

THE PARISH OF SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

JANUARY 30, 2022

Welcome!

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at SSJ

4:30 p.m. at SEAS

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. at SMOS

8:00 a.m. at SEAS 9:00 a.m. at SSJ 10:00 a.m. at SMOS 10:30 a.m. at SEAS 11:30 a.m. at SSJ

MONDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SEAS

TUESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

WEDNESDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SEAS

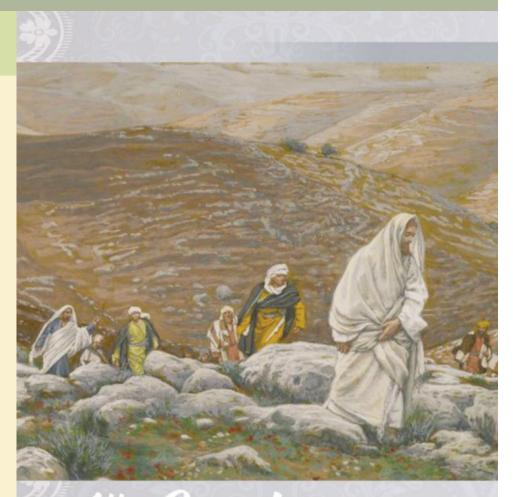
THURSDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SSJ

12:00 p.m. at SEAS

FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. at SMOS

12:00 p.m. at SSJ

Note: The schedule above does not list Holy Day or Holiday Mass Schedules.



Ath Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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For church locations and staff information, see page 16

PRAYER & WORSHIP

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM:

For arrangements call Dcn. Jim Mackin: 412-857-5356



ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death. If hospitalized or in a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the Catholic priest on call for that facility.



MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.



PENANCE:

Saturdays

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Margaret of Scotland Church
- Noon to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Adhere to all posted safety protocol.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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JANUARY 30		FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
4:00 p.m.*	SSJ	Charles Moffatt by the Moffatt family			
4:30 p.m.*	SEAS	Victoria and John Owen by Barbara Lynch, Kathy Utchell, and grandchildren			
7:30 a.m. SMOS		People of the Parish			
8:00 a.m. SEAS		John L. Duran Sr. by Jennifer Blythe			
9:00 a.m.	SSJ	Rose Marano by sister, Mel			
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Marjorie Morgan by granddaughters, Maggie, Molly, & Katie			
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Barbara Devlin by Elaine and Thomas Devlin			
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	Edward M. Flohr Jr. by Gerry Burton			
JANUARY 31		MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN BOSCO			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Mimi Buretz by Evelyn Decesare			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	Nellie and Virgil Eger Family by Judy Yurchak			
FEBRUARY 1		TUESDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SMOS	Shirley Yanosko by children			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Robert Fitzsimmons by wife, Dorothy			
FEBRUARY 2		FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Kathleen Y. Shea by Tom O'Shea			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	John, Mary, and Tim Klutch by Carol and Jim Bauman			
FEBRUARY 3		THURSDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m.	SSJ	Richard Sullivan by Patrick McCaffrey			
12:00 p.m.	SEAS	John Mox III by the Mox family			
FEBRUARY 4		FRIDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 a.m. SMOS		Patricia & Robert Goulding by Lorraine and John Horner			
12:00 p.m.	SSJ	Larry Spezialetti by Millie			
FEBRUARY 6		FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
4:00 p.m.*	SSJ	Vince Leonette by wife, Mel			
4:30 p.m.*	SEAS	Rita Mae Wade by Robert Wade			
7:30 a.m.	SMOS	Georgean Billigen by Pat Gordon			
8:00 a.m.	SEAS	Mary Ellen Gaughan by Terri Martin			
9:00 a.m. SSJ		Dom Colarosa by wife and children			
10:00 a.m.	SMOS	Charles Moffatt by the Herrmann family			
10:30 a.m.	SEAS	Patrick J. Joyce by Mary C. and Stephen Joyce (wife & son)			
11:30 a.m.	SSJ	Maura Grace Schwab by mother, Marilyn			

Note: If Guardian Angel Academy is delayed or closed due to weather, the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church will be cancelled, and the Mass Intention for that day will be rescheduled.

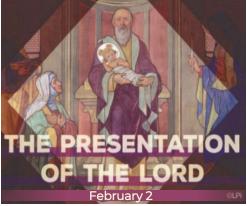
*anticipated Mass on Saturday evening

PRAYER & WORSHIP

FROM THE PASTOR

"The true light has come, the light that enlightens every man who is born into this world. Let

all of us, my brethren, be enlightened and made radiant by this light. Let all of us share in its splendor, and be so filled with it that no one remains in the darkness. Let us be shining ourselves as we go together to meet and to receive with the aged Simeon the light whose brilliance is eternal.'



