

# ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



**1513 Dunster Road ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20854**

**October 20, 2019**

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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.

### Help Our Marriage

**Do you feel alone?** Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org)

### RCIA

RCIA (the path for entry into the full communion of the Catholic Church) has begun for this year BUT It is not too late for you to be with us to learn, consider, pray, and we hope be welcomed into the Catholic Church, and receive the Sacraments.

Please call Linda Poindexter (240-864-2542) and leave a message or email ([lpindexter@straphaels.org](mailto:lpindexter@straphaels.org))

### Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat

Friday, November 8 – Sunday, November 10  
at Saint John Paul II Seminary

Young men in grades 11 and 12 are invited to experience seminary life firsthand. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation. Please encourage high school juniors and seniors to consider attending this great weekend event.

Visit [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org) and select "Events" to register.

Please call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email Fr. Mark Ivany at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) with any questions.

**Women of Grace**, a spiritual program for women will begin this coming Wednesday evening at 7 PM in the Upper Room. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. For more information, [tgmorrow1@gmail.com](mailto:tgmorrow1@gmail.com)

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 21</b>
6:30 AM	Luis Alberto Nunez (d)
9:00 AM	James Richmond (d)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 22</b>
6:30 AM	Mrs. Eleanor Shirvinsky (d)
9:00 AM	Isabel Guerra (d)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 23</b>
6:30 AM	Moirra Finnegan (d)
9:00 AM	Helen Cornetta(d)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 24</b>
6:30 AM	Marilyn Ford (d)
9:00 AM	Faith Czecha (d)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 25</b>
6:30 AM	Bill O'Brien
9:00 AM	Chaplain Jean Lowe (d)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 26</b>
9:00 AM	Victor Gordeuk
5:00 PM	Fr. Salah Lloyd P. Welter (d)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 27</b>
7:00 AM	Fr. Morrow Marty Schoenbauer (d)
8:30 AM	Fr. Salah Michael Ramsey (d)
10:00 AM	Fr. Salah Sejas & Long Family (d)
11:30 AM	Fr. Kelley Thomas E. Lynch (d)
1:00 PM	Fr. Gallagher Members of the Parish
6:00 PM	Fr. Gallagher Theresa McQuade (d)

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

### Schedule for Confession:

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00PM

Saturday, October 26, 3:45-4:30PM

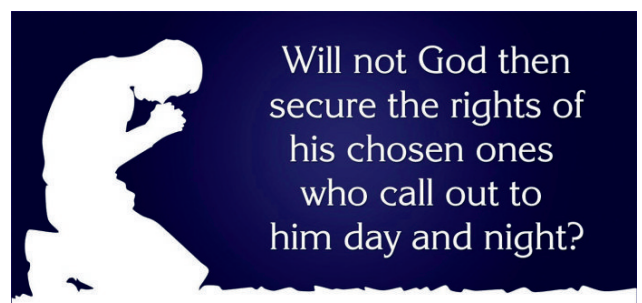
**RCIA/RICA (Spanish RCIA):** Non-Catholics or Catholics who have not received Eucharist and Confirmation, come and discover more about the Catholic Faith! Contact Linda Poindexter, 240-864-2542, [lpindexter@straphaels.org](mailto:lpindexter@straphaels.org) and for Spanish: Luis & Maruja Quezada, 301-330-5982, 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**

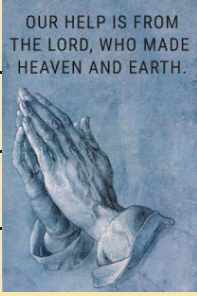
### Baptisms:

