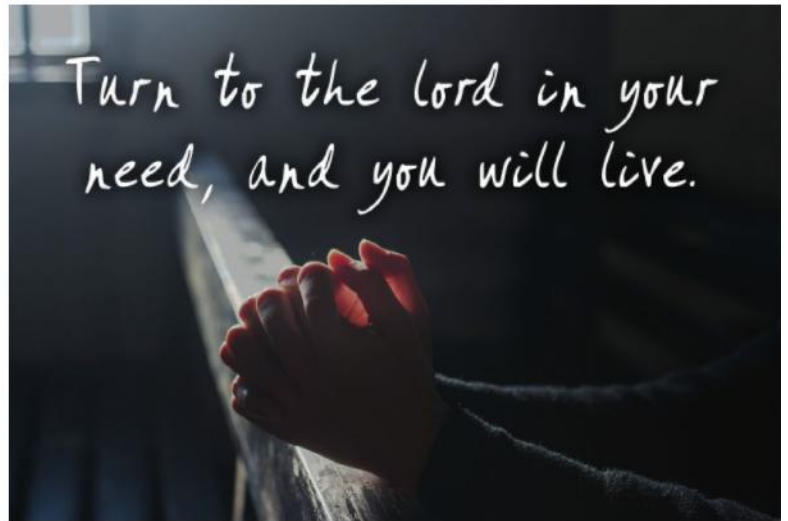
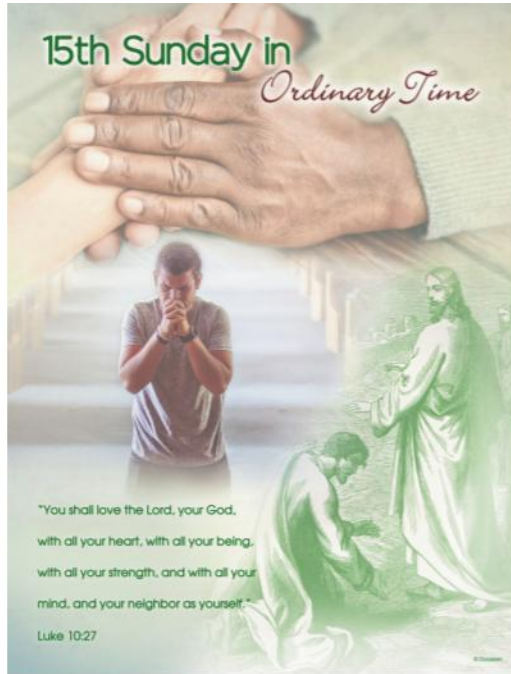


St. Raphael Catholic Church



1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854

July 13, 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
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.

Pages of the bulletin now include the music for the Mass. Please take the bulletin home or return to credenzas in the vestibule or areas by the doors inside the church after each Mass.

You are invited to an Adult Club Event

Members of the parish are cordially invited to accompany the St. Raphael's Adult Club on our trip on Thursday, September 18 to Lancaster, PA to attend the Sight and Sound production of NOAH. We should board our coach at 7:45 AM in the POTOMAC WOODS SWIM CLUB parking lot (NOT St. Raphael's parking lot) and leave promptly at 8 AM as we are attending the 11 am show followed by a delicious buffet lunch at Miller's with the opportunity to shop some local shops there. We should leave Miller's at 4:30 PM and arrive home around 7 PM. The cost for the bus trip, the ticket to the play, lunch, all tips and snacks is \$200 per person.

Once the bus is full, we cannot get additional tickets so it's first come, first served! **If you are interested in attending this wonderful annual tradition for our group, please make your check payable to St. Raphael's Adult Club and mail it to Cathy Sullivan, 5 Richview Court, Potomac, MD 20854.** We have enjoyed this event for over 20 years and we should have a great time this year as well! Hope you can join us!

FAITH DIRECT

Our parish ministries depend on the steady, consistent support provided by monthly givers. It is a lifeline that sustains us year-round when summer vacations, holiday travels, inclement weather, and other forces keep people away from services. Getting started with eGiving is easy.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/MD34 or call their Customer Service team at 866-507-8757.

