

# ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

**November 3, 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)

The priests will be away at their Convocation next week so please make a note of these schedule changes.

There will be **No** Confessions on Tuesday, November 5, but there **will be** Exposition, Novena and Benediction.

Wednesday and Thursday, November 6 and 7, 6:30 & 9:00 AM, will be Communion Services.

### INQUIRERS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE WELCOME TO COME TO RCIA

RCIA meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Youth Center. It is a program designed for those preparing to enter the Church BUT it is also an opportunity to come and learn about the Church.

There is no obligation to become Catholic!

Questions? Call Linda Poindexter at 240-864-2542 or email to [lpindexter@straphaels.org](mailto:lpindexter@straphaels.org)

### November 28—Thanksgiving Day Masses

8:00 AM

10:00 AM Bilingual Mass

There will be no Adoration on Thanksgiving Day

### Next weekend:

On **November 9-10**, the **Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation, Inc.** will be hosting a nice display of handmade olive-wood religious carvings from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase in the Trumpet Room. These carvings include olive wood nativity sets, crucifixes, rosaries, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angles and many other religious crafts that make nice wedding, baptism, Easter, and especially Christmas gifts.

All carvings are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on sales for their daily bread. Please, help support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing these beautiful carvings. Let us keep Bethlehem a Christian town forever.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

#### Monday November 4

6:30 AM All Souls  
9:00 AM Ellie O'Sullivan (d)

#### Tuesday November 5

6:30 AM Tom Gentry (d)  
9:00 AM John Buckley (d)

#### Wednesday November 6

6:30 AM Communion Service  
9:00 AM Communion Service

#### Thursday November 7

6:30 AM Communion Service  
9:00 AM Communion Service

#### Friday November 8

6:30 AM All Souls  
9:00 AM Luis Guerra (d)

#### Saturday November 9

9:00 AM Helga Castro (d)  
5:00 PM Fr. Gallagher Marisol Rocha (d)

#### Sunday November 10

7:00 AM Fr. Morrow All Souls  
8:30 AM Fr. Salah Carlos Ravago (d)  
10:00 AM Fr. Salah Yolanda Cunnane (d)  
11:30 AM Fr. Morrow Christy Fellows Hadwen (d)  
1:00 PM Fr. Gallagher Charles Salmon (d)  
6:00 PM Fr. Gallagher Guido Fabbro (d)