Mia Janeth Castillo October 5  
Charles Bohdan Gravely October 12



# PRAY THE ROSARY

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday October 21	Tuesday October 22	Wednesday October 23	Thursday October 24	Friday October 25	Saturday October 26	Sunday October 27
Religious Education, 4:30 & 7PM, Classrooms	Bible Study, 9:45AM, Parish Library	Contemplative Prayer, 9:45AM, Upper Room D	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9AM Mass, Benediction 7:15PM	Youth Ministry HS Retreat off Campus	Men's Group, 6AM, Trumpet Room	Parish Library is open 8AM-1PM RCIA, 9:30AM, Youth Center
CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Religious Education, 4:30PM, Classrooms	CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Baptism Prep Spanish, 7PM, Room 12	CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Spanish Bible Study, 10AM, Upper Room D	Religious Education, 10, 11:30AM, 7:05PM, Classrooms
Parish Council, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Our Lady of Guadalupe, 7PM, APR	Legion of Mary Spanish, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Duffy Center 3456, Youth Center	RCIA Spanish, 11:30AM, Room 12	Children's Liturgy, 10AM, 1PM, Duffy Center
	Spanish Ministry, 6:30PM, Duffy Center 5	Legion of Mary, English, 7PM, Room 10	Knights of Columbus, 7:30PM, Parish Library	Light of Christ Prayer, 7:30PM, Parish Library		St Martin's Gospel Choir, 11:30AM Mass
	Cofradia of Our Lord of Miracles, 7PM, Upper Room D	Nueva Alianza, 7PM, Upper Room	Boy Scouts, 7:30PM, Trumpet Room			Spanish Choir, 11:30AM, Upper Room ABC
	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	Women of Grace, 7PM, Upper Room			<b>Boy Scouts Bake Sale after Sunday Masses</b>	Scripture Study, 11:30AM, Youth Center
		Bible Study, 7:30PM, Duffy Center 3, 5				Spanish Prayer, 2:30PM, Duffy Center 3456, Upper Room ABC
		Young Adults Divine Mercy, Upper Room				No Youth Ministry

Thank you for all the gracious gifts that you provided to our parish so far this year.

Your prayers, support, and monetary gifts allow St. Raphael Catholic Church to spread the Gospel and share God's message of love and peace with others. This fall, I prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. To enroll in online giving, visit [faith.direct/MD34](http://faith.direct/MD34).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

Father Mike Salah  
Pastor

**Parish Council:** Please feel free to contact a Parish Council member listed here to discuss your views, opinions, or concerns regarding our parish.

Janet Leonard-Walker—301-315-0863

Sally McClean—301-983-0697

**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.

**October 13, 2019**

**Offertory** .....\$32,023.75

**Poor Box:** .....\$235.00



Howard Faulkner, Kitty Gleavy, Carolyn Huard, Joan Lombardi, Catherine Loveland, Yasmine Tashman, William Valentine

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

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

The bulletin cover this week

The Lord of Miracles festivities were held Sunday, October 13.

On October 24th at 7:30 p.m in the Parish Library, the US Catholic Mission Association's Executive Director, Dr Don McCrabb will share about his organization and how they support missionaries in the US and around the world.

In addition, Dr. Ben OuYang, Mater Dei's Family Programs Director, will share about his experiences with USCMA and how he served the poor in West Virginia and Texas.



DATE: OCTOBER 24

TIME: 7:30PM

LOCATION : PARISH LIBRARY

MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT BEN OUYANG AT  
OUYANGBJ@YAHOO.COM

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MATER DEI COUNCIL

Knights of Columbus, Mater Dei Council, pray the **Rosary for Life** together on the **Thursdays of October**. We assemble at 6:40 PM at St. Raphael's Church Sanctuary and lead the recitation of the Rosary for the Parish to honor the Patroness of our Council, Mary, Mother of God (Mater Dei). **Please join us.**

## Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

### High School Youth

#### Truly Risen – October 20

A central claim of our Faith is that Jesus actually, truly, really rose from the dead! His body isn't in a grave somewhere, but ruling heaven and earth from heaven itself. The truth of the bodily Resurrection is difficult to accept, but it is essential to the life of hope and joy found in Christianity. High school teens are invited to Youth Group on October 20 to discuss the importance of the resurrection and enjoy pizza and games while they're at it!

