

# St. Raphael Catholic Church



First Holy Communion , Saturday, May 1

**1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854**

**May 8, 2022**

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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

**Abuse isn't love.** Help is available 24/7 on the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

## **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.

### 2022 Annual Appeal Update

We are pleased to announce that our parish is at 85% of our parish goal as of May 2 thanks to 365 parish families making a gift to this year's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the many important charitable ministries of our archdiocese! If you haven't made your 2022 gift, we encourage you to do so today by visiting [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).

Every donation makes a difference in uplifting our local Church to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your support!



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](http://faith.direct/MD34).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,

Father Mike Salah

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

### Monday, May 9

6:30AM Meena Fernandes (d)  
9:00AM RADM Ronald M. Polant, USCG (ret) (d)

### Tuesday, May 10

6:30AM Kathy Musselwhite  
9:00AM Nicolas Molina (d)

### Wednesday, May 11

6:30AM Charles & Ann Ahern (d)  
9:00AM Nicolas Molina (d)

### Thursday, May 12

6:30AM Marie Therese Berthelot (d)  
9:00AM Helen Janus (d)

### Friday, May 13

6:30AM Intercession of the Blessed Mother  
9:00AM Helga Castro (d)

### Saturday, May 14

9:00AM Rodica Hangan (d)  
5:00PM Fr. Tom Nancy Nechanicky

### Sunday, May 15

7:00AM Fr. Tom Helen Lowery  
8:30AM Fr. Bill Ed Zech (d)  
10:00AM Fr. Bill Kay Hess (d)  
11:30AM Fr. Tom Paul Saah (d)  
1:00PM Fr. Bill Margaret McDonough (d)  
6:00PM Fr. Bill Members of the Parish

The priest schedule is subject to change.

### Looking Ahead:

There will be no confessions on Tuesday, May 17.

### Live-streamed Masses:

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

Go to website:

[www.straphaels.org](http://www.straphaels.org) and link to YouTube.

### Baptism

John Theodore Clasper April 30

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON THURSDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: [esalatto@straphaels.org](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org). This bulletin was transmitted May 3.

## Vicar's Verbiage

Dear Friends,

The month of May is a great time of joy. And in the Church, it is commonly dedicated to Mary as her special month. Of course, we also celebrate Mother's Day always on the second Sunday of May so today I wanted to write especially about Mary our Mother.

In the Gospel of John, at the Cross, the dying Jesus entrusts his mother Mary to the beloved disciple Saint John. Among the disciples he is the only one who does not run and hide. With Mary and some of the other followers of Jesus they stand at the foot of the cross and see the salvation of the world being accomplished.

But before Jesus dies, he gives Mary into the care of John and John into the care of Mary. Since we too are disciples of Jesus and we too stand at the foot of the cross when we come to Mass, Mary too is given to us as our Mother.

Now, sometimes accusations are levelled at the Church that we give too much emphasis to Mary or that we make her into some type of god and worship her. There are so many different devotions to her, the rosary, novenas, and the countless different statues and images of her. There's even a website that has a catalogue of Marian feasts for each and every day of the year!

Why so many images and statues? What's the point of so many prayers and devotions? Well, quite simply, how much do you love your mother? One writer said that the reason there are so many apparitions, images and statues of Mary is that each of us has our unique personality, experience, personality and temperament and so in a way, Mary our Mother becomes our own mother in a very personal and unique way.

I have a great devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham—the patroness of England and a very old title going back to an apparition of Mary around the year 1000 in England. But you may be more captivated by Our Lady of Lourdes, or by Our Lady of Perpetual Help, or of Carmel, or of Fatima, or of Aparecida in Brazil, or of Zell in Austria, or of the Beautiful Window in France, or of Cobre in Cuba, or Guadalupe in Mexico, or Guadalupe in Spain.

The point is that Mary shows herself as mother to everyone and that she wants to be known to us all. There's a great moment in one of the episodes of The Chosen which is a great Christian series on the life of Jesus. He's heading to Cana and the disciples ask him why he's walking there and Jesus answers "I'm going to see the most important person in my life, my mother."

Jesus loved his mom, and we should too. So, in this month of May, the joyful month of Easter and of the hope that the resurrection brings, perhaps you could give some time to Mary and know that the love we show her reflects our total love for God. How beautiful that God gives us Mary to watch over us and love us as a mother. May we love her greatly in return!

