

# St. Raphael Catholic Church

October 10, 2021

"Come to me,  
all you who  
labor and are  
burdened,  
and I will give  
you rest."

Matthew 28



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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

Today's cover photo from Father Salah's collection.

## **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.

### Women's Restroom

Over the past few weeks we have had problems with the plumbing in the women's restroom in the narthex. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused to parishioners. Please be assured that we are working with plumbing professionals to keep the restroom functional even as we continue to seek a permanent solution to the problem. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Looking for a great stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help St. Raphael Catholic Church grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts have been a lifeline through the upheaval of the pandemic. They sustain our parish throughout the year, and provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for church families and for those in need in our community.

Sign up today by visiting [Faith.Direct/MD34](https://Faith.Direct/MD34).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

Father Mike Salah  
Pastor

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, October 11

6:30AM Dr. Alex Dromerick (d)  
9:00AM Capt. Thomas E. Omri, USCG (Ret.) (d)

#### Tuesday, October 12

6:30AM Teresa Nora Ribetto (d)  
9:00AM Graciela Roldán (d)

#### Wednesday, October 13

6:30AM Michael Benson (d)  
9:00AM Anne Ellis Geiger (d)

#### Thursday, October 14

6:30AM Linda Corrado (d)  
9:00AM Hildegard Finke (d)

#### Friday, October 15

6:30AM Teri Dwyer  
9:00AM John Gallagher (d)

#### Saturday, October 16

9:00AM Nelly Hernandez de Molina  
5:00PM Members of the Parish

#### Sunday, October 17

7:00AM Helen & Edward Janus (d)  
8:30AM Ruth Hoffman (d)  
10:00AM Ashok & Trudy Kaveeshwar  
11:30AM Christy Fellows Hadwen (d)  
1:00PM Miguel Martinez (d)  
6:00PM Marinela Liay-David (d)

### \*Live-streamed Masses:

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



Thank you, parishioners, who have made a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal. As of October 5, we now stand at **424 donors, and 83% of our parish goal with donations totaling 300,156.50 of the St. Raphael 362,100.00 goal.**

For parishioners who have not had an opportunity to make their gift, donations can also be made by visiting [give.adw.org](https://give.adw.org) or you can scan the barcode.



Thank you for supporting the charitable works of our archdiocese through your Annual Appeal giving. If you have questions about how Annual Appeal funds are used, we encourage you to visit [appeal.adw.org](https://appeal.adw.org) or email your inquiry to [development@adw.org](mailto:development@adw.org).

### Baptisms:

Trudy Ann Beben	September 18
Alberto Matas Garcia	September 18
Jackson Robert Tvelia	September 25

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). This bulletin was transmitted October 5.

## Vicar's Verbiage

Have you ever been at Mass and suddenly realized your mind went blank for like ten minutes or so? "What are we doing now? Wait, is this the first or second reading? I can't remember." Cue awkward sideways glances to see what other people are doing. Of course, we've all been there at one point or another, I remember sometimes before I was a priest that there would be times when I would lose my focus at Mass. Sometimes it was out of a lack of effort on my part, or because of tiredness or distractions, or when the effect of the heat made my eyelids a little heavier. (And actually it can happen to priests too but usually when it does, *everyone* knows about it...)

There's lots of things that can cause us to lose our focus, sometimes it may be just because we don't have anything to look at or to read. I remember hearing about the old days when everyone would have their own little prayer book or hand missal and kids would often get them when they made their 1<sup>st</sup> communion. They were little books with the Mass prayers in it, other little devotions and prayers and descriptions of the Mass and Sacraments and things like that. They were kind of necessary since most people didn't have a working knowledge of Latin, so it was good to have a help to figure out what was going on. Now, of course, we have Mass in our own language, but even though we may hear and understand the language of what we see at Mass, *why* we do things and *what* exactly we do still is a mystery.

So I would encourage you, if you don't already, to find a good little daily missal or book of Mass prayers and readings to help you. There are lots of good examples on the market, some are by subscription, some are more ornate or have more content, but all can help you to keep your mind on what you are doing and help you to pray better.

