

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



1513 Dunster Road ♦ Rockville, Maryland 20854

November 17, 2019

Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Weekend Masses:

Parish Phone 301-762-2143
Parish Fax 301-762-0719
Website www.straphaels.org

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

Rev. Michael Salah, Pastor, ext. 112
Rev. Dan Gallagher, Parochial Vicar, ext. 150
Rev. Thomas Morrow, Retired, ext. 128

Deacon Jose Carbonell, ext. 187
Deacon Jorge Gatica, ext. 164
Deacon Richard Mattocks, 301-928-8227
Deacon Frank Salatto, ext. 149
Mary J. Beaudoin, Dir. Of Religious Education, ext. 124
Gerri Stoner, St. Raphael School Secretary, ext. 122
Teri Dwyer, Principal, Baptism Coordinator, ext. 121
Eileen Kutchak, Dir. of Parish Programming, ext. 110
Luisa Duarte, Spanish Coordinator, 240-864-2565
Pietro Lojacono, Assistant for Religious Education, ext. 123
Annalee McHugh, Youth Minister, 240-864-2519
Vince Natali, Dir. Of Music Ministries, 240-864-2532
Suzanne Nelson, Adult Faith Formation, 443-472-3730
Linda Poindexter, RCIA Coordinator, 240-864-2542
Elaine Salatto, Publications, Welcoming, 240-864-2513
Sandy Shamburek, Social Concerns Coordinator, 240-864-2514

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

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.

Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving Day Masses

8:00 AM
10:00 AM Bilingual Mass



There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thanksgiving Day.



Please note, the Kimblewick Road entrance gate will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

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

This year, the First Sunday of Advent falls on December 8. 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.

Lost and Found

*Soon after we found the owner of the lost I-Phone, a portable charger was found in the church. If you left your charger in the church, Please call the parish office 240-864-2510.

*If you took home a teal rain jacket that was accidentally left in the church, please return it to the Parish Office.

Calling all physicians and healthcare professionals!

Save the date to join the Washington DC Catholic Medical Association for our annual half-day retreat on Saturday, November 23rd. The CMA is a group of Catholic physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who are committed to living the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine. To learn more, join our mailing list by sending a message to dc.cma.guild@gmail.com.

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, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Monday November 18

6:30 AM All Souls
9:00 AM Thomas McGinis (d)

Tuesday November 19

6:30 AM All Souls
9:00 AM Thomas E. Lynch (d)

Wednesday November 20

6:30 AM All Souls
9:00 AM Julia Abularach

Thursday November 21

6:30 AM All Souls
9:00 AM Theresa Santos (d)

Friday November 22

6:30 AM All Souls
9:00 AM Mary & Bob Muzzy (d)

Saturday November 23

9:00 AM Pat Buck (d)
5:00 PM Fr. Morrow Littel Wilson (d)

Sunday November 24

7:00 AM Fr. Morrow Donald Healy & Donald Hogan (d)
8:30 AM Fr. Salah Bishop Robert C. Morlino (d)
10:00 AM Fr. Salah Estrella Castillo (d)
11:30 AM Fr. Morrow Tony Lombardi (d)
1:00 PM Fr. Gallagher Charles Salmon (d)
6:00 PM Fr. Gallagher All Souls

The Priest Mass Schedule is subject to change.

Schedule for Confession:

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00PM

Saturday, November 23, 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 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:

Rhys Paul Whetham November 2
Moiria Susan Whetham November 2
Luke Snyder Colton November 9
Giulia Ryann Powell November 10

