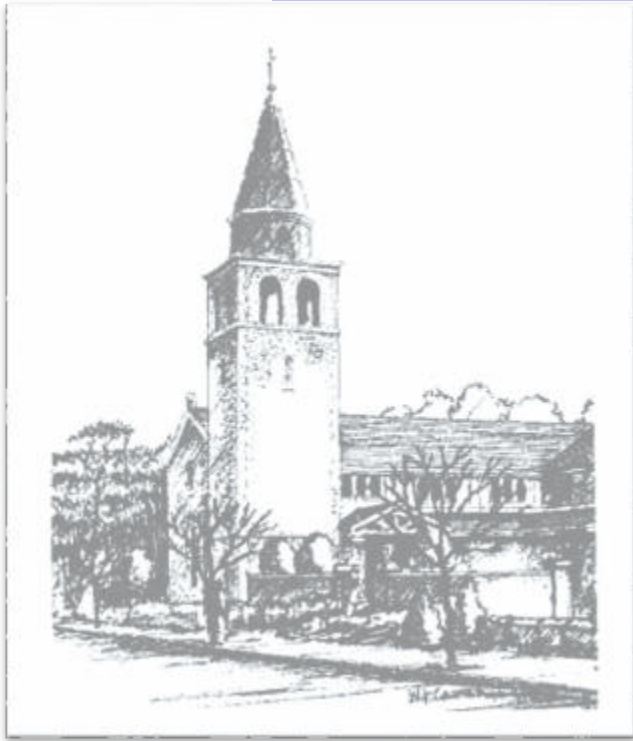


# Saint Raphael Parish



## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Paul F. Coughlin, Pastor  
Deacon Mark E. Rumley  
Dr. Ginny McCabe, Ed. D., Pastoral Minister  
& Director of Religious Education  
Mrs. Margo Malone, Asst. Director of Religious Education

## Parish Staff

Mrs. Michelle Paone, Parish Secretary  
& School Tuition Manager  
Mrs. Kerryn Plant,  
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Mr. Ryan Lynch, Director of Music

## School Staff

Mr. Robert LaRoche, School Principal  
Mrs. Kathleen McCormack,  
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Assistant to the Principal  
Mrs. Julie Yenowskas, School Secretary  
Mrs. Gina McCart, Director of Development & Admissions

## Visiting Clergy

Fr. John Swencki, Senior Priest  
Senior Deacon Leo Martin

## 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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Development Office .....(781) 483-3554

**website:** [www.saintraphaelparish.org](http://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.

## WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

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

## 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, January 1, 2022**

4:00PM

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

7:30AM

9:15AM Blanche & Stephen Keane  
Anniversary

11:30AM Richard Williams  
Memorial

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

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

8:00AM

**Thursday, January 6, 2022**

8:00AM James F. Hanley  
10th Anniversary

**Friday, January 7, 2022**

8:00AM Mary Molinari & Lena Sozio  
Memorial

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**

8:00AM Ralph, Eda & Skip Sozio  
Memorial

4:00PM Patricia Vara-Appleby  
Anniversary

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

7:30AM Richard Penta  
4th Anniversary

9:15AM Mary & Louis Nicolaro &  
Helen Bernadette McQuirk  
Memorial

11:30AM Alfonso Auciello  
Memorial

5:00PM

## From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the clergy and staff, I would like to thank you for the many Christmas cards, flowers and baked goods sent to us for Christmas. Know of our gratitude and prayers.

I want to express my deep appreciation to all who helped make Christmas a joyful and blessed celebration. Thanks to Ryan Lynch and the Adult Choir, the Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, the Custodial Staff and all who gave of their time and talent.

Special thanks to Jack Kean and Bill Caines and their "Committee" for decorating our Church so beautifully.

### Thank you:

Sincere thanks to all those who have so generously contributed to the Annual Parish Support and Christmas Memorials.

### Giving Tree:

I would also like to thank the many people who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree program. Many, many gifts were provided by you, the good people of Saint Raphael Parish to help make Christmas a happy and bright occasion for those in need.

Father Paul

### Parish Offertory

**December 19, 2021**

Envelopes/Other: \$9,121.00

Online: \$3,420.41

Total: \$12,541.41

Grand Annual to date: \$91,817.91

Parish Improvement: \$2,325.11

Thank you for your continued generosity!





**CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Adult Confirmation class—January 4 at 7:00pm
- Parish Finance Council Meeting— January 5 at 1:00pm
- School Advisory Board Meeting—January 5
- Baptism—January 16 at 1:00pm

Today we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord. Because Jesus Christ is true God and true man, fully divine and fully human, Mary is truly the Mother of God. How appropriate that we celebrate Mary is truly the Mother of God. How appropriate that we celebrate this solemnity on New Year's Day, for by accepting such an awesome responsibility this young woman ushered in a new beginning for humanity, a new start for the world. Let us begin this new year resolved to bring a new start to those aspects of our world in need of God's grace.

Today we hear God ask Moses to invoke God's grace, kindness, and peace upon the people as a formal blessing. Paul tells us that God has blessed us all through Jesus, making us adopted sons and daughters of God. In the Gospel, the shepherds share the words they heard from the angel, which amazed everyone and particularly moved Mary, who kept them in her heart. May the words we hear today lead us to recall God's blessings in our lives, so we can reflect on them in our hearts.



**Mass Cancellation**

As winter is upon us and flurries may fly, please note that if Saint Raphael School/ Medford Schools are cancelled due to snow, the 8:00am morning Mass will be cancelled for that day as well. For those who have an intention for a loved one reserved that day, another date will be scheduled.



Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of:  
Lena Muccini

On behalf of our priests in good standing, thank you for your support of the Clergy Trust Christmas collection. If you missed the collection, you can still make a gift. Please visit [clergytrust.org](http://clergytrust.org) for more information.



**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**

straphaelmedford@yahoo.com

**NEW YEAR PRAYER**

Dear Lord,  
We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You.  
May we take the time to get to know You.  
Help us truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously  
Given us and use them to serve You and spread  
Your word,

May we also see and love you in all the people we meet,  
So that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time  
if they are to grow and deepen.

This is also true of our relations with You,  
The Father and the Holy Spirit,  
which must grow over the course of our lives.

In this new year,  
Let us realize that every action of ours  
no matter how great or small  
enables us to be in touch with You.

Let us accept You in our lives,  
in the way it pleases You,  
as Truth, to be spoken,  
as Life, to be lived,  
as Light, to be lighted,  
as Love, to be followed,  
as Joy, to be given,  
as Peace, to be spread about,  
As Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives,  
Friends, neighbors and all people.

Amen

**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 Rumley, Presenter**

Parish Center: 3:30 – 4:30 followed by  
PM Mass. Attendance @ BOTH 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!!



**For the month of January 2022,  
Saint Raphael Food Pantry has been selected  
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**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](mailto: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](http://saintraphaelparish.org)

You can also view it at: [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com).  
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