-St. Sophronius, Sermon for Candlemas Day

As we move into the new year, I provide an update on the property issue at Ss. Simon and Jude. I am truly grateful to those individuals who have donated \$121,150 exclusively to help remedy the issue. To date we are looking at a total cost of nearly \$700,000. Aspects of the work included: survey and planning documents, exploratory excavation, installation of sanitary sewers, manholes, and storm catch basins. The diocese plans to assist with a 50% insurance coverage of the total bill.



The annual observance of "Catholic Schools Week" begins this weekend. We are truly proud of the accomplishments of the community at Guardian Angel Academy under the phenomenal administration of

Mr. Rob Munz. If you are interested in learning more about the school and its programs, feel free to contact the office at 412-922-4765.

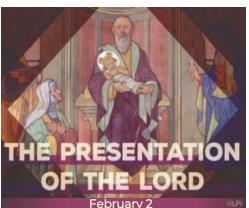
The eighth grade parishioners of our Faith Formation program and Guardian Angel Academy will gather on Thursday at the Epiphany Association campus for a retreat in preparation for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please remember these young people of the parish in your prayers.

Traditionally the Church honors St. Blaise, bishop and martyr on February 3. He is closely associated with the sacramental blessing of the throats. The blessing will take place of the final blessing of the Mass for all in attendance on Thursday.

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Linda Bombich Jean Conway Linda Elwell Steven Franks

James Malizio Frances McGuire Joan Mondine Sue Woods-Miller



Let us Please pray those who have asked for our prayers:

Anthony Anderson Kathy Aspinall Christine Banycky Clara Bielecki Brian Bishop Kelly Bittner Jim Boerio Donald Campbell Dorothy Campbell Elisa Carsia Helen Cassidy Kenneth Chase John Chraska Rosemarie Cyprowski Gina Dangelico Katie Denke Antoinette DePofi Patty Drury Kathi Dvorak Maddie Egler Jo-Ann Eller Patti Eurich Helen Fallon Vicky Feeney Lois Ferrie Ron Ferrie Rosemary Ferruzza Suzanne T. Finnegan Gabriel Fontana Deborah Ford May Frye William Gabella Dan Gardner Brandon Gross Mark Hagelauer Margaret Harkins Wayne Hayes Eileen Henefeld Mary V. Hester Patti Howcroft Brent Jones Noreen Joslyn Bob Karausky Joanne Keating Miriam Kist Eleanor Kitt Gregory M. Klemmer Don Krally Gloria Krally Lori Krally Ann Kramer Darlene Kura Helen Kurek Jackie Kushner Al LaBella

Larry LaSota John Linn Eugene Loniero Mary Ann Macino Arch MacLennan Laura Martin Sam Martin Carl Masciola Gina Massengill Kathy McGann Paul McIsaac Mary Jane Mericli Virginia Miller John Mostowy Joyce Mostowy Rocco Muffi Robin Munko Pat Murdzak Judi Novak Theodore Novak Mario Oliverio Tom O'Shea Linda Perris Charles Perry Diane Perry Elizabeth Pfender Nancy Pistella Carol Poecking Lou Pofi Robert Prevost Diane Pritchard Bucky Recaldini Dave Redman Paxton Renk Erica Rich Florinda Rosemeyer Andrew Patrick Schade John Schenk Ann Scheuble Theodore Schmidt Mary Socci Teresa Stacy Jaime St. Ledger Judye Suhy Bob Super **Rob Super** Rose Talmonti Jerry Tokar Rosemarie Toth Allen Turske Stephanie Vail Mary Kay Walsh James Walther John Zajicek Kathy Zajicek

and all who are sick and in need of our prayers.

Mark Laird

If you or a loved one are admitted to a hospital nursing home, please let us know can get you the proper spiritual care. Because of the HIPAA law, treatment facilities are not permitted to release your information to us unless you or your family give them permission to do so.



At St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Frank, Teresa, & Suzanne Kapton by the Kapton Family

STFWARDSHIP

Offertory

1/19/2022 thru 1/25/2022 \$18,335

2021 Parish Share

2021 Goal \$355,255 1/19/2022 thru 1/25/2022 \$5,237 Received to Date \$534,107 Goal Exceeded \$178,852

If you would like to contribute to the parish, consider using our online giving tool. You can set up recurrent payments, or make a one-time gift!



