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.

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

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
In loving memory:
Mary Cornelia Farren “Connie”

“Peace is not the absence of troubles. Peace is the presence of God.”

Connie worked at St. Raphael Parish for well over 20 years, and was a proud member of sodality and Choir. In her “retirement”, she continued to “volunteer” every Thursday at the Parish Center. Always doing special things for others, it was the warmth of her personal touch that made her a “one-of-a-kind” person. She was St. Raphael’s “face” of welcome: greeting everyone with a smile, listening ear, contagious laughter, famous stories, and personal connections with all who visited. She was a wealth of information when it came to parish history, researching/coordinating records or events, and yet, balanced impressively by professional confidentiality and personal integrity. Her words when “out of bound” questions were asked: “I don’t know BUT...even if I did, I would not tell you.” Ever so many staff members and priests were welcomed by Connie—oriented, supported and followed along with unfailing assistance and gentle care. All remain grateful for the “grace” of her presence, intelligence, wisdom, and humor.

Working with every so many pastors and priests, Connie was a trusted confidante and advisor. She held a special place in her heart for “our” priests and thought of them as the sons she never had. Her kindness, support, and loyalty for them helped make the Rectory truly a “home” and safe haven where they could relax and “just be.” Connie was always forthright when asked her opinion/advice and that’s why she was a trusted and loved staff member. She loved to engage in banter with both Father Paul and Father Kevin and always held her own! They in turn made her days, (especially in retirement), happy ones and she..theirs.

Connie’s friends (she called them her “adopted sisters”) consistently described their friend as being full of JOY..faith filled..FUN..loving, humorous, full of positivity—(never a complainer), heart of gold, someone you wanted to be around, and now their shared feeling: so very fortunate to have had their bond of friendship. (Truly,irreplaceable!!)

FAMILY was Connie’s true vocation: wife, mother and doting/bragging grandmother. Her heart was full and true as she lived for and loved her husband: Cornelius (Connie) until his passing. She became then the “tight trio” with Tricia and Molly whom she loved beyond measure. Connie always looked forward to their daily visits, or talks, or places to go including their favorite vacation spot on the Cape where she enjoyed countless adventures! They were God’s gifts and blessings to each other..always!

Connie Farren...a legend in our time..a woman who honored her God...A woman who loved people and life..a woman who inspired others by living simply with passion, faith and “grace”. We know more of God because she blessed our lives—our Parish. She was the presence of God in our midst.

“God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.”
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 so many during this time of need.

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

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

Here is the new link to watch the Mass each week:
https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintRaphaelParishMedford

ASKING FOR HELP:

We have a St. Raphael's family who was impacted by the fire this past week on Canal St. in Medford. The family has been displaced and lost most of their belongings. A Go Fund Me page for the family has been set up to help them get back on their feet.

Link to webpage:
https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-johnson-family-fire-relief

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Bless all Catholic school teachers and help them to nurture the faith of our children. Give them the wisdom to pass on their own knowledge and experience and show our children your love. Amen

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
gmccart@straphaelschool.org

Mass for The Ascension of the Lord will be available to watch on YouTube on Thursday, May 21.
Religious Education

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

An Examen to Become More Loving
Loving Father, thank you for my many blessings, especially .....................
“Be with me at this moment,
and guide my thoughts to those places
where I could have been more loving in my day
and consider how I will improve.

Help me to see those places where I was loving
and strengthen those parts of me
so that I can better do your will.

Thank you for all the love I’ve been blessed with
and help me in the moments ahead.”
Ellen Hurst

PROJECT KINDNESS:
Special thanks to our Girl Scouts + Leaders
from so many of our seniors re: your beautiful cards. You made “happy hearts”!!
Our supply is now diminished so to you + ALL
Parish children – please continue to make cards and share some “HOPE-FILLED” messages.
Please leave in the mailbox attached to the Parish Center ...attn: Ms. McCabe/Mrs. Malone
Grateful hearts say ... THANKS!!

Prayer Group: 2020
This group prays daily for ALL intentions listed in our Book of Prayer. Pray WITH us for our world community!! Parishioners – please send your PRAYER REQUESTS to straphaelmedford@yahoo.com
We will place them in the Book of Prayer for you.

A Coronavirus Prayer

“Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being.
We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time.
We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened.
We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future.
We pray: may love, not fear go vial.
Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good.
Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and solidarity.
Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence,
You the God who does not abandon.”

Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of:
Connie Farren, Joseph Giuggio, Jim DiPrima,
Sylvia Ciccariello, Helen “Honey” Boudreau Galvin,
Father Frank O’Hare (2008), Father Charles Duggan (2009)

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Search: Saint Raphael Parish, Medford, MA. Our most recent bulletin and past bulletins are available to view.