanek** on **Saturday, June 22 at 11 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church** located at 6701 Muncaster Mill Rd, Derwood. Mattie's brief life had many challenges, yet he accomplished a great deal in 13 years, writing six bestselling books of poetry and one bestselling book on peacemaking. Mattie inspired tens of thousands around the world with his message that life is worthy, hope is real, and that peace is possible. At an early age, he developed a profound relationship with God, and these spiritual conversations shaped his poems and other writings. Please join members of the **Mattie J.T. Stepanek Guild** after the Mass to learn more about the cause for Mattie's sainthood. For more information, contact [Mattie4Sainthood@gmail.com](mailto:Mattie4Sainthood@gmail.com) or call 240-994-0603.

**Visit residents of Gift of Peace House:** For all parishioners who volunteer for the Mother Teresa event in December, this event just may be for you! St. Raphael volunteers will drive down to the Gift of Peace House located in N.E. Washington to serve them in their home on **Sunday, June 23** for a Summer BBQ. Please join us by contacting Meg Quickel at [megquickel@gmail.com](mailto:megquickel@gmail.com) or call Sandy Shamburek at 240-864-2514. Donations are needed for hamburger and hotdog buns, pickles, ketchup, mustard, potato and tortilla chips, soda as well as a few non-food items, including laundry detergent, Pine-Sol disinfectant and baby wipes. The residents love to have visitors so give it a try!

**Christmas in July will begin on July 1:** The time for our Annual collection of toiletries for our Mother Teresa guests is drawing near. We will collect during the entire month of July. Watch this column for more details.



***"I tell you, you have less to suffer in following the Cross than in serving the world and its pleasures."***

~St John Vianney

**A presentation very important to engaged and youthful, adult couples:** Are you searching for a way to plan a pregnancy without the use of chemicals that have potential harmful effects?



**keep it pure**

your body...your water...your marriage

try **natural** family planning...it works.

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speakers Peter & Marjorie Hickman!

Do you wish to increase your communication with each other that will bring you closer to each other as a couple?

Do you want to reduce the risk of divorce to about 2% compared to the 40% rate of couples who do not use NFP?

If your answer is YES, see the flier on page 5 about an introductory presentation and mark your calendar to come June 6 and hear

## Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

### High School Youth

#### What Is Love? – June 2

Love is greatly sought after and greatly misunderstood. At Youth Group on June 2 we'll talk about what love really is and about the Five Love Languages, so that we can better understand ourselves and those whom we love. All high school teens are invited to join us from 7-9PM in the Youth Center for food, fun, and a great discussion!

#### Senior Night – June 9

At Youth Group on June 9 we'll celebrate our seniors! So many young people fall away from the Church during college, so we strive to send our graduates off equipped to live their faith through college and beyond. Senior Night is a chance for underclassmen to thank seniors, a discussion about practicing faith in college, and a special Eucharistic blessing. All high school teens are invited to join us from 7-9PM in the Youth Center.

### Rockville Catholic Summer Program Volunteer Opportunity

Rockville Catholic Summer Program is a joint program operated by St. Raphael and St. Patrick Youth Ministry. It is a seven-week summer camp for children staffed by high school and college-age employees and volunteers. Teens are eligible to volunteer as rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders through high school age. This service counts for SSL hours and teens can volunteer for one or multiple weeks. For more information and to apply as a volunteer, check out <https://www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com/volunteering>.



## Religious Education

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

### Religious Education Registration 2019-2020 Opens Monday

The St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) year has come to a close and we are already looking forward to the coming year. Registration for 2019-2020 will open on Monday, June 3. Classes will begin September 15. SRRE offers continuing faith formation for all children and teens, as well as preparation for sacraments. Each year of faith formation is designed to deepen relationships with Jesus and his Church through focus on what we believe, the celebration of sacraments, how we pray, and how we live. 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

#### Tuition:

One child - \$125  
Two children - \$200  
Three or more children - \$250

#### Sacramental Fees:

First Eucharist in 2020 - \$75  
Confirmation (8<sup>th</sup> grade) in 2020 - \$125  
Confirmation (high school) in 2020 - \$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, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. Please contact Mary Beaudoin for information. Registration information is available at [www.straphaels.org/religious-education](http://www.straphaels.org/religious-education) or by contacting the SRRE office.

#### Becoming a Catechist

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) depends on the service of many volunteer catechists and class aides. As we come to the end of our SRRE, we begin to look in earnest for catechists to mentor young Catholics for the coming year. Being a catechist is a big commitment but one that will certainly deepen your faith and enrich your life. We would love to talk with you about becoming involved in the ministry of catechesis. For more information on becoming a catechist or aide, please contact Mary Beaudoin.

