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. Kerryn 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

Parish Offices...............................(781) 488-5444
Parish FAX..................................(781) 483-3375
School........................................(781) 483-3373
School FAX.................................(781) 483-3097
Religious Education Office: .............(781) 483-1139
Business/Tuition Office .................(781) 488-5444
Development Office .................(781) 483-3554

Internet - www.saintraphaelparish.org

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM or by request

Baptisms: One Sunday a month.
Please contact the Parish Office.

Weddings: By personal appointment with priest/deacon
six months in advance of date sought. Marriage Preparation Course is required.

Mission Statement
"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
The coronavirus crisis has dramatically altered the way we live. Wearing a mask has become part of our daily attire and isolation/social distancing are required practices.

Be assured that each of you—each member of our Parish Family—is in my daily prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Like every family, our Saint Raphael Parish Family has also had to adapt.

The message of our Lord Jesus Christ will never be silenced. Our Parish staff has labored diligently, with limited resources, to continue to bring Christ’s Message during the final weeks of Lent, through Holy Week, leading to the Joy of Easter Sunday.

During this time the Parish Facebook site has been utilized along with local cable access television to bring:

- The Stations of the Cross, recorded by Father Paul and Deacon Mark, using photographs of the Stations from inside of our Church and other items such as the Crucifix from behind our altar, the baptismal font and Tabernacle. They were posted on our Facebook Page and broadcast on Cable Access television (Comcast and Verizon) on April 3rd and 10th.

- Masses were recorded for the Fourth and Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday. Each Mass was posted on our Facebook Page and broadcast on Cable Access television (Comcast and Verizon) on March 22, March 29 and April 5th.

- The entire Triduum (Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Good Friday Passion of the Lord and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night was “live streamed” on our Parish Facebook Page and remained available to be viewed after being presented live for those who could not view the original broadcast.

- On Easter Sunday Mass was broadcast on the local cable access television (Comcast & Verizon) at 8:00 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m.

- On Easter Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Father Paul, assisted by our Parish Staff (Ginny McCabe, Margo Malone, Ryan Lynch, Bill Cadigan, Joe Malone, Deacon Mark. Along with Annie McGonagle and Mary Leahy) invited parishioners and any others to drive to the church and while they remained in their cars, to receive a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament. Each car was then sprinkled with Holy Water and bulletins were made available.

- The response has been overwhelming. More than 2400 persons viewed the three nights of the Triduum alone. There is no mechanism to measure those who viewed the other masses or the Stations but from the many personal responses received the impact was significant.

The Easter Sunday morning “drive through” saw more than 90 cars with a total number of occupants in the hundreds and a fair amount of dogs and cats.

None of us know when the Covid-19 crisis will come to an end. We pray it will be soon. Until then, our Parish expenses continue and without your weekly support it is inevitable that Parish debt will increase.

Even so, rest assured that we will continue to do the best we can to keep bringing the Message of Christ.

I am more than aware that your ability to give to the Parish must come after your personal and family needs. Even your modest participation in the Parish “online giving program” will be greatly appreciated and help sustain the Parish as we proclaim again - **He is Risen Alleluia!**

Yours in Christ,

Father Paul

Thank you to those who are continuing to send in your weekly donations and extra donations by mail or drop off. Also, thank you to those who are able to donate through our online giving website. We have seen a 30% increase in online donations over the past few weeks. Although our average weekly offertory since our shutdown has decreased by over 40%, the significant increase in online giving has helped lessen the weekly shortfall. Please consider donating through our online giving website if you are able to do so.
For the families who have scheduled masses, Father Paul Coughlin will be privately celebrating these intentions daily.

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet**
led by Mike Toomey will be available on our Vimeo Page: [www.vimeo.com/straphaelmedford](http://www.vimeo.com/straphaelmedford) as well as our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SaintRaphaelParishMedford](http://www.facebook.com/SaintRaphaelParishMedford) on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th.

**Medford Catholic Women’s Club** will be awarding two (2) scholarships to Medford Catholic Girls who will be entering either College or Nursing School in the Fall. Applications are available at most High Schools or by calling Jerry DiClemente, 781-391-5048. All information is kept strictly confidential. The two candidates who are chosen will be notified by mail. Due to the pandemic, the application date is pushed back to May 15.

**Thank you for your continued support of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Some needed donations are:**
- Shampoo
- Sugar
- Flour

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

**A PRAYER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS**
"Almighty and All-loving God, 
Father, Son and Holy Spirit ... 
we pray to you through Christ the Healer 
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid19 
here at home and across the world. 
We pray too for all who reach out to those who 
mourn the loss of each and every person who has 
died as a result of contracting the disease. 
Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to 
researchers, comfort to everyone in distress 
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of 
uncertainty and distress. 
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who 
showed compassion to the outcast, 
acceptance to the rejected and love to those to 
whom no love was shown." 
Amen

**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.
Religious Education
News and Notes
straphaelmedford@yahoo.com
“Lord Jesus be with us.
In place of anxiety, give us your peace.”

Calendar .... 2020 School Year
ALL classes: grades 1-8 are cancelled. First Communion
Has been postponed in the prime interest of personal
health and safety.
Stay healthy... be strong... pray always!
Praying with and for all of you!

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

Easter ... thanks!
Thank you to the children and families who made
beautiful Easter cards.
They were sent to ALL those named on our
HEARTLIGHT PROGRAM ‘outreach’ list. You made
“happy hearts”!! So that we can continue our outreach...
we need your help in making more cards:
"Thinking of you"!
"Dropping by to say HELLO" .... "Sending some
SUNSHINE" ....
(General headings + "up-beat" messages .... sign
ONLY first name and grade!!)

Please leave in the mailbox outside the Parish Center
attn: Ms. McCabe, Mrs. Malone.
ALL children of the Parish are
invited to be creative and participate!!
YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!!
THANK YOU!

Additional names for Easter Memorials
Cornelius & Mary O’Donnell
Joseph R. Leahy
Helen S. Leahy & Family
Bernard Kelley
Theresa Kelley & Family
Denis Leahy
Theresa Leahy & Family
Donald Campbell
Kathy Campbell

Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of:
Louise Fanciullo, Lucy Falzone, Jean DiPerna,
Salvatore Senna, Rev. A. Paul White, Rev. Henry
Ronan, & Msgr. John Linnehan