Travelling this summer?

For your convenience, you can find the nearest church by going to **masstimes.org**

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 14

6:30AM Don Conley (d)
9:00AM Lucas Furch (d)

Tuesday, July 15

6:30AM Glen Duncan (d)
9:00AM Charles H. Stewart (d)

Wednesday, July 16

6:30AM Glen Duncan (d)
9:00AM Robert Stovall (d)

Thursday, July 17

6:30AM France & Jean-Louis Staudenmann
9:00AM Narcisa de Gonzalez (d)

Friday, July 18

6:30AM Lisa & Tim Cupples
9:00AM Byron Johns, Jr. (d)

Saturday, July 19

9:00AM Agnes Wasel (d)
5:00PM Fr. Mike Zoe Rosales (d)

Sunday, July 20

7:00AM Fr. Mike Exodus 90 Men
8:30AM Fr. Joe Members of the Parish
10:00AM Fr. Mike Richard Corbett (d)
11:30AM Fr. Tom Robert Stovall (d)
1:00PM Fr. Joe Felicita Chavez (d)
6:00PM Fr. Tom Rev. Joseph Gonzalez

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.

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 July 8.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All Tuesdays except First Tuesday of each month.

6:45PM, Benediction following Novena

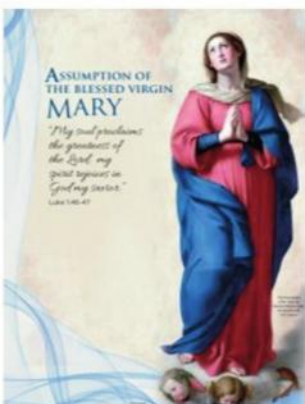
Thursdays, after 9:00 AM Mass, Benediction at 7:15 PM

after the 6:30AM Mass on Fridays – 7-7:30AM



New school and Duffy center roof this summer

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Friday, August 15
A holy day of obligation



Vigil Mass

Thursday, August 14

7:00 PM (Spanish) (Adoration will end at 6:30PM)

Friday, August 15

6:30 AM

9:00 AM

4:30 PM

7:00 PM

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 13, 2025

Sunday **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday **Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**
Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday **Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday
Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday
Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday
Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

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.

2LT Chase Alexander, US Army
Daniel Bertrand Del Bianco, USN (d) and family
BU3 Logan Discavage
LT Victor H. Esch, III, USA
CPT Paul D Galvin
E-3/HN Colleen Gardella
Robert Garret, US Army MP
Cpl Samuel Guerrero, USMC
Taylor Hardy, AE USN
Captain Julia Timm Intili, USAF
LT Jake Klosowski, USN
CPT Andrew Lamb, USA
2LT Molly Lamb, USA
LTJG Lee Lennon, USN
LT COL Todd Lennon, USAF
Captain Frank Lowery, USN
Commander Mike McNally, USN
Charles McTavish, USA
SSG George David Pitts III, USA
LCDR Zachary Poindexter, USN
CPT Dan Quackenbush, USA
CPT Will Quackenbush, USA
LT Mary Quackenbush, DENG
Capt. 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

St. Mary's in Barnesville cordially invites all to join in their **150th Annual Chicken Dinner and Jousting Tournament on Saturday, July 26 from Noon to 6 PM.** Meals are \$20, available as indoor dining room seating, as well as carry outs. Good food is the focal point of the picnic. There is a Jousting Tournament from 1 - 4 PM, which is free to spectators. There will also be a snack bar, baked goods, cake-wheel, crafts, country store, white elephant stand, and a few new surprises this year. **Mass will be offered in our shrine church at 4PM. St. Mary's Church is located at 18230 Barnesville Road. For more information call 301-972-8660.**

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE, from September 7 -16, 2025. Spiritual Director: Fr. John Lado, Parochial Vicar, St. Andrew Apostle Church, Silver Spring, Maryland. Price: \$2,395.00. Come and experience peace, conversion and the healing power of faith. For information and registration please contact Vicky Schneider, phone 240-418-8707, or send e-mail to: vhschneider1@aol.com.

