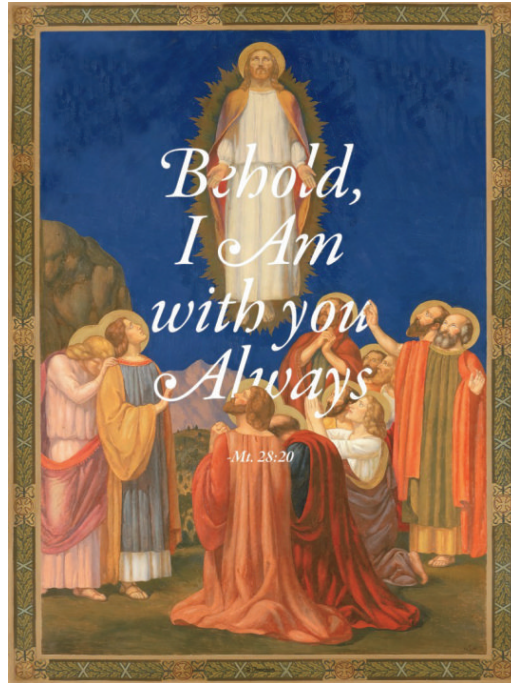


St. Raphael Catholic Church



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June 1, 2025

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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 Ministry List** can be found on our website,

**St. Vincent de Paul/St. Raphael Conference
New Intake Number: 240-688-6829**

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: Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, (children), 11:30AM, 1:00PM (español), 6:00PM (youth) Saturday: 5:00 PM
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 Eileen Kutchak, 240-864-2510, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

Mary Beaudoin, Director of Religious Education, will be retiring in June after 16 years. She has been a great leader, kind teacher and dedicated staff member. We are sorry to see her go and wish her all the best in her retirement! You are welcome to join us at a retirement reception for Mary, following the 5PM Mass on Saturday, June 28.

Karen Watson, longtime parishioner and current assistant in Religious Ed, has been hired as Coordinator of Religious Education beginning July 1. Karen has taught RE classes for many years and brings many skills and strengths to the department.

Father Mike Salah
Pastor

A few words from Mary:

Dear People of St. Raphael,

It has been a joy for me to serve as Director of Religious Education at St. Raphael for the past 16 years. That is why it is with mixed emotions that I will retire at the end of June. While I would love to continue the work of St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE), I feel myself more and more drawn at this time to other personal and professional interests and goals, including spending more time with family, making music, and writing.

I am grateful to Fr. Jim Meyers and Fr. Mike Salah for placing their trust in me, and to all my coworkers who have made my work enjoyable and effective. I am indebted to the many wonderful catechists who have been part of SRRE during my tenure, giving generously of their time and sharing their faith.

We have been blessed by the families who have entrusted their children to SRRE to assist them with faith formation and sacrament preparation. These young people have enriched my life with their joy and liveliness, as well as their questions and doubts. They have constantly invited me to make our Catholic faith real and meaningful for their lives.

Reflecting back on these years, I am very thankful also for volunteers who have led related programs and initiatives, including Special Needs Religious Education, Children's Liturgy of the Word, RCIA/OCIA program adapted for children and teens, Making Music Praying Twice, and the *Passing It On* parent newsletter.

I look forward to watching SRRE move into the future with renewed energy and fresh ideas under the leadership of Ms. Karen Watson.

Wishing you all the peace of Christ,

Mary Beaudoin

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week Ascension of Our Lord

Monday, June 2

6:30AM Olivia Martinez
9:00AM Vincent & Catherine Corrado (d)

Tuesday, June 3

6:30AM Deacon Wayne A. Lickteig (d)
9:00AM McInnis Family (d)

Wednesday, June 4

6:30AM Helen Rubritz (d)
9:00AM Christopher Conley (d)

Thursday, June 5

6:30AM Alexander Aino (d)
9:00AM Marion Wilson (d)

Friday, June 6

6:30AM Deacon Frank & Elaine Salatto
9:00AM Daniel Tan (d)

Saturday, June 7

9:00AM David Denker (d)
5:00PM Fr. Mike Members of the Parish

Sunday, June 8

7:00AM Fr. Joe Robert Stovall (d)
8:30AM Fr. Tom Marion H. Wilson (d)
10:00AM Fr. Mike Gary Welsh (d)
11:30AM Fr. Mike Mark Shell (d)
1:00PM Fr. Joe Jorge Duarte (d)
6:00PM Fr. Tom Adolf Jasinski (d)

The priest schedule is subject to change.