Scan the code to learn more and/or get started now. OR visit our website: straphaelcgs.org

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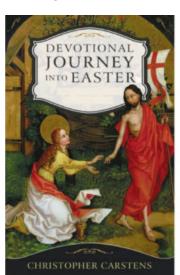
Churches are listed alphabetically in this bulletin and online.

Unless otherwise noted, the bulletin deadline is

Monday at Noon. Email: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to intensify your knowledge of the symbols, rites and meanings that surround the liturgies from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost



Sunday along with deepening your knowledge of the Paschal Mystery? A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery will be the guidelines for a six-week course with Fr. Grecco and Sharon Smoller held on the following Wednesdays: February 16, 23; March 9, 23, 30; April 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in St. Luke Hall. Cost for the book and other materials for the first 25 registrants is \$10 per person since we were able to purchase 25 books at a discounted price. For those who register after the first 25, the cost is \$15 per person as we will need to purchase more books. Please contact Sharon Smoller to register or if you have any questions at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org or 412-857-5356.

STEWARDSHIP

Catching up

Here is a listing of Offertory and Parish Share collections that were not previously reported due to early bulletin deadlines. Thank you for your patience.

Offertory		2021 Parish Share		
12/29/2021 thru 1/4/2022	\$23,401	12/29/2021 thru 1/4/2022	\$6,332	
1/5/2022 thru 1/11/2022	\$24,719	1/5/2022 thru 1/11/2022	\$10,899	
1/12/2022 thru 1/18/2022	\$22,357	1/12/2022 thru 1/18/2022	\$4,502	

OFFERTORY REPORTS

for the 2021 Tax Year

Parishioners who use Online Giving may receive a tax statement at any time by logging in to their account. As always, you may access the Online Giving portal on our website's homepage or by scanning the QR code found on this page.

Envelope users wishing to receive a 2021 Contribution Summary may request it by contacting Carol at the Parish Administration Center: 412-857-5356, or clkossler@straphaelcgs.org.

In order to keep the churches neat, and to prevent the distribution of inappropriate materials, nothing should be left on the tables in any of the churches without the permission of the pastor.

ENTRANCE HYMN I YOU ARE CALLED TO TELL THE STORY



Tune: CWM RHONDDA; Welsh tune, John Hughes, 1873-1932

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947 © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.





GLORIA

Please sing the Gloria refrain then straight through verses 1, 2, and 3. Repeat the refrain at the end.



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING | JEREMIAH 1:4-5, 17-19

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day
who have made you a fortified city,
a pillar of iron, a wall of brass,
against the whole land:
against Judah's kings and princes,
against its priests and people.
They will fight against you but not prevail over you,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 71: 1-6, 15-17



In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

Text: Psalm 71 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc. @2001 Tune: Anthony Ruff, OSB @ 2019 Liturgical Press by Order of Saint Benedict, Collegeville, Minnesota.

SECOND READING | 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31 —13:13 OR [13:4-13]

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

[Love is patient, love is kind.

It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the

truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face.

At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | LUKE 4:18



The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.

GOSPEL | LUKE 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

And all spoke highly of him

and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?"

He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb,

'Physician, cure yourself,' and say,

'Do here in your native place

the things that we heard were done in Capernaum."

And he said, "Amen, I say to you,

no prophet is accepted in his own native place.

Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land.

It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them

was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill

on which their town had been built,

to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow at the following bold words)

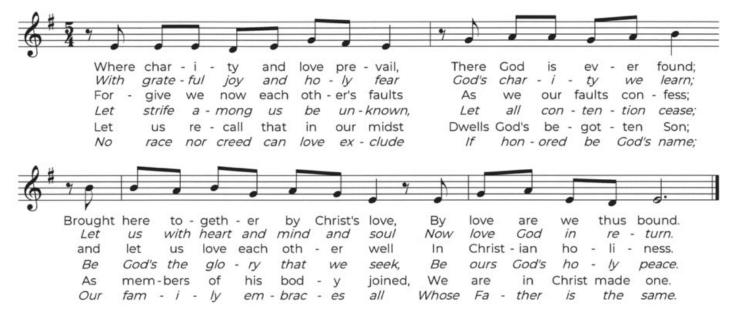
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

