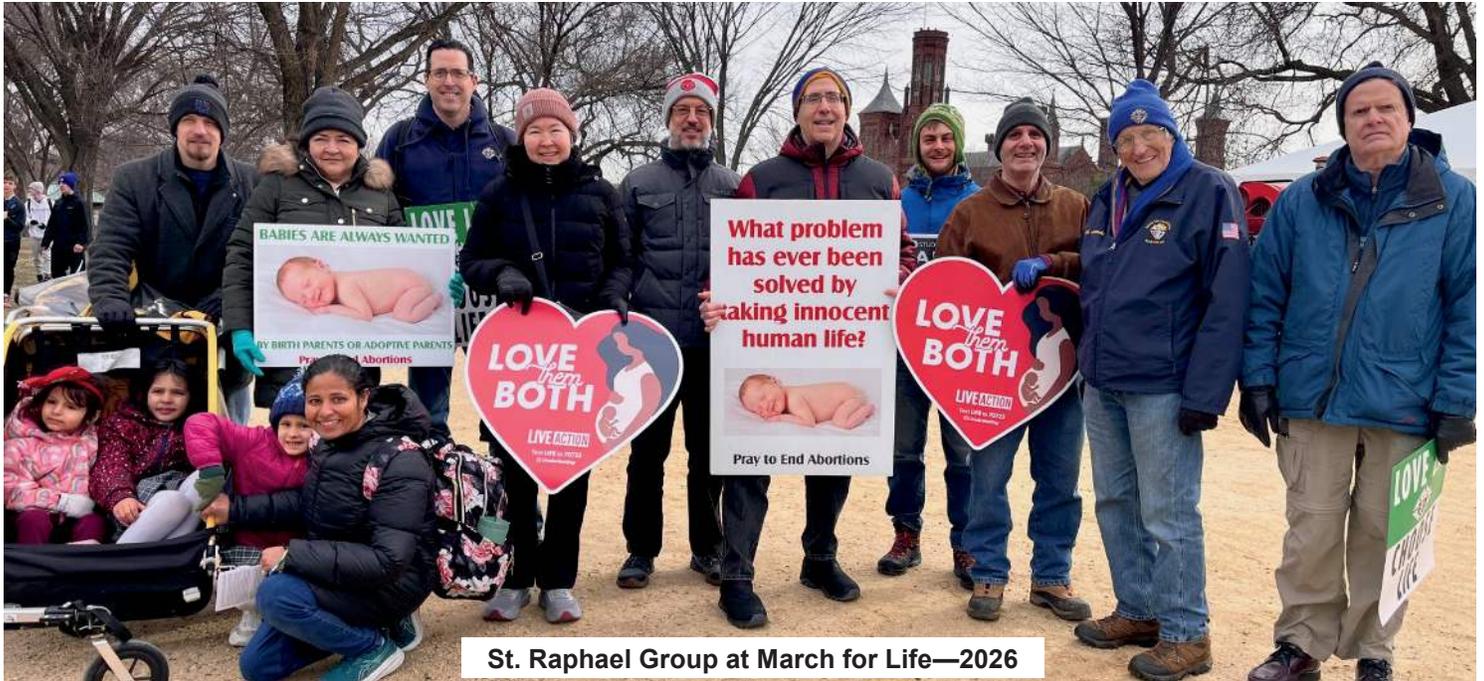


# St. Raphael Catholic Church



St. Raphael Group at March for Life—2026

1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854

February 1, 2026

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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:** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, (children), 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 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 \[donorsupport@parishsoft.com\]\(mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com\) 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 4<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>, you'd be able to log in and set your recurring gifts based on your schedule any day of the month.

### 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](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com)  
or call #866-930-4774 option 6.



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

Join us for Coffee and Donuts  
Today, Sunday, February 1,  
after the 8:30, 10, 11:30 AM and 1PM Masses

### Blessing of Throats

January 31 at 5PM Vigil Mass  
February 1 at all Sunday Masses and  
Tuesday, February 3, 6:30 & 9:00AM Masses

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 January 27.

### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, February 2

6:30AM Linda Hacker (d)  
9:00AM Betty Gill

#### Tuesday, February 3

6:30AM Diane Kappaselli (d)  
9:00AM Deacon Paul Ruffo (d)  
7:00PM Mass & Healing Service William Saco (d)

#### Wednesday, February 4

6:30AM Caroline Egielski (d)  
9:00AM James Hynes (d)

#### Thursday, February 5

6:30AM Candelaria Solorzano (d)  
9:00AM John Piper (d)

#### Friday, February 6

6:30AM Thomas Rogers (d)  
9:00AM Edward Janus (d)

#### Saturday, February 7

9:00AM Flor Alba Soto (d)  
5:00PM Fr. Mike Fr. Shaun Foggo

#### Sunday, February 8

7:00AM Fr. Joe Suzanne Shaffer (d)  
8:30AM Fr. Mike Members of the Parish  
10:00AM Fr. Tom Beth Stoycos (d)  
11:30AM Fr. Mike Anne Barrow (d)  
1:00PM Fr. Joe Jorge Duarte  
6:00PM Fr. Tom Pierre Quesnel (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](http://www.straphaels.org) and click the link to YouTube Channel.

### Please pray for the soul of

John Telesco



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.

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.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 14, 2026**

Join us at the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on **Saturday, February 14, 2026, 10:00 AM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. Couples, please register by February 6, 2026, to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate in honor of your anniversary year. All married couples and their families are welcome, regardless of how long you have been married. Couples registered will receive a certificate.

If you would like to register, email the following information to [esalatto@straphaels.org](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org)

- Name
- Number of Years Married
- Any Children attending the Mass

**High School Youth**

**Theology of the Body for High School**

Beginning on Feb. 2nd and running for 10 Mondays, Annie will be leading a high school theology of the body going deeper series. This program will dive into the teachings of Saint John Paul II on marriage, chastity, sexuality and more. 7:30-8:45pm in the youth center. Cost is \$22, please email [amchugh@straphaels.org](mailto:amchugh@straphaels.org) to register your teen.

For more information on programs, or to be added to a youth ministry listserve, please contact Mike McHugh at [mmchugh@straphaels.org](mailto:mmchugh@straphaels.org)

**2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal**

Next weekend, parishioners will be asked prayerfully to make their commitment to the 2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal. Please take a brochure after Mass this weekend, or visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org), to learn more about how the Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout our communities in the area. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year, no matter the amount. All gifts will be credited towards our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to **Be the Light: The 2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal!**

**2025 Contribution Statements**

Contribution Statements for 2025 were mailed last week.

If you are in need of a 2025 contribution statement, please call or email Eileen Kutchak 240-864-2510, [ekutchak@straphaels.org](mailto:ekutchak@straphaels.org) with your last name and envelope number. Those contributing through Faith Direct/ParishSoft will receive an additional statement from Faith Direct/ParishSoft. The Archdiocese Annual Appeal statements are sent to donors by the Archdiocese of Washington.



**“Vocations Tree” Coming Soon!**

What’s a “Vocations Tree?” Shortly before Ash Wednesday, you’ll find a display in the church narthex covered with cards. Each card features a seminarian of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. We invite you to choose one card (or more than one) and commit to praying a short prayer for that seminarian each day during Lent. This is a great activity for families, too!

**Rockville Catholic Summer Program**

Registration opens in February for our parish summer camp, the Rockville Catholic Summer Program! Each year, RCSP hosts 1,500+ campers, ages 4-14, for seven weeks of sports, crafts, LEGO robotics, tree house building, Minecraft and more! Our prices are the lowest in the area and our staff is the best!

Visit [www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com](http://www.rockvillecatholicsummer.com) to learn more! Contact [rockvillecatholicsummer@gmail.com](mailto:rockvillecatholicsummer@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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.