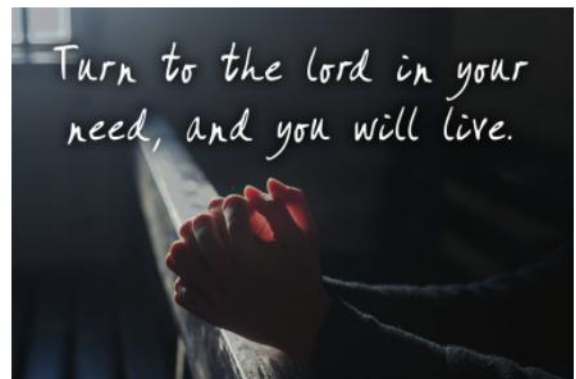
**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Raphael Catholic Church Conference**



240-688-6829 – Intake
This number is also on front of bulletin.

If you or someone you come in contact with are in need of financial help for utilities, housing, food, or other needs, please call the phone number above. If no one answers, leave a message, giving your name and phone number, repeating the phone number a second time.

You will receive a call from one of our members within 24 hours. If you don't receive a return call in 24 hours, please call again to make sure the message wasn't missed.



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.



Top Ten Reasons

TO JOIN WALKING WITH PURPOSE

at St. Raphael

- 10 Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
- 9 WWP fits into your busy schedule.
- 8 No prior Scripture knowledge is required.
- 7 WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's Word.
- 6 We offer "rolling admission." Visit and join anytime.
- 5 Meet new women for fellowship and connection.
- 4 Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.
- 3 There is no actual walking involved.
- 2 We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

and the Number 1 reason to join WWP:

Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on Him this year.

For more information, contact:
Janice Frankford at
jwfrankford@yahoo.com | 206.661.2972



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – JULY 13, 2025

Prelude

Introit

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Curtis Stephan

Gathering Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Missalette #202

Gloria

Mass of Renewal

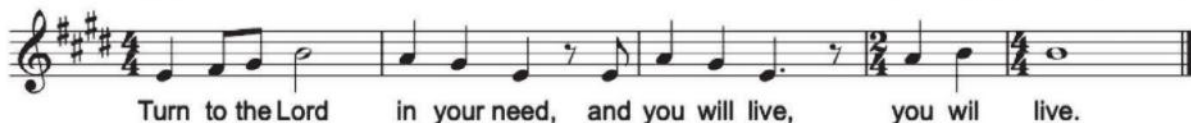


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore__ you,
we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther,
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive__ our prayer;
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37



Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Renewal



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Hymn *In Perfect Charity*

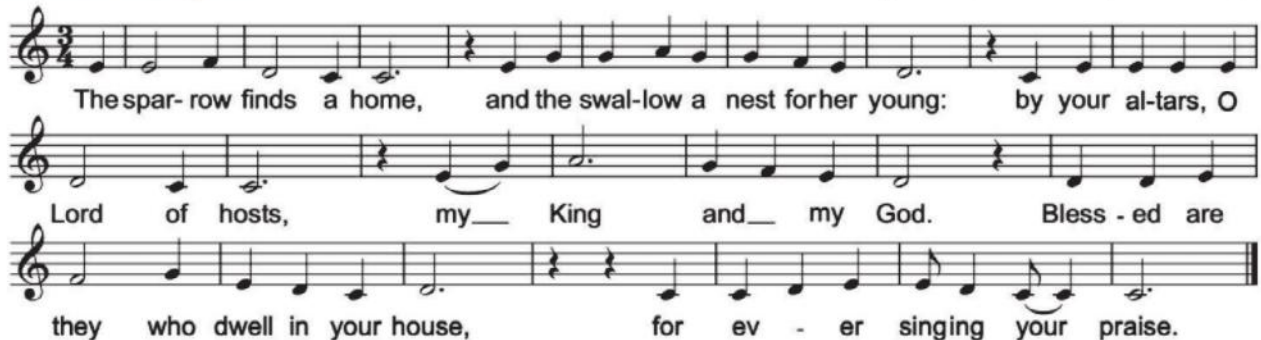
Randall DeBruyn



O most high and glo-rious God, cast your light in - to the dark ness of my heart. Give me right
 O most high and glo-rious God, o - pen wide the door that leads me to your love. Give me your
 Then most high and thank ful praise I will sing un - to the glo - ry of your name: To Fa - ther,
 faith, and cer-tain hope, and per - fect, per-fect char-i - ty. Give me true in - sight, Lord, and
 firm yet gen-tle strength; may I live that per-fect char-i - ty. Lord, may your peace be ev - er
 Son, and Spir-it bright, Liv-ing Pres-ence, Per-fect, Char-i - ty. Praise to the Love that shines in
 wis - dom that I may al - ways live with - in your ev - er ho - ly
 in me, that I may al - ways seek to serve your chil - dren here on
 splen - dor, that lights the path-ways of my heart, and brings me close to
 will. Lord, may your light with - in me burn, shin - ing out in per-fect char-i - ty.
 earth; that I may find my home with you, and live in per-fect char-i - ty.
 you. O Ho - ly One, in - vite me in, where you live in per-fect char-i - ty.

Communion Antiphon

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Curtis Stephan



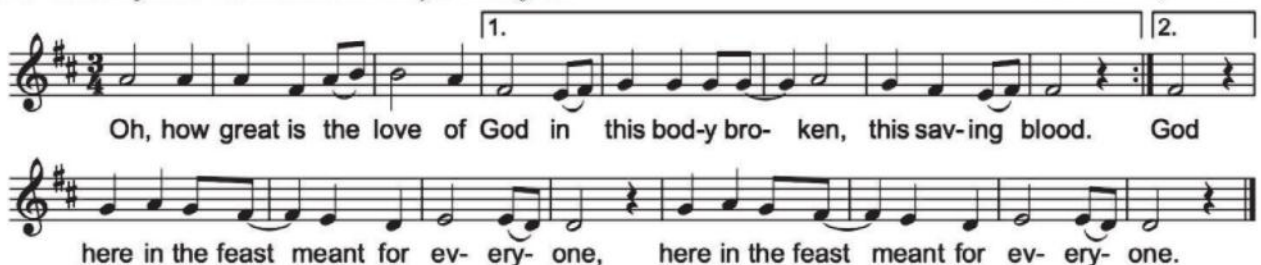
The spar-row finds a home, and the swal-low a nest for her young: by your al-tars, O
 Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Bless - ed are
 they who dwell in your house, for ev - er singing your praise.

Communion Procession *Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts*

Gather Hymnal #611

Meditation Hymn - *The Feast Meant for Everyone*

Tom Booth, Sarah Hart



Oh, how great is the love of God in this bod-y bro- ken, this sav-ing blood. God
 here in the feast meant for ev- ery- one, here in the feast meant for ev- ery- one.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Gather Hymnal #598

The students of HOPSA USA/Canada, Holy Child Past Students' Association attended the 10:00 AM Mass on June 29. The group was a joy to have here with us.



HOPSA USA/Canada
HOLY CHILD PAST STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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CC:
Ms. Eileen Kutchak
Ms. Priscilla Quackenbush
Entire Congregation, St. Raphael Catholic Church

Dear Father Tom and Ms. Eileen,

A Heartfelt Thank You

We're deeply grateful for your kindness and hospitality during our HOPSA USA-Canada Thanksgiving Mass at your parish. Your generosity and warmth made our celebration truly memorable. The sermon was a powerful reminder of God's glory, and your example of loving and serving others is a testament to your Christian values. Father Tom, we'd also like to extend a special thank you for taking pictures with us - it was a wonderful way to capture the moment! Your willingness to make us feel at home and part of the community didn't go unnoticed, and we truly appreciate it. Ms. Priscilla, you went over and above to ensure we had captured every angle of our memorable day. Thank you!

Ms. Eileen, our deepest thanks go to you for picking up the phone when I first contacted you, and for making everything possible for our reunion Mass. God bless you all.

On behalf of the HOPSANS executives, I'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks for opening your church doors to us. Please extend our thanks to your congregation for obliging us too. May the Holy Child Jesus bless you abundantly and meet your needs.