#### Thank You to All Who Assisted with Sacrament Celebrations

Our First Eucharist and Confirmation celebrations on May 11 and May 18 depended on the service of so many St. Raphael parishioners and friends. Thank you to parents, catechists, godparents, sponsors, priests, deacons, sacristan, musicians, ushers, greeters, and photographers. Thank you to sodalists, Confirmation 1 students, maintenance crew, staff members, and especially to Pietro Lojacono. The beautiful sacramental liturgies and receptions were possible only through the kindness and work of many in the St. Raphael community.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June

The Mode of Life of Priests: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

## Confirmation

Teens preparing for Confirmation in spring 2020 are working on their Confirmation Service Projects. While serving others, students learn about Catholic Social Teaching:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person  
Call to Family, Community, and Participation  
Rights and Responsibilities  
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable  
The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers  
Solidarity  
Care for God's Creation

(Find more at the USCCB website.)

Parents and students complete the Record of Service. Students write a reflection paper based on the questions provided. Please staple completed Record of Service to the reflection paper and turn in to the SRRE office. Forms can be downloaded from [www.straphaels.org/confirmation-1](http://www.straphaels.org/confirmation-1).

#### First Eucharist

Congratulations to all of our children who received First Communion on May 11 and 18! Throughout your lives may you always remain close to Jesus through this most Blessed Sacrament.

Completed *God's Gift Eucharist* and *We Give Thanks and Praise* workbooks are available for pick up at the SRRE office.

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



In his apostolic letter *Gaudete et Exsultate* (in English, *Rejoice and Be Glad*), Pope Francis reminds us that we are all called to become saints. This week: In Constant Prayer

Finally, though it may seem obvious, we should remember that holiness consists in a habitual openness to the transcendent, expressed in prayer and adoration. The saints are distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God. They find an exclusive concern with this world to be narrow and stifling, and, amid their own concerns and commitments, they long for God, losing themselves in praise and contemplation of the Lord. I do not believe in holiness without prayer, even though that prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotions.

Trust-filled prayer is a response of a heart open to encountering God face to face, where all is peaceful and the quiet voice of the Lord can be heard in the midst of silence.

In that silence, we can discern, in the light of the Spirit, the paths of holiness to which the Lord is calling us. Otherwise, any decisions we make may only be window-dressing that, rather than exalting the Gospel in our lives, will mask or submerge it. For each disciple, it is essential to spend time with the Master, to listen to his words, and to learn from him always. Unless we listen, all our words will be nothing but useless chatter.

So let me ask you: Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord's presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness?

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## AFF 2019-2010

*Thank you to those who participated  
in our End-of-the-Year Planning Meeting.*



## AFF QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“When Jesus Christ, with a phrase, in a breath, finally leads us out of this storm of our own making, may He not feel compelled to admonish us for exhibiting a collective lack of confidence in Him, but rather to be proud of the undaunted, uncompromising faith that we never lost, for the gospel makes it clear – and I believe, and you believe – that ‘*the One whom even wind and sea obey has never left our side!*’”

- Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory,  
Archbishop of Washington - May 21, 2019

## CONTINUING

### Spring Bible Study

#### *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*

Thursdays – 7:30-9:00 PM – May 9 through June 27

**Duffy Center** (except for June 20-in the Library)

*This study is a great foundation for others to come.*

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## BOOKS & LINKS

- **Leisure, the Basis of Culture** by Josef Piefer, 1963.
- **Christian Morality: In the Breath of God** by Russel B. Connors, Jr., 2002.
- **Leadership Roundtable** – Online resources from an organization of laity, religious, and clergy working together to promote best practices and accountability in Church management, finances, communications, and human resource development in the U.S. <https://leadershiproundtable.org/what-we-do/our-resources/>
- **Heart to Heart with Mary** by Kathleen Glavich, 2017.
- **FORMED - Sign up for FREE, just visit us here:** <https://straphaels.formed.org>

## OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Our **St Raphael Church AFF** Facebook group has 87 members and continues to grow. You are welcome to join us. The purpose of the group is to:

Read and share posts about spirituality and current church issues

Ask questions and /or discuss various topics

Encourage and pray for one another

If you have a Facebook account, just search on

**St Raphael Church AFF** and apply to join. Or, ask someone who is already in the group to “invite” you through the Facebook app.

As we launched our planning for the coming year, several **Themes** and **Needs** surfaced. And we want your help. Please contact [suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com) for more information.

### Themes:

- Catholic Identity in a time of crisis
- Meaning and Participation at Mass
- The Role of the Priest
- “Who can we trust?”
- Young Adults and the Church: *renew, upgrade, update, relate, reach out*

### (AFF) Needs:

- Marketing assistance
- Small Group Facilitators, Hosts
- Continuing *Bible Study, Science & Faith Lectures, Special Topics* (geared to specific age groups and/or events)
- New tables and chairs for the Duffy Center
- Resources for a Parish Mission



### Q: In John 21:1-4, to what does the catch of 153 fish symbolically refer?


**A:** Fr. Kenneth Doyle recalls St Jerome's (d.420 AD) interpretation that “153” stands for the species of fish in the Sea of Galilee at the time of Jesus, a view still favored by most commentators.

We can apply this to the many types and groups of people we welcome in the church today. How many can you name? How do we “bring them in” closer?

After all, Jesus is in the midst of us – then and now – and has a meal waiting to be shared.





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