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

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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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Religious Education Office: .......................(781) 483-1139
Business/Tuition Office .........................(781) 488-5444
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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
Governor Baker’s announcement that Houses of Worship could open has brought a feeling of relieve and, at the same time, a feeling of caution. We welcome the return of our ability to gather together to worship the Lord in Word and Sacrament but the reality of the virus remains with us.

To take the necessary steps to prepare for opening and to remain vigilant against the virus, we intend to open Saint Raphael church for its regularly schedule masses commencing with the 8:00 a.m. mass on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 and continuing thereafter. However, to do so responsibly there will be restrictions. No more than 75 persons will be permitted to attend each service.

The Commonwealth’s guidelines state that churches can accept attendance of 40 percent of the occupancy capacity of the building. St Raphael’s church has an occupancy limit of 700. Under these standards it would seem that we could have up to 280 persons at each mass. However, social distancing requires that worshipers must be 6 feet apart from each other unless they are from the same household. Applying these standards to our church’s worship space, we have determined that our maximum functional occupancy capacity is 75 persons for each service. Therefore no more than 75 persons may attend any mass. Among the Other Changes certain pews will be roped off to keep distance between worshipers.

No one will be admitted into the church any earlier than 20 minutes prior to the commencement of a Mass. All attendees, except those under age 2, should wear a face covering. Parents can decide if children between ages 2 and 5 should wear face coverings. The movement of the assembly to receive Holy Communion will be changed to minimize movement and keep proper distancing. Collection baskets will not be used. Alternative methods utilizing containers that do not have to be touched will be utilized.

The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future. Cardinal Sean strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicated physical conditions, to continue to watch Mass from their homes. We will continue to stream Sunday Mass on YouTube and on Channels 3 & 47.

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 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!

EXCITING NEWS!

The new St. Raphael Parish Website is up and running as of May 19, 2020

www.saintraphaelparish.org

Please take a look! We will be regularly updating the site with important information and updates so remember to check in often for the latest news.

Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of:

Here is the new link to watch the Mass each week:

https://www.youtube.com/c/SaintRaphaelParishMedford

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@straphaelparishschool.org

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

One of the members of the parish community and former St. Raphael parent, Dennis Franczak, has founded the Boston Hockey Academy in partnership with Matignon High School. Boston Hockey Academy (www.bostonhockeyacademy) is looking for long structured families in and around the Medford area for opportunities to billet these exceptional student athletes, many who will move onto college and NHL careers. Our program will bring top student athletes from across the country into your community, and we hope many of you will consider becoming a host family for these students. Host families who open their homes and hearts to these students play a vital role in their success. By opening your home to a host student, you enable a child to pursue his dream not only by providing them a place to live, but with an enabling environment in which they can thrive physically, academically and emotionally. Host families often create lifelong bonds with their host student. Outlined below are answers to many common questions about becoming a host family, but please reach out to us with additional questions you may have.

What is a host family?
A host family provides a home for (one or more) non-local students from late August through the end of the academic school year.

Are host families compensated?
Yes. Host families receive a monthly stipend of $600-$800 per student to cover housing, meal costs and extra utilities used. (Stipend depends on factors such as single vs. shared room, for example.)

Why would a family want to host a student?
Hosting a student can be a rewarding and life-changing experience, creating a unique opportunity for you, your children and the student you host to form lifelong relationships. For parents, it’s an opportunity to be a guardian to a young person living away from home for the first time. For your children, it fosters social development and the chance to forge friendships with children from other parts of the country and world. A host student can also serve as great role model or “older sibling” for younger children in your household.

Can my family host more than one student?
Absolutely. Families often host two (or more) students and can even have them share a room.

Do I need to provide transportation for my host student?
Older students may be of driving age and have their own transportation. Younger students will need assistance with morning transportation and afternoon pickup (if busing route or public transportation is not available).

What do I need to provide when I host a student?
Host families provide a bed, dresser, bathroom (can be shared), and a place to do school work. They also provide meals/snacks for the student when they are home.

How long do students stay? And what happens if my family needs to go away?
Students arrive in late August and stay through the end of the academic school year. If your family is going to be away during that time, it is the responsibility of the school and Academy to coordinate temporary living arrangements for the student. Most students will return home for traditional holidays and school vacations.

For additional info I encourage you to reach out to the Academy Director, Nate Bostic. He can be reached by email at nbostic@bostonimperials.com or mobile phone at (781) 873-9327.

May 24, 2020

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

“The Lord Jesus, Who promised to remain with us always,
When information overwhelms us and fear overtakes us, speak to us again those comforting words, “Peace be with you.”

Though we cannot be physically close to others, give us the ability and courage to love as well as we can, since “perfect love casts out all fear.”

Direct your caring gaze on doctors and nurses, researchers and safety personnel; come to strengthen the sick, the vulnerable, and comfort those who are grief stricken.

And when the pandemic has passed, and when this frightening crisis is resolved, teach us to know You more certainly as our dearest Friend and our only Hope.”

You live and reign with the father and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.
(offer one Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory be...) Our Lady, Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

**PROJECT KINDNESS:**
Our supply of children’s “homemade cards” is now diminished, so...to ALL Parish children—please continue to make “special creations” and share some “HOPE-FILLED” messages for our sick and homebound.

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.

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