We have little missalette in the pews to help, but it's always nice to have something personal, that you can write in and make notes—maybe a moment of joy at Mass or some time when you felt very close to God.

It can be a great way to help you not just attend Mass or occupying space in the pews but to really *pray* the Mass and to give the Lord your best.

Fr. Bill



## WANT TO BE A CATHOLIC? LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? IT'S NOT TOOLATE!!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you or someone you know. (See link here for a short video – [www.straphaels.org](http://www.straphaels.org); click on Faith Formation RCIA).

**We started this season of our normal, in-person meetings for those desiring to learn more about or enter into the Catholic faith last Sunday, October 3 at 9:45 AM in the Youth Center. Our meetings this year will be on Sunday mornings, 9:45 to 11:15 (allowing people to attend the 8:30 or 11:30 Mass) in the Youth Center, and will continue until a few weeks after Easter. You are still most welcome to come and be with us and find out more about the program. We would be blessed to welcome you on this Sunday at 9:45 in the Youth Center (or even the next week or later if you can't make it!)**

Those participating in RCIA receive a book about the teachings of the Church and listen to talks and take part in questions and discussions. Those to be baptized and/or received into the Catholic Church come to the Mass on the Easter Vigil for their Sacraments. Those who are Catholic and want to prepare for Confirmation may also be in RCIA especially if they have been "away" from the Church. There is also a preparation group for those needing only Confirmation that meets during Lent.

If you want to know more or to take part please contact Linda Poindexter and leave a message at 240-864-2542, or email [lpindexter@straphaels.org](mailto:lpindexter@straphaels.org)

## St. Raphael School CYO Basketball 2021-2022 season Open to St. Raphael School students and parishioners grades 3 through 8

### Online registration

([reg.sportspilot.com/106567/login](http://reg.sportspilot.com/106567/login)) for the 2021-2022 basketball season, grades 3 through 8, is open. The cost is \$150.00 per player for the season, and will not be due until

Monday 11/1. Guidelines for indoor sports are still being determined by ADW, and will coincide with recommended guidelines from Montgomery County. Evaluations to determine player skill set will take place on Tuesday 10/19 and Wednesday 10/20 with a make-up day on Thursday 10/21. All participants must complete the online registration prior to evaluations. [Registered participants](#) will receive more details on location and time for evaluations prior to Tuesday 10/19. Questions? contact [cyo@straphaels.org](mailto:cyo@straphaels.org).





**All parishioners are invited to hear  
Kevin Wells  
speak about his latest book,  
"Priest and Beggar, the Heroic Life  
of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz"  
on  
October 13 at 7 PM  
in the Parish Library.**



Kevin Wells was a former sports reporter with the Tampa Tribune, where he covered Major League Baseball and other sports. In 2009, he survived a close brush with death after a malformed line of vessels in his brain hemorrhaged. The day after invasive brain surgery failed to control the flow of blood that was compressing his brain, Kevin was anointed by Fr. James Stack — the longtime best friend of his murdered uncle, Msgr. Thomas Wells. To this day, witnesses in the dark neuro-ICU room still tell of the miracle that unfolded at his bedside.

Wells is President of the Monsignor Thomas Wells Society for Vocations, which financially and prayerfully commits itself to the promotion of strong priests, seminarians, and practicing the fullness of the Catholic Faith. He is a freelance writer and evangelist, addressing various Catholic topics. (And Yes, Kevin is Fr. Dave Wells' brother.)

He is the author of "Burst, A Story of God's Grace When Life Falls Apart"; "The Priests We Need to Save the Church"; as well as "Priest and Beggar, The Heroic Life of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz".

Kevin says of Fr. Aloysius Schwartz:

*"He started to build orphanages, Boystowns, Girlstowns. He was building and running hospitals, seven-story-high hospitals, tuberculariums, leprosariums, hospices. He was building elementary schools in the slums. He was changing the landscape of Korea and actually leading people who had been devastated by life to the Catholic faith. And then he did the same thing in the Philippines."*

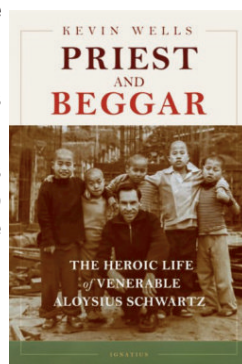
But he didn't stop there. Not even amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, an incurable disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and causes loss of muscle control, could keep him from serving some of the world's most marginalized communities.

