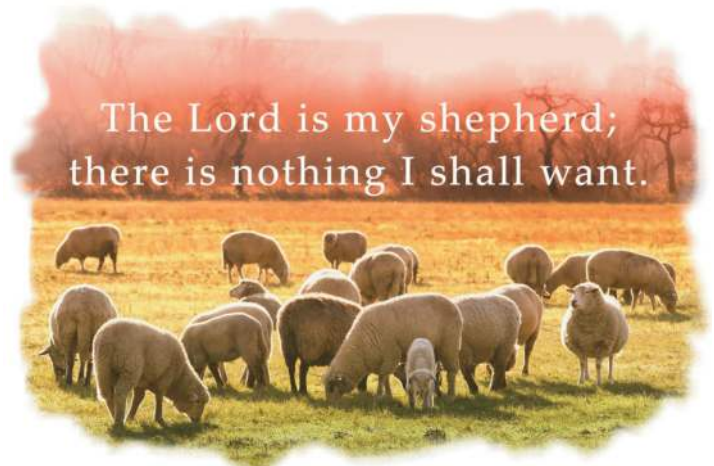
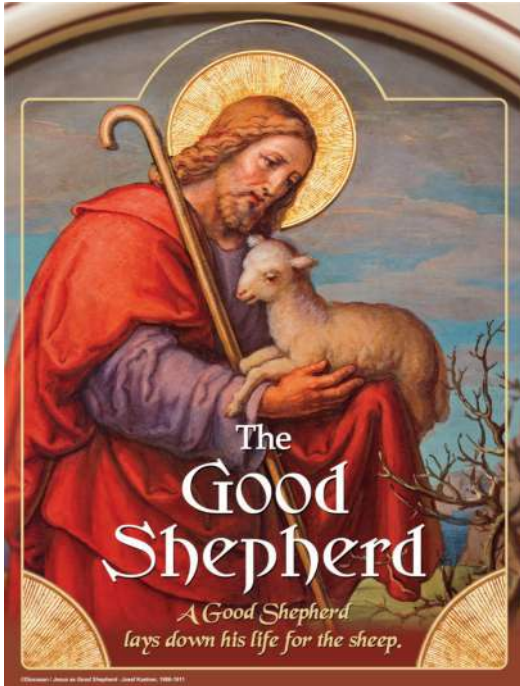


St. Raphael Catholic Church



1513 Dunster Road Rockville, Maryland 20854

April 26, 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

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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 this 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 next weekend on Sunday, May 2.

Respect For Life Carnation Sale on Mother's Day— May 10



The Respect Life committee will be selling carnations on Mother's Day, May 10, to benefit Montgomery County Right to Life. Single long stem carnations, corsages and bouquets will be available. Cash or checks will be accepted, no credit card sales.

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

Baptism - April 17
Ethan Riley Rice-Bryant

Bulletin notices are due in writing ON THURSDAY, THE WEEK BEFORE the published date and emailed to: esalatto@straphaels.org. This bulletin was transmitted April 21.

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.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week Fourth Week of Easter

Monday, April 27

6:30AM Hernan Mondragon
9:00AM Rosemarie Buckley (d)

Tuesday, April 28

6:30AM Mary Beaudoin
9:00AM Annmarie Valenti (d)

Wednesday, April 29

6:30AM Dario Berrocal (d)
9:00AM Ginger Marquez (d)

Thursday, April 30

6:30AM Epolita Gutierrez (d)
9:00AM Joseph M. Donnelly (d)

Friday, May 1

6:30AM Oscar & Maria Socorro Martinez & Family
9:00AM Daniel Tan (d)

Saturday, May 2

9:00AM Elizabeth Aino (d)
11:00AM First Communion Mass
1:00PM First Communion Mass
5:00PM Fr. Mike Charlie Miller (d)

Sunday, May 3

7:00AM Fr. Tom Sick & Dying
8:30AM Fr. Joe Mae McElroy (d)
10:00AM Fr. Mike Gary Welsh (d)
11:30AM Fr. Mike Members of the Parish
1:00PM Fr. Joe Corazon Mantac (d)
6:00PM Fr. Tom Thomas G. Smith (d)

The priest schedule is subject to change.

Live-streamed Masses:

There will be daily live-streamed Masses, Sunday English and Spanish Masses.

Go to website: www.straphaels.org and click the link to YouTube Channel.

Please pray for the soul of

Daniel Mauricio Avalos, nephew of Rita Pena
Marcela Escobar
Eleanor Duvall
Nelson & Shirley Lee



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.



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

When: Friday, May 1st, 2026 at 10:00AM

Where: Parish Library

Fr. Tom Morrow will be our guest speaker and has been preparing a special presentation on our Lady of Lourdes. You won't want to miss this one!

Light refreshments will be served.



Family Holy Hour

Family Holy Hour is on May 1st!

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

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.

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.

LORD, SEND US HOLY SHEPHERDS

Join the Universal Church today in observing the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, as we ask the Lord to send laborers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priest hood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church.