Fr. Bill

## David Gilardi

Seminarian Directory

First Pre-Theology  
Saint John Paul II  
Seminary  
Home Parish: Our  
Lady of the  
Presentation,  
Poolsville  
Likes playing  
soccer, ping pong,  
pool,  
guitar/music,  
hiking,  
swimming, and reading.



"I speak English and could survive with  
what Spanish I have."

Welcome to David Gilardi,  
our summer seminarian,  
who will be joining us  
the end of May.

## Sodality

All members of Sodality, and women who are interested in learning about St. Raphael's Sodality, are invited to the Potluck Dinner and Initiation of new members May 18 at 6:30PM in the Trumpet room of the school. This will be the final event for this calendar year.

Members will receive a signup link to indicate what dish you'll bring.

## 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 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 September 2 - 4, 2022, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org)

## Looking Ahead:

No Confessions on Tuesday, May 17, 7:00PM  
Priests will be attending a Convocation.

## Pope's Intention for Month of May

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life, the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

## CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council serves the St. Raphael community by advising the Pastor on matters of concern to parishioners. If you would like the Council to consider a particular issue, please feel free to send an email message to: [parishcouncil@straphaels.org](mailto:parishcouncil@straphaels.org).



## PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

May 13th is the 105th Anniversary of the First Fatima Apparition

Mary said at Fatima, "I have come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays. If they respond to my requests, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church."

Every month we have first Saturday devotions beginning at 8:40 AM and continuing after Mass with adoration and confessions. Do we want the conversion of Russia?

On Friday, May 13th, this special day will be celebrated at the 9:00 AM Mass. There will also be the Rosary and Father Morrow will provide brown scapulars with the Blessings and Enrollment Prayers.

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 [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.

Please consider joining the inspirational First Saturday devotions. The next one is June 4th. This includes Reading the Meditations of the Rosary at 8:40am, Mass at 9:00 AM, Adoration, Rosary, and Confessions.

## Summer Kick-Off Band Bash Benefit at St. Jude's on May 21st

Circle Saturday, May 21st as a night to join friends to listen and groove to the music of local DC group, The Jameson Greene Band.

It's for a great cause: The World Villages for Children, a global charity run by the Sisters of Mary who provide food, care, and education to 20,000 boys & girls in 8 countries around the globe. These wonderful sisters and the school children they lead and mentor are spiritually guided by their chaplain, Fr. Dan Leary, formerly of St. Andrew's Parish in Silver Spring.

It will be a fun night of music with friends along with barley and grape-infused adult beverages at St. Jude's in Rockville. This event can be enjoyed for just \$35/per person! It's a great way to jump into summer and benefit a wonderful cause.

Doors open at 7:30 PM

### Online Pre-Registration Required for All Attendees

[www.worldvillages.org/summer/](http://www.worldvillages.org/summer/)

(Donations gratefully accepted!)

Questions: Larry Kilmer; [lkilmer@heights.edu](mailto:lkilmer@heights.edu); 301-717-7970

## Hope Blossoms 2022 Event for St. Ann's Center for Children

Sister Mary Bader, DC and Pam & Dennis Lucey invite you to attend **Hope Blossoms 2022**, benefiting St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. Honorees: Judy and John Ritz And Steve Heidenberger †

Date: **Wednesday, May 11, 2022: 6PM to 8PM**, Location: Columbia Country Club: 7900 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815

To purchase tickets please visit: [www.stanns.org/events](http://www.stanns.org/events)  
Questions? Please contact: Carolyn Boyle: 301.559.5500  
or: [cboyle@stanns.org](mailto:cboyle@stanns.org)

### Scripture Readings For the Week of May 08, 2022

#### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

#### Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42: 2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

#### Tuesday Memorial of John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

#### Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50

#### Thursday Memorial of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

Acts 13: 13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

#### Friday Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

#### Saturday 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

#### Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



St. Raphael's Right to Life continues its support for life with a weekly prayer vigil that occurs in front of Leroy Carhart's late term abortion facility at the Wildwood Medical Center, 10401 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda each Monday morning, 9AM-11AM and Saturdays 10-11AM. You are welcome to join us each week. Many of us meet in the vestibule after the 9AM Mass, if you need help with directions. For more information email Deacon Rich at [rsrhome@verizon.net](mailto:rsrhome@verizon.net)





