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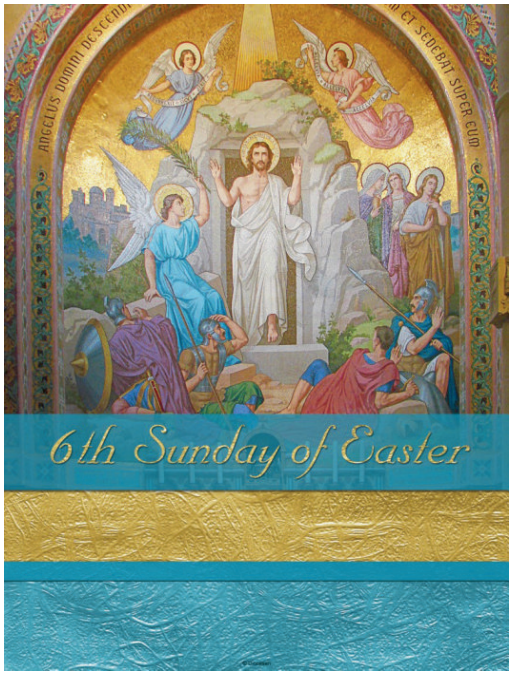

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New Parishioners: A warm welcome to St. Raphael's Catholic Church. Blue registration cards are available on the wall rack in the main entrance of the church or you may register online at: https://straphaels.org/parish-registration-form
The Parish Wide 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

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.

A warm welcome to all returning to Mass for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic and to those here visiting. Here are a few things we are doing to keep you safe at St. Raphael's.

- Everyone is to maintain social distancing (6 feet from anyone not in your household), including not sitting in pews that are so marked.
- Gatherings before or after Masses are not permitted.
- Reception of Holy Communion
  - Stop at first pew wait until priest says "Body of Christ and your reply of "Amen". Step forward and receive Holy Communion in an open hand. Then, move aside six feet to consume Host by lifting mask, replace mask and return to seat. Please read more of Fr. Mike's "Welcome Back Letter" on the website www.straphaels.org
  - **Parishioners who prefer to receive the Host on the tongue should go to the center aisle to receive communion.**
  - **If you choose to kneel to receive communion, kneelers have been placed in the center isle.**
- For everyone's health and safety, we find the need to limit access to the vestibule/restrooms to the public during the week.
- The St. Joseph side handicap door of the church will be open Monday through Friday after daily Masses (10AM-8PM) Please use this door to enter for private prayer and for Adoration on Thursdays.
- The glass front doors will remain locked during the week except for a funeral Mass and on Tuesday evenings for confession. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON FRIDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: **esalatto@straphaels. org** . The bulletin was transmitted May 4.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 10	
6:30AM	Mary Ellen DeSarno (d)
9:00AM	Laura Minely Molina
Tuesday, May 11	
6:30AM	Carol Nitsche (d)
9:00AM	Audrey Valente-Kropf (d)
Wednesday, May 12	
6:30AM	Helen Janus (d)
9:00AM	Helga Castro (d)
Thursday, May 13	
6:30AM	Maria Wnek
9:00AM	Julia Moreno (d)
Friday, May 14	
6:30AM	Dr. James Rascher (d)
9:00AM	Jack McCaleb (d)
Saturday, May 15	
9:00AM	Ceciliya Kabarere (d)
5:00PM	Edwina Kulczynski (d)
Sunday, May 16 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
7:00AM	Members of the Parish
8:30AM	Ed Grundmayer (d)
10:00AM	Mary Jo Barnes
11:30AM	Audrey Valente-Kropf (d)
1:00PM	Rosa Rivas (d)
6:00PM	Linda Buhl (d)

***Live-streamed Masses:**
Daily, 6:30AM and Saturday, 9:00AM,
Sunday,11:30AM, 1:00PM
Please note:
On Saturday, May 8 and 22, the 9AM Mass will not be livestreamed. The First Communion Masses will be livestreamed at 10:30AM.

Please pray for the soul of

Bridget Barry, mother of Kathleen Sybing

**Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, for all those being ordained to the priesthood and diaconate in June and for all those being called today to be graced to say yes.