Here are three simple ways you can participate:

- Pray** – Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.
- Encourage** – Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.
- Special Intention at Mass** – Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.

May we all be open to God's call in our own lives!

Save the Date for St. Ann's Center's Annual Hope Blossoms Cocktail Reception, May 13th!



Sister Nancy Downing, CND, and Co-Chairs Eric, Kyle, and Thomas Heidenberger along with the St. Ann's Center's Board of Directors cordially invite you to their annual **Hope Blossoms** awards cocktail reception taking place on May 13th from 6:00-9:00 PM. Join us in celebrating St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and

Families' over 160 years history and mission.

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026 | **Time:** 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Place: Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, MD

Tickets and sponsorship information:
<https://www.stanns.org/>

School News

A peek behind our classroom doors



April 26, 2026



3rd Grade Artist Tea



Congratulations to our third grade class for their beautiful artwork and original poetry. Students learned about different styles of poetry and art through history. They presented their original pieces; their hard work, creativity and confidence truly shined!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Families, teachers and clergy came together to enjoy aromatic teas and sweet treats. It was a special day celebrating the students and their accomplishments at the 3rd Grade Artist Tea.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 26, 2026

Opening Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Gather Hymnal #523

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

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

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 *The Body of Christ*

Sarah Hart

A- men, a- men! We are healed by the Bread of life.
 A- men, a- men! We are one in the Bod-y of Christ.
 We are one in the Bod-y of Christ. We are one in the Bod-y of Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, Curtis Stephan

The Good Shep- herd has ris- en, who laid down his life for his
 sheep and will- ing- ly died for his flock, al- le- lu- ia.

Communion Procession

Sarah Hart

The Lord is my shep- herd; there is noth- ing I shall want. The
 Lord is my shep- herd; there is noth- ing I shall want.

Communion Meditation *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 *Alleluia No. 1*

Missalette #175

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Please pray for those serving in our armed forces, those wounded in body and spirit, and for those families who have suffered loss.

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Daniel Bertrand Del Bianco, USN (d) and family
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LT Paul Schauppner, USN
LT James Sheets (USN)
LT Lukas Troost USA
2nd LT Andrew Valentine USMA
LT Kenneth Yale, USAF



Changes: e-mail esalatto@straphaels.org

CASH BINGO

Saturday, May 2nd 2026
Doors open - 5:30 pm, Bingo - 6:30 pm

Over \$1000 in Cash Prizes

at Mother Seton Parish Center
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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](https://www.kofc.org/Events/11024/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 chrisandeep18@gmail.com

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

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.



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

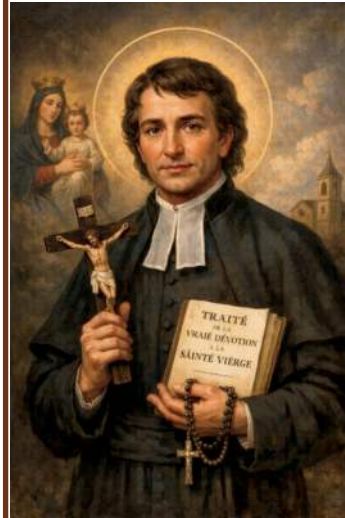
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First Communion Masses

May 2nd at 11 AM & 1 PM

Confirmation Masses

May 9th at 10:30 AM & 1 PM

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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**?
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St. Raphael's offers OCIA
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For Adults: contact Kryz Psurek: OCIA@straphaels.org
For Children: contact Karen Watson: kwatson@straphaels.org

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



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Especially during the Easter season, we are very conscious of the communal nature of baptism. We stand witness to the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil in many parishes, and countless parishes celebrate festive baptisms for infants. The rule for celebrating baptism is that it be only once a day in any parish church, a sign of the Church's desire that baptism be the work of the gathered community. "Private baptism" is therefore a misnomer, since all baptisms, even emergency baptisms for infants in danger of death, are a public act of entrance into the Body of Christ, the Church.

In an emergency, and providing the parents desire it, anyone can baptize by pouring water and saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." But then afterward the Church is encouraged to supply what is missing: the gathered assembly to proclaim and hear God's word, the promises, the naming, the anointings, the clothing with a white garment, the candle, the Lord's Prayer, and the solemn blessing of the parents at the altar. Wonderfully, this ritual often provides the opportunity for great rejoicing at the recovery of an infant who had been in danger.



—Rev. James Field

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 26, 2026

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	
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50	
Thursday	
Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20	
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14	
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12	

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.

Blood Drive Hosted By:
Beth Sholom Congregation

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3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Co-Sponsor: Geneva Presbyterian Church


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Eligibility concerns, please call the Red Cross at 1-866-326-3276. Remember to bring a photo ID, eat a healthy breakfast/lunch and drink plenty of water before you donate.

Contact Kenneth Sprinkle at kens@infoservinc.com or Brian Foont at foont@comcast.net for more information.



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