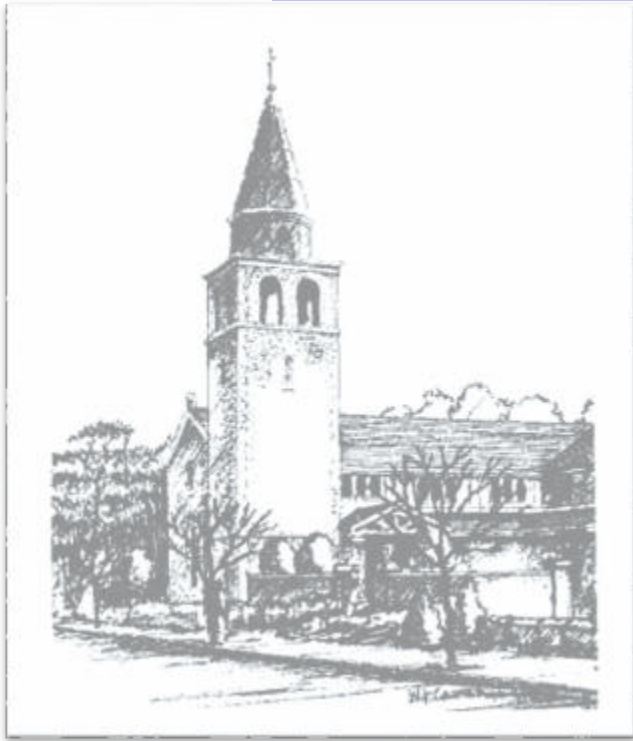


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Mass Schedule

September- May 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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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.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by and visit us at our
Parish Center located at:
514 High Street
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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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25, 2021

4:00PM Merry Christmas!

6:00PM

12 midnight

Sunday, December 26, 2021

7:30AM

9:15AM

11:30AM Anthony Mitrano
Anniversary

5:00PM Joseph Fabiano
Anniversary

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

8:00AM

Thursday, December 30, 2021

8:00AM Henry & Frances Cavalieri
Memorial

Friday, December 31, 2021

8:00AM Olga Lapietra
Anniversary

NO VIGIL MASS

Saturday, January 1, 2021

8:00AM

4:00PM

Sunday, January 2, 2021

7:30AM

9:15AM Blanche & Stephen Keane
Anniversary

11:30AM Richard Williams
Memorial

5:00PM Keenan Family
Patrick, Josephine, Francis &
Roberta
Memorial

The Parish Offertory collection totals will be updated in next weekends bulletin.



Just yesterday we came to this holy place to celebrate our Lord's birth. Today we return to expand that celebration to his immediate family, the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph cared for their son, raising him in the religious traditions of their faith. In this loving environment, Luke says "Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." Let us pray today that our families may provide fertile ground for our children to grow similarly.

We are treated to some poignant words about families in today's readings. Sirach speaks to an adult child taking care of an aging parent whose mind might be failing. Paul asks us to "put on" kindness and patience so that we may bear with one another and forgive each other. No doubt the Blessed Mother was quite anxious when Jesus stayed behind in his "Father's house," but she treasured this memory in her heart. May the words we hear today help us appreciate our own family relationships.

A blessed and happy Christmas to ...

Father Paul...Deacon Mark and Deacon Leo...

**During this Christmas season,
may you be blessed with the spirit of the
season, which is peace.
The gladness of the season,
which is hope,
And the heart of the season,
which is love."**



New Years Day

January 1 8:00AM—not a holy day of obligation
4:00PM—regular weekend Mass

There is no Vigil Mass on December 31



Christmas Memorials 2021

Katie Varella
Nina Ferrante
Joseph P, Claire &
Joseph H. DelPonte
Richard Sr, Michael &
Richard Feeney, Jr.
Jean Morrison
John Brady & Family
Francis Foley & Family
Anthony & Margaret Cammarata & Family
Sweeney Family - Jim, Therese, Susan

If you are a newcomer to our parish, please accept our invitation to introduce yourself to a member of our staff. We are confident that you will find a welcoming spirit that is reflected in liturgical hospitality, inclusion and most of all, to those with special challenges. We pray that as you join our parish in prayer, sacrament and presence that you will also grace us with your talents and support according to your means.



MINISTRY MATTERS

Prayer Group: 2021

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. Heartfelt thanks to ALL Members for your dedication to this ministry.

To read the parish bulletin online please visit our website: saintraphaelparish.org

You can also view it at: www.parishesonline.com. Search: Saint Raphael Parish, Medford, MA. Our most recent bulletin and past bulletins are available to view.



Please visit our website at: saintraphaelparish.org for updated information such as Mass times, new parishioner registration forms, baptism forms and general information.

Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of:
 Rita Centrella, Madeline Pisari, Deacon John Cabral & Deacon Joseph Papile

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.



Saint Raphael Senior Drop in Center Activities

Every Wednesday, the Saint Raphael Senior Center sponsors Senior Chair Gentle Exercise Class at 10:00 AM and a Senior Yoga Class at 11:00 AM. Each class is \$3.00 per person. For those taking both classes a price break of \$5.00 applies. **Knitting Class** meets on Thursdays from 1-3 PM.

The **Senior Center** is open every day from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office at 781-488-5444 with any questions.

Religious Education

News and Notes

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Santa's Christmas Prayer

The sleigh was packed, the reindeer were fed. But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed. "Dear Father", he prayed "be with me tonight." There's much work to do and my schedule is tight. I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the sky knowing full well that reindeer can't fly. I will visit each household before the first light. I'll cover the world and all in one night. With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof...amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.



To get in the house is the difficult part... so, I'll slide down the chimney of each little heart. My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes. The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes. I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track. I'll eat every cookie that's left for my snack. I can do all these things Lord, only through You. I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do. All this is to honor the birth of the ONE that was sent to redeem us, your most Holy Son. So to all my friends, lest Your glory I rob, please Lord, remind them who gave me this job.

(Warren D. Jennings)

Class Schedule: Sunday Morning

- **Grades 1-8** next meeting ..Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022!!(10:10 – Our Lady's Hall)
- **Confirmation Class:** Sunday, Jan. 9 Deacon Mark, Presenter
Parish Center: 3:30 – 4:30 followed by PM Mass.

Attendance is expected and appreciated!!

Heartfelt thanks to ALL who supported the **Bed For Every Child Project**. You were generous beyond measure!! In addition ... the gifts provided from the **Giving Tree** blessed the lives of countless families from our Parish and beyond. Gratefully, humbly ...THANK YOU!!



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This 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:

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