#### No Youth Group – October 27

There will be no regular Youth Group on October 27 because of the fall retreat. Please pray for the teens and leaders who attended this retreat!



### First Friday Coffees



Our theme for the Fridays will be  
"Prayers and Support for Parish Priests"



We will gather at 10AM in the parish library following 9AM Mass and rosary recitation.

Speakers will be Archdiocese priests and noted author Kevin Wells.

#### Speakers for 2019

November 1 –Kevin Wells

Kevin 's latest book is titled

*"The Priest We Need to Save the Church"*

December 6 – Rev. Stephen Wyble

Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Mercy

### Other

#### Intercultural Skills for Liturgical Ministers

Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Youth, Clergy, Musicians, and Assembly are invited to **"Being Christ to One Another"** led by Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, on November 15 & 16 at Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, MD. Join us for a sequence of dynamic presentations, music, and prayer as we explore how we may better celebrate our liturgies in increasingly diverse communities. Details and registration: [www.npmdc.org/events](http://www.npmdc.org/events).

#### Open House at The Academy of the Holy Cross

Prospective families are invited to attend Open House at The Academy of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, November 3 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM. School tours will be available as well as opportunities to speak with faculty, administration, coaches, board members, parents and alumnae. Information about Financial Aid, Scholarships will be available in addition to our signature programs. Holy Cross is located at 4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895. Visit our website at [www.academyoftheholycross.org](http://www.academyoftheholycross.org).

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

Mark your calendar

Holy Mass and Healing Service

Second Tuesday, November 12

Celebrant: Father Tom Morrow

Deacon Frank Salatto

Note: Second Tuesday in November



**SHOPPING LIST**  
**Thanksgiving Food Drive**  
 November 2019

*Please purchase the following items to feed a family of five (5).*

- ☐ Canned corn & canned green beans
- ☐ Canned sweet potatoes or yams
- ☐ Canned turkey gravy **and/or** packaged dry turkey gravy mix
- ☐ Boxed stuffing mix (**not** Pepperidge Farm bags)
- ☐ Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- ☐ White rice (2 lb. packages)
- ☐ Corn bread mix
- ☐ Canned cranberry sauce
- ☐ Canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, **or** applesauce)
- ☐ Cake mix **and** canned frosting
- ☐ Jarred baby food (meat, vegetable, fruit, starch and cereals; **one or more of each**)

Collection begins on **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Drop off your donation in the **school reception area** Monday through Friday. Collection **deadline** is **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> no later than 12:30 p.m.** Call Janice Frankfort at (206) 661-2972 for details.

\*Tune in daily to:

- WMET 1160 AM Radio
- Relevant Radio 1260 AM
- EWTN Radio [www.ewtn.radio.net](http://www.ewtn.radio.net)

\*a great way to reinforce your Catholic faith while driving or listening at home.

\*daily shows of encouragement that provide solid Catholic teaching.

\*Current news

**Respect Life talks at St. Patrick's Monday, November 18th (7-9PM)**

Come hear two powerful testimonies about the secrets of the abortion industry and its impact on racial minorities. JOYCE TABB, Regional Director of *Silent No More* opens up about her own abortion, path to healing, and work with other women devastated about their abortions.

DR. NATASHA WILSON, Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Respect Life, shares her journey from pro-choice to pro-life and why it makes a difference. Location: St. Patrick's Parish Center, 4101 Norbeck Rd., Rockville 20853. For additional information: (301) 924-2285 x315.

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3. Enter your email	3. Select "I Belong to a Parish Or Organization"
4. Click the link in your email	4. Find your parish by name, zip, or parish code
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# School News

OCTOBER 20, 2019



A peek behind our classroom doors



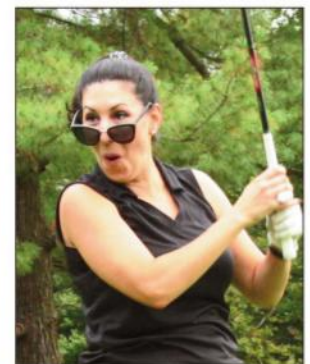
## Hijinks on the links



Thanks to everyone who played, sponsored, or volunteered.  
You made the 11th annual St. Raphael Golf Classic a tremendous  
success—all while having a blast!