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday November 18	Tuesday November 19	Wednesday November 20	Thursday November 21	Friday November 22	Saturday November 23	Sunday November 24
Religious Education, 4:30 & 7PM, Classrooms	Religious Education, ACLA, 9AM, Parish Library	Contemplative Prayer, 9:45AM, Upper Room D	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 9AM Mass, Benediction, 7:15PM	CYO Basketball, Trumpet Room	Men's Group, 6AM, Trumpet Room	Parish Library is Open 8AM-1PM Winter Coat Drive- Trumpet Room
CYO Basketball, Trumpet Room	Religious Education, 4:30PM, Classrooms	Mother Teresa gift assembly, 1PM, Upper Room ABC	CYO Basketball, Trumpet Room	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Duffy Center 3456, Youth Center	Spanish Bible Study, 10AM, Upper Room D	RCIA, 9:30AM, Youth Center
Parish Council, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	CYO Basketball, Trumpet Room	OLG, 7PM, APR	Baptism Prep, Spanish, 7PM, Room 12	Light of Christ Prayer, 7:30PM, Parish Library	RCIA Spanish, 11:30AM, Room 12	Children's Liturgy, 10AM, 1PM, Duffy Center 4, 6
	Spanish Ministry, 6:30PM, Duffy Center 5	Legion of Mary, 7PM, Room 10	Legion of Mary, Spanish, 7PM, Upper Room ABC			Religious Education, 10, 11:30 AM, 7:05PM
	Exposition, Novena, Benediction, 6:45PM, Church	Young Adult Divine Mercy Spanish, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	Boy Scouts, 7:30PM, APR		Frozen Turkey Collection Sunday	Spanish Choir, 11:30AM, Upper Room ABC
	Respect for Life, 7PM, Room 10	Women of Grace, 7PM, Youth Center	Baptism Prep, English, 7:30PM, Room 11			Scripture Study, Spanish, 11:30AM, Youth Center
	Spanish Prayer, 7PM, Upper Room ABC	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:30PM, Church				Spanish Ministry, 2PM, Parish Library
		No Bible Study				Spanish Prayer, 2:30PM, Duffy Center 3456, Upper Room ABC
						Youth Ministry, 7PM, Youth Center, Trumpet Room

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year is Giving Tuesday, a day to thank God for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us during the year and to look within ourselves to see how we can best use our talent and treasure to help others. This year, St. Raphael Catholic Church is building upon that feeling of generosity and compassion by asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider enrolling in eGiving for your recurring weekly offering.

By using eGiving you are supporting our parish's shared mission to give back to others and spread the word of God. We are excited about Giving Tuesday and all the miraculous work our parish can do in our community, with your support.

Enrolling in eGiving is a safe and secure way to give to our parish and getting started is easy—just visit faith.direct/MD34.

God Bless You,

Father Mike Salah

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

Michelle Aldridge—301-351-2775

Mark Dirlam—240-364-4523

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON FRIDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: 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.

November 10, 2019

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Please pray for Catherine Loveland, Mary Ellen Mahoney, Jack Reed, nephew of Lillie Basso, Yasmine Tashman, William Valentine

Please pray for soul of Maciek Siwanowicz, father of Kate Siwanowicz.

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.

Notes from the Music Ministry

Are you looking for a way to share your gift of music? The adult choir is always open for skilled singers to join us from the community.

A vocal check to determine section, tone and sight reading abilities can be arranged by contacting Vince Natali at vnatali@straphaels.org or by leaving a message at 240-864-2532.

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



Are you looking for that special something to do for Advent? Consider praying a small part of Thursday, December 12 with Jesus.

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)



The donation per family is \$25.00.

There will be food, crafts, Santa's Secret Shop, and of course a visit from Santa himself. This activity is for registered parishioners only (if you are not registered, you can contact the parish office to do so).

ADULT 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. 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.

Reservations will be taken **by phone only** on **Monday, November 25**, starting at 10:00 AM for breakfast with Santa. Calls received prior to 10:00 AM will be considered invalid. If your call ends up in voicemail after 10:00 AM, you must call back. Calls are answered and transferred to a volunteer as quickly as possible. There is a limited amount of seating and the event fills quickly, so please call early.

Please make a reservation for your family only – multiple reservations will not be accepted on one call. Each family will be limited to two adults.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS on Monday, November 25:
CALL (301) 762-2143 – **do not leave a voicemail message!**
Please be ready to provide your name, email address, number of children and adults (max. of 2 adults per reservation)

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

ST. RAPHAEL PARISH ADORATION FOR ADVENT

All are welcome to spend time with JESUS

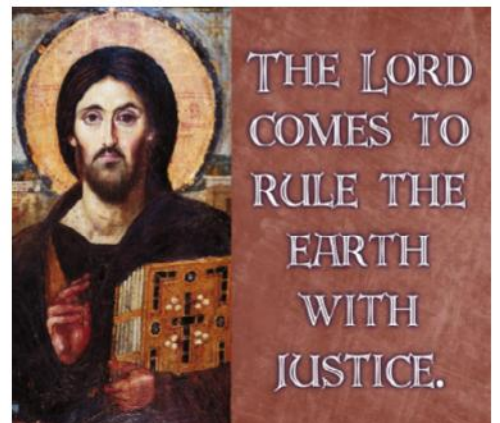
**During regular parish Adoration times
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019**