Want to learn more about the priesthood?

Join us for a Men's Discernment Mass and Brunch

Holy Mass, brunch, and an opportunity for young men,
college age and up, to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians
from the Archdiocese of Washington

Sunday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saint John Paul II Seminary
145 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, D.C.

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND AT WWW.DCPRIEST.ORG

For additional information contact
Fr. Mark Ivany
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202.636.9020
vocations@adw.org

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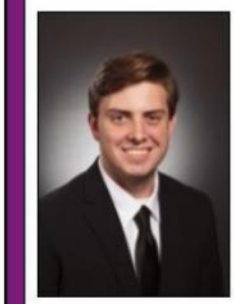
View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Everyone is invited to join us for a Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 PM
led by Father Tom Morrow.

On that evening, parishioners and visitors will have an opportunity to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and venerate an image of Jesus of Mercy.



Marcus Lloyd
Third College
Saint John Paul II Seminary
Home Parish: St. John Vianney, Prince Frederick

Obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. Interests include hiking, wood carving, reading, and lacrosse.

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Marcus will be joining us beginning June 13. He will be helping with the youth summer program. We welcome him to St. Raphael's. Continue to pray for Marcus and all seminarians as they grow in their studies.

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday	**Sixth Sunday of Easter** Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
Monday	**Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	**Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	**Our Lady of Fatima** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	**Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Saturday	**Saint Isidore** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

St. Raphael Honor Roll

Please pray for those serving in our armed forces, those wounded in body and spirit, and for those families who have suffered loss.

Daniel Bertrand Del Bianco, USN (d) and family
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E-3/HN Colleen Gardella
Robert Garret, US Army MP
Taylor Hardy, AE USN
Ens. Andrew Hayes, USN
Captain Julia Timm Intili, USAF
Jake Klosowski, USNA
LT COL Todd Lennon, USAF
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Commander Mike McNally, USN
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COL Ivan Monclova
LT Zachary Poindexter, USN
2LT Dan Quackenbush
1LT Will Quackenbush,USA
2LT Benedict Ray, USMC
LT Paul Schauppner, USN
LT James Sheets (USN)
2nd LT Andrew Valentine USMA
LT Kenneth Yale, USAF

Changes: e-mail esalatto@straphaels.org

Celebrating Special Wedding Anniversaries: 2021 Jubilarian Mass

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington **honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years** at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year's Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. The Mass will be live-streamed.

Father Salah will recognize the Jubilarians at all the Masses at St. Raphael's on that day.

To receive a Jubilarian anniversary certificate, please email esalatto@straphaels.org before May 14, 2021 with the information below:

Name of the Couple
(as you want it printed on the certificate):

Anniversary *(number of years married)*:
25 30 35 40 45 50 60 70

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Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support St. Raphael Catholic Church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/MD34.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

Father Mike Salah

In answer to requests from those who *prefer* to kneel to receive communion, kneelers have been placed in the center aisle.

The clergy will stand to the right or left of the kneelers to distribute communion.

School News

A peek behind our classroom doors

MAY 9, 2021

Banana Boy's Brother, a 15-foot, 238-pound Indian rock python, is the star of the show at SpringFest.

A Wild Time at SpringFest

What a treat it was to enjoy a taste of normalcy at this year's SpringFest. We thank Michael Shwedick of Reptile World for his engaging and educational presentations, and a special note of gratitude to our team of volunteers for pulling off the impossible!