Live-streamed Masses:

There will be daily live-streamed Masses, Sunday English and Spanish Masses. Go to website: www.straphaels.org and click the link to YouTube Channel.

Baptisms: May 24

Emma Kay Vadnais
Landon James Vadnais

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON THURSDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE THE published date. Notices may be emailed to: esalatto@straphaels.org. This bulletin was transmitted May 27.



Return your baby bottles with coins, currency, or a check made out to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center.

**Put "St. Raphael's BBC" in the memo.
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Holy Mass and Healing Service

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

7:00 PM



Those wishing to receive prayers following Mass will
come forward to the reserved front pews.
Confessions continue during Mass and Service.

Scripture Readings for the Week of June 1, 2025

Sunday **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
In those places (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington) observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
Act 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday **Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday **Pentecost Sunday**
Vigil Mass: Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Hosting Our Lady

Our Blessed Mother statue will travel every week from home to home to be a loving presence. Parishioners may want to host her to celebrate life's important events, i.e., birthdays, anniversaries, holy days or Our Lady's feast days, etc. Having the Blessed Mother statue in a central location in the home, may encourage families to pray the rosary or perform other tokens of love.

Steps:

- 1) Sign up to host Our Lady at:
<https://bit.ly/3YC3JXN>
- 2) The hosting family will receive the statue at the end of Sunday's 10AM Mass.
- 3) The Mary-Go-Round will continue with the next host family at every 10 AM Sunday Mass.

Contact:

Anne Marie Begley
annemariebegley5@gmail.com

Come and Enjoy Coffee and Donuts

Today, Sunday, June 1
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1PM Masses