## Thank you for your Easter Flower Offerings.

### Offerings in memory of the following:

Allen Family  
Paul Cheng, Maria Cheng,  
Elizabeth McShea  
Cusak & Hileary Families  
Dorothy DeClemnti, Florence Avella,  
Theresa Ingardia, Rose Trotta  
Vi & Jim Dawson  
Dettleff & Mertson Families  
Felipe & Lucila de Castillo  
Driscoll & Sakach Families  
M/M J. C. Grix  
M/M F. J. Phelan  
Grandparents of Hannah, Justin, and  
Elaina Dixon  
Ken Eccleston  
M/M G. Fabbro  
M/M A. Jasinski  
Edward C. Fechter  
Mary & Neil Ahern  
Concetta & Joseph Gerardi  
Ana Mercedes Gomez  
Rosemary Glynn  
Dorothy & Edward Hawkins  
Jalandoni Family  
Frank J. Lowery  
Ripic & Klimkosky Families  
Frank Lee, Uncle Frank,  
Ruby Lee, David Lee, Jewitt Lee,  
Tony Lee  
Joe & Mary Mayo  
Barbara McManus  
Miguel Angel Mena  
Tina & Carmelo Natoli  
Cristina G. Montesano Williams  
Donald O'Rourke  
John Piper  
M/M Rodolfo Solatan  
M/M Alvaro Malate  
Spaulding Family  
VanDerMeulen Family  
Elizabeth Sousa  
Charles L. Wright  
Dr. Henry T. Wang  
Woodrow & Ryan Williams  
John Charles & Amelia Leona Yagesh,  
Rosella & Joseph Penkrot, John Paul &  
Emma Jean Yagesh, Joseph Lawrence  
Penkrot, Louis & Leona Fabec, Frank &  
Katherine Yagesh, Yagesh Family,

Penkrot Family, Lotis & Proch Families  
Souls in Purgatory  
Anthony Zdanis  
Charles & Mary Salsgiver  
Dorothy & George Wassum  
Donald & Chae Burklow  
James & Dorothy Sullivan  
Elizabeth & Alexander Aino  
Michael & Nan Calpin  
George & Mabel Nalley  
Conway & Marrone Families  
Farah Elias

### Offerings from following families:

Tula Amas  
Nikolaos Bonos  
John Bosso  
Mr. & Dr. Florencio Campello  
M/M Luis Castellanos  
M/M Adolfo Castro  
J.S Amaya & S. E. Castro-Diaz  
Jose A. Coreos  
Jane Croker  
M/M Shawn Donnelly  
M/M Guillermo Figueroa  
Ursula Flores  
Beverly Mowery &  
George Godding  
M/M Arturo Guevara  
Miguel Jimenez  
V Mwumvaneza & J Kabasing  
Judith Lavoie  
Daisy Lizama  
M/M Erick Mercado  
Ana Maria Mutter  
Martha Molina  
M/M Fredy Orantes  
M/M Danilo Orino  
M/M Johnny Ortiz  
M/M John Partidge  
Maria Portillo  
M/M Raul A. Quiros  
Edwin Quispe/Consuelo Arias  
Mr. Gustavo Ramirez/  
Mrs. Tatian  
Santiago Torres  
Julie Rau  
M/M James Schaller  
M/M Scott Sheffler  
Patricia Z. Smith  
Suzanne E. Ziemer

Thomas Arias  
David/Nona Ash & Family  
Julie Bader  
Milan Basta  
Rosario Basta  
Beny Christakis  
Keith Chan  
Thomas DeGraba  
Varghese George  
Patricia Hughes-Troost  
Geraldine Lyons  
Thomas McMahon  
Edward O'Donnell  
Margery Prokos  
Angela Ray  
Terry Sullivan  
Barry Barga  
Jose Calvo  
Dario Canal  
Charles Carr  
Oswaldo Castro  
Kathleen Chang