Photos by MJ Zafis-Garcia

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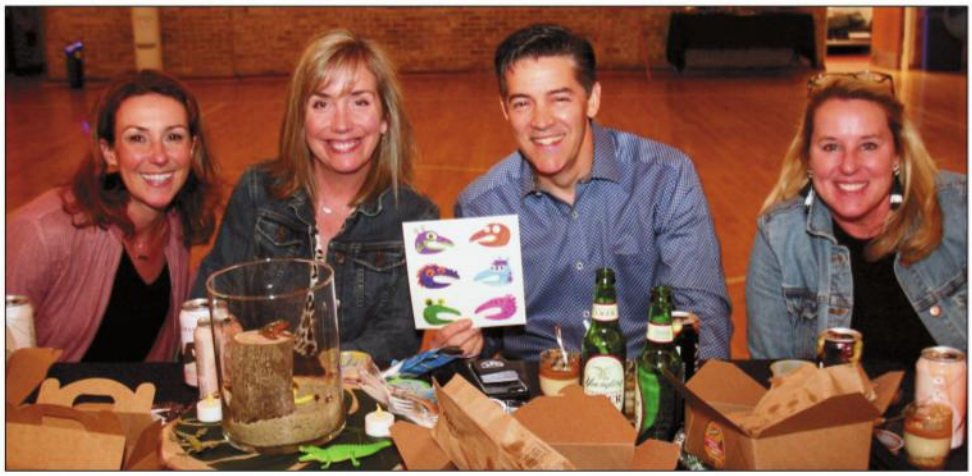

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For more photos from SpringFest, visit our Facebook Page

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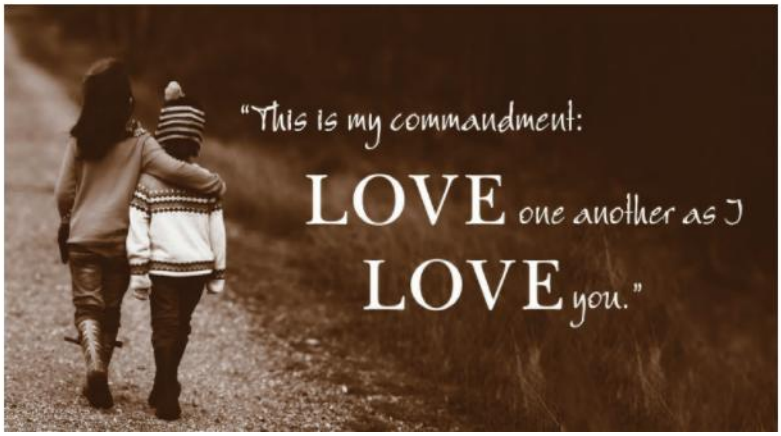


First Eucharist

Congratulations to all of our children who received First Communion on May 8!

Please continue to pray for these children and their families, as well as for those who will be receiving First Eucharist on May 22 and at Sunday and daily masses.

Confirmation

Congratulations to all of our teens who received Confirmation on Saturday, May 8!

Please continue to pray for these young people and their families, as well as for those who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22 and at Sunday and daily masses in the coming weeks.

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE)

Watch for information on plans for the 2021-2022 SRRE year in future bulletins. Families who are new to St. Raphael are invited to contact Mary Beaudoin to be included in communications.

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) Weekly Schedule

May 9 – grades 7-8, *Finding God,* Session 25; K-6 and high school: complete any missed lessons.

*Students need to complete Interactive Session Review for each numbered session. Find these review quizzes 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.
[*Encontrando a Dios*]
*High schoolers answer three (3) reflection questions at the end of each chapter; email responses to SRREQuiz@gmail.com

Peace Be with You

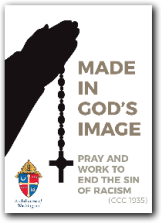
When Jesus appeared to his disciples following his resurrection, his first words and his repeated words to them were "Peace be with you." As disciples of Jesus today we need to hear those words once again and consider what they mean. In his most recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on how we are called to build and cooperate in the work of peace. Over the coming weeks we will share quotes from the encyclical. This week's excerpts come from the section entitled "Dark Clouds over a Closed World."

10. For decades, it seemed that the world had learned a lesson from its many wars and disasters, and was slowly moving towards various forms of integration. For example, there was the dream of a united Europe, capable of acknowledging its shared roots and rejoicing in its rich diversity. We think of "the firm conviction of the founders of the European Union, who envisioned a future based on the capacity to work together in bridging divisions and in fostering peace and fellowship between all the peoples of this continent." There was also a growing desire for integration in Latin America, and several steps were taken in this direction. In some countries and regions, attempts at reconciliation and rapprochement proved fruitful, while others showed great promise.