Toward the end of his life, he made his way to Mexico, where the Sisters of Mary, the order of nuns he founded, continue to carry out his mission today.

Inspired by the tireless work of this priest who prayed not to be known, Kevin Wells took it upon himself to write Fr. Al's biography. In "Priest and Beggar: The Heroic Life of Venerable Aloysius Schwartz," he tells the story of the man who could become Washington, D.C.'s first saint.

Get to know Venerable Fr. Aloysius Schwartz, the bold and holy man who saved many tens of thousands of the poor and rejected.

Copies of his book will be available for purchase.



**Pray the Rosary with Us**

**Fatima is Not Over!** Our Lady came in 1917 to Fatima, Portugal to request First Saturday devotions, a devotion to her Immaculate Heart, and the consecration of Russia to stop the spread of communism. Pope Benedict XVI said that Fatima was not over. "The warnings of Fatima are happening now! People have lost their faith and the effects of Communism are invading the world. Turn To The Immaculate Heart of Mary!!"

October 13th, will be the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. This was the promised miracle from Our Lady, witnessed by over 70,000 people. She called herself, Our Lady of the Rosary, and asked us to **pray the Rosary every day!**

There is a daily Rosary led by Father Tom Morrow **every evening at 7:00PM, Monday thru Saturday and at 8:00 PM on Sunday.** Please email Maria Elena at [mecrespo7@gmail.com](mailto:mecrespo7@gmail.com) or Angela Ray [srmabray@hotmail.com](mailto:srmabray@hotmail.com) to be sent the link which is good on any day.

**The Fatima Story and a Pilgrimage**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNim-cuHFqA>

**Mark your Calendar for First Saturday Devotions.** The next one is November 6th. This includes Reading the Meditations of the Rosary at 8:40AM, Mass at 9:00 AM, Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions.



**St Vincent de Paul/St Raphael Conference**

**In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then, come follow me."**

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul? On the weekend of October 16-17, 2021 members of the Saint Raphael Conference will be in the back of the church to give you information and answer any questions you may have about this important ministry.

You may contact Ursula Boesch at 240-988-7134 for further information.

**The annual solemn novena in honor of St. Jude Thaddeus will take place at the Shrine of St. Jude, 12701 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville, MD., beginning Wednesday, October 20, and ending Thursday, October 28.** The novena will be conducted by Sister Sharlet Ann Wagner, CSC. Evening devotion consists of novena prayers, reflections, confessions, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and veneration of the St. Jude relic. Novena services will be held at **8:00 PM, October 20 through October 28.** Everyone is most welcome to attend. Questions? Please call **301-946-8200.**

## The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us with your love,  
O Lord, and we will  
sing for joy!

—Ps 90, Lamentary

OCTOBER 10, 2021



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### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What's the difference between normal conflict and domestic violence? Conflict is part of every intimate relationship—that's why conflict resolution skills are important. Domestic violence, however, has no place in a healthy relationship, whether the couple is dating, cohabiting, engaged, or married.

#### What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses, or threatens to use, to control an intimate partner. The two key elements are threat and control. Domestic violence can take various forms:

**Physical** – Violent actions such as hitting, beating, pushing, and kicking. In many cases physical abuse becomes more frequent and severe over time.