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

### Schedule for Confession:

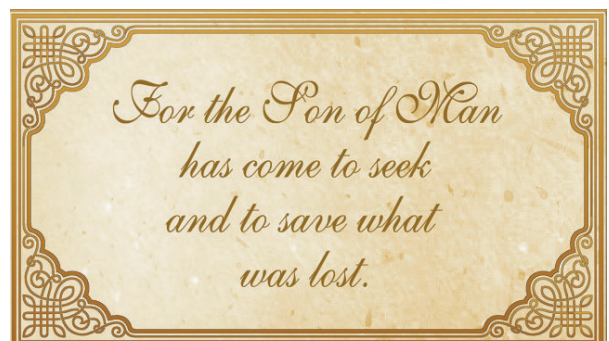
Tuesday, November 5, **No confessions**

Saturday, November 9, 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**





## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday November 4	Tuesday November 5	Wednesday November 6	Thursday November 7	Friday November 8	Saturday November 9	Sunday November 10
No Religious Education	Bible Study, 9:45AM, Parish Library	6:30 & 9:00 AM Communion Services today	6:30 & 9:00AM Communion Services today	CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Men's Group, 6AM, Trumpet Room	<b>Parish Library is Open 8AM-1PM</b>
CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Advent Giving Tree Project Prep, 12PM, Upper Room ABCD	Contemplative Prayer, 9:45 AM, Upper Room D	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9AM Mass, Benediction, 7:15PM	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Duffy Center 3456, Youth Center	Spanish Prayer Group, 9AM, Upper Room ABC	RCIA, 9:30AM, Youth Center
Knights of Columbus, 7:30PM, Parish Library	Sodality Exec, 1:30PM, Parish Library	CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Mother Teresa Gift Assembly, 1PM, Upper Room ABC	Young Adult Divine Mercy Spanish, 7PM, Room 12	Spanish Bible, 10AM, Upper Room D	Religious Education, 10, 11:30AM, 7:05PM, Classrooms
	No Religious Education	OLOG, folkloric, 7PM, APR	Legion of Mary Spanish, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	Light of Christ Prayer Community, 7:30PM, Parish Library	RCIA Spanish, 11:30AM, Room 12	Children's Liturgy, 10AM, 1PM, Duffy Center 4, 6
	CYO Basketball, 5PM, Trumpet Room	Legion of Mary English, 7PM, Room 10	Boy Scouts, 7:30PM, Trumpet Room		Spanish Ministry, 7PM, room 10, Duffy Center 3456	Spanish Choir, 11:30AM, Upper Room ABC
	Spanish Ministry, 6:30PM, Duffy Center 5	Young Adult Divine Mercy Spanish, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	Spanish Ministry, 7:30PM, Upper Room D		Spanish Ministry, 7PM, room 10, Duffy Center 3456	Spanish Scripture Study, 11:30AM, Youth Center
	Yes, Exposition, Novena, Benediction, 6:45PM, Church No Confessions	Bible Study, 7:30PM, Duffy Center 3, 5			<b>HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD SALES, AFTER MASSES, TRUMPET ROOM THIS WEEKEND</b>	Spanish Prayer, 2:30PM, Duffy Center 3456, Upper Room ABC
	Spanish CLW, 7PM, Upper Room D					Youth Ministry, 7PM, Youth Center, Trumpet Room
	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Upper Room ABC					

**October 27, 2019**

**Offertory .....\$50,187.25**

**Poor Box: ..... \$94.00**

**Lisa Sparkman, from our bulletin publisher, Diocesan,** continues to renew our bulletin advertisers. We are most grateful to all of you sponsoring ads in our bulletin. We can all say thank you by supporting these local sponsors.

If you are a business that would like to advertise in our bulletin, please give Lisa a call at 717-507-3766. We thank you for this consideration.

**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**

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

James Damron—301-525-4589

Brian deKowzan—443-426-1678

**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). 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.



Catherine Loveland, Mary Ellen Mahoney, 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

Congratulations to Richard Meyer receiving the Rite of Acolyte Saturday, October 19. The Rite was instituted by Bishop Michael Fisher.

The position of acolyte is one of the steps in the formation of a permanent deacon. The acolyte has a special role in the Church. It is now their responsibility to assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry; this is most commonly done through assisting the priest during Mass.



## November 9th

**SRS's Cub Scout Pack 1280 is doing a good turn to help tackle food insecurity. You can help.**

On Nov. 9th, we'll be collecting food for Manna Food Center. If you receive a door flyer on Nov. 2nd, leave a bag on your porch by 9:30am on Nov. 9th and your local Cub Scouts will pick it up. If you did not receive a door flyer about this program, contact [Pack1280CommitteeChair@gmail.com](mailto:Pack1280CommitteeChair@gmail.com) regarding a possible pickup.

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – NOT a Holyday of Obligation in 2019

This year, the First Sunday of Advent falls on December 8, 2019. Because the First Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Because of this, the Solemnity is NOT a holyday of obligation this year.

## Children's Choir for Christmas



We are now recruiting for Children's Choir for Christmas! All 3-8 graders are welcome (as well as High School alumni or siblings and interested others). Those in grades 1-2 can contact us for readiness assessment as we will learn fast.

We will rehearse from 1 -2PM on Sunday, December 8, 15, and 22. We will meet at 2:45PM on Christmas Eve to sing the 4 PM Mass in the Trumpet Room. Please email Catherine Benskin [cbenski@gmail.com](mailto:cbenski@gmail.com)

## Vocations

**Quo Vadis Come and See Retreat** Young men in grades 11 and 12 and between the ages of 15 and 17, who are interested in learning more about priesthood and seminary, are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary Friday, November 8 – Sunday, November 10, 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. Please 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.

**St. Raphael's Adult Club Christmas Luncheon:** Join the St. Raphael's Adult Club as we celebrate Christmas at our party at Normandie Farm from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 (note the change of date from the previously announced December 12).