**EXPOSITION at 9:30AM
BENEDICTION at 7:15PM**

**Hourly intentions will be
offered for our parish**

**To sign up as a Captain to open
a Holy Hour, please go to**

<http://bit.ly/AdventAdoration2019>



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the Week of November 17, 2019

Sunday	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
Monday	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43 Proper Readings for Peter and Paul Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 14:22-33
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Youth Ministry

Annie McHugh, 240-864-2519

High School Youth

Presence: God With Us – November 17

Last year, a survey found that fewer Catholics believe in Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist. So at Youth Group, we will use videos called "Presence" as a three-part series to dive into the mystery of the Eucharist. All high school teens are invited to join us from 7-9PM for dinner, games, and discussion.

Presence: The Story of the Eucharist – November 24

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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://2020adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com> or for more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499

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November 2019 Liturgical Calendar

- 11/1 All Saints Day**
*Study: Symbolon: Session 9 - Mary & the Saints/Symbolon: Sesión 9 - Maria y los Santos
Watch: Brother Francis - The Saints/Hermano Zeferino - Los Santos*
Read: The Young People's Book of Saints
- 11/2 All Souls Day**
Watch: God's Mighty Servant Listen: Why is There Hell?
- 11/4 Saint Charles Borromeo**
Study: True Reformers: Session 4, Saint Charles Borromeo
- 11/9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
Study: Footprints of God
- 11/13 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**
Listen: Saint Frances Cabrini
- 11/16 Saint Giuseppe Moscati**
Watch: Saint Giuseppe Moscati - Doctor to the Poor Read: Saint Giuseppe Moscati
- 11/18 Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul**
Watch: Altar Gang - What's What in the Church *Watch: Jubilee/Jubileo
- 11/21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Watch: Mary of Nazareth
Listen: Answering Common Objections - Mary
- 11/22 Saint Cecilia**
Listen: Ode to Saint Cecilia
- 11/24 Solemnity of Christ the King**
*Study: Lectio: Philipians - All Things in Christ Study: YDisciple: Session 3 - Is Jesus Really Divine?
Read: Who Do You Say That I Am?
- 11/30 Saint Andrew**
Listen: Walk the Walk *available in both English and Spanish Sign up for free at formed.org/signup

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Holy Mass and Healing Service