With sincere appreciation,

Doreen B. Agyeman

Doreen Awuku-Agyeman
President, HOPSA USA-Canada
Tel#: 973.216.7869

HOPSA USA/Canada -1324 Hogan Drive, South

**Holy Mass and
Healing Service**



**Tuesday, August 5
7:00 PM**

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

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the
Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Thank you!

With the help of St. Raphael Catholic Church's Baby Bottle Campaign, the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center can help women with pregnancy services, parenting classes, and material goods for their babies, from diapers to car seats and cribs. We could not do the work we do without your support!

Prayer Flare Email List

When a woman considering abortion comes to our center, we want to invite the community to pray for her and the life of her unborn child.



If you would like to be a part
of our Prayer Flare list
please scan the QR code.

Religious Education

Karen Watson, 301-762-2143 ext. 124



St. Raphael Religious Education Registration is Open!

We are excited to announce that registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education program is now open! We invite all families to enroll their children in our program, which aims to nurture their faith and understanding of God.

What we offer:

- Classes for children in all grades.
- Preparing children for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.
 - Two consecutive years of religious education classes are required before receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- A welcoming and engaging environment for children to learn and grow in their faith.
- Opportunities to serve as a Catechist or classroom aide. Share your faith and make a difference in the lives of our children!
- Our dedicated catechists are the heart of our program, generously sharing their time, faith, and love with our students each week.

Registration Information:



Online registration: Visit <https://straphaels.org/registration-for-2025-2026-srre> to register online or use the QR code to direct you to our registration page. Financial assistance is available for families in need.

In-person registration: Coming soon: please check the bulletin for specific dates and times when registration will be available in person. Please contact Karen Watson at kwatson@straphaels.org if you require assistance sooner.

Late registration: Late registrations may be accepted after 8/31/2025, but a late fee may apply.

Required documents: Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if they are new to the program.

Contact: For any questions or for more information, please contact Karen Watson at kwatson@straphaels.org

We look forward to welcoming your children to Religious Education!

****VIRTUS Child Protection Training – Required for Volunteers****

All adults who wish to volunteer with children or teens in parish programs **must complete the Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection Program**, which includes:

VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" training

Volunteer application

Fingerprinting & background check

Review of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy

Training sessions are offered **online**. Start the process today by contacting the SRRE office.

For dates and registration, visit <http://www.virtusonline.org>. Click on "First Time Registrant," then "View a list of sessions," and select "Washington, DC (Archdiocese)." Let's work together to keep our children safe.

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 Karen Watson: kwatson@straphaels.org for information on becoming a CLW leader or assistant.



St. Raphael Religious Education is looking for volunteers to serve as catechists and assistants to help with our faith formation program for children and teens. Opportunities include:

Catechists for Grades K–8: Sessions are held Sunday evenings, Monday afternoons and evenings, and select Sundays for Family Catechesis. Volunteers help guide students in learning about the Catholic faith.

Assistants and Support Roles: These include classroom aides, substitute catechists, in addition to other supporting roles.

Training and Support Provided: Volunteers receive lesson plans, materials, and classroom strategy techniques. Background checks and Virtus training are required.

You can find more details and contact information on our webpage <https://straphaels.org/religious-education> or contact Karen Watson: kwatson@straphaels.org

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)

July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

—Peter Scagnelli

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

July 16

Today's feast dates back to the 14th century, when it was instituted by the Carmelite order in celebration of the pope's approval of its name and constitutions. It is celebrated on July 16th because Carmelite tradition states that Our Lady appeared to Simon Stock and gave him the scapular on that day. Hermits lived on Mount Carmel in northern Israel in the 12th century and by the 13th century they became known as the "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The Carmelites have a long standing reputation for being especially devoted to Mary and have promoted devotion to her throughout the centuries. Saint Teresa of Avila even called them "the Order of the Virgin". The [scapular](#) they wear, and invite all of us to wear as well, symbolizes her special protection and calls us to prayer and penance. Now this feast is celebrated all over the world, from Spain to Peru and beyond. Our Lady lovingly covers us with her mantle of protection and calls us into a deeper relationship with Our Lord. Let us answer that call today.

—Tami Urcia

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

—James Field



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