For more photos from  
the event, visit our  
Facebook Page



Photos by MJ Zafis-Garcia

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



A 2019 National  
Blue Ribbon School

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
Preschool and K-8  
double open house  
Monday, Jan. 13

## St. Raphael School K-8 Open House

9:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21

For details and to register:  
[straphaelschoolmd.org](http://straphaelschoolmd.org)



Join us for a  
presentation,  
followed by  
a tour!

Childcare available



## Blessing of the Animals

Our four-legged friends  
receive a special blessing  
from Fr. Dan on the Feast  
of St. Francis of Assisi.

Photos by MJ Zafis-Garcia



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

## Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)

Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514



**Vincentian reflection:** Did you know that you can donate an old vehicle, including cars, trucks, trailers, boats and more to the National St. Vincent de Paul vehicle donation program and then have the a portion of the proceeds sent to St. Raphael's Conference? Here is what you have to do: 1) Call **1-800-322-8284** to reach the SVdP Vehicle Donation Program. They will ask you specific questions about your vehicle, including your address, type of vehicle and other similar questions; 2) SVdP will make arrangements to tow your vehicle at no cost to you and will provide you with instructions on what to do with the vehicle so it can be picked up; and 3) you will receive a tax-deductible receipt! Please do forget to specify our Conference here at St. Raphael so we get credit for your donation. Thank you so much!

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual White Mass held on October 27:** Join other persons with Special Needs and their families to *"Renew Baptismal Promises and Recognize the Gifts of Person with Special Needs"* at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, located at 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 starting at 11:30 AM. The Principal Celebrant will be His Excellency The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington. See the Home Page of the website for more details.

**St. Martin's D.C. Gospel Choir:** The exuberant members of the Gospel Choir will be coming to St. Raphael's **next Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** at the **11:30 AM Mass**. St. Martin's Pastor, Fr. Michael Kelley, will celebrate the Mass.

**Preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Food drive:** Every November, parishioners give thanks to God for the abundance God has given them by sharing their blessings with others less fortunate. We will begin to collect traditional Thanksgiving non-perishable foods on **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** and will continue until the Pack & Sort date, November 24<sup>th</sup>. As you start to see sales in the grocery stores, please consider purchasing the items listed on page 4 of this bulletin. We are asking to donate enough food to prepare a meal for five persons. The deadline for dropping off food is **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> by 12:30 PM**, the date of the Sort & Pack event **and** the Frozen Turkey Drive. Thank you for helping families in need to celebrate this traditional holiday of thanking God for blessings received. Watch future notices for volunteer opportunities!

**Clearing out your closets?** If you have cold-weather clothing articles (coats/jackets, scarves, gloves/mittens, new men's socks, etc.), please donate them to the **Annual Winter Coat Drive**, which benefits our **Twin Parish, St. Martin of Tours in D.C.** Please make sure they are in good condition (working zippers, no missing buttons, etc.) and are laundered. We will be collecting them starting in early November and they can be dropped off during business hours on the Trumpet Room Stage. The collected deadline is Sunday, November 24 **no later than** 1:00 PM. If you wish to make other arrangements for an earlier drop off, contact Eileen Cheng at [msebcheng@aol.com](mailto:msebcheng@aol.com) or call her at 301-762-6340.



***"Lots of my dying patients say they grow in bounds and leaps, and finish all the unfinished business. But assisting a suicide is cheating them of these lessons, like taking a student out of school before final exams. That's not love, it's projecting your own unfinished business"***

~Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

**Weekly Prayer warriors needed!** Join other concerned people for the weekly prayer vigil **every Monday morning from 9 AM until 11 AM** on the public sidewalk north of the Wildwood Shopping Center (in front of the Sun Trust Bank) on Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda. This is where Carhart provides abortion services, including late-term abortions. Contact Dick Retta at 301-538-2500 for details.

