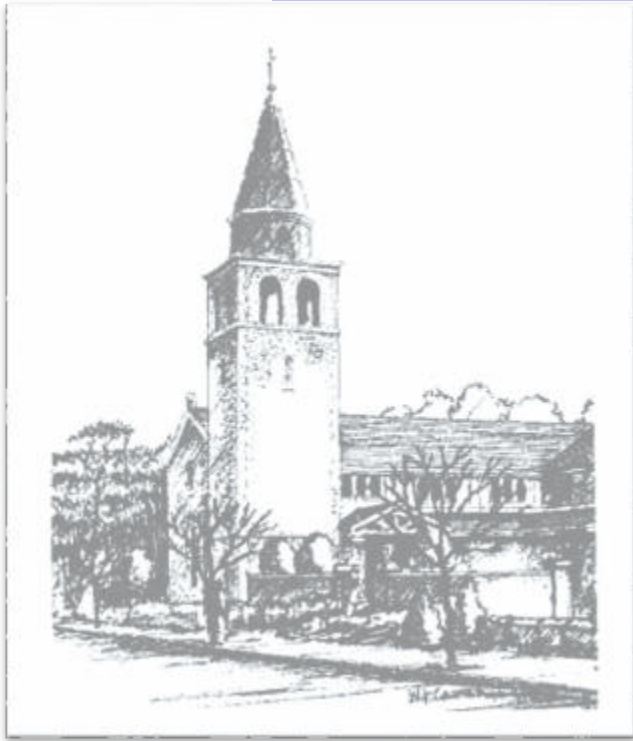


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Mass Schedule

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:
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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, January 22, 2022

4:00PM William Bragdon
3rd Anniversary

Sunday, January 23, 2022

7:30AM Dennis Joseph Slater
1st Anniversary

9:15AM Catherine Tibbetts
1st Anniversary

11:30AM Daniel McDermott
2nd Anniversary

5:00PM Stephen Fichera
7th Anniversary

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

8:00AM David Kearn
7th Anniversary

Thursday, January 27, 2022

8:00AM Thanksgiving

Friday, January 28, 2022

8:00AM Mary & Bud McCabe
15th & 23rd Anniversary

Saturday, January 29, 2022

8:00AM James G. Monagle
Memorial

4:00PM The DiPrizio Family
Memorial

Sunday, January 30, 2022

7:30AM

9:15AM Paul Travaglione
Memorial

11:30AM Thomas Michael Scanlon
9th Anniversary

5:00PM Diane Connors
Memorial

We gather today to worship the Lord, as faithful people have done throughout history. Two noteworthy examples are described in our readings. When Ezra the priest read the Torah in the streets of Jerusalem after the Jewish people had returned from exile, it brought people to tears. When Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah in his hometown synagogue, he revealed that he himself was the fulfillment of that passage. As we worship today on this ordinary day in Ordinary Time, let us consider the blessing of being able to listen to the work of God and to partake in this Eucharistic feast.

“Today is holy to our LORD,” Ezra proclaims toward the end of today’s first reading, for the people were able to gather together to worship for the first time in over fifty years. What joy it must have inspired! In the Gospel, Jesus announces that the prophecies of glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, and freedom for the oppressed are fulfilled in his presence. What an astonishing claim! Let us listen to scripture, realizing that we are inheritors of this profound legacy of God’s word.



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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.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Adult Confirmation class—January 26 at 7:00pm



Kindly remember in your prayers the souls of:
Marie C. Hanley, Lydia DeSantis, Michael Bishop & William Radochia, Sr.

Banns III Karen Stone & William Brady

Banns I Cassandra Phibbe & Vincent LaRovere

Parish Offertory

January 16, 2022

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School News

**Saint Raphael School currently enrolling
for the 2022/2023 Academic Year!
Early Childhood - Grade 8**

If you are interested in learning about enrollment at Saint Raphael School, we want to hear from you! We are happy to answer all your questions and share with you our Information/Registration Packet.

We are also doing private tours in the afternoons, by appointment only.

Please contact the Admissions Office:

Gina McCart

gmccart@straphaelparishschool.org

781-483-3554

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.



Religious Education

News and Notes

straphaelmedford@yahoo.com

A Winter Blessing

"Blessed are you, winter,
dark season of waiting,
you affirm the dark seasons of our lives,
forecasting the weather of waiting in hope.

Blessed are you, winter,
you faithfully guard a life unseen
calling those who listen deeply
to discover winter rest.

Blessed are you, winter,
frozen and cold on the outside,
within your silent, nurturing womb
you warmly welcome all that longs for renewal.

Blessed are you, winter,
your bleak, barren trees
preach wordless sermons
about emptiness and solitude.

Blessed are you, winter,
you teach us valuable lessons
about waiting in darkness
with hope and trust.

Blessed are you, winter,
season of blood red sunsets
and star-filled, long, dark nights,
faithfully you pour out your beauty.

Blessed are you, winter,
when your tiny snowflakes
flurry through the air,
you awaken our sleeping souls.

Blessed are you, winter,
with your wild and varied moods,
so intent on being yourself,
you refuse to be a people-pleaser.

Blessed are you, winter,
when ice storms crush our hearts and homes,
you call forth the good in us
as we rush to help one another.

Blessed are you, winter,
your inconsistent moods
often herald spring's arrival,
yet how gracefully you step aside
when her time has come."

Joyce Rupp + Macrina Wiederkehr



Class Schedule: Sunday Morning

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

Thank you STUDENTS/Teachers for your faithful attendance!! Appreciated!!

MINISTRY MATTERS

Prayer Group: 2022

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.



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