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

Parish Center located at:
514 High Street

Palm Sunday
Of the Lord’s Passion
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/straphaelmedford - You can subscribe (for free) and be notified when new Masses are available for viewing.

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

Healthier Priests, Stronger Communities
Your Health is Our Business

Dear Bishop/Monsignor/Father,

Hope you are all doing well. Due to the current conditions related to the Coronavirus, including all RCAB church closures, there is no Easter message from or for the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust (CHRT) this year.

If parishioners send in a special Easter envelope that designates the Clergy Benefit Trust as recipient, then these donations are designated funds. If you wish to contact your parishioner and ask if the parish may use this donation for parish general operations because of the current situation, then CHRT supports that request.

All general donations received for Easter directly to your parish not specially designated to the Clergy Benefit Trust should be used for the benefit of the parish.

Stay safe and please know your Care Team is here to support you and your brother priests.

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. THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN ON EASTER SUNDAY. Please refer to the note regarding The Triduum and Easter in this bulletin.

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.

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
The Triduum and Easter at Saint Raphael

As we are well aware all aspects of our lives have been changed in reaction to the COVID 19 virus. So it is not surprising that as we approach the Triduum, the holiest days of the year leading into Easter Sunday, our manner of worship will also be altered.

To allow us all to maintain a proper practice of social distancing and to pray and worship from our homes, the rituals of the Triduum will be “livestreamed” from Saint Raphael’s Church onto Facebook. This includes Holy Thursday “Mass of the Lord’s Supper” (April 9, 2020); Good Friday “Passion of the Lord” (April 10, 2020) and the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 11, 2020). Each of these three services will be “livestreamed” to Facebook at 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

On Easter Sunday morning, Mass will be Available on Facebook and also on Medford Community Cablevision [Comcast Channel 3 and Verizon Channel 47] both at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

With the suspension of our regular Mass, the great Lament of all faithful Catholics is our inability To personally receive the Holy Eucharist. To Allow us to make a spiritual communion and Worship our Risen Lord, we invite Parishioners to drive to the parish on Easter Sunday morning between the hours of 9:00 am And 11:00 am. We ask that you remain in your car As you enter the driveway between the Saint Raphael School and the Parish Center. The Occupants of each care are to remain in their Cars while they receive a blessing from the Blessed Sacrament as they drive by slowly.

Especially on Easter, the Holiest of Days, the Transforming Love that is Christ radiates from the Monstrance (the beautiful stand which hold the Host behind glass) and unites us to our Risen Savior.

To access Facebook go to: www.facebook.com/SaintRaphaelParishMedford You do not need an account to view the Masses
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“Lord Jesus be with us.
In place of anxiety, give us your peace.”

Calendar .... 2020 School Year
ALL classes: grades 1-8 are cancelled and First Communion has been postponed
Stay healthy ...be strong...pray always!
Praying with and for all of you!

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! (First Communion will be Rescheduled!) Truly ...a celebration to look Forward to in the future. Pray for our children and their families.

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!!

Pray for medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers responsible for fighting the coronavirus. God, as more people get sick, healthcare workers and first responders are working longer hours with fewer supplies and with more risk of contracting the coronavirus themselves. Renew their energy and sustain them on long shifts. Bring Your protection upon them as they work with patients. Multiply their supplies so they have the protective items needed to stay safe on the job. Inspire and invigorate the research doctors developing better tests to diagnose the virus, create vaccines to prevent it, and identify protocols to eliminate the disease’s spread.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry appreciates your continued generosity. There is a need for personal hygiene items, such as toothpaste.

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

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.