We will have a delicious lunch, fabulous door prizes, and a wonderful holiday music singalong! Enjoy a cash bar and complimentary cheese tray in Margery's Lounge at 11:30 prior to lunch at 12:15. Lunch will include a complimentary glass of wine with the meal, tomato fennel soup for an appetizer, legendary golden popovers, and a pumpkin cheesecake with caramel drizzle for dessert, along with coffee and tea. Entrée selections are:

1. chicken piccata over angel hair pasta with vegetables
2. roasted vegetables, kale and 5-grain blend
3. seared salmon, vegetable, rosemary potatoes

The cost is \$35 for club members, and \$40 for nonmembers. Please send your check, made payable to St. Raphael's Adult Club with ENTREE SELECTION, to Tony Cammarota, 1 Duncan Branch Court, Rockville MD 20850 by December 3. For any questions, you may call Cammarota at 301-424-6138. Hope you can join us!

**HO! HO! HO!**

**Santa is coming to St. Raphael's!  
Saturday, December 7,  
in the Trumpet Room  
Breakfast with Santa from  
9:00 – 11:00 AM  
(pancakes & sausage)**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** We rely on volunteers to make this event a success every year! If you can help with the preparation before the event, assistance during, or cleanup after the event, please contact Peggy Weldon at [peggyweldon2@aol.com](mailto:peggyweldon2@aol.com). Adult volunteers and their families will automatically be registered for the event, so if you've had difficulty getting a reservation in the past, this is a great way to guarantee your spot and serve the parish at the same time! Teen volunteers are also needed to help during the event.

## Holy Mass and Healing Service Second Tuesday, November 12

6:45 PM	Exposition
7:00 PM	Confession (will continue during Mass)
7:15 PM	Benediction
7:30 PM	Mass

Celebrant: Father Tom Morrow  
Deacon Frank Salatto

### Other Events

#### Men's Retreat February 7-9, 2020

##### "Life in Christ: The Gift of the Sacraments"

The Office for Family Life is hosting a Men's Retreat. Join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a weekend retreat directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Msgr. Robert Panke. Are you living the graces of a fully sacramental life? What does it mean to live out our baptism, to live a Eucharistic life and to access the grace of the sacrament of reconciliation in our daily lives and relationships? This retreat will help you to reflect on the importance of our sacraments and to reconnect with the most important relationship in your life - your relationship with Christ. The retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. To register go to the following link: <https://2020.adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com> or for more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499.

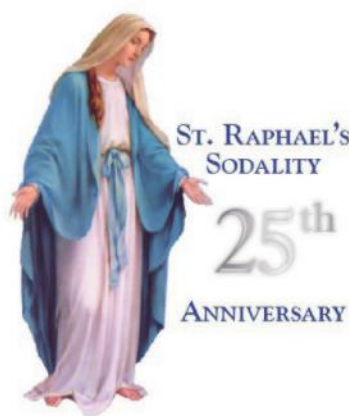
## SHOPPING LIST Thanksgiving Food Drive November 2019

*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.

**St. Martin of Tours parish** in Gaithersburg invites everyone to join us as we kick off our Centennial Year! Our annual Tri-lingual Mass will be offered on Sunday, November 10 at 12 PM in honor of our patron saint's feast day. Bishop Mark E. Brennan, the newly appointed bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, will serve as chief celebrant. Following the Mass, Bishop Brennan will dedicate and bless the newly renovated Church Hall. We will conclude with refreshments and a reenactment of St. Martin's life by our youth and other members of the parish in the school gymnasium.



NOVEMBER 13, 2019 \* PARISH LIBRARY

All are welcome to join **St. Raphael's Sodality** as we celebrate and share memories on our **25th Anniversary November 13 at 7:00 PM in the parish library**. Msgr. Michael Wilson, former pastor and first Moderator will be our special guest and speaker. You don't need to be a member to help us celebrate 25 years of Devotion to Jesus through Mary, service and sisterhood. Refreshments will be served.

Mass at 9:00 AM on November 16 will be celebrated for living and deceased Sodality members of St. Raphael's Parish. We will pray the Holy Rosary following the Mass. Please join us as we thank Jesus and our Blessed Mother for the gift of Sodality.

All women are invited to join Sodality. To join send your dues of \$30, payable to St. Raphael's Church (note Sodality dues in the memo line) to Aleta Phillips, 304 Winter Walk Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.



