

# St. Raphael Catholic Church



**1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854**

**April 19, 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:** 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

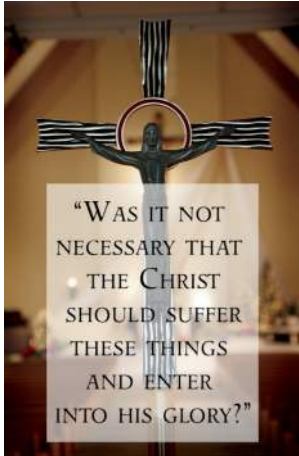
**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parish Registration and a Baptism class is required. Please contact Eileen Kutchak, 240-864-2510, to register and plan to attend the class while awaiting the birth or adoption of your child.

**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.

The second collection next weekend is for the Church Missions within the US (Catholic Home Mission Appeal, Black and Indian Missions). Thank you for your support.

The next Coffee and Donuts will be held on Sunday, May 2.



### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week Third Week of Easter

#### Monday, April 20

6:30AM Victoria Ayuque  
9:00AM Deacon Lawrence A. Miles (d)

#### Tuesday, April 21

6:30AM Nilo Najarro  
9:00AM Joseph Guerci (d)

#### Wednesday, April 22

6:30AM Francisco Silva Diaz (d)  
9:00AM Jaime Garcia (d)

#### Thursday, April 23

6:30AM Alexa Young  
9:00AM Les Waffen (d)

#### Friday, April 24

6:30AM Elena Berrocal (d)  
9:00AM Joyce Ringel (d)

#### Saturday, April 25

9:00AM Hermino Berrocal (d)  
5:00PM Fr. Mike Fausto Stacey (d)

#### Sunday, April 26

7:00AM Fr. Joe Senobio Berrocal (d)  
8:30AM Fr. Tom Deacon Richard Mattocks (d)  
10:00AM Fr. Mike Members of the Parish  
11:30AM Fr. Tom Helene Walsh (d)  
1:00PM Fr. Joe Mauricio Romero (d)  
6:00PM Fr. Mike Scharlotte A. Saxour (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.

#### 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

#### Baptisms—April 11

Gabriel Jace Bustillo  
Nicolas Esteban Ellis  
Emma Leigh Fritz

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 April 14.

#### Please pray for the soul of

Bruce Fibich, brother of Barbara Lee,  
Clarita Posada, sister of Jaime Posada  
Betty Sicora, mother of Andrew Sicora



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.

## Holy Mass and Healing Service

Tuesday, May 5, 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.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of April 19, 2026

**Sunday Third Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**Monday**  
Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday** Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist**  
1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

### Third Sunday of Easter TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Mystagogy,” reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a “pentecost,” in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord “has gone before you into Galilee.” Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

—Rev. James Field

### Be the Light: 2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal

If you missed the opportunity, It is not too late to participate this year. Visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish family and serves people in need.

### 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).

We accept donated items in good condition

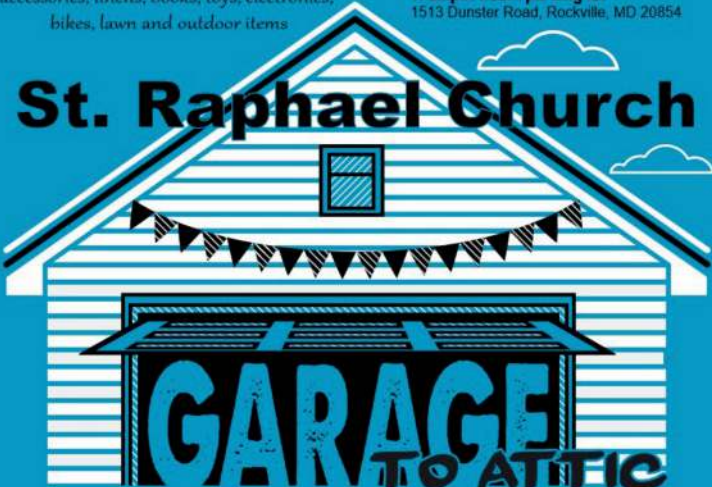
Clothing, furniture, appliances, boutique accessories, linens, books, toys, electronics, bikes, lawn and outdoor items

#### Dropoff Donations

Thursday, June 18, 2026 (1:00pm to 7:00pm)  
Friday, June 19 2026 (9:00am - 6:00pm)

Trumpet Room parking lot  
1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD 20854

## St. Raphael Church



We offer scheduled pickups of large items  
For more information, please contact

Rafael Ramirez  
(202) 603-0353 (text or voicemail)  
rafram23@yahoo.com (email)

June 20, 2026 (9:00am - 2:00pm)

#### We do NOT accept

Mattresses, sofa beds, non-working electrical or mechanical items, tires, dirty clothing, fuel (unless in yard tools), medical supplies, cribs, baby car seats / carriers, or broken, damaged, stained or extremely worn furniture.



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### 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.

# School News



A peek behind our classroom doors

APRIL 19, 2026



## Spring in Full Swing



It's been a fun and busy spring at St. Raphael! We enjoyed St. Patrick's Day Irish dancing and a fun dine-out to support our school. Our 6th graders pose in front of a tree in bloom after morning prayer, showing appreciation for all things spring! It's been a season full of joy and special moments.



