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

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.

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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
Recently I received a text message that contained the acronym “wysiwyg”. I soon learned that these letters stood for “what you see is what you get.”

Five years ago, along with the members of the search committee for a new principal at Saint Raphael’s Parish School, I was graced to meet a candidate who exhibited experience, innovation and motivation.

In his years as the principal of our school, Mark Bedrosian has more than affirmed that “what we saw” in him was indeed “what we received”...and so much more.

Mark is an incredible school principal who brings an organized vision to each and every day. The daily issues that arise in a school are constant and varied. Mark addresses each one with an openness and a professionalism that is only exceeded by his compassion for the students and staff. In any profession this is the cornerstone of leadership.

So it is with sadness for our community and with happiness for him that I announce that Principal Mark Bedrosian will be leaving Saint Raphael Parish School at the end of this school year. In Mark’s words:

“I have had the honor of serving as Principal at St. Raphael Parish School for the last five years. Thanks to collaboration with, and the support of, St. Raphael Parish, school staff, students, and their families, the last five years have been effective and productive! For that, I am both grateful and proud. At the conclusion of this school year, I will explore new professional opportunities.”

Albert Einstein said “the true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Mark Bedrosian’s efforts fostered imagination in our students in ways too numerous to list.

Among them are:

- the creation of a STEM Center and Program that included coding, robotics, design and modeling;
- Google classroom and various “apps for education;
- New Wi-Fi system;
- implementation of a “high performance” math program;
- full time art program;
- After School care at the Pre-School;
- Expanded social emotional support services including membership in the Massachusetts Partnership for Youth and substance abuse awareness programs.

These programs and so many others led to St. Raphael Parish School being designated as a “High Growth, High Achievement School” by the Archdiocese of Boston.

The many achievements that were born from Principal Bedrosian’s vision and the many accolades that have been received by the school because of him are testament enough to his contribution to our school and parish community but there is more.

The core achievement of Mark Bedrosian as principal of our school is that our children ALWAYS prepared to go on to compete at the next level of education and their educational experience is always centered on Christ—who came that we might have life in abundance.

Godspeed Mark. Go with the gratitude of the St. Raphael community and may the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you and your family this day and everyday.

Father Paul
Thank you to the many people who have donated to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry here at St. Raphael's. It has helped many during this time of need. A special thank you to Joan Gatto of the Magnificent Muffin & Bagel Shoppe for her generosity as well.

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

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.

HUGE Thanks too....
ALL who have operated and staffed our Parish Food Pantry throughout this pandemic (and continue to do so.) Week by week your gift of time, hard work and “helping hands” makes life more consistent and “gentle” for those you serve. You are an inspiration!

Thanks for living the GREAT St. Raphael “spirit”!!! Blessings and JOY!!

"Mary, Mother of Jesus, we ask you to watch over our mothers, guide and comfort them with your tenderness and love.

Continue to bless them with your heavenly protection and keep them in the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We also remember our mothers who have gone to their eternal rest. We pray they are at peace and enjoying their heavenly rewards." Amen

Happy Mother's Day

Saint Raphael School
Early Childhood - Grade 8
Enrolling for Academic Year 2020/2021
Tours are unavailable right now, but I would love to hear from you. Please reach out for an information packet. I will get your questions answered and get you in for a tour when the school reopens.
Stay Safe!
Gina McCart
Director of Admissions
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Here is the new link to watch the Mass each week:
https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintRaphaelParishMedford
Pandemic Prayer

"What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath -- the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now, on trying to make the world different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still, reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)
Know that our lives are in one another’s hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.
Promise this world your love - for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, so long as we all shall live."

Lynn Ungar 3/11/2020

WE CAN DO ...MORE!!

Our grade one Religious Education teacher, Jean Giurleo is asking for our help in responding to a request she received from Mass General Hospital. "In an effort to provide communication between those stricken with Covid19 and their families, I am asking for donations of functional iphones or ipads and "chargers". They will be used in area hospitals for ICU patients to see and hear their loved ones, sometimes for the last time. As Christians, we believe that no one should die alone. This would provide a measure of comfort to those in need. If anyone is able to help in this way -- please send me an e-mail: jmgjurleo@comcast.net

My home is one of 5 drop off sites, but if it is more convenient, I would provide "contactless pick-up of devices."

P.S. Please send this request to family, friends and co-workers. TOGETHER, we can achieve amazing results for others!!

PROJECT KINDNESS: Art Work, Cards, etc. for seniors

Heartfelt thanks to "our" Parish Girl Scouts for your donations of "artwork" .... we appreciate your generosity of heart and spirit!!

We encourage all children to contribute to this project which makes a difference in the lives of our "seniors"!

Art work, cards, etc., -- please leave in the mailbox outside the Parish Center: attention -- Ms. McCabe or Mrs. Malone
Contact: straphaelmedford@yahoo.com for more info.

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