S. Chen  
Mary Chretien  
Michael Connell  
Louise Cox  
Luz Consuelo David  
Patrick Dragga  
Robert Fontana  
Funmi & Margaret George  
Patrick Gower  
Scott Graham  
Elizabeth Gravely  
Edward Healy  
Graciela Heintz  
Colin Heitzmann  
Michael Herman  
Richard Kaps  
Gerard Kashatus  
Steven Kelley  
Kurt Knobloch  
Beata Kozak  
Sandra Leffew  
Mark Li  
Jason Lising  
Christine Maloney  
Christopher Martin  
Jessica Mayorga  
Richard Meyer  
Maureen McHugh  
John Mietus  
Robert Molyneaux  
Gary Muratore  
Gerard Murphy  
David Oberst  
Grant Orr  
Anthony Pappano  
Maureen Potter  
Bob Quackenbush  
Cristina Radi  
Guillermo Rueda  
Cathleen Shannon  
Therese Shell  
David Singleton  
Ann Staron  
Carolyn Tabb  
Alan Tablada  
Ramona Thompson  
Patricia Watts  
Gary Welsh  
Joan Young  
Felipe Zamalloa





# School News

A peek behind our classroom doors

MAY 8, 2022

## SRS Students Awarded Catholic Business Network Scholarship



Congratulations to our St. Raphael students on earning the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County (CBN-MC) scholarship award!

Pictured: Tim May, Emma Nagel, Sophia Ott, Fr. Salah. Not pictured: Santi Bernstein, and honorable mention Damien Quesnel and Carmen Aguila.



Mrs. Kolasinski joins Ryan in counting down the days on the calendar, then plays a fun game of “floor lava” on the playground with her SRNS students. We have the best teachers here at St. Raphael!




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



# Happy Mother's Day!



**CONGRATULATIONS SECOND GRADE FIRST EUCHARIST**

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# Charity Garage to Attic Sale

St. Raphael Church, Trumpet Room  
1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD

**Friday, June 24 – Drop Off Donations**  
(9AM – 7PM; Trumpet Room)

**Saturday, June 25 – Sales**  
(9AM – 2PM, Trumpet Room/School)

We accept any donated items in good condition brought to the Trumpet Room door except:

- Bedding (we will take bed frames and springs)
- Non-working electrical or mechanical items
- Christmas decorations
- Rubber Tires
- Dirty Clothing
- Fuel (except in lawn-item gas tanks)

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### FATIMA GEMS

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.



### FORMED LIVE!

Feast of the Ascension

May 21st 2022

### FORMED LIVE: FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

Join Drs. Tim Gray and Ben Akers as they discuss the feast of the Ascension! In this video, these two scholars provide powerful insights about the significance of the number 40, Jesus' conquest as the new Joshua, and the Kingship of Christ!

LEARN

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### REAL WOMANHOOD BY LISA COTTER

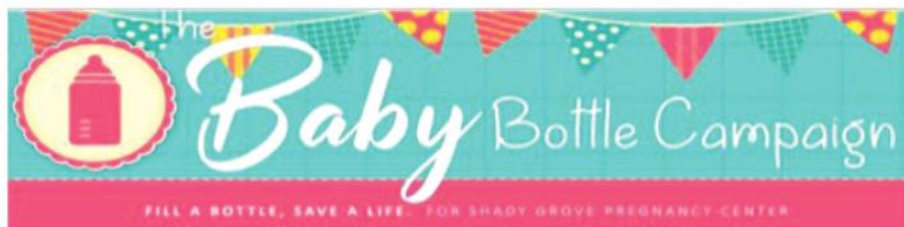
What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

### REAL WOMANHOOD LISA COTTER



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

Campaign will run from Mother's Day (May 8) to Father's Day (June 19) 2022



### Ways to Give

1. Go to St. Raph's Faith Direct: [www.faithdirect.net](https://www.faithdirect.net). Church code MD34  
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MD34>
2. Go to St. Raph's Website: About, Support Us, Shady Grove Baby Bottle Campaign  
<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/MD34>
3. Write a Check to Saint Raphael's with BBC in the memo

**Help us save more lives!** Your participation makes *all* the difference for a precious baby's life and a mother in need of love and support.

Your donations are essential for saving babies from abortion, parenting classes, pregnancy testing, ultrasound, material aid, and options counseling.

God Bless  
OUR MOTHERS

A mother defends  
herself with a  
heart filled with  
love before doing  
so with words.

- Pope Francis

**Religious Education**  
Mary Beaudoin, 202-294-7697

**Congratulations, First Communicants!**



Congratulations to all the children who received First Communion last weekend and this weekend! May the joy and faith these children and their families experience today keep them always close to Christ in this most precious sacrament.

**Prayer at Table during Eastertime**

Here is a special prayer to use before meals during Eastertime:

*An Easter candle is lighted while the leader says:* This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia!