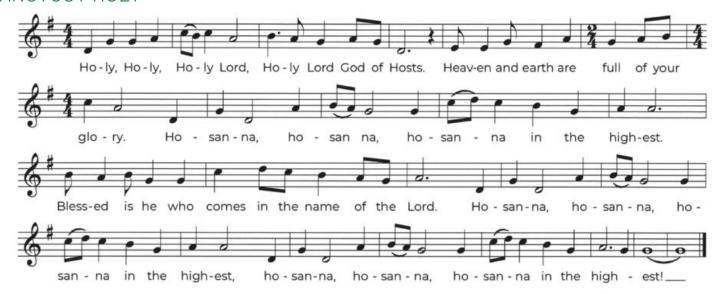
OFFERTORY HYMN | WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL



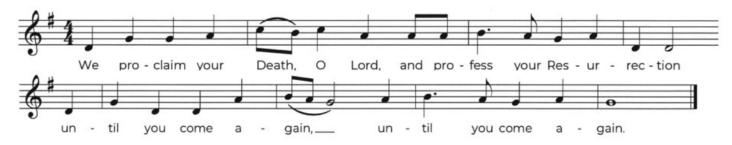
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Text: Ubi caritas est amor; translated by Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997 $\,$ © 1960 World Library Publications

SANCTUS / HOLY



MYSTERY OF FAITH



GREAT AMEN



AGNUS DEI / LAMB OF GOD



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

COMMUNION HYMN |



- For bread that is broken, we give thanks; for wine that is poured, we give praise.
 For life and for knowledge of the kingdom: all praise to you until the end of time!
- We thank you, O Father, for your name, which you give to dwell in our hearts.
 You bring us together as one family: all praise to you until the end of time!
- Creator of all, we offer thanks; you give us a share in your life.
 You strengthen our body and our spirit: all praise to you until the end of time!
- 4. Remember your Church which sings your praise; perfect it in truth and in love. And gather your people all together to praise you until the end of time!

Tune: LIFE-GIVING BREAD, James C. Chepponis, b. 1956 © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc. Text: Adapted from the *Didache*, 2nd C; James C. Chepponis, b.1956

RECESSIONAL HYMN | GOD WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO KINDLE



Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

Text: David E. Trueblood, 1900-1994, alt. © 2967 David Elton Trueblood

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ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



CARING + GIVING + SERVING

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

-1 Corinthians 13: 12

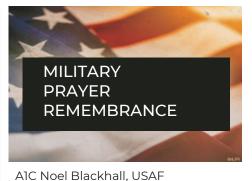
Since the local newspaper reduced its print editions to two days a week, many people have raised concerns about missing the obituaries. Parishioners are often saddened by realizing that another parishioner died only after the funeral has taken place.

This is an unfortunate circumstance, and we recognize that our caring community wants to pray for our deceased members and provide comfort and support to their families. Due to the number of funerals we have and three church buildings, our staff cannot post signs on bulletin boards or doors as was done at some of our churches in the past.

The most efficient way we have to disseminate important information is our parish website. The Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel website has a special section called, "In Memoriam" where the names and usually obituaries for those buried from our parish are posted as soon as we schedule the funeral and have the approval of the family. There are occasional situations when families express a desire for privacy, so there are circumstances when names are not listed.

We realize that there are some parishioners who do not have or use a computer or smart phone. If there is sufficient interest, the Care Ministry office would be willing to support a phone call chain system to notify parishioners without internet access about the funerals in the parish. One volunteer would need to be the point person to receive the initial notification phone call, then get the message out to the other people on the list. If anyone is interested in taking the lead or being on a call list, please contact Laura O'Keeffe, Care Minister, at 412-857-5356.

May the souls of all our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

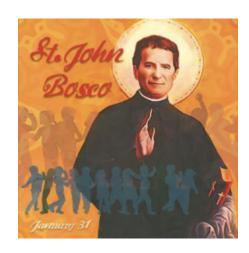


SSgt David Blackhall, USAF SPC Casey Busch, Army SSgt Kristiana Coote, USAF LTC Ronald Gaudelli, Army Sgt Kyle Lamb, USMC 1LT Matthew Montanaro, Army SGT Alexander L. Novelli, Army 1stLt Anthony Palumbo, USMC 1stLt Anthony Redondo, USMC Cpl Jordan M. Rush, USMC A1C Elana Russell, USAF SrA Jay Russell, USAF TSgt Justin F. Smith, USAF Cpl Nicholas Steinert, USMC SGT Gregory Timmerman, Army 1LT Garrett Walnoha, Army SrA Terance L Wroniak USAF SN Caleb Zajicek, Navy

May we pray for your loved one who is actively serving in the military?
Please send his or her name, rank, and branch to Mary Kay Smith:
mksmith@straphaelcgs.org



Do you need prayer for a special intention? Please stop and see a member of Partners in Prayer (PIP) on Thursday, February 3 in Holy Family Hall. The representatives of PIP will be masked and socially distant, but always have open hearts for the prayer requests of others. The PIP meet from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and take requests before and after the noon mass that they attend. They are there on the first and third Thursday of every month. If you need prayer, you can also contact one of our Care Ministers, and they will ask our prayer warriors to pray for you.