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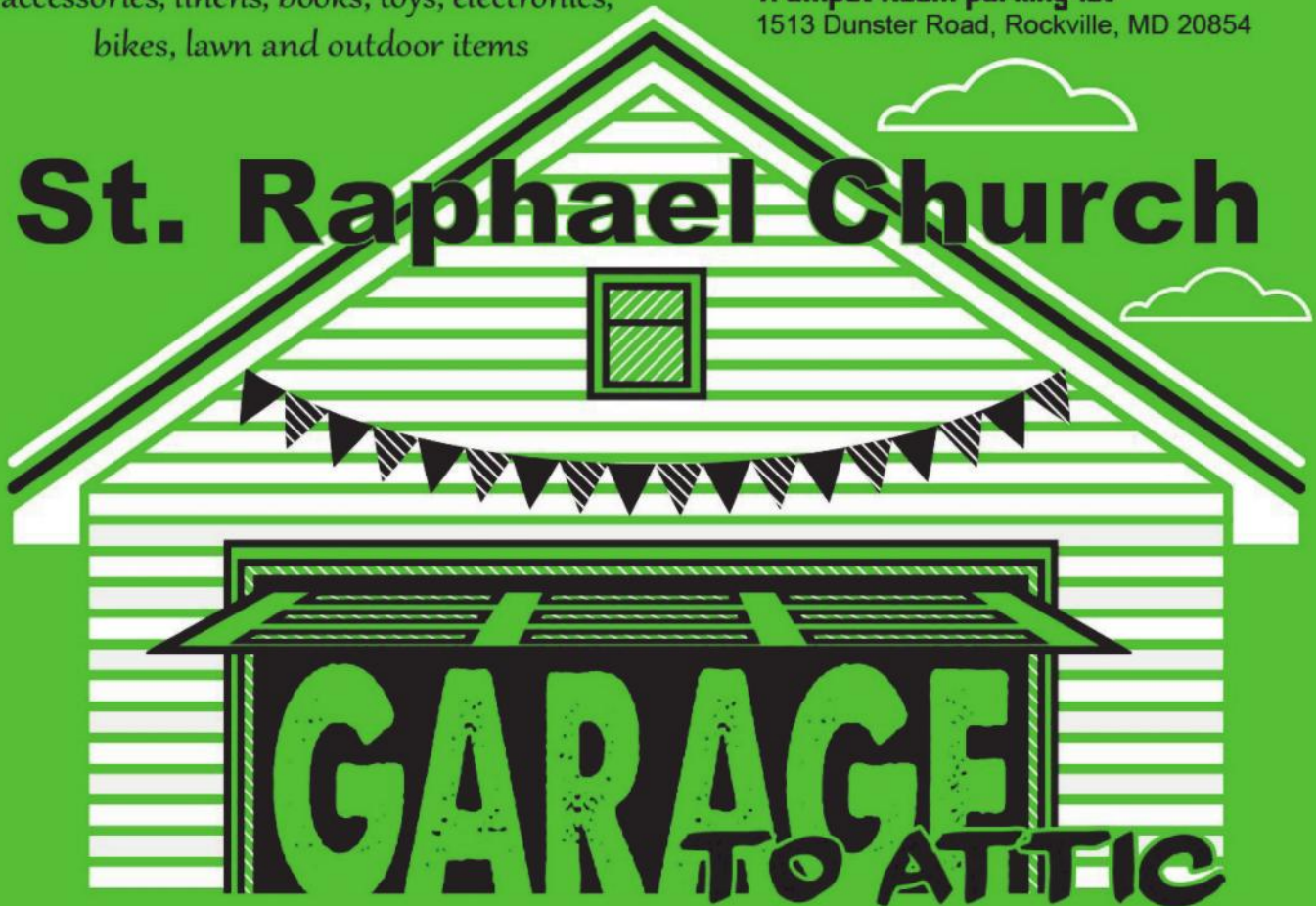
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Friday, June 20, 2025 (9:00am - 6:00pm)

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Religious Education

Mary Beaudoin, 202-294-7697



Faith Formation

Religious Education - Registration for 2025-2026

St. Raphael Religious Education (SRRE) offers ongoing faith formation for all children and teens, as well as preparation for sacraments. SRRE works in partnership with parents, who are the primary catechists of their children. We encourage all families to bring their children for religious education classes each year, so that, as each child grows and changes, his or her relationship with Jesus and the Church will also grow and deepen.

Our *Finding God* textbook series emphasizes prayerful reflection while focusing on knowledge of the faith, initiating into the celebration of the mystery (mass and sacraments); forming for life in Christ (morality); teaching to pray; and introducing to community life and mission. Our volunteer catechists are faith-filled adults who work to share the Catholic faith in an age-appropriate way.

Registration for the 2025-2026 SRRE year opens TODAY! Find the registration link on the SRRE webpage at <https://www.straphaels.org/religious-education>

The SRRE Office coordinates sacrament preparation for all children ages 7-18. This includes Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

Eastertime

Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments" (the Great Sacrament). St. Athanasius calls Easter "the Great Sunday" . . . The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* #1169) The paschal mystery (the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus) is the center of our faith. It is the model that governs and shapes the life of each Christian.

The celebration of Easter is not limited to one day or even one week; it lasts fifty days. God's sending of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) is the moment when we come to know the full impact of salvation on the world and enjoy the outpouring of God's life upon us.

What Ever Happened to Ascension Thursday?

In Acts 1:3 we hear that Jesus "presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." Based on that Scripture passage, Christians celebrated the feast of the Ascension on the 40th day of the Easter season, which became known as Ascension Thursday. For pastoral reasons, in particular to make it possible for all Catholics to celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation, several Bishops Conferences requested permission to transfer the celebration of the Ascension of the Lord to the following Sunday, since every Sunday is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. In the Archdiocese of Washington, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension today, one week before Pentecost.