*All respond:* Let us rejoice and be glad, alleluia!

*The leader prays:* We praise you, Lord, with greater joy than ever in this Easter season. The thirsty have come to the water. The poor have come to receive bread and eat. Blessed are you in earth's bounty: the joy of the resurrection renews the whole world.

Christ is risen, alleluia!

*All respond:* Christ is truly risen, alleluia!

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**Bringing Easter Home**

The paschal mystery (the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus) is the center of our faith. But it is not just something that happened 2000 years ago; the paschal mystery is the model that governs and shapes the life of every Christian. Our faith rests on the knowledge that God loved humankind enough to become one of us and to die for us; that Jesus rose from the dead and invites us to follow him; and that in the Eucharist the saving work of his death and resurrection is present and active, right here and right now.

The Church asks us to "bring Easter home" by reflecting on the paschal mystery with our family members and by celebrating the Eucharist each Sunday with our parish.



*Faith Formation*

**St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE)**

SRRE offers ongoing faith formation for all children and teens, as well as preparation for sacraments. If you have questions about religious education or sacrament preparation for your child, please contact Mary Beaudoin, Director of Religious Education.

**People of Faith, We Need You!**

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to Peter and to us when he says, "Feed my lambs," "Tend my sheep," "Follow me." Each of us needs to prayerfully consider how God is calling us to grow in faith and to share in the work of evangelization. A great way to do both of these is through the ministry of catechesis. It takes many catechists to spread the Good News to all seekers. SRRE is looking ahead to the 2022-2023 SRRE year to identify more catechists and class aides. People of faith, we need you to mentor and form our children and teens. Please contact Mary Beaudoin to learn more about becoming involved in the ministry of catechesis.

**Child Protection Training**

All adults who have contact with children or teens in parish programs must complete the Archdiocese of Washington child protection training program. The program includes the following: the Virtus Safe Environment training session, a volunteer application, fingerprinting, background check, and reading the Archdiocesan child protection policy booklet. The Archdiocese is currently offering the Virtus training session in-person and online. We encourage parents and other adults to complete child protection training now for future involvement in programs. Contact Pietro Lojacono in the SRRE office for information and forms to get started. Thanks!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:00AM Sunday Mass**

We are very excited that Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) has returned to the 10:00 AM Mass. CLW is a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word in language that children can readily understand. During the Liturgy of the Word, adult leaders take children to a separate space where they share the Sunday readings, homily, Creed, and intercessions in a way that is developmentally appropriate for the children.

For details on CLW, please contact Linsey at [linsey.brault@gmail.com](mailto:linsey.brault@gmail.com) or Mary at [mbeaudoin@straphaels.org](mailto:mbeaudoin@straphaels.org) or 202-294-7697.

**Eastertime**

Lent and Holy Week have given way to Eastertime—the



fast has turned into a feast. God wins the day.

As we celebrate the Easter season with joy, it is our responsibility as members of God's one human family to share that joy with everyone, near and far.

To donate your Lenten alms, go to <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> and click the green DONATE button.

**Religious Education and Sacrament Calendar**

May 9 SRRE Social and Family Prayer  
May 10 Mass of Thanksgiving at 6:00 PM  
May 21 Confirmation Masses at 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM

**Confirmation Year I and Year II**

Confirmation II: Bishop Campbell will be at St. Raphael to celebrate Confirmation Masses on Saturday, May 21, at 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM Rehearsals will be on Wednesday, May 18, at 6:00 and 7:30 PM



Confirmation I students are working on their Confirmation Service Projects. While serving others, students learn about Catholic Social Teaching:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person  
Call to Family, Community, and Participation  
Rights and Responsibilities  
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable  
The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers  
Solidarity  
Care for God's Creation

(Find more at the USCCB website.)

Parents and students complete the Record of Service. Students write a reflection paper based on the questions provided. Please staple completed Record of Service to the reflection paper and turn in to the SRRE office. Forms can be downloaded from [www.straphaels.org/confirmation-1](http://www.straphaels.org/confirmation-1).

Confirmation Year 1 students are working on their 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>. Confirmation Service Projects are due on September 1.

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### Protected By Christ

During this Easter season, remember to make time to reflect on the Scripture readings at home. This Sunday's readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050822.cfm>  
Key Passage: Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28)

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

- ▶ Adults: Whom do you try to protect as Christ protects you?
- ▶ Kids: Who helps you feel safe and protected? Whom can you take care of and help feel safe?