# School News

NOVEMBER 3, 2019



A peek behind our classroom doors



## Miles of smiles



Our eighth annual Angels on the Run brought together more than 300 participants for a spectacular day—punctuated by a sea of blue in honor of our National Blue Ribbon Award!

Photos by  
Tom Carrington  
and MJ Zafis-Garcia



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## Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)

Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514

**Vincentian reflection:** In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor. *Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone, and frightened.*



**Today is Stone Soup Sunday:** Please drop-off your food donations in Room 3 of the old school building. There are signs on campus directing you to the correct door and a volunteer will be available to assist you with your package. Thank you for your giving.

**Halloween candy drop-off deadline is this Friday!** Please drop-off any unused candy to the SRS Reception desk by November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will use the candy to make "treat bags" for our guests at the Mother Teresa event in December. Unopened bags are shared with the Advent Giving Tree organizations served for distribution for children.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive begins tomorrow!** St. Raphael's non-perishable canned food drive begins on Monday, November 4 and will continue until Sunday, November 24 by 1:00 PM. A grocery list will be in the vestibule or see page 5. Drop-off your donations at the table located at the SRS Reception area. Please follow the listed items for a family of 5 persons if you are able. **Frozen Turkeys** will also be collected on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in the drop-off area in the Trumpet Room parking lot. Call Janice Frankford, 206- 661-2972 for more info.

**SSL Service Hours available!** Students, grades 7<sup>th</sup> and up, are needed to help sort and pack canned food items and help to collect frozen turkeys on **Sunday, November 24** between the time of **8:00 AM until 1:00 PM**. To sign-up, call Janice Frankford at 206-661-2972. Please note that lifting heavy boxes full of canned food is part of the responsibilities so do not sign up if you have any problems with your back.

**Winter coats and warm clothing needed:** Donate your gently used cold-weather clothing (coats/jackets, scarves, gloves/mittens, new men's sock, etc.), 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 properly laundered. The collected deadline is November 24<sup>th</sup> by 12:00 noon. To make arrangements for earlier drop-off or if you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Cheng at [msebcheng@aol.com](mailto:msebcheng@aol.com) or call her at 301-762-6340.

**Mother Teresa event:** St. Raphael's annual Soup Kitchen event is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>. Adult volunteers will be needed to make the day as smooth as silk. Watch this column for the posting of the Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer and to donate turkeys, hams, and sodas.



*"Abandon yourself into the hands of Mary.  
She will take care of you."*

~Saint Padre Pio

**Pray an end to late term abortions by Leroy Carhart in Bethesda.** Join other concerned pro-lifers for the weekly prayer vigil every Monday morning from 9 to 11 AM on the public sidewalk north of the Wildwood Shopping Center (in front of the Sun Trust Bank) 10401 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Contact Dick Retta, 301-538-2500 for more information. Visit [www.prayforbethesda.com](http://www.prayforbethesda.com) for parking instructions.

**Sidewalk counseling training seminar coming soon!** All are invited to attend the training seminar given by Dick Retta on November 9 at Holy Name Parish Annex, located at 1125 Neal Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20002, between 1 and 3:30 PM. There is no charge. Contact Dick at 301-538-2500 for details.

**Words to ponder:** Cardinal John O'Connor once stated the following about abortion: *"Some people argue that changing laws will not eliminate abortions. It is certainly true that a change of heart is more important than a change of law. What is forgotten, however, is that the law is the great teacher. Children grow up believing that if a practice is legal, it must be moral."* What will you teach your children about abortion?

## Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

### High School Youth

#### Why the Church? – November 3

So far this semester, we have discussed the existence of God and the importance of Jesus as God and Man. Moving from that point, we will discuss why Jesus established the Church and why the Church is the best guide on our journey to heaven. We will discuss the reality of sinful humans within the Church as well as the promise that the gates of hell will not prevail against Her. Teens will be inspired to fall in love with their Catholic faith and proud to identify as Catholic. Please join us from 7-9PM in the Youth Center for pizza, games, and discussion!

# PRAY THE ROSARY



## Religious Education

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

### Religious Education Fall Break

SRRE classes will not meet on November 3, 4, and 5. Classes resume November 10, 11, and 12.