11. Our own days, however, seem to be showing signs of a certain regression. Ancient conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise. In some countries, a concept of popular and national unity influenced by various ideologies is creating new forms of selfishness and a loss of the social sense under the guise of defending national interests. Once more we are being reminded that "each new generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations, while setting its sights even higher. This is the path. Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day. It is not possible to settle for what was achieved in the past and complacently enjoy it, as if we could somehow disregard the fact that many of our brothers and sisters still endure situations that cry out for our attention."

12. "Opening up to the world" is an expression that has been co-opted by the economic and financial sector and is now used exclusively of openness to foreign interests or to the freedom of economic powers to invest without obstacles or complications in all countries. Local conflicts and disregard for the common good are exploited by the global economy in order to impose a single cultural model. This culture unifies the world, but divides persons and nations, for "as society becomes ever more globalized, it makes us neighbors, but does not make us brothers and sisters." We are more alone than ever in an increasingly massified world that promotes individual interests and weakens the communitarian dimension of life. Indeed, there are markets where individuals become mere consumers or bystanders. As a rule, the advance of this kind of globalism strengthens the identity of the more powerful, who can protect themselves, but it tends to diminish the identity of the weaker and poorer regions, making them more vulnerable and dependent. In this way, political life becomes increasingly fragile in the face of transnational economic powers that operate with the principle of "divide and conquer."

-Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* #10, #11, #12



Made in God's Image: Pray and Work to End the Sin of Racism

SHOW YOU CARE

Let your care for others, start in your heart, reach your eyes, your ears and your hands. . . . (Adapted from *Fratelli Tutti* #194)

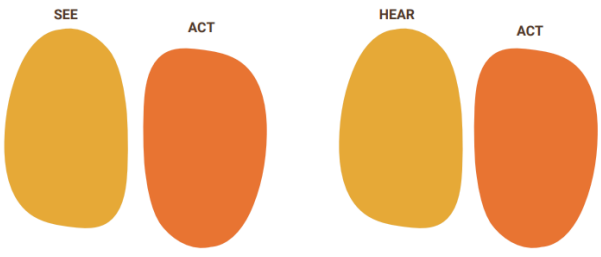
Did you know that God created every person - EVER?

God, who created the moon and stars and the animals and plants, also created each person. Of all creation, God loves human beings the most because he made us in his image and likeness. This means that we have minds and hearts that are formed like God's.

God knows each person by name and loves each of us as if we were the only person in the world. It doesn't matter if you are tall or short, have black hair or blonde, if you have white or brown skin - God made each of us perfect. Because God made us in his image, we can see with God's heart the dignity of each person as he made them.

Sometimes, we don't see others as God does and we treat them like they are less important than we are because they don't look like us, speak the same language or dress like us. This is not acting with God's heart and does not respect God's image in the other person. God sent us his son, Jesus, to show us how to love with his heart.

Using our eyes and ears we notice that some people are not treated with dignity. When we see someone who is not treated fairly, Jesus wants our hearts and hands to help them. This week, use your eyes and ears to see places in your community where people are not treated fairly. Write what you learned either by seeing or hearing. Think about how you will act to raise up the dignity of that person, or group of people.



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With a Father's Heart – Patris Corde

On December 8, 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis announced a year dedicated to St. Joseph. It is fitting that Pope Francis encourages us to spend time reflecting on St. Joseph in conjunction with our Blessed Mother. After Mary, the saint that the Church most reveres is her spouse, St. Joseph. As we turn our minds and hearts to reflect on St. Joseph, we find an extraordinary man, like us in our humanity, who gave himself totally to God through his vocation of father and protector of the Holy Family.

In his letter Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart); Pope Francis invites us to share in his devotion to the foster-father of Jesus. Pope Francis reflects, "How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all." (Patris Corde). In proclaiming this year to St. Joseph, we are invited to "discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble." The life of St. Joseph helps us to see that we each have an incomparable role to play in God's plan of salvation.

Following the virtues of St. Joseph highlighted in With a Father's Heart, families are invited to embark on a seven-week journey of discovery and reflection on life of St. Joseph. In this year devoted to St. Joseph, may each member of your family increase his/her love for this great saint, turn him regularly for his intercession and imitate his zeal in growing in holiness.

Link to Week 6: A Working Father

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Con Corazón de Padre

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