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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 or you may register online at www.straphaels.org. The Parish Wide Ministry Resource List can be found on our website on the Welcome tab or under Ministries, Social Responsibility, and Documents.

For Life Affirming Resources:

<https://adw.org/about-us/resources/pregnant-need-help/>
Healing after abortion? Project Rachel 301-853-4565

The church capacity is now 320.

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.

Faith Direct

If you haven't already, I prayerfully request that you consider joining the many families who use Faith Direct to fulfill their very generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church. Faith Direct provides our families with the ability to give to our parish via electronic donation and I remain most pleased with the service they have provided St. Raphael Catholic Church. I hope you will set aside a few minutes to visit faithdirect.org/MD34 and enroll securely online. With online enrollment, you will be able to access your account any time to view and make changes to your account information and gifts.

For those already enrolled, I want to thank you for your participation in the Faith Direct electronic giving program! eGiving has proven to be the most cost-effective way for St. Raphael Catholic Church to receive your generous donations.

God bless you,
Father Mike Salah



National Vocation Awareness Week is November 1 to 8, 2020. The focus of this important celebration is to raise awareness of God's personal call to each soul. During this week, and throughout the year, please join the Church in praying for and encouraging religious vocations. We ask that parents, teachers, youth ministers, and religious education teachers discuss religious vocations and join the Diocese's efforts to promote openness to considering a religious vocation.

The Fatima Story & A Pilgrimage

This video created by St. Raphael's parishioner, Anne Marie Begley, can be accessed from our website as well as from info below.

<https://youtu.be/98iLVpWWVE>

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON FRIDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: esalat2@outlook.com AND 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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 26

6:30AM Bockhi Park
9:00AM Albert Joseph Otranto (d)

Tuesday, October 27

6:30AM Park Family (d)
9:00AM Thomas Letko (d)

Wednesday, October 28

6:30AM Vincent Daly (d)
9:00AM Janet McGrath

Thursday, October 29

6:30AM Joseph Paglier (d)
9:00AM Helen Cornetta (d)

Friday, October 30

6:30AM Thomas Waters (d)
9:00AM Leifeld Family

Saturday, October 31

9:00AM Harry Skoll (d)
5:00PM Thomas McGinis (d)

Sunday, November 1

7:00AM Francis Joseph Goldsmith (d)
8:30AM Paul Matelis (d)
10:00AM Sejas & Long Families (d)
11:30AM George Joseph (d)
1:00PM Legion of Mary Members (d)
6:00PM Onana Family

*Live-streamed Masses:

Daily, 6:30AM and Saturday, 9:00AM,
Sunday, 11:30AM, 1:00PM

Volunteers will be needed to stay after masses to sanitize the pews.

COVID-19 regulations remain in place, please bring a mask and follow the physical distancing rules in the Church. The church capacity is now 320.

Listen or watch the 11:30AM Sunday Mass on campus and receive Communion outside.

During the 11:30AM Sunday live-streamed Mass, you may remain in your car in the parking lot and watch the 11:30 livestream on your phone; and at Communion the Eucharistic Ministers will distribute Holy Eucharist outside the front center doors of the church.

The Church will be open for adoration every Thursday, after the 9AM Mass. remember we cannot leave Jesus alone during the day, so please sign up for one or more time slots using the SignUp Genius link here. <https://bit.ly/STRadoration> enter the Church using the side doors by the St. Joseph side of the sanctuary.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
MASS AND BLESSING,
7:00 PM**



• **FIRST TUESDAY MASS AND HEALING SERVICE HAS CHANGED TO MEET THE NEW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.**

• **ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, WE WILL HAVE A BILINGUAL MASS WITH CELEBRANT FATHER BILL WADSWORTH AT 7:00PM FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND A BLESSING PEW BY PEW WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AS THE PRIEST OR DEACON PROCESS INSTEAD OF THE LAYING ON OF HANDS**

• **CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 6:45 PM UNTIL THE END.**

• **WE WILL CONCLUDE WITH BENEDICTION.**

Readings for the Week of October 25, 2020

Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40
Monday	Eph 4:32—5:8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday	Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Solemnity of All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Did you know?

You can view our St. R's bulletin on our website. Check out home page and click on bulletin

OR

You can also receive a digital copy of your weekly bulletin by going to www.discovermass.com and signup to receive it each week in your email inbox.

It's a gift!

Thanks to a donation from the Knights of Columbus and the Men's Fellowship group, St. Raphael has renewed FORMED through August 2021. Check it out!

Please visit the site and enjoy great resources for all!

Go to: <https://straphaels.formed.org/>





Family Rosary


October is the Month of the Rosary and the feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. As we did in the Spring we will pray the Rosary as a community via Zoom. Join us with your families Fridays in October and let us know if you have any special intentions you would like us to pray for.

Date: Fridays in October at 7:00PM

Time: 7:00 PM

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/97817561617?pwd=QjI1aDVva2lpaWhlY0s2cUlkOUUzZz09>

Sponsored by: Mater Dei Council, Sodality and St. Raphael Men's Fellowship



October Respect For Life Month Activities

October is Respect for Life Month in the Catholic Church, and St. Raphael's parishioners are encouraged to support the Fall Bethesda 40 Days for Life campaign by praying a rosary on the public sidewalk in front of the Wildwood Medical Center, 10401 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda each Saturday from 10AM - 11AM through October 31. Please meet in the vestibule after the 9 AM Mass if you need help with logistics. Our Knights also are livestreaming the prayer on St. Raphael's YouTube channel if you prefer to pray with us at home.

The Gospels make clear that not helping our neighbor in need is a grave moral offence: In the gospel of Matthew, the Lord condemns those who failed to minister to the most needy because He identified with the latter: ***"I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."*** (Matthew 25:35). It seems logical that He would identify also with the unborn who are at risk of being aborted. The Lord's parable in *Luke 16* shows the rich man's torment in the after-life as a consequence of his indifference to Lazarus' hunger and sickness. It seems likely that if Lazarus had been at risk of being killed, and the rich man did nothing to prevent his death, the rich man would have been punished also. We have a serious moral obligation to oppose abortion. First of all, we need to pray for the end of abortion and for the conversion of those who practice it. It is also essential that we oppose abortion by our actions, such as informing society about the evils of abortion.

Bereavement Mass 2020

The Bereavement Mass will be held on Saturday, November 7 at 9:00AM. Masks and social distancing are still in place. The Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel for those unable to attend in person. We invite you to pray for these parish family loved ones who have died in the past year and will be remembered at the Bereavement Mass.

Patricia Asch
Eric Baumgartner
Gerard Beaulieu
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Thomas Brennan
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Jesse Brian Colgrove
Rosa Elena Coripuna
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Peter Digilio
Angel Banas Divino
Joseph Dwyer
Doris Shanley Earle
John Farley
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Gwen Merson
Amanda Motta
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William John Norris
Maureen O'Brien
Anatolio Alagre Pacheco
Thomas Pare
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Theresa Rafatjah
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John Rimboud
Anne Marie Roan (Nancy)
Guadalupe Rodriguez
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Estela Rossel
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Sofia Schroeder
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James D. Stinson
Luisa C. Suarez
Richard John Sullivan
Yasmine Tashman
Eugene Tenney
Frances Joseph Thekkekara
Emily Trees
Blanca A. Zambrana Vidas

Thanksgiving Sharing

We are once again holding our annual food drive to support needy families in the neighborhoods around our Twin Parish, St. Martin of Tours in N.E. Washington, D.C.



Food will be collected on two Sundays **ONLY** - **November 15 and 22** from **7:30 AM to 1:30 PM**.

NEW! Instead of turkeys, we are asking for **(\$10, \$20, or \$50) Giant gift cards**. Volunteers (all masked and wearing gloves) will be located on either side of the church to accept your donations.

Blessing Baskets are nonperishable items for families to cook their own Thanksgiving dinners. ***Please purchase the items from the following list:***

- ☐ Canned Vegetables (corn or green beans)
- ☐ Canned Sweet Potatoes
- ☐ Canned Turkey Gravy or Packaged Dry Gravy Mix
- ☐ Boxed Stuffing Mix
- ☐ Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ☐ White Rice (1 to 2 lb packages)
- ☐ Corn Bread Mix
- ☐ Canned Cranberry Sauce
- ☐ Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce)
- ☐ Cake Mix with Can of Frosting
- ☐ Jared Baby Food (meat, vegetable, starch and cereals)
- ☐ **\$10, \$20, or \$50 Giant Gift Card**

Collection of **nonperishable food items** will be on the following dates **ONLY, November 15 and November 22**.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

School News

OCTOBER 25, 2020



A peek behind our classroom doors

Photos by
Natalie Coene,
Laura Magafan,
and Susan Wooten






Safety first—and still fun!



We couldn't be more proud of our in-person learners for keeping their classmates and teachers safe by wearing masks. Even our littlest Angels—our preschool students—show how it's done!



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Photos by Yolanda Prinsloo



Under the Sea:

Our second-graders display the aquatic creations they made under the direction of SRS art teacher Yolanda Prinsloo. The project is part of the class' cross-curricular signature unit called "Habitats of Sea Life."

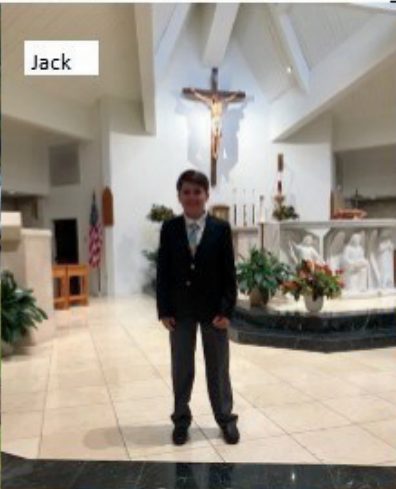


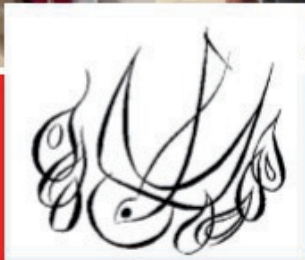
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(on campus)
& kids' runs! NOV. 14
(virtual)

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Sacraments 2020





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Religious Education

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

Catholic School – First Communion or Confirmation

We look forward to welcoming Catholic school children to sacrament preparation. If your child attends a Catholic school (other than St. Raphael) and will be entering grade 1 or 2, please register for First Penance and First Communion preparation at this link: [First Eucharist - Catholic School](#) Thank you!

If your child attends a Catholic school (other than St. Raphael) and will be entering grade 7 or 8 (or high schoolers who have not received Confirmation), please register for Confirmation preparation at this link: [Confirmation - Catholic School](#) Thank you!

First Penance and First Eucharist 2021 MEETING on October 27

While parents help their children prepare for First Communion throughout their early lives, formal preparation generally begins in 1st grade and encompasses two years. Children attend religious education or Catholic school. In addition, families complete at-home reading and a workbook. Parents of children in their second year of preparation for First Communion (grade 2 and above) are invited to an online meeting for First Penance on Tuesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. At-home packets will also be available for pick up that week. A link for the meeting will be sent to all families with children who are registered for First Communion.

First Communion is scheduled for May 1 and May 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM.

Confirmation Year I and Year II Meeting Notes

For those families who missed the Confirmation Year I or Confirmation Year II meetings on October 20, the Powerpoint presentations are now available. Please contact the SRRE office to receive a link to the presentations.



Faith Formation

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) Family Catechesis

Because of COVID 19, we will not have group SRRE classes in the 2020-2021 year. Instead SRRE will offer an at-home family catechesis program. Registration for SRRE 2020-2021 is ongoing. Parents can register their children for faith formation and preparation for sacraments at this online form: [SRRE Registration](#)
[\[Formulario de Registro de Educación Religiosa de San Rafael\]](#)

SRRE is eager to provide parents with the materials and support they will need to teach their children at home. Each family will receive a family catechesis packet. Packets include grade-level textbook, lesson plans, calendar, an age-appropriate Bible, and details on how to access online resources. Throughout the year, SRRE will provide online sessions for parents, events for families, and group meetings for students in Grades 6-12. Our hope is that this can be an opportunity for parents to grow in knowledge and confidence in sharing their faith with their children.

One area in which most Catholics, including our SRRE children and teens, need a boost is in knowledge of the Bible. While our textbooks include Scripture passages and stories in each session, Catholic children, teens, and adults often do not know the foundational stories and teachings in the Bible. Oftentimes the biblical texts are difficult for children to understand, and for people of all ages, knowing how the stories and teachings apply to our own lives is crucial. Fortunately, there are wonderful editions of the Bible for children and teens available; these include colorful pictures, background information, reflection questions, and an easier-to-understand translations. This year, in addition to the textbook, SRRE will also provide a copy of *The Catholic Children's Bible*, the *Breakthrough Bible*, or the *Catholic Youth Bible* for each child/teen. For more information on the Bibles included in family catechesis packets, please see: <https://www.smp.org/category/bibles/>

September through May: Online meetings on **Monday afternoon or evening, and possibly on Sunday evening** (some recorded):

- Monthly orientation and overview meetings for parents at the start of each unit (7 total)
- Seasonal meetings/prayer celebrations for families (7 total)
- Gatherings for students in grades 6, 7, 8, high school for prayer, check-in, discussion (every 3 weeks)

Catechists will serve as mentors to check in with families on a regular basis.

Parents can opt to be part of a small group of families to meet online for support.

Tuition: \$115 for 1 child, \$200 for 2 children, \$250 for 3 children, \$300 for 4 children

Tuition can be paid through Faith Direct or by mailing a check payable to St. Raphael Religious Education (1513 Dunster Road, Rockville MD 20854). If you wish to pay in cash, please email us to set up a time to meet. If you are experiencing financial difficulties that would keep you from paying the tuition at this time, please contact Mary Beaudoin to discuss options (payment plan, discount, etc.)

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) Weekly Schedule

Oct. 25/26 - Family Catechesis, complete Session 3; high schoolers - Handbook, chapter 37)
Nov. 1-2 -- All Saints and All Souls Family Prayer Celebration (Sunday at 7:00 PM, Monday at 4:00 and 7:00 PM.)

Nov. 1 – All Saints lesson (back section of textbook); high schoolers - Handbook, chapter 7

*There is no Interactive Review for this lesson (grades 1-8).

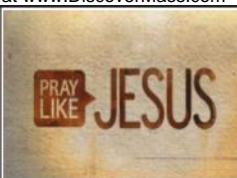
*Complete any Interactive Session Reviews missed so far. Find them at *Finding God 2021* Family Resources page.

[Finding God webpage for families](#)

Select grade, scroll down to find interactive session reviews, select Session, complete review questions, click CONTINUE, complete self-assessment, click CONTINUE; and in the last frame enter child's name and this email: SRREQuiz@gmail.com Then click SEND.

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