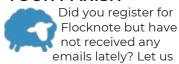


Golden Agers

The Golden Agers meetings have been cancelled for the next few months.

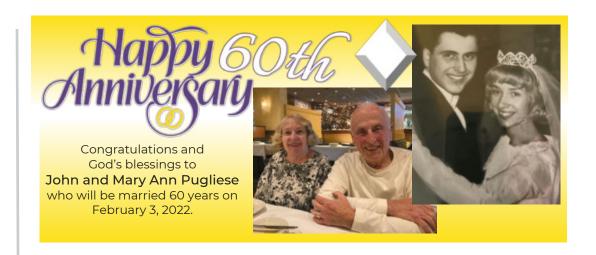
Please keep watching the bulletin for news of when the meetings will resume.

EMAILS FROM YOUR PARISH



know! Contact Mary Kay: mksmith@straphaelcgs.org. Or sign in to your account at flocknote.com for more information.

You may join Flocknote by texting StRaphaelCGS to 84576 or by visiting the website, flocknote.com



8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY

The retreat day for 8th grade Confirmation candidates of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish and candidates from Guardian Angel Academy will be held this Thursday, February 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Epiphany Association, 820 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15216. Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation to and from Epiphany Association. Candidates are to be dropped off at Epiphany Association in time that we may begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and are to be picked up at 3:00 p.m. from Epiphany Association. If your Candidate will be getting a ride home from someone other than a parent/guardian, you must provide a written notice prior to retreat day by emailing Sharon Smoller at ssmoller@straphaelcgs.org. If written notification is not obtained ahead of time, your child will not be released to anyone other than a parent/guardian. Pizza lunch included at no cost. There is no cost to the candidates to attend the retreat. Please pray for these young men and women as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

FOR VOLUNTEERS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE:

To volunteers of the past, the Parish of St. Raphael the Archangel wants you to know that we have appreciated your service to the Parish and that if you want to return to service, it is as easy as a phone call or email to Karen Maurer, Safe Environment Coordinator, to see what you would need to do. If for some reason you can no longer serve in a ministry position, once again, a simple phone call or email to Karen will take care of this.

To those volunteers who are presently serving in a ministry (or ministries): The Parish thanks you for carrying on the important work of the Church, whether it be directly

at Mass or through service to those in need. "As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." — 1 Peter 4:10

Please know that it is imperative that all current volunteers must be compliant with the Safe Environment Policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If you are volunteering and are not sure if you have completed all the requirements, please call or email Karen for assistance. Certain compliance items are required for certain positions; some also expire and must be renewed. Every volunteer was assigned a new course entitled "Protecting God's Children Maltreatment 3.2 and Vulnerable Adults Combined." This is done online and takes approximately 1 hour to complete.

This must be completed as soon as possible. No computer? No problem! Make an appointment with Karen to come to her office to complete the course in a quiet area on a computer that is socially distanced.

If you are thinking about becoming a volunteer, please go on the diopitt.org website, click on Obtain Clearances, then click on either School or Parish Volunteer (whichever you want to be). There you will see all the requirements that must be fulfilled before you can volunteer. Please call Karen if you have any questions about this. Please consider serving our Church and her people today.

"Faith in action is love-and love in action is service."

-St. Teresa of Kolkata.

ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

YIKES!

There were photos missing in last week's bulletin. Fortunately, they were available in our online edition. For those who wished to see them in person, here are the pictures of the workers that were hidden from us last week.

As always, you can see (and print) the bulletin from our website: straphaelcgs.org.





The students and families of Pioneer Education Center thank the parishioners of St. Raphael the Archangel for helping Santa deliver Christmas presents to us! Your kindness and generosity are much appreciated.

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE TALKING TO PEOPLE LIKE YOU DO! WHERE DO YOU GET ALL THESE IDEAS FROM ANYHOW?







All boys and girls ages 9 through 14 are invited to compete in the Knights of Columbus St. Raphael the Archangel Council #11143:

Free Throw Championship!

Competition will be held on Saturday, February 5 at the Green Tree Borough Municipal Gym (10 West Manilla Ave PