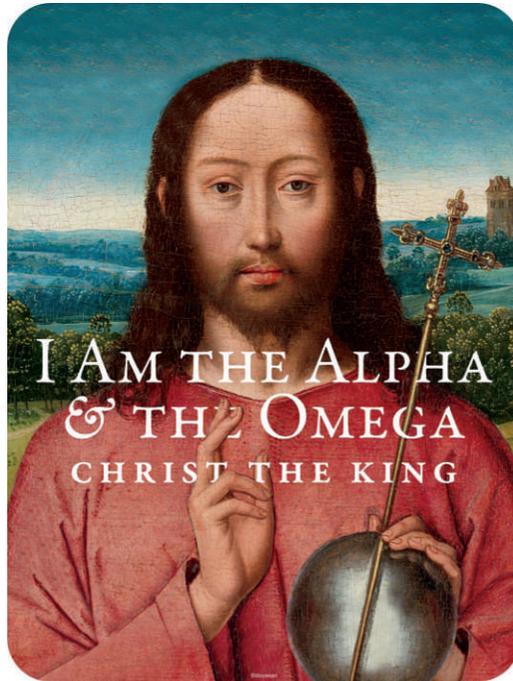


St. Raphael Catholic Church



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November 23, 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.

Update Your Online Parish Giving
 Faith Direct has merged to be part of the ParishSoft Giving platform.
 What you need to know!
 All your giving data and payment information was securely migrated over so that you do not have to create a new account. Your login information will be the same password that you had in Faith Direct and your user name will be the email address on file on your account. However if you have any trouble with it, we recommend to click 'forgot password' and instructions will be sent to your email to reset your password.

If you should have any questions or need any assistance on your account, you can contact ParishSOFT Donor Support at donorsupport@parishsoft.com or call #866-930-4774 option 6.

If you're signed up for weekly offering, the amount that you want to donate weekly will be deducted weekly instead of once a month! This is a benefit to not only you but the parish as well. If you don't like it and would like to keep the amount just once a month, you will be able to log in and update your account or contact Donor Support to have that change made as well. You're also no longer locked into the 4th or the 15th, you'd be able to log in and set your recurring gifts based on your schedule any day of the month.

**Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week
Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time or
Last Week in Ordinary Time**

Monday, November 24

6:30AM All Souls
9:00AM Thomas R. Gira (d)

Tuesday, November 25

6:30AM All Souls
9:00AM Yeonku Sohn (d) (school attends)

Wednesday, November 26

6:30AM All Souls
9:00AM Jae Kwon Suh (d)

Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day)

8:00AM Cupples Family (I&d)
10:00AM All Souls
11:30AM Members of the Parish
Spanish

Friday, November 28

6:30AM All Souls
9:00AM Deacon Richard Mattocks (d)

Saturday, November 29

9:00AM Tamara Oei
5:00PM Fr. Tom Jim Verme (d)

Sunday, November 30

7:00AM Fr. Mike Rosemarie Buckley (d)
8:30AM Fr. Tom All Souls
10:00AM Fr. Tom Jesse Colgrove (d)
11:30AM Fr. Mike Jae-Ho Song (d)
1:00PM Fr. Joe Etelvina Elias de Valdez (d)
6:00PM Fr. Joe Members of the Parish

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.

Page 8 has December reminders for your calendar.

Please pray for the soul of

Horacio Cifani, brother-in-law of Monica Pourrat



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

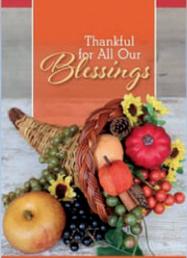
Parishioners who have lost a family member outside of the parish, please call 240-864-2510 with their names and they will be included in prayers.

Your Parish Giving
 The new sign in link for both NEW and Existing parish donors is
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-34>
 ParishSOFT Donor Support
 at donorsupport@parishsoft.com
 or call #866-930-4774 option 6.



This is new QR code for Parishsoft (Faith Direct) eGiving

Thanksgiving Day Masses
Thursday, November 27



8:00AM
10:00AM
11:30AM Spanish

Thanksgiving Sharing 2025



The St. Martin's/St. Raphael's Twinning Committee will again be collecting food donations for Blessing Baskets to go to needy families in the neighborhoods around our Twin Parish, St. Martin's, which is located on North Capital Street, in Washington, D.C.

Two dates to donate: **November 16 and 23 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.** Tables will be located on either side of the church with volunteers who will collect your donations. *Please bring items ONLY on these two dates* (gift cards may be left at the rectory between the 16th and 23rd).

Blessing Baskets are nonperishable food items for families to cook their own Thanksgiving dinners, along with a gift card to purchase a turkey:

- Canned Vegetables (corn, green beans, peas, etc)
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Turkey Gravy or Packaged Dry Gravy Mix
- Boxed Stuffing Mix (*no bags please*)
- Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Rice (1 to 2 lb packages)
- Corn Bread Mix
- Canned Cranberry Sauce (we always run short of this!)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, applesauce)
- Cake Mix and Frosting (we always run short of this!)
- Jarred Baby Food (meat, vegetable, starch and cereals) or baby formula.
- Giant Gift Cards \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25 or \$50**

NO frozen turkeys, please.

Last Weekend for these Collections.

Thanksgiving Sharing 2025

This Sunday Only



Again this year, the St. Martin's/St. Raphael's Twinning Committee will also be collecting new or like new clean winter gear* for children, youth and adults. There is a particular need for children's clothing.

Collection will be on Sunday, November 23, ONLY 8:00 am to 1 pm.

***Winter Gear: coats, vests, hats, gloves, scarves. Gear must be clean and show little wear and tear. Zippers must be in working order.**

Questions? Contact Eileen Cheng at 301-606-0277.

Join Our Team!!

If you are interested in helping to support this Thanksgiving Sharing event, we are welcoming volunteers for a variety of tasks (collect donations, sort food, sort clothes, drive food down to St. Martins, and/or sort the food there into blessing baskets). **If interested, please contact Steve Caramanico at steve.caramanico@gmail.com or Carolyn Tyc and Jeff Dunckel at tyc1dunc3@aol.com.**

Fr. Tom will be a chaplain for a trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic for Catholics, mostly singles January 24-31. Mass and holy hour daily. Beachfront resort. inquire at <https://anchoredinfaithtravel.com/>

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.

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.

Thank you to those who contributed by using your envelopes to the Archdiocese of Military Services on November 9.

The envelope company had a printing error and sent envelopes (November 9) for Archdiocese for the Military Services in addition to the Archdiocese Retired Priest fund.

The collection for the Archdiocese of Military Services is a bi-annual collection, scheduled for January 25, 2026. (No collection in 2025)

If you made a donation in November, those funds, as well as the funds collected in January 2026 will be sent to the Archdiocese of Military Services. We apologize for the confusion and have corrected the envelope company envelope mailing calendar for 2026.

Volunteers Needed! Can you help?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for volunteers to join the committee. Our mission is to serve the poor in our local community. Our volunteers meet twice per month at the parish library and make home visits (along with a partner) to meet the neighbors in need to see how our committee can assist. Due to the economic hardships our area is facing we are receiving many calls for help with rent, utilities and food. We need more volunteers to assist with our cases. Time commitment is approximately 2-3 hours per month.

Anyone interested can contact Amy May, 240-491-2325.

A peek behind our classroom doors

School News



November 23, 2025



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School Spirit!

Students at St. Raphael School showed off their Halloween costumes at our festive parades and parties on Halloween! From sharks to superheroes, the halls were filled with laughter, color, and joy as students celebrated the season with imaginative flair.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING - NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Gathering Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (Verses 1 and 4)

Gather Hymnal #826

Gloria

Mass of Saint Ann - Ed Bolduc

Glo- ry! Glo-ry to God in the high- est. Glo- ry! 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- en- ly King. O
God, al- migh- ty 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:5-6, 7-9a, 9bc

Let_ us_ go re - joic - ing to the hou - se of the Lord;
Let_ us_ go re - joic - ing to the hou - se of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Hymn *Worthy Is the Lamb*

Ricky Manalo

Wor - thy is the Lamb that was slain _____ to re - ceive hon - or and
 glo - ry. Wor - thy are the ones who be - lieve _____
 _____ to re - ceive the good - ness of God. _____

Communion Antiphon

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Curtis Stephan

The Lord sits as King for ev - er. The Lord will bless
 his peo - ple with peace.

Communion Procession *Behold the Lamb of God*

Gather Hymnal #824

Meditation Hymn *Sweet Redeemer*

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart

Sweet re - deem - er, I sur - ren der all I am to _____ you.
 Sweet re - deem - er, I sur - ren der all I am to _____ you.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Missalette #147

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Holy Mass and Healing Service

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 PM



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

Looking Ahead to December



All parishioners are invited to our First Friday Coffee & Speaker Series

When: Friday, December 5th at 10:00AM
Where: Parish Library

Featuring: We are delighted to welcome our own Fr. Joe Gonzalez, who will be our speaker on the topic of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Light refreshments will be served



COFFEE AND DONUTS
Trumpet Room
DECEMBER 7

AFTER THE
8:30, 10:00,
11:30 AM
AND
1:00 PM

The Respect Life Committee will be selling religious Christmas cards again this year to benefit Montgomery County Right to Life at the morning Coffee and Donuts.



Breakfast with Santa

HO! HO! HO! Santa is coming to St. Raphael's!

Saturday, December 6, Trumpet Room
Breakfast with Santa from 9:00 - 11:00 AM
(pancakes & sausage)

The donation per family is \$25.00.

There will be food, crafts, Santa's Secret Shop (items cost \$2.00 each), raffles, and of course a visit from Santa himself.

This event is for registered parishioners only. If you need to register to become a parishioner at St. Raphael's, please contact the parish office! There is a limited amount of seating (300) and the event fills quickly. Each family will be limited to two adults.



PLEASE RSVP using QR code by 3PM, Monday, December 1
Questions, please email Peggy Weldon pweldon@holychild.org



Family Holy Hour

Family Holy Hour is on Dec. 5th!
Families of all sizes and ages are welcome to join us at St. Raphael's!

6:00-7:00pm: Praise and Worship Eucharistic Adoration/Confessions in the church.
7:00-8:00pm: Fellowship in parish courtyard/library with drinks.

Contact Mike and Annie McHugh for more details at mmchugh@straphaels.org amchugh@straphaels.org

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, December 8
A Holy Day of Obligation*



Masses

6:30 and 9:00 AM

4:30 and 6:30 PM

8:00 PM in Spanish

Everyone is invited to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe

The St. Raphael Catholic Church, Spanish Committee cordially invites you to participate in a Solemn Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas, **Sunday, December 14 at 1:00PM.** After the Mass, there will be a procession to the Trumpet Room, Folkloric show, raffles, lunch and a presentation of the Miracle of the Tepeyac.

For more information, contact:
Luisa Duarte 240-864-2565



Religious Education

Karen Watson, 301-762-2143, ext. 124

Help Coordinate the St. Raphael Christmas Eve Nativity!



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Do you love bringing the Christmas story to life? We're looking for a few enthusiastic volunteers to **coordinate this year's Christmas Eve Nativity!** This favorite parish tradition needs volunteers to help with the rehearsal, costumes, and performances as our children celebrate the joy of Jesus' birth.

If you're interested in learning more or joining the team, please contact **Karen Watson** at kwatson@straphaels.org

Thank You to Our Knights of Columbus!

Saint Raphael Religious Education extends heartfelt thanks to our own Mater Dei Council #9774, Knights of Columbus, for their generous donation in support of our children and families during their faith formation journey.

Where there is a need, there is a Knight ready to offer faith-filled service! The Knights embody faith in action, living out the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Their dedication and generosity strengthen our parish and nurture our Catholic faith of the next generation.

"Charity is the foremost principle of our Order, for it binds us together in the service of God and neighbor."

– Blessed Michael McGivney

Thank You to Our Spanish Community!

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank the members of our Spanish-speaking community for their generosity and dedication in raising funds for the Saint Raphael Religious Education scholarship program. Your joyful service and faithful hearts are a true witness of love for God and His Church.

Through your efforts, more children will have the opportunity to grow in faith, learn about God's love, and deepen their relationship with Christ through our Religious Education program. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your generosity and your commitment to passing on the faith to the next generation.

"Love is shown more in deeds than in words."

– St. Ignatius of Loyola

With Gratitude to St. Raphael Sodality

St. Raphael Religious Education offers our sincere thanks to the St. Raphael Sodality for their generous scholarship in support of our Religious Education program.

Your commitment to supporting the faith formation of our young people is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and dedication to our parish community.

"To Jesus through Mary."

With gratitude in Christ,
Karen Watson
St. Raphael Religious Education

SRRE Thanksgiving Break

Please note there will be no classes on Sunday, November 23, or Monday, November 24, so that families can prepare and spend time together for Thanksgiving.

SRRE classes will resume on November 30th, including Family Catechesis.



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.

Saintly Steps with SRRE

Discover a new holy friend every week as we grow in faith together



ST. ANTHONY NAM-QUYNH

St. Anthony Nam-Quynh was a physician in Vietnam who also served as a catechist in the 19th Century. He worked alongside the missionaries of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, helping to share the love of Christ through both healing and teaching.

In 1838, he was arrested for associating with foreign missionaries and imprisoned. He used his medical skills to care for fellow prisoners and encouraged them to remain strong in faith.

St. Anthony was canonized in 1988, and his life reminds us that courage, compassion, and faith can shine even in the darkest places.

FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 24



Prayer Vigil to Witness to the Sanctity of Human Life and End Abortion

Thanks to all who supported the successful Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign by praying in front of Care Clinic's late term abortion facility at 5454 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD. Our parish will continue to support this effort by **praying the rosary the first Saturday of each month** until the Spring campaign begins in April, at the same location and time, which is December 6th, January 3rd, February 7th, and March 7th **from 10 AM - 11 AM.**

The building is across the street from the Western Ave. exit of the Friendship Heights metro stop. Paid parking is available in the building at 5454 Wisconsin Ave., free parking at the nearby Amazon Fresh (4-minute walk), and there is plenty of inexpensive, street meter parking nearby. **Please do not go alone but bring a friend with you.** Please contact Deacon Rich at MeyerRS@adw.org or meet in the vestibule after the 9 AM Mass on Saturdays, if you have questions or need help with directions.

*What could be more important than protecting the lives of innocent babies and their mothers from the devastating effects of abortion? **If you will not protect them, who will?** Women (and former abortionists) report that the prayers and presence of pro-life witnesses at abortion clinics **dissuaded over 70%** them **from** having an **abortion.***

Scripture Readings for the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday
Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Friday
Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday
Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Mother Teresa Vocation Society is a lay prayer apostolate in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington committed to praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or for a full list of upcoming First Friday Holy Hours, see mtvs-adw.org.

Advent Giving Tree 2025

The Advent Giving Tree is back at St. Raphael's! The need is even greater this year and we know that our generous parishioners will be happy for the opportunity to help the wonderful organizations that we support annually at Christmas.

Please purchase any number of **\$25 TARGET or WALMART GIFT CARDS** and get them to us by **DECEMBER 14, 2025**, so that they can be distributed before the holiday.

There are two ways you can do this:

- Bring gift cards in an envelope labeled "Advent Giving Tree" to **St Raphael's Parish Office** located behind the church on Kimblewick Road. If the office is closed, please place the envelope in the mail slot by the door.

OR

- Mail gift cards to:

St Raphael's Church
Attn: Eileen Kutchak/Advent Giving Tree
1513 Dunster Road
Rockville, MD 20854



As in past years we will be supporting St Martin of Tours Church in DC, Mission of Mercy, Interfaith Works Women Center, St Ann's Center, Children's National Hospital-Oncology Unit, Christ House DC, the Betty Krahnke Center, St. Vincent DePaul/St. Raphael Conference, the Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville, and Gabriel Network

In addition, we will also continue to support our **ANGEL GIFTS** recipients. You can support the following organizations by making online donations through their websites:

Little Sisters of the Poor: www.littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org

Montgomery Hospice: www.montgomeryhospice.org

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Anna Frankford at acfrankford@gmail.com Janice Frankford at jwfrankford@yahoo.com



Knights of Columbus

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Rockville Women's Center Ultrasound Machine Fundraiser



The Knights of Columbus are raising money to donate a new Ultrasound Machine to Rockville Women's Center.

We have a MATCHING DONOR!

Every dollar you donate will be matched. Across 5 Councils, our overall goal is **\$26,500**. Help us show the beauty of the Unborn to new mothers.





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