First Tuesday, December 3

- 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

Celebrant: Father Tom Morrow
Deacon: Frank Salatto

School News

NOVEMBER 17, 2019



A peek behind our classroom doors



Photo by Doris La

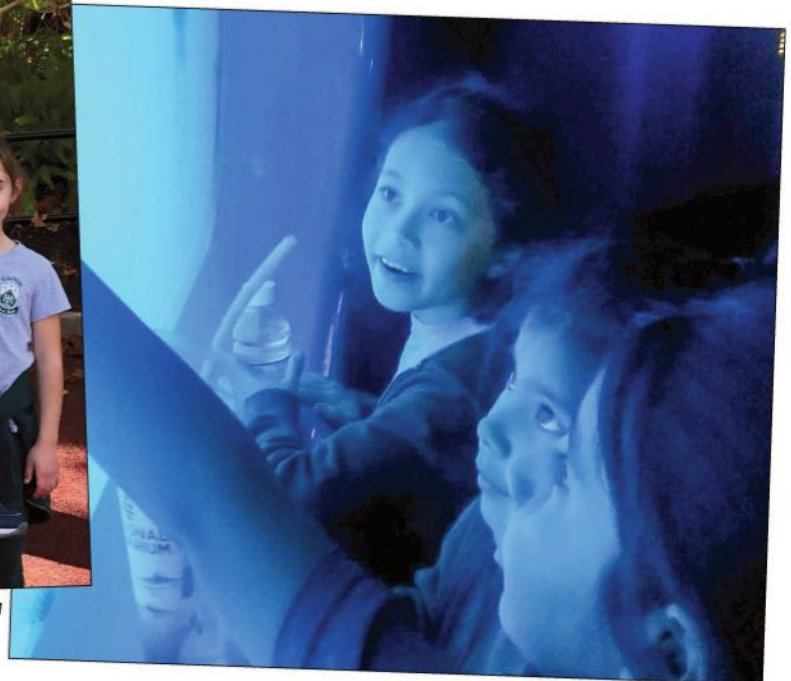


Photo by Ashley Mendez



Making memories: First grade, left, explores the National Zoo as part of its "Animal Habitats" Signature Unit, while second grade—awash in blue—visits the

National Aquarium for its "Habitats of Sea Life" Signature Unit. SRS Signature Units allow students to learn topics cross-curricularly and usually culminate in a related field trip.



#GIVINGTUESDAY
12.03.19

As you begin to determine your year-end charitable contributions, please consider putting St. Raphael School on your list. We are raising funds to improve campus security, with the goal of keeping safe our most precious gift—our students and staff. Feel good about where your dollars are going by donating to your parish school on or before #GivingTuesday Dec. 3.

Details at www.straphaelschoolmd.org

www.straphaelschoolmd.org | www.srnsmd.org |    @SRSrockville



Photo by Ryan Kaufman

Francine Krivka, shown with her son Jak, helps make St. Raphael School shine!



Photo by Cristina Lubian

Roger Pardo—appropriately wearing a Cisco shirt—is credited with overhauling our communication system.



SRS honor roll

Announcing our Catholic Business Network volunteer and business partner of the year

By Teri Dwyer, Principal

Volunteer of the Year: Francine Krivka



St. Raphael School celebrates Francine Krivka as our Catholic Business Network Volunteer of the Year! Francine has been instrumental in organizing and vitalizing our CYO program. She works tirelessly to bring together youth from our parish and school. She books space, holds evaluations, schedules practices, collaborates with coaches, and ensures that our paperwork is complete. Francine also takes the lead on our biannual book fairs! She works to staff the book fair with volunteers, works with the vendor, and communicates with teachers and students to make it a success. We are most grateful for all the hats Francine wears, but the one that fits her best is SRS champion!

Business Partner of the Year: Roger Pardo, Cisco Technology Solutions



Roger Pardo is a generous St. Raphael parent who has shared with us not only his children but also his expertise in Cisco technologies.

With Roger's help, we have equipped St. Raphael School with Cisco routers and switches, allowing us to interconnect our computers and phones. He has enabled our mobile network to utilize Cisco wireless access points, which has connected all of our mobile devices. Roger has equipped us with CUCM voice-over IP, intercom/paging, voicemail, and call-handler functions. In essence, with Roger's help, Cisco has revamped our total school and parish communication. Thank you to Roger and to Cisco!

Social Responsibility and Outreach (SRO)

Sandy Shamburek, 240-864-2514



Vincentian reflection: In today's Gospel, the prediction of the end times is evident and the words "end times" can illicit alarm. In our rushed world, it is so easy to jump forward to the future instead of living faithfully in the present. Jesus lists them as wars, insurrection, earthquakes, famine, plagues, but we need not fear these cosmic events as frightening and disheartening as they may be. Perhaps Jesus is trying to get our attention so we are prepared for the future, which is something we all should be prepared to face. ***"The condition for our life and our not having fear of the end times is to trust in God and to live by Jesus' name now. As disciples we must never lose the perseverance to face these tribulations and bring about a better world in which all might live in peace. Every day is an opportunity to live discipleship fully and confidently. When all is said and done, unity with Jesus now is the only thing that guarantees unity with Jesus for all eternity."*** (Living Liturgy, p.248). Live faithfully now.

Next weekend is the deadline for our Thanksgiving Food Drive: This is the last week to purchase your food donations and frozen turkeys for our Twin Parish. The deadline for dropping-off the food is **Sunday, November 24th, no later than 1:30 PM**. You can drop off the non-perishables during the work week in the school reception area; we ask that the frozen turkeys NOT be dropped off until Sunday. There will be a drop-off route in the TR parking area so you will not even have to get out of your car!. Thank you all for your generosity.

