Saint Raphael Parish
512 High Street, West Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Pastoral Staff
Rev. Paul F. Coughlin, Pastor
Deacon Mark E. Rumley
Dr. Ginny McCabe, Ed.D., Pastoral Minister and Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Margo Malone, Asst. Director of Religious Education

Parish Staff
Mrs. Michelle Paone, Parish Secretary
and School Tuition Manager
Mrs. Kerri Plant,
Administrative Assistant
Mr. Ryan Lynch, Director of Music
Ms. Nicole Panico, Young Adult Choir
Mrs. Alisa Simmons, Business Manager

School Staff
Mark C. Bedrosian, School Principal
Mrs. Jeanmarie Cataldo, School Secretary
Mrs. Gina McCart, Director of Development and Admissions

Visiting Clergy
Fr. Charles Hughes
Fr. Marcel Uwineza, S.J.
Senior Deacon Leo Martin

Mass Schedule

September - June Schedule
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:15, 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM
Daily: Wednesday-Saturday Mornings: 8:00 AM

Holy Days: As announced

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School..........................................(781) 483-3373
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Internet - www.saintraphaelparish.org

"Saint Raphael is a Catholic community committed, with God’s grace, to living gospel values and sharing these with all people. As a Eucharistic people united in faith and worship, we affirm the gifts of the Spirit among us and celebrate the uniqueness of each of our members. Supporting one another in love, we strive to respect and use these diverse gifts in joyful service.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS
Please stop by and visit us at our Parish Center located at:
514 High Street
ONLINE GIVING

Now is a great time to sign up for online giving to Saint Raphael Parish.

If you would like to donate to Saint Raphael via online giving, go to:
https://saintraphaelparish.churchgiving.com

To give to the Weekly Offertory or Monthly Parish Improvement:
- Select ‘Make a Donation’ within the respective section
- Choose ‘Recurring Donation’ or ‘One Time Donation’
- Enter payment details and click Submit

To give to the Second Collections:
- Select ‘View All Second Collections’
- Choose “Divide amount to all second collections’, ‘Designate amount to all second collections’, or enter a specific amount for each second collection
- Enter payment details and click Submit

You will receive a confirmation email from WeShare.

If you have any questions, please email: onlinegiving@saintraphaelparish.org or call the Parish Office at 781-488-5444

Calming words from Pope Francis

“Tonight before falling asleep think about when we will return to the street.

When we hug again, when all the shopping together will seem like a party.

Let’s think about when the coffees will return to the bar, the small talk, the photos close to each other.

We think about when it will be all a memory but normality will seem an unexpected and beautiful gift.

We will love everything that has so far seemed futile to us. Every second will be precious.

Swims at the sea, the sun until late, sunsets, toasts, laughter.

We will go back to laughing together.

Strength and courage.”

Please note that the Church will continue to be open from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM Monday—Friday. Saturday hours will be from 7:00 AM- 9:00 AM and on Sundays from 7:00 AM -1:00 PM. Access to the church will be at the main entrance only.

Attendees should abide by the requirement that no more than 10 people should be in the church at any one time and that all attendees should adhere to appropriate social distancing guidelines and maintain a distance between each other of at least 6 feet. These are the same requirements for anytime that the Church is open.

Sunday Mass from St. Raphael Parish will be available to watch online.

Please bookmark the following link so you can be connected to your Parish during these times. The link is www.vimeo.com/saintraphaelmedford - You can subscribe (for free) and be notified when new Masses are available for viewing.

Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of: Carol DiMaiti, Alan P. Stein & Father Martin Dolphin (1983)
If you cannot attend Mass or join us online, I encourage you to read Gospels, pray with your families, and join yourself to the Eucharist—the source and summit of our Catholic faith by making an act of spiritual communion like the one recommended by Archbishop Gomez: “I wish, my Lord, to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.”

And please continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

Join me, or Word on Fire CEO Fr. Steve Grunow, right here: https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Peace,
Bishop Robert Barron

For the families who have scheduled masses, Father Paul Coughlin will be privately celebrating these intentions daily.

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Some items that are in need are:
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Canned soup
- Soap
- Paper towels

These items can be dropped off at the Food Pantry: 38 Boston Ave. in the back by the red door. Thank you!

We welcome the following children who were recently baptized into the Saint Raphael Community.

- Lucy Larouche D’Agata
- Andres Arundu Prieto-Chuckran
- Brendan Doyle Wysozczanski
- Samuel Roselando
- Reagan Mare Erturk
- McKenna Donna Buckley
- Mila Victoria Savini
- Lily Muriel Tressider
- Ella Barbara Arena

To read the parish bulletin online please visit:
Search: Saint Raphael Parish, Medford, MA. Our most recent bulletin and past bulletins are available to view.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

**A**bstinence from meat is to be observed by all on Fridays during Lent.

**A**bstinence and Fasting is to be observed on **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

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“Lord Jesus, be with us.
In place of anxiety, give us your peace.”

Calendar …. 2020 School Year
We will stay in contact – classes postponed until further notice.

Confirmation Class:
All classes .... postponed until further notice.

Ministry Matters:

First Communion Fund
Donations are being accepted to assist families who are economically challenged in purchasing new First Communion clothing for their children. This fund also serves to support activities and events related to the Sacramental preparation of children both School and Religious Ed. Donations may be given in memory of a loved one and/or to honor someone who is living. All donations will be acknowledged. Please mail/drop off: Attn: Ginny McCabe
P.S. Thanks to the many who have already contributed!! Very appreciated!

Parish Fundraiser: (Rel. Ed. + School)
Purchase gifts for your First Communion candidates: (son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, nephew/niece, etc.) and a generous portion comes back to our parish! Simply go to: www.prospecthillco.com
Click on Parish Fundraiser – top of their home page. Add our Church’s name + they will ship directly to your address. (Keep religion into this holy occasion by giving a thoughtful religious gift.)

Prayer Group: 2020
Meetings postponed until further notice.
This group prays daily for ALL intentions listed in our Book of Prayer. Pray WITH us for our world community!!

Lent: 2020
Mary: Mother of Sorrows and Mother of the Church. Sessions will be rescheduled.

If needed …a RESOURCE for Parishioners:
United Way has a COVID_19 Community Economic Relief Fund. They will help with bills, rent, and food. You can call 1-866-211-9966 and provide your zip code. You will be given a list of local agencies that provide assistance.

Where’s the Grace?
“Social Distancing” is a strange juxtaposition of words. It means learning to relate to each other without being together. We are supposed to stay in our homes and not go out to mix with others. We look out our windows at the strange way the world has changed. Where is God in all of this? David Brooks wrote on the Op-Ed page of the March 20, 2020 edition of the New York Times, “The great paradox, of course, is that we had to be set apart in order to feel together.” Pope Francis urged people on the Feast of St. Joseph, “Have a bigger heart so that the other always finds you available and welcoming.”