**Sexual** – Includes any sexual acts that are forced on one partner by the other

**Psychological** – Includes a wide range of behaviors such as intimidation, isolating the victim from friends and family, controlling where the victim goes, making the victim feel guilty or crazy, and making unreasonable demands

**Emotional** – Undermining an individual's self-esteem, constant criticism, insults, put-downs, and name-calling

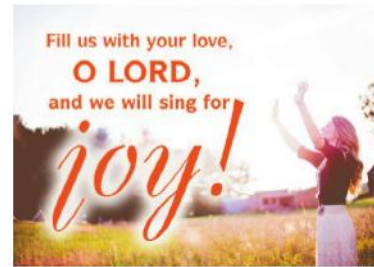
**Economic** – Examples include limiting the victim's access to family income, preventing the victim from working or forcing the victim to work, destroying the victim's property, and making all the financial decisions

Both women and men can be victims of domestic abuse. According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline statistics, approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men over the age of 18 have been the victim of physical domestic violence, and almost 50% of both sexes have experienced some form of domestic psychological aggression.



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BULLETIN



## VIRTUAL PRAYER AND FASTING CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 23-31, 2021

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## Come to an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing

October 23, 2021 and April 23, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Suggested donation: \$40.00 (financial assistance available)

For more information contact Project Rachel Ministry at 301-982-2006 | 301-832-4365 or [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org)



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

Location and participation are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience.

## 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  
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  
Captain Julia Timm Intili, USAF  
Jake Klosowski, USNA  
LT COL Todd Lennon, USAF  
Captain Frank Lowery, USN  
Commander Mike McNally, USN  
Charles McTavish, USA  
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](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org)



# School News



A peek behind our classroom doors



## Student Council Elected Officials



Congratulations to the members of the 2021-22 Student Council who were installed at a recent Morning Prayer. A special recognition for class president – Damien Quesnel.

## K-8 Open House: Oct. 18, 9:30 a.m.

We are opening our doors to all on Friday, Oct. 18. Join us for a presentation at 9:30 a.m., followed by a tour. It's never too early to start thinking about school for next year. Register at

**[www.straphaelschoolmd.org](http://www.straphaelschoolmd.org).**

If you need to schedule an alternate date for a tour, contact Julie Cress at 301-762-2143.

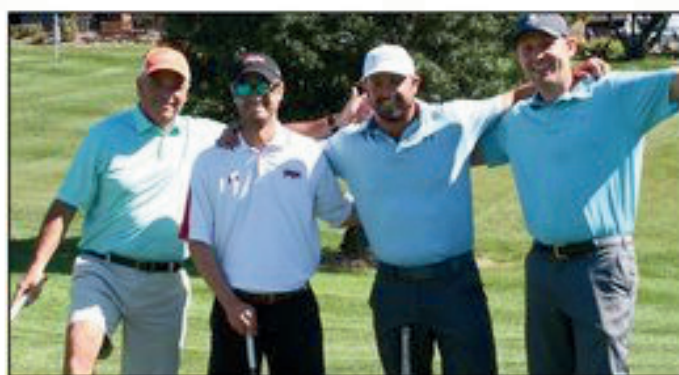


*NOTE: This open house is for St. Raphael School (K-8).*

*On Jan. 10, 2022, we will host a double open house for St. Raphael Nursery School and St. Raphael School.*

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





*13th Annual Fr. Bill Finch Memorial St. Raphael Golf Classic at Bretton Woods.*



## Angels on the Run

Dust off those athletic shoes for our annual fun run on **Saturday, Oct. 30**. Angels on the Run is open to all—a short course for young children and a 1 mi and 5K for adults and older children. **To be guaranteed a race shirt, registration must be submitted by October 10!** For info about registration, sponsorships, and volunteering, watch [www.straphaelschoolmd.org](http://www.straphaelschoolmd.org).





**ANGELS**  
*on the*  
**RUN**

REGISTRATION and SPONSORSHIPS:  
[www.straphaelschoolmd.org](http://www.straphaelschoolmd.org)

**5K**

**& kids' walk/run!**

8:00 AM  
SATURDAY  
OCT. 30

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

### Please Help Save Lives in Bethesda!

Support the prayer vigils to protect mothers and children by praying with our parish on Mondays and Saturdays in front of Leroy Carhart's Late Term Abortion clinic in Bethesda. There are two prayer vigils to witness to the sanctity of human life and end abortion that you can support:

The Fall Bethesda 40 Days for Life campaign begins with the kick-off event at 8 AM on Wednesday September 22. Full details on the campaign are available here. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/bethesda> St. Raphael's is supporting the campaign by praying a rosary on the public sidewalk in front of Leroy Carhart's late term abortion facility at the Wildwood Medical Center, 10401 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda each Saturday from 10 - 11 AM from September 25 through October 30. Please meet in the vestibule after the 9 AM Mass if you need help with directions. Our Knights of Columbus may also livestream the Saturday prayer on St. Raphael's YouTube channel.