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

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

We will celebrate the First Eucharist Listening Rite on Saturday, November 9, at 10:00 AM. Each time we come together to celebrate as a Christian community, we are invited to listen to God speak to us. We hear God's word to us in the Bible, which we also call the Sacred Scriptures.

### 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.

### 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 - Wednesday, November 20

In just over two weeks Saint Raphael will host the fourth annual Potomac Area Interfaith Communities (PAIC) Thanksgiving Service. The worship service begins at 7:30 PM and will be followed by a reception and service project. Volunteers are needed to assist with the reception.

## Interfaith Children/Youth Choir

Each year the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service includes an interfaith choir made up of children and teens ages 8-18. If your child would like to be part of the choir please contact Mary Beaudoin ([mbeaudoin@straphaels.org](mailto:mbeaudoin@straphaels.org) or call 301-762-2143 x124) today. 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUnQMvwaXlc)

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Middle East:** That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Middle East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

### 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  
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LT James Sheets (USN)  
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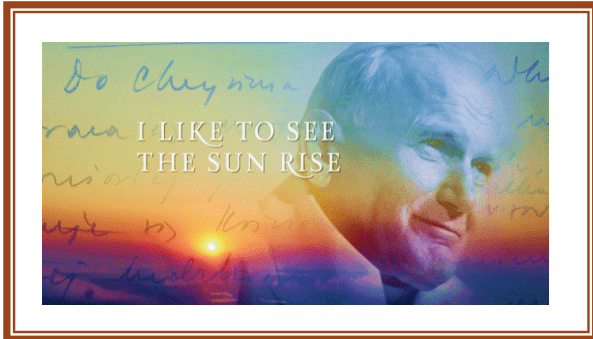
### Readings for the Week of November 3, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis 11:22—12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11—2:2; Lk 19:1-10
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b> Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112: 1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thursday</b>	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome</b> Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16—3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38

**Adult Faith Formation**

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**AFF QUOTE OF THE WEEK**



**Join us anytime for Fellowship, Prayer,  
and Discussion as we:**

**"DIG A LITTLE DEEPER; REACH A LITTLE HIGHER"**

**We NEED YOU!**

***Ages and Stages of Adulthood***

**Thursday, Nov. 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.... including:

**Young Adults: 5 Important Themes**

**Middle Adults: 5 Characteristics**

**Older Adults: 3 Types of "Old"**

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

Bring a snack to share if you wish.

**Hosted by the AFF Team.** See more at:

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Q. How can I learn more about St John Paul II?**

**A.** "Clocking in at 52 minutes, with colorful scenes from his global travels, the film devotes extensive attention to his early work, *The Acting Person* and *Love and Responsibility*, which would later be developed into his now widely known 'Theology of the Body.'"

**See more about this new documentary,**

***"I Like to See the Sun Rise."***

<https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2019/10/25/new-film-looks-into-st-john-paul-iis-theology-of-the-body/>



This spiritual program for women continues on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 PM in the Youth Center. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend. For specific dates and more information, please contact:

Suzanne Hren [suzannehren@outlook.com](mailto:suzannehren@outlook.com)  
or Fr. Tom Morrow [tomorrow1@gmail.com](mailto:tomorrow1@gmail.com)

The *Foundational Study* is an opportunity to explore women's dignity as daughters of God and their gift of authentic femininity. It is a chance to experience God's love more profoundly, and to dig deeply into the wellspring of the spiritual life and the wisdom of Holy Mother Church.


**BOOKS & LINKS**

- **Women of Grace** [https://www.womenofgrace.com/en-us/study\\_programs/default.aspx](https://www.womenofgrace.com/en-us/study_programs/default.aspx)
- **LifeLong Faith** <https://www.lifelongfaith.com/journal.html>  
See especially: *Intergenerational Faith Formation*
- **To Life Each Day with Dignity**  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/upload/to-live-each-day-with-dignity-hyperlinked.pdf>
- **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.  
**Explore:** Movie Night✶The Sacraments✶Bible Studies✶Faith Formation✶Current Topics✶Saints of History✶Documentaries✶Modern Day Saints✶Life and Witness of Mary✶Devotionals✶Share Your Faith✶Men and Women of Faith✶....and more.

**SOME OTHER WAYS TO KEEP UP**

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