**Holy Mass and Healing Service**

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

**7:00 PM**



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

# School News

A peek behind our classroom doors

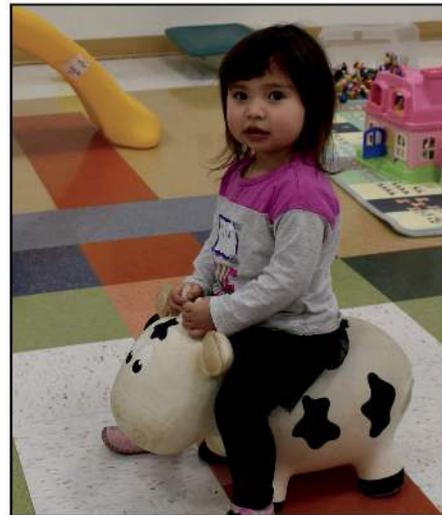


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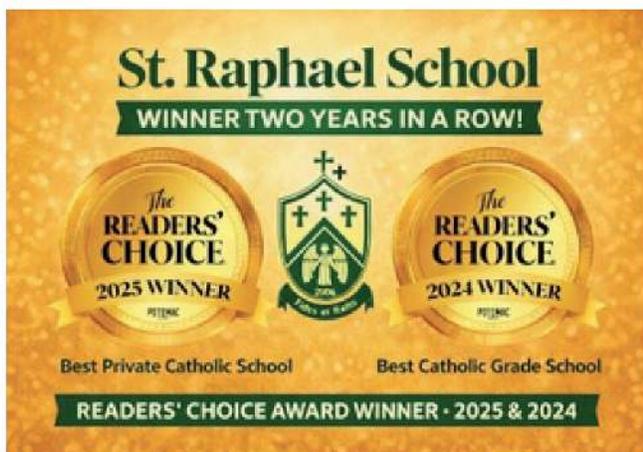


## Come, Stay & Play!

Join us Tuesdays AND Thursdays from 9:30-10:30AM at our Stay and Play program, for toddlers and their parents/caregivers. Enjoy music, art, circle time, stories, and more as your little ones get comfortable at SRNS.



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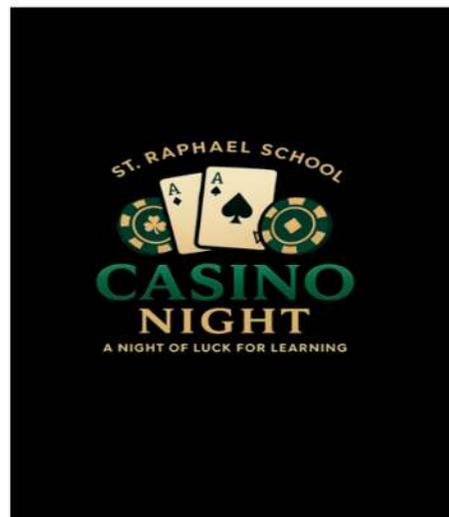


St. Raphael School is proud to share that we have been recognized for two consecutive years by Potomac Lifestyle Magazine's Readers' Choice Awards, receiving Best Grade School in 2024 and Best Catholic Private School in 2025.



Our parish and school community were proudly represented at the January 17, 2026 awards reception by Michelle Roche, Laura Long, and Sabrina Colaiani.

**WE ARE ST. RAPHAEL!**



PARISHIONERS, COMMUNITY, AND FRIENDS - TAKE A CHANCE, MEET NEW FACES, AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FUN WHILE SUPPORTING ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL!



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Gathering Hymn *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*

Gather Hymnal #613

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-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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10

Bless-ed are the poor in spir-it; the king-dom of heav-en is  
theirs, the king-dom of heav-en is theirs.

Gospel Acclamation

William Gokelman, David Kaufmann

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Hymn *Blessed Are You* Catherine Benskin

1. Come, come to my king-dom. Come, you will be blest. 2. Come, find joy and rest.

Communion Antiphon Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Curtis Stephan

Let your face shine on your ser- vant. Save me  
in your mer- ci- ful love. O Lord, let me new - er be  
put to shame, for I call on you.

Communion Procession *Praise the Lord My Soul* Sarah Hart

Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord, my soul!

Meditation Hymn *Blessed Are the Poor* Kate Williams

Re - jice, be glad, for heav- en is com- ing. Re -  
jice, be glad, for heav- en is com- ing to you.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Hymn *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* Missalette #260

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

**When:** Friday, February 6, 2026  
at 10:00AM

**Where:** Parish Library

Come discover Mary Apparitions in France, with Laure Quesnel presenting *Our Lady of Prayer* and Fr. Jean-Marie Vincent speaking on *Our Lady of La Salette*

Light refreshments will be served



## Family Holy Hour

Family Holy Hour is on February 6<sup>th</sup>!  
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](mailto:mmchugh@straphaels.org) [amchugh@straphaels.org](mailto:amchugh@straphaels.org)



### Looking Ahead



## Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026

### Masses:

6:30 and 9:00AM

4:30 and 6:30PM

8:00PM in Spanish

Confessions during lent will begin at 6:30PM

The collection on Ash Wednesday is for Church in the Developing World (Church in Latin America, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Church in Africa)

### 2026 Lenten Small Home Groups Forming

Are you giving thought to your Lenten sacrifice? Last year a number of you joined us in a Lenten Neighborhood Small Home Group Scripture Study. Our 2026 Lenten initiative, will pattern our meetings like the 2025 program. We'll meet on Sunday evenings and will be using the USCCB material for the Sunday following our meetings (includes reference to scriptures, and questions for discussion). This will be provided electronically for your study and use prior to our meetings. Meetings will start at 7:00 PM, wrap up by 8:30 PM. Hosts will provide coffee and cookies for social. Meeting dates: February 15 & 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. We are looking for participants and leaders. You are encouraged to join with your neighbors and friends. Time is short to bring groups together.