Last call for SSL Service Hours opportunity! Students, grades 7 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. Adult volunteers are also welcomed! Please note that lifting heavy boxes full of canned food is one of the tasks on this day so do not sign up if you have any problems with your back.

Volunteer drivers for Thanksgiving Food Drive: In addition to the Knights helping us out, it would be helpful to have 2 to 3 more vehicles and drivers to transport the frozen turkeys and food to St. Martin's on November 24. Call Sandy Shamburek at 240-863-2514 and leave your name, a number where you can be reached and the type of vehicle.

Our Mother Teresa event is just around the corner: This beloved event will be three weeks from this Tuesday, December 10! Adult volunteers are needed to make the day as smooth as silk. The Sign-Up Genius link to volunteer before and during the day as well as to donate turkeys, hams, and sodas is now posted on the Parish website. This year we will have about 90 guests plus the Sisters from the Missionary of Charity houses in D.C. Be generous with your time and donations.



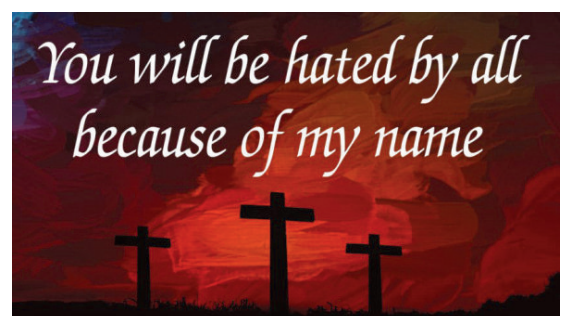
"If indeed "the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics," the Church, "cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice."

~Evangelii Gaudium, no. 183

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 for parking instructions.

Day of Prayer and Healing: Do you have feelings of guilt, shame, remorse or sadness after an abortion? Do you feel that God can never forgive you? Women who have experienced abortion are invited to a **Day of Prayer and Healing: "Entering Canaan"** on **Saturday, November 23**. An atmosphere of peace and confidence can help you heal from the negative emotions that come after an induced abortion. When you register, you will be given the confidential location. For information, call Project Rachel Ministry at 301-982-2008. Ask for Sister Priscilla. Remember that all of our contacts are strictly confidential. For more details visit: hope@adw.org.

Did you know? There are about 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the United States funded and staffed almost entirely by pro-life people, many being unpaid volunteers. These centers provide many services to women who may feel they are alone in dealing with an unplanned pregnancy; counseling about abortion alternatives, resources for financial assistance within the community, for qualified moms, sonograms so that expectant mothers can see their babies, baby clothing and other necessities as well as classes on parenting and nutrition-all of which are free of charge. These centers prevent thousands of abortions each year, care for mothers who are feeling desperate and promote a culture of LIFE, instead of the culture of death. The centers and the people who work in them are a blessing for women facing a lot of unknowns in their life at the time of this pregnancy. Why not support them or call to get a tour? Shady Grove Pregnancy Center: 301-963-6223; Centro Tepeyac Pregnancy Center: 301-946-1022.



Religious Education

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

Religious Education Calendar

SRRE classes continue through December 17. After Christmas break classes resume January 5.

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

Advent Fair – December 1



Come make a fresh Advent wreath to light at your dinner table during coffee and donuts December 1 after morning masses. Kits available for \$15. Greens are for free. Start a family tradition that your great grandchildren will love. Christmas arts and crafts and childcare will be provided for little ones too young to make a wreath. Please email

catherineolohankelly@gmail.com so she can make enough wreaths for all that are interested.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

This week families with children preparing for First Eucharist in May 2020 are completing chapter four of *God's Gift Reconciliation* (for grades 2, 3, and 4) or chapter five of *Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace* (for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8). High schoolers are reading *The Light of Forgiveness*. Families who missed the First Eucharist Listening Rite are asked to download the rite from our webpage, pray the rite at home, and then stop by the SRRE office to pick up the *Illustrated Children's Bible*. Those who missed the Enrollment Rite are asked to pray that rite at home and then bring their child to sign the Enrollment Book in the SRRE office.