St. Raphael's also supports the weekly prayer vigil that occurs every Monday from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the same location. This effort is one of the main prolife efforts in Washington, D.C. Leroy Carhart is one of the only abortionists in the country who performs abortions during the entire nine (9) month term, and has killed or seriously injured numerous women, including two in May 2020. This prayer vigil seeks to inform the public of the evil taking place in Bethesda and includes signs showing the victims of abortion and the abortionist.

**October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter: "When I Call for Help" ([http://bit.ly/usccb\\_dv](http://bit.ly/usccb_dv)) If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY); <http://www.ndvh.org>. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

### Would you like to be part of the St. Raphael's Domestic Violence Outreach Team?

If you are alert and sensitive to victims, can listen with compassion and be able to provide information regarding local resources for victims and families, prayfully, consider joining our team.

To join, contact:

Gladys Baba - [gladyspbaba@yahoo.com](mailto:gladyspbaba@yahoo.com) or Elinor Metz - [edmetz15@gmail.com](mailto:edmetz15@gmail.com), and you will be invited to an organizational meeting to provide more detailed information.

### Readings for the Week of October 10, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint John XXIII, Pope</b> Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</b> Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</b> Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



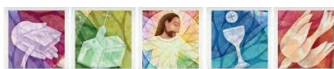
**JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK!**  
The Catholic Advocacy Network is the official state legislative action center for

Catholics in Maryland. Sign up to get occasional e-newsletters, plus action alerts on issues that matter to you. Go to [mdcatholic.org/joincan](http://mdcatholic.org/joincan) or text CATHOLIC to 443-764-8765

Powerful out-of-state activists are trying to bring physician-assisted suicide to Maryland. Learn why it matters for you and your family. Sign up for "Deadly, not Dignified: Fighting Physician-Assisted Suicide in Maryland" a free webinar from the Maryland Catholic Conference on October 5, 7-8 PM or, in Spanish, October 14, 7-9 PM. Register at [www.mdcatholic.org/pas](http://www.mdcatholic.org/pas)

Assisted suicide completely denies the inherent dignity of all human life and discriminates against the poor and the vulnerable. The Catechism: 2258 "Human life is sacred...God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."56





## Faith Formation

**Religious Education**  
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202-294-7697

### Confirmation Year I and Year II MEETINGS

Formal preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation generally encompasses 7th and 8th grades, though preparation can also be completed during high school. Candidates attend religious education classes or Catholic school; they also complete a number of projects over a two-year period.

The **Confirmation Year I Student/Parent Meeting** will be held online on Wednesday, October 13, at 7:00 PM. (This is a repeat of the October 5 meeting.) A link to the zoom meeting has been emailed to all families who are registered for Confirmation I (teens to be confirmed in May 2023).

The **Confirmation Year II Student/Parent Meeting** will be held online on Thursday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. (This is a repeat of the October 6 meeting.) A link to the zoom meeting will be emailed to all families who are registered for Confirmation II (teens to be confirmed in May 2022).

The Confirmation Retreat (Year II) will be held at St. Raphael on Saturday, November 13. (Note the date change. Confirmation Masses are scheduled for May 21, 2022 at 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM.

### First Penance and First Eucharist 2022 MEETING on October 27

While parents help their children prepare for First Communion throughout their early lives, formal preparation generally encompasses the two years before children receive First Penance and First Communion. 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) need to attend an online meeting for First Penance on Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 PM. 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 the second year of Penance/Eucharist prep.

The large group First Communion Masses are scheduled for May 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

### Religious Education Classes Have Begun

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) offers ongoing faith formation for all children and teens, as well as preparation for sacraments. Each year of faith formation is designed to deepen relationships with Jesus and his Church through focus on what we believe, why we celebrate the sacraments, how we pray, and how we live.