**The 40 Days for Life host day for St Raphael is Mondays.** We are inviting parishioners to come to the Bethesda location where LeRoy Carhart performs abortions, even late-term abortion. Carhart was quoted to say that when he is talking to the mother, he freely calls her child "baby". We encourage parishioners to come between **1 and 2PM every Monday through November 3rd** but if that time or day does not fit your schedule, come at the time of day you can. The only way we can stop these particularly heinous abortions is to tell Carhart and our legislators that it is not acceptable. The way to do that is to come and peacefully pray where it all happens. Visit: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/bethesda> to register.

**Physician Assisted Suicide (P.A.S.) is more than a personal choice:** Those who support this legislation want you to believe that it is a matter of personal choice and autonomy. What the typical constituent *may not know* is that the bill is full of problems and flaws, such as inadequate safeguards that can result in greater harm not only to the person considering P.A.S. but it will impact all of us if the bill passes in the 2020 General Assembly Session. To learn just what the loopholes are and the questions you need to ask before one of your loved ones makes a decision to end their life, visit: [www.TheDignityMandate.org](http://www.TheDignityMandate.org) and click on the downloads. The following quotation can help Catholics reflect on the beauty of surrender ourselves to God's providence: *"We must be willing to accept the bitter truth that, in the end, we may have to become a burden to those who love us. But it is necessary that we face this also. The full acceptance of our abjection and uselessness is the virtue that can make us and others rich in the grace of God. It takes heroic charity and humility to let others sustain us when we are absolutely incapable of sustaining ourselves. We cannot suffer well unless we see Christ everywhere, both in suffering and in the charity of those who come to the aid of our affliction."* ~ Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

**27<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting:** Saturday, November 2 – Saturday, November 9, opening Eucharistic Vigil, November 2, from 8:30AM to 4:40PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Confirmed speakers include Abby Johnson, Kristin Hawkins and Msgr. Rev. Charles Pope. Visit the Respect For Life page of the website to see the flier.

## Religious Education

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

### First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

All parents of children preparing for First Eucharist in May 2020 should have at-home materials for First Penance and First Eucharist preparation. If you missed the recent meetings, please contact the Religious Education office today.

This week families are completing chapter two of *God's Gift Reconciliation* (for grades 2, 3, and 4) or *Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace* (for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8). High schoolers are reading *The Light of Forgiveness*.

If you missed the First Eucharist Enrollment Rite, please download the rite from the SRRE webpage and pray it at home. Then come in to sign the Enrollment Book.

### Confirmation Announcements

All Confirmation I and Confirmation II students need a packet of materials to complete their Confirmation preparation. If you missed the recent meetings, please contact the Religious Education office today to pick up your packet.

The date of the Confirmation Enrollment Rite (Year 1 students) has been changed to Sunday, November 24, during the 6:00PM Mass.

### Class Aides Needed!

Monday night (7:00-8:15 PM): Class aide for grades 5 and 8

Tuesday afternoon (4:30-5:45PM): Class aides for grades 1 and 4

Please contact Mary Beaudoin at 301-762-2143, ext. 124 or [mbeaudoin@straphaels.org](mailto:mbeaudoin@straphaels.org). Teens are welcome to serve as class aides. Adults must complete the child protection training program.

### Religious Education Late Registration

Parents, if you have not yet registered your children for Religious Education, you can do so through the "late registration" system. Children will be placed in classes that are have space available. We will give parents materials to make up missed lessons with their child at home.

Register at [www.straphaels.org/religious-education](http://www.straphaels.org/religious-education)

Find the full SRRE calendar at <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education> (scroll down) or contact the SRRE office for a print version.

