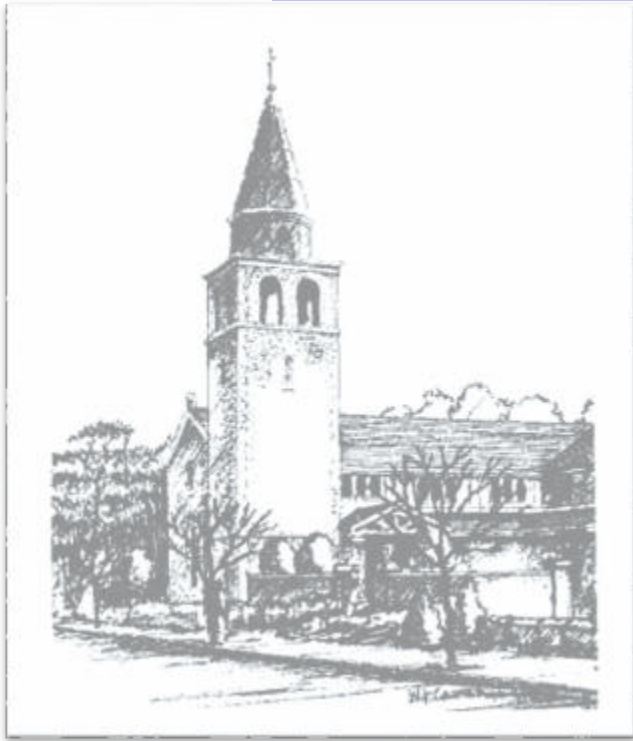


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Fr. John Swencki, Senior Priest
Senior Deacon Leo Martin

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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website: 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 8, 2022

4:00PM Patricia Vara-Appleby
Anniversary

Sunday, January 9, 2022

7:30AM Richard Penta
4th Anniversary

9:15AM Mary & Louis Nicoloro &
Memorial

11:30AM Alfonso Auciello
Memorial

5:00PM

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00AM John & Nora Gorman,
John Gorman, Jr. & William Gorman
Memorial

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:00AM Roberta Fatalo
Memorial

Friday, January 14, 2022

8:00AM Armand J. Albert
Memorial

Saturday, January 15, 2022

8:00AM Grace Richmond
5th Anniversary

4:00PM Nancy Hammel
1st Anniversary

Sunday, January 16, 2022

7:30AM Leo & Mary Morrin
Anniversary

9:15AM Stephen Messina
6th Anniversary

11:30AM Eugene McGillicuddy
1st Anniversary

5:00PM Genesio & Christina Spina
Memorial

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and a voice from the heavens rang out, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." No such dove was seen or voice was heard when we were baptized, yet the Holy Spirit did descend upon us in the baptism and we were welcomed into this holy family, initiated into the body of Christ. Let us give thanks today for the blessings we received in baptism, blessings we note in the baptism we celebrate today.

In the first reading, we hear Isaiah proclaim that the chosen one, imbued with God's spirit, will bring justice, establish a covenant, and free those who dwell in darkness. Listening to his words, we marvel at how Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecies, but we also realize how far we still need to go. Let us listen to God's word and consider how Jesus and the Holy Spirit can work through us to bring light, blessing, and justice to all.



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.

welcome



Now that the holiday season is over, we want to thank you for all that you did through our parish Giving Tree to make Christmas brighter and happier for so many families and individuals. The pandemic has been especially painful for people who were already struggling financially. As the director of one of the projects supported by the Giving Tree wrote in her thank you letter:

"This Christmas season your generosity meant more than ever. Through the gifts your care was tangible and brought hope and comfort to adults and children living in difficult circumstances."

Thank you for once again for going above and beyond in your response to this year's gift requests. May your love and generosity bring you abundant blessings in return!

Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure which you used will be measured back to you. (Luke 6:38)



Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of:

Lena Muccini, Daniel Sillari & Diane Connors

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

CALENDAR ITEMS

Adult Confirmation—January 12 at 7:00pm

Baptism—January 16 at 1:00pm

Parish Offertory

December 25, 2021 \$10,897.59
Clergy Fund

December 26, 2021
Envelopes/Other: \$8,019.00
Online: \$3,135.86
Total: \$11,154.86

Grand Annual to date: \$93,149.01

January 2, 2022
Envelopes/Other: \$6,193.75
Online: \$3,179.81
Total: \$9,373.56

Grand Annual to date: \$97,957.61

Thank you for your generosity!

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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A Wish for the New Year

"Dear Lord, please give me ...
a few friends who understand
me and remain my friends;
a work to do which has real value,
without which the world would
be the poorer; a mind unafraid
to travel, even though the trail
be not blazed; an understanding
heart; a sense of humor;
time for quiet, silent meditation;
a feeling of the presence of God;
the patience to wait for the coming
of these things, with the wisdom
to recognize them when they come."
(Author unknown)

Class Schedule: Sunday Morning

- **Grades 1-8** next meeting ...Sunday,
Jan. 9, 2022!! (10:10 – Our Lady's Hall)
ANDFollowing dates:
Jan.23 – Feb. 6 – Feb. 13 – March 6 –
March 20 – April 3.
- **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!!

JANUARY

For the month of January 2022,



**Saint Raphael Food Pantry has
been selected to receive a \$1 donation for
every \$10.99 Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4
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circle sticker sold at the stores located at
905 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington MA and
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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
we will place them in the Book of Prayer
for you. Heartfelt thanks to ALL Members for
your dedication to this ministry.

The Saint Raphael Food Pantry would like
to thank **Wegmans, Stop & Shop,
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