Confirmation Enrollment Rite - November 24, 6:00 PM

On Sunday, November 24, during the 6:00 PM Mass, we will celebrate the Enrollment Rite with the first year



Confirmation students. (Please note date change.) As these young people begin their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, they come before the community showing their intention to study

their faith, to pray for wisdom and strength, and to serve those in need. Their presence is a reminder to us to pray for them and for their families during the coming months.

Confirmation Candidate Due Date Approaching

Candidates for Confirmation in May 2020 have several items due in December: the Saint Report, the Sponsor Certificate, and (for those who needed an extension) the Confirmation Service Project. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office. If you have misplaced your packet, you can find the forms at <https://www.straphaels.org/confirmation-1>.

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

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 20

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 several "Action for Creation" activities. 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 or call 301-762-2143 x124) today. We want to be sure St. Raphael is well-represented. 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

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 "Walk Humbly with God" section:

To press forward without fear means "to walk humbly with God" in rebuilding our relationships, healing our communities, and working to shape our policies and institutions toward the good of all, as missionary disciples. Evangelization, which is the work of the Church, means not only preaching but witnessing; not only conversion but renewal; not only entry into the community but the building up of the community. Racism is a moral problem that requires a moral remedy—a transformation of the human heart—that impels us to act. The power of this type of transformation will be a strong catalyst in eliminating those injustices that impinge on human dignity. As Christians, we know this to be true, for with "God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26). It is the Lord who, by his grace, forgives and restores us to these relationships and heals the wounds between us. After all, the aim of salvation history is reconciliation and entering the heavenly Jerusalem, a communion of all peoples and all nations.

To press forward without fear also means cooperating with God's grace by taking direct and deliberate steps for change. It means opening doorways where once only walls stood. As bishops, we commit ourselves to the following actions with the hope that others, especially those in our spiritual care, will do likewise in their own lives and communities.

For the entire document go to:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf>

Adult Faith Formation

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AFF QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The more we are certain what good is, the more we shall see good in everything."

- G.K. Chesterton

CONTINUING

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Psalms: The School of Prayer

11 Wednesdays, 7:30–9:00 PM - Duffy Center
Continuing to December 18 (Skip November 20, 27)

For more information please contact
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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:

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or Fr. Tom Morrow tgmmorrow1@gmail.com

BOOKS & LINKS

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>
- Word on Fire
<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/video/LifeLongFaith> <https://www.lifelongfaith.com/journal.html>
See especially: *Intergenerational Faith Formation*
- To Live 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>



Q. What can parents do when their adult children stop practicing the Catholic Religion?

A. Here are 3 Things NOT to do...

1. Don't force the Mass on them.
2. Don't criticize their lifestyle.
3. Don't nag.

That's all explained here:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/3-ways-not-to-lead-your-fallen-away-child-back-to-the-church/19646/>

But there's more! What positive steps can we take to help them?

You can go online to listen....

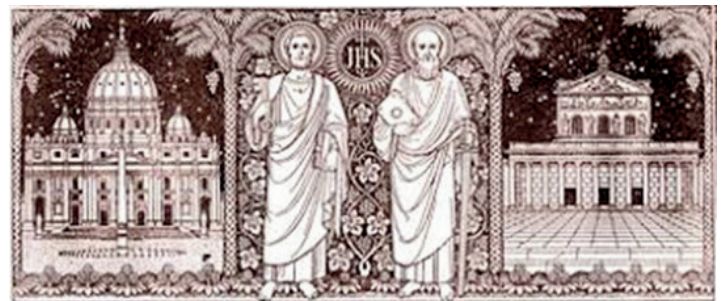
Brandon Vogt, from Word on Fire, tells the whole story in 4 short (free) videos. Click here and follow the directions to his well-researched "take" on the issue.

<https://helpthemreturn.com/opt-in>

Reflection: What Keeps You Going?

In September 2017, the PEW foundation asked Americans where they find meaning in life. Read their responses here: <https://www.pewforum.org/interactives/what-keeps-us-going/>

Then, get out your journal and write down what it is that keeps YOU going. Talk with God about it.



November 18

The Feast of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

Peter represents leadership and unity of the Church; Paul represents its capacity for growth and assimilation.
(from Bishop Robert Barron)

SOME OTHER WAYS TO KEEP UP

Go to www.straphaels.org/adult-faith-formation and just click on the links.

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