Come, Holy Spirit (*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*)

Come, Holy Spirit, come! / And from your celestial home / Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor! / Come, source of all our store! / Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best; / You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below; / In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat; / Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine, / Shine within these hearts of yours, / And our inmost being fill!

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Children's Liturgy of the Word - Parents

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is now on summer break. CLW will resume at the 10:00 Mass on the Sunday after Labor Day. Please continue to bring your children to Sunday Mass. Consider using the online resources to reflect on the Scripture readings with your children at home. Find the Sunday readings from the *Lectionary for Masses with Children* here: <https://www.pflaum.com/readings/>



Find the readings and a sample reflection here: <https://adorers.org/childrens-liturgy/>

Our CLW team is eager to share this wonderful ministry with more people. We hope that parents will take this summertime to self-train for participation as CLW Leaders in the coming year, by using the resources listed above. Please contact Cathleen Shannon (cshannon1794@gmail.com) or Mary Beaudoin (mbeaudoin@straphaels.org) for information on becoming a CLW leader or assistant.

The Gift of Wisdom

On this Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, take time to reflect on the [Scripture readings](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/060125-Ascension.cfm) with your family: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/060125-Ascension.cfm>
Readings: Acts 1:1-11 • The Ascension of Jesus; Ephesians 1:17-23 • A Spirit of wisdom; Luke 24:46-53 • The Ascension
Key Passage: [T]hat the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Ephesians 1:17)
. . . and then have a family sharing time on the questions below:

- Adults: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How does he or she use this gift?
- Kids: Who is the wisest person you know? What has he or she taught you?



Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

Anchored in hope -continued

22. Another reality having to do with eternal life is *God's judgement*, both at the end of our individual lives and at the end of history. . . We should indeed prepare ourselves consciously and soberly for the moment when our lives will be judged, but we must always do this from the standpoint of hope, the theological virtue that sustains our lives and shields them from groundless fear. The judgement of God, who is love, will surely be based on love, and in particular on all that we have done or failed to do with regard to those in need, in whose midst Christ, the Judge himself, is present (*Matthew 25:31-46*). Clearly, then, we are speaking of a judgement unlike any handed down by human, earthly tribunals; it should be understood as a rapport of truth with the God who is love and with oneself, within the unfathomable mystery of divine mercy.

Judgement, then, concerns the salvation in which we hope and which Jesus has won for us by his death and resurrection. It is meant to bring us to a definitive encounter with the Lord. The evil we have done cannot remain hidden; it needs to be *purified* in order to enable this definitive encounter with God's love. Here we begin to see the need of our prayers for all those who have ended their earthly pilgrimage, our solidarity in an intercession that is effective by virtue of the communion of the saints, and the shared bond that makes us one in Christ, the firstborn of all creation.

-Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit* (*Hope does not disappoint*)



Marriage Moments

Just for today, pay attention to your breath, your spirit, your physical well being and be thankful for life no matter how fragile. Ask your spouse to remind you.

Parenting Pointers

More on child discipline. Help your child learn to become responsible. If a child leaves their bike out in the yard, it may get rusty or stolen. Don't always rescue your child. Better to learn early lessons of self-discipline than harder lessons later in life. Model self-discipline as a parent.

*Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt,
www.SusanVogt.net



A Prayer for Our Hurting World

Father of all mercies, we pray for the families who have fled their homes in fear. We lift up the mothers and fathers who have escaped with only their children, leaving everything else behind. Their country has changed, their lives will never be the same and they are afraid of the future.

Lord, you are the God who heals. Please bring your comfort and healing to those who are hurting.

We lift up the communities who have taken in refugees and displaced people, even though they may be struggling themselves. We thank you for their generosity and compassion towards those in distress.


Lord, you are the God who provides. We pray that timely help and support will reach all who are in need.

Father, there is so much pain and conflict across the Middle East. We pray for leaders throughout the region and ask you to turn their hearts towards peace. As our leaders and those around the world consider how to respond, please grant them wisdom and insight.

Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the violence and bloodshed, and ask you to bring a new dawn of peace across the Middle East.

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