### 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 begin Chapter 6: Dialogue and Friendship in Society.

198. Approaching, speaking, listening, looking at, coming to know and understand one another, and to find common ground: all these things are summed up in the one word "dialogue." If we want to encounter and help one another, we have to dialogue. There is no need for me to stress the benefits of dialogue. I have only to think of what our world would be like without the patient dialogue of the many generous persons who keep families and communities together. Unlike disagreement and conflict, persistent and courageous dialogue does not make headlines, but quietly helps the world to live much better than we imagine.

#### Social Dialogue for a New Culture

199. Some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet "between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations; dialogue among our people, for we are that people; readiness to give and receive, while remaining open to the truth. A country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many rich cultural components: popular culture, university culture, youth culture, artistic culture, technological culture, economic culture, family culture and media culture."

200. Dialogue is often confused with something quite different: the feverish exchange of opinions on social networks, frequently based on media information that is not always reliable. These exchanges are merely parallel monologues. They may attract some attention by their sharp and aggressive tone. But monologues engage no one, and their content is frequently self-serving and contradictory.

201. Indeed, the media's noisy potpourri of facts and opinions is often an obstacle to dialogue, since it lets everyone cling stubbornly to his or her own ideas, interests and choices, with the excuse that everyone else is wrong. It becomes easier to discredit and insult opponents from the outset than to open a respectful dialogue aimed at achieving agreement on a deeper level. Worse, this kind of language, usually drawn from media coverage of political campaigns, has become so widespread as to be part of daily conversation. Discussion is often manipulated by powerful special

interests that seek to tilt public opinion unfairly in their favor. This kind of manipulation can be exercised not only by governments, but also in economics, politics, communications, religion and in other spheres. Attempts can be made to justify or excuse it when it tends to serve one's own economic or ideological interests, but sooner or later it turns against those very interests.

202. Lack of dialogue means that in these individual sectors people are concerned not for the common good, but for the benefits of power or, at best, for ways to impose their own ideas. Round tables thus become mere negotiating sessions, in which individuals attempt to seize every possible advantage, rather than cooperating in the pursuit of the common good. The heroes of the future will be those who can break with this unhealthy mindset and determine respectfully to promote truthfulness, aside from personal interest. God willing, such heroes are quietly emerging, even now, in the midst of our society.

-Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* #198, #199, #200, #201, #202

### Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

Open our eyes and our hearts,  
and give us the courage to say:

"Never again war!";

"With war everything is lost."

Instill in our hearts the courage  
to take concrete steps to achieve peace.  
Keep alive within us the flame of hope,  
so that with patience and perseverance  
we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation.  
In this way may peace triumph at last.  
Amen.

### LIVING LAUDATO SI' - ECO-TIPS

Planet Earth supports our lives. We must take care of it. In Pope Francis' encyclical, *LAUDATO SI'*, he calls not only on Catholics, but all humanity to care more vigorously for creation. Here are 2 ways:

**EASY:** Some of us are just starting to awaken to the need to care for creation, or have been busy with jobs, raising a family, or other social justice commitments. We may not have much discretionary time. OR, it may simply be a relief to note that, "Hey, I'm already doing this one!" Good.

**CHALLENGE:** Others have been engaged in the environmental movement for awhile and are ready to take a bigger step and multiply your efforts by going beyond your own individual lifestyle to make a bigger impact. Then, try the challenge of influencing systemic change in your neighborhood, city, country, the world. Either way, pick whichever fits your ability this week and do something.

### NATURE

**EASY:** Plant something. Anything will count, but a seed or seedling that will grow into a food is ideal.

**CHALLENGING:** Organize a campaign to clean up and take care of a public green space in your neighborhood or town.

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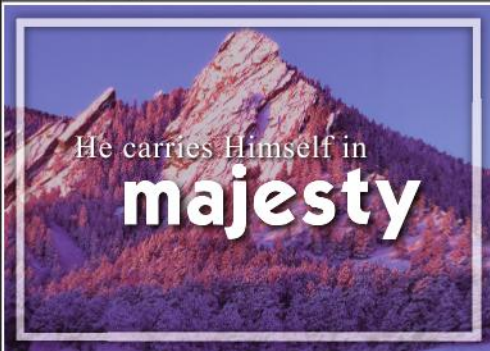
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