You may send your response to [StRaphaelSG1@outlook.com](mailto:StRaphaelSG1@outlook.com)  
Please include: name, complete address, email address and preferred telephone number

Blessings, Dick Jasinski



**Religious Education**

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

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORM PAST DUE**

**Dear Confirmation 2026 Families:**

Thank you to the families who have already turned in Sponsor Forms by the **1/23/2026** due date. We are grateful for your help and cooperation!



If you have not yet submitted your student's Sponsor Form, please turn in a **completed and sealed Sponsor Form** as soon as possible. This required form must be submitted

to keep your student eligible and on track for Confirmation.

**Submit to:** SRRE Office

Thank you for your prompt attention as we continue our preparations for **Confirmation on May 9, 2026.**



**\*\*VIRTUS Child Protection Training – Required for All Adult Volunteers\*\***

**All adults who volunteer with children or teens must complete the Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection Program**, which includes *VIRTUS Protecting God's Children* training, a volunteer application, fingerprinting and a background check, and a review of the Archdiocesan Child Protection Policy.

Training is available online. To begin, contact the SRRE office. You may also visit

<https://straphaels.org/volunteer>

**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. Scholastica (Feast Day: February 10)**

Regarded as the patron saint of nuns, education, and is often invoked against storms and rain

*First Eucharist*  
**PARENT MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**  
**7:00 PM in the Church**



Tuesday, **February 10**, we celebrate the feast of **St. Scholastica**, the twin sister of St. Benedict and a powerful witness to prayer and holy friendship. Tradition tells us Scholastica and Benedict encouraged one another to seek God first because faith grows best when we don't try to do it alone. As school, sports, and schedules get busy, St. Scholastica reminds us to pause, pray, and make space for what lasts.

**St. Scholastica, Pray for Us.**

*Our Monday afternoon*  
Grade 1 Religious Education class is growing, and we're looking for an assistant to help in the classroom.

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Middle school or high school students (service hours available) or adults are welcome!

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Class time: Mondays, 4:30–5:45 PM

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Please contact:  
[kwatson@straphaels.org](mailto:kwatson@straphaels.org)



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Ultrasound Machine Fundraiser is complete!  
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phone's camera to send baby  
goods directly to **Rockville  
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Amazon baby registry!  
Scan the QR code to donate  
today!



**Scripture Readings for the Week of February 1, 2026**

**Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday**  
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30; 19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**  
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday**  
1 Kings 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**Bereavement Sessions at Blessed Sacrament  
Catholic Church (Virtual)**

Starting February 17, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church is offering 8 bereavement sessions. The focus of the sessions is to honor the life of your lost loved one. Although it can be difficult, attendees tell the story of their loss, review photos that reveal the special relationship that existed with their loved one and explore how their loved one influenced their life. This program is for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin Tuesday February 17, 2026, and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through April 7, 2026 from 7:00-8:30 PM. The meetings are VIRTUAL. For more information or to sign up contact Jim Hoffman at [hoffmanjpc@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmanjpc@gmail.com) or call cell: (202) 577- 2213.



**Order of Malta  
Federal Association, U.S.A.**

The Order of Malta Invites You to Attend  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Lourdes Anointing Mass**

For the Sick, Mobility Challenged, Elderly and their Companions



**Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 10:30 AM**

Our Lady of Mercy Church  
9200 Kentsdale Drive  
Potomac, Maryland  
Complimentary lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

Questions call: **Barbara Ritschel 202-674-2931**  
or email [barbaraff@live.com](mailto:barbaraff@live.com)

**DAY OF PRAYER  
AND HEALING**

Post Abortion Healing Retreat for Women

April 25, 2026  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. ET

Retreat based on the *Entering Canaan* Model

Suggested donation: \$40.00 (financial assistance available)

For more information, contact Project Rachel Ministry  
at 301-982-2008 or [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org)



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





# Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

For further information, please call the parish office.

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