#### Schedule of classes:

Sundays, 7:05-8:20 p.m. – grades 3-7 (grade 8 class is not available at this time)  
Mondays, 4:30-5:45 – grades K-8  
Mondays, 7:00-8:15 – grades 1-12  
Family Catechesis (see information and schedule below)

If you have not yet registered your child, please do so now. Find the registration link at <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education>. Note that you will need the location and date of your child's baptism. Contact our office if you have any questions. If your child is new to SRRE we will also need their baptismal certificate.

Tuition and sacramental fees can be paid through Faith Direct or by check. Please make your check payable to "St. Raphael RE" and bring or send it to our office (St. Raphael Religious Ed., 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville MD 20854). Please put your child's name on the memo line of your Faith Direct payment or your check. Payment plan and reduced tuition are available for families who need financial assistance. Please contact Mary Beaudoin.

#### Tuition:

One child - \$155  
Two children - \$230  
Three or more children - \$280

#### Sacramental Fees:

First Eucharist in Spring 2022-\$75  
Confirmation in Spring 2022-\$75

All SRRE students, catechists, parents, and others (age 2 and above) are required to wear well-fitting face coverings in St. Raphael buildings, regardless of vaccination status. We do not allow any indoor eating or drinking during SRRE sessions.

### Family Catechesis for Religious Education

This year SRRE is also offering a Family Catechesis program.

- For families with children in grades 1-8
- Come together with other families for six sessions
- Families gather for prayer and formation
- Children meet with peers and catechist for one lesson
- Parents preview the upcoming lessons together
- Parents teach other four lessons of each unit to their child at home

Schedule - Sundays, 4:30-5:45 PM

### Catechist Needed, Class Aides Needed

We are in need of a catechist to teach a great group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday nights during our 7:05-8:20 PM classes. Please contact Mary Beaudoin, Director of Religious Education, right away. Thanks!

Serving as a class aide or as a co-catechist is a great way to be involved in the ministry of catechesis. We are in need of assistance during out Monday night, 7:00-8:15 PM, classes.

Please contact Mary Beaudoin, Director of Religious Education, for details.

### Religious Education and Sacrament Calendar

October 13	Confirmation Year 1,
Student/Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM	
October 14	Confirmation Year 2,
Student/Parent Meeting, 7:00 PM	
October 27	First Penance Parent
Meeting (alternate and Spanish TBA)	
October 31-November 1	No SRRE Classes
December 26-27	No SRRE Classes
January 2-3	SRRE Classes resume
January 16-17	No SRRE Classes
February 20-21	No SRRE Classes
Lent – dates TBA	First Penance
April 10-11, 17-18	No SRRE Classes
May 7	First Communion
Masses, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM	
May 9	last day of SRRE Classes
May 21	Confirmation Masses at
10:30 AM and 1:00 PM	

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## Danger of Riches

Key Passage: Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

... and then have a family sharing time on the questions below

Adult: How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?

Child: What favorite toy, game, video, etc., of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

## An Encyclical for All Brothers and Sisters



In his most recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis invites us to consider how we are called "in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others" to respond "with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words." This week we continue with

Chapter 3: Envisaging and Engendering an Open World.

### A LOVE EVER MORE OPEN

95. Love also impels us towards universal communion. No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others. By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging. As Jesus told us: "You are all brothers" (Mt 23:8).

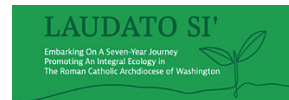
96. This need to transcend our own limitations also applies to different regions and countries. Indeed, "the ever-increasing number of interconnections and communications in today's world makes us powerfully aware of the unity and common destiny of the nations. In the dynamics of history, and in the diversity of ethnic groups, societies and cultures, we see the seeds of a vocation to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another."

### Open societies that integrate everyone

97. Some peripheries are close to us, in city centers or within our families. Hence there is an aspect of universal openness in love that is existential rather than geographical. It has to do with our daily efforts to expand our circle of friends, to reach those who, even though they are close to me, I do not naturally consider a part of my circle of interests. Every brother or sister in need, when abandoned or ignored by the society in which I live, becomes an existential foreigner, even though born in the same country. They may be citizens with full rights, yet they are treated like foreigners in their own country. Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting.