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



St. Raphael School  
*Casino Night*  
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Adult Social

PARISHIONERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED  
APRIL 25, 2026 6:00–10:30 PM

- Live and Online Auction
- Professional Dealers and Tables

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 19, 2026

Opening Hymn *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Missalette \$174

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-en-ly King, O God al-might-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.  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation

Festival Alleluia

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation Hymn *Two Were Bound for Emmaus*

Bob Hurd

Communion Antiphon

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Curtis Stephan

The dis-ci - ples rec- og- nized the Lord Je- sus\_ in the break-  
ing of the bread, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia,

Communion Procession

*This Body Will Be Given for You*

This bod-y will be giv - en for you. This is the cup of the new cov - e - nant\_ in my  
blood;\_ when - ev - er you re - ceive them, do so in re - mem - brance of me.

Communion Meditation *See My Hands and Feet*

George H. Day

See my hands and feet, said Je- sus,  
Love a - ris - en from the\_ grave. Be my\_ hands and  
feet, said Je- sus, Live as\_ ones I\_ died to save.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise*

Missalette #169

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**LIFE-GIVING  
Wounds**

**UPCOMING RETREAT:**

Date:  
May 22-24, 2026

Location:  
4000 Harewood Rd. NE,  
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Cost:  
\$325 ages 26+  
\$250 ages 18-25

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Register at  
[www.lifegivingwounds.org/maryland-dc-retreat](http://www.lifegivingwounds.org/maryland-dc-retreat)

**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 301-962-2008 or [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org)





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



# CASH BINGO

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026  
Doors open - 5:30 pm, Bingo - 6:30 pm

Over \$1000 in Cash Prizes

at Mother Seton Parish Center  
19951 Father Hurley Boulevard, Germantown, MD 20874

Funds raised support the KofC council 11024. Thank you for your support!

**TICKET:**

**\$30** (Register by 04/25)      **\$35** (between 04/26-05/02)  
\*Includes door prize raffle, regular bingo games, snacks, water

**BY CHECK:** Mail checks made out to "KofC #11024" with Name, email address, seating request in envelope addressed to  
*KofC Bingo at Mother Seton Parish, 19951 Father Hurley Blvd, Germantown, MD 20874*  
Checks need to be received by April 25 for the discounted rate.

**ONLINE:** Payment can also be made online with the following link:  
[KofC Bingo Tickets May 2026](#)  
or scan the code below  
Please note: if payment is being made by online, an additional convenience fee will be charged



**Add Ons:**  
(Buy tickets at Event)

"Specials" Bingo games  
50-50 Cash Raffles

As seating is limited, request for reserved group table of eight will be considered till April 25, thereafter it would be on "best effort" basis.

Contact:  
Christopher Dominic 405-740-2883 [chrisandeeep18@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandeeep18@gmail.com)

*Must be 18 or older to attend. No alcohol allowed per Montgomery County MD law.*



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**Pray for Moms in Need**  
A novena inspired by St. Gianna Beretta Molla starts this Sunday!

Sunday, April 19—Monday, April 27

<https://www.walkingwithmoms.com/saint-gianna-novena>

**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  
SGT Christian John C. Bravo, USMC  
BU3 Logan Discavage  
LT Victor H. Esch, III, USA  
CPT Paul D Galvin  
E-3/HN Colleen Gardella  
Robert Garret, US Army MP  
SGT Samuel Guerrero, USMC  
Taylor Hardy, AE USN  
Major 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  
Lc. Corporal Sam Mackey, USMC  
Commander Mike McNally, USN  
Charles McTavish, USA  
Robert Peyton, USA disabled vet  
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](mailto:esalatto@straphaels.org)



**Religious Education**

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

*We're Heading Into the Home Stretch!*

**First Communion Mandatory Practice**

**April 29th**

**5:00 PM for 11 AM Mass**  
**6:30 PM for the 1 PM Mass**

**Michael**

*Please Bring Completed Banners & First Eucharist Workbooks!*  
*To the practice session.*

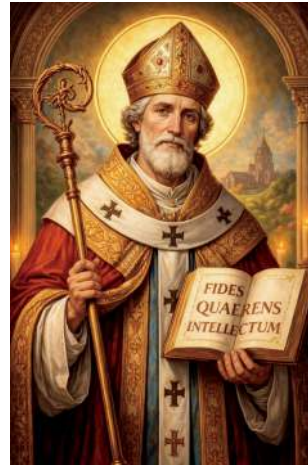
**God's Gift Eucharist**

**St. Raphael Church**

**Saintly Steps with SRRE**

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

**St. Anselm – Feast Day: April 21**



St. Anselm was an 11th-century monk, teacher, and Archbishop of Canterbury who became one of the Church's great saints and thinkers. **He is best known for teaching that faith seeks understanding**, reminding us that asking questions and searching for truth can lead us closer to God. His example shows us that the Catholic faith is not just something we inherit, but something we are called to explore, understand, and make our own. Through prayer, the Mass, the sacraments, and service to others, we can grow in

a faith that is thoughtful, personal, and alive. May St. Anselm inspire us to seek Christ with both heart and mind, and to follow Him with courage, purpose, and joy.

**IHS**

*First Communion Masses*

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM & 1 PM**

*Confirmation Masses*

**May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM & 1 PM**

**VIRTUS<sup>®</sup>Online**

**\*\*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.

**OCIA**   
**for Children (Age 7+): & Adults**

Is your child **age 7 or older** and **not baptized**?  
Are you an **adult** who is **not baptized**  
and interested in becoming Catholic?



**St. Raphael's offers OCIA**  
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
with a track for **children age 7+** and a group for  
**adults**, to prepare for **Baptism** and the **Sacraments**.

For Adults: contact Krys Psurek: [OCIA@straphaels.org](mailto:OCIA@straphaels.org)  
For Children: contact Karen Watson: [kwatson@straphaels.org](mailto:kwatson@straphaels.org)

<https://straphaels.org/becoming-a-catholic>



**Congratulations and Welcome to all who received Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.**



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