### Leaders Needed for 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 AM and 1:00 PM Sunday Masses mid-September through May. Leaders and assistants are needed. Please contact Mary Beaudoin at 301-762-2143, ext. 124 or [mbeaudoin@straphaels.org](mailto:mbeaudoin@straphaels.org)

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – at St. Raphael!

We are delighted that Saint Raphael will be hosting the fourth annual Potomac Area Interfaith Communities (PAIC) Thanksgiving Service. The worship service, followed by a service project, will be held on Wednesday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. We are very excited that Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be attending!

### Interfaith Children/Youth Choir

Each year the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service includes an interfaith choir made up of children and teens ages 8-18. For information on being part of the choir, please contact Ms. Mary Beaudoin ([mbeaudoin@straphaels.org](mailto:mbeaudoin@straphaels.org) or call 301-762-2143 x124) sometime before the end of October. We want to be sure St. Raphael is well-represented. We will also be looking for a couple of young people to play instruments. Rehearsal with the full choir will be at 6:30 PM on November 20. The choir will sing "All Things Bright and Beautiful" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUnQMvwaXlc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUnQMvwaXlc)

### Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love

In November 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral letter against racism. Here is an excerpt from "The Hispanic Experience" section:

Of course, experiencing racism is not limited to African or Native Americans. Many different groups of people have encountered "in varying degrees the evil of discrimination, racial prejudice, and oppression that endangers the very fabric of American society." Some of the same patterns of prejudice and discrimination have been repeated. At this time, we would be remiss not to highlight the experience of Hispanics in our country. Since the Mexican-American War, Hispanics from various countries have experienced discrimination in housing, employment, healthcare, and education. Hispanics have been referred to by countless derogatory names, have encountered negative assumptions made about them because of their ethnicity, have suffered discrimination in applying for college, for housing, and in registering to vote. Despite their sizable share of the U.S. workforce and their numerous contributions to U.S. economy in many different fields and industries, the large income gap between Hispanic and European Americans points to the persistence of certain discriminatory practices in employment and pay. In the not too distant past, Hispanics encountered signs in restaurants and shops that read, "No Mexicans or Blacks Allowed." Moreover, there have been over 550 documented cases of Hispanics being lynched, and experts estimate the number could actually be twice as large.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October**  
**A Missionary "Spring" in the Church:** That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

## OUR AVRAHAM ABRAHAM IBRAHIM

A panel discussion of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Baha'i scholars speaking about the role of this foundational figure in their religious traditions.

**Tuesday, October 29 at 7:30 PM**

Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

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**COMING SOON:**

***Ages and Stages of Adulthood***

**Thursday, November 7, 7:30-9:00 PM - Parish Library**

This *Interactive, Intergenerational Dialogue* will open your eyes to the changing religious and spiritual interests and needs of others as well as your own....

**Invite your friends and adult family members.**

Bring a snack to share if you wish.



**LOOKING FOR A SMALL GROUP?**

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**Q. What kind of Small Group can I start?**

**A. Here are some ideas:**

- A Small Group that works together on Social Outreach Ministries
- Small Groups of School and RE Families who compare notes about religious practice.
- Small Groups who love sacred music and attend concerts together
- Small Groups who enjoy walking (Maryland's official state exercise), and discussing the environment's links to *Laudato si'*. <https://laudatosi.com/watch>
- A Small Group of newly retired people who discuss topics on FORMED. (See below for a list.)
- A Small Group that takes bus trips to sites that reveal Catholic history in Maryland

**Note:** If you want to promote your Small Group on this page, please send the information to [suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.nelson2@gmail.com).

**BOOKS & LINKS**

• **LifeLong Faith**

<https://www.lifelongfaith.com/journal.html>

See especially: *Intergenerational Faith Formation*

• **On the Real Presence of Christ in the**

***Eucharist*** see especially CCC # 1474 – 1381

[http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c1a3.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c1a3.htm)

• **FORMED - Sign up for FREE. Go to:**

[formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and follow the links.

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**SOME OTHER WAYS TO KEEP UP**

Go to [www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation](http://www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation) and just click on the links.

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