98. I would like to mention some of those "hidden exiles" who are treated as foreign bodies in society. Many persons with disabilities "feel that they exist without belonging and without participating." Much still prevents them from being fully enfranchised. Our concern should be not only to care for them but to ensure their "active participation in the civil and ecclesial community. That is a demanding and even tiring process, yet one that will gradually contribute to the formation of consciences capable of acknowledging each individual as a unique and unrepeatable person." I think, too, of "the elderly who, also due to their disability, are sometimes considered a burden." Yet each of them is able to offer "a unique contribution to the common good through their remarkable life stories." Let me repeat: we need to have "the courage to give a voice to those who are discriminated against due to their disability, because sadly, in some countries even today, people find it hard to acknowledge them as persons of equal dignity."

-Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* #95, #96, #97, #98



## Caring for God's Creation – A Plan That Calls for Solidarity

Five years ago, Pope Francis released his encyclical *Laudato Si'* (Care for Our Common Home). Many dioceses, parishes, parish schools, and families have embraced the call of integral ecology, a key concept in *Laudato Si'*. It says that "everything is closely related" and that "today's problems call for a vision capable of taking into account every aspect of the global crisis" (LS, chapter 4). In August, Cardinal Gregory announced the launch of *Laudato Si': Embarking on a Seven-Year Journey Promoting an Integral Ecology in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington*. It contains easy to advanced ways for us to exercise stewardship over God's creation. Find the action plan [here \(en español\)](#) or find the link to the plan at [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org). This is a wonderful opportunity for every individual, every family, and every group in our parish to make a difference in this all-important work. Young people looking for Confirmation and community service opportunities will find many projects in this action plan. The plan names seven markers that help to measure the implementation of *Laudato Si'*. The first marker is

1. **Response to the Cry of the Earth:** greater use of clean renewable energy and reduction of fossil fuels in order to achieve carbon neutrality efforts to protect and promote biodiversity guaranteeing access to clean water for all, etc.

Possible Actions for Individuals and Families:

- ☐ Seal or caulk around windows and door frames (easy)
- ☐ Turn off light sources when not needed (easy)
- ☐ Adjust temperatures to 70 degrees or lower in winter and 80 degrees or higher in summer (easy)
- ☐ Open windows and use fans for cooling (easy)
- ☐ Lower water consumption
  - ☐ Reduce indoor water consumption (easy)
    - Look to EPA's WaterSense program for help (moderate)
    - Repair leaks quickly (moderate)
    - Retrofit kitchens and bathrooms by installing low-flow sinks and toilets (advanced)
  - ☐ Reduce outdoor water consumption (moderate to advanced)
- ☐ Connect to free resources and expertise like:
  - ☐ EPA ENERGY STAR® program (easy)
  - ☐ Establish energy baselines (moderate)
- ☐ Replace all lightbulbs with LED bulbs (moderate)
- ☐ Purchase power strips to turn off electronics when not in use (moderate)
- ☐ Purchase a programmable thermostat to reduce heat or cooling when not in use (moderate)
- ☐ Protect watersheds and wildlife (moderate)
  - ☐ Increase tree canopy (easy)
  - ☐ Eliminate chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and deicers (easy)
  - ☐ Create/build gardens (easy)
  - ☐ Introduce storm water pollution reduction methods (easy to moderate)
    - ☐ Reduce turf grass (easy to moderate)
    - ☐ Plant pollinator plants and conservation landscaping (easy to moderate)
    - ☐ Compost at home (easy to moderate)
- ☐ Install shades or heat-shielding film on windows directly exposed to sun and pull drapes at night to keep in the heat (moderate to advanced)
- ☐ Install solar panels on property (moderate to advanced)
- ☐ Install timers or motion sensors on outdoor lighting (advanced)
- ☐ Utilize EPA's ENERGY STAR ratings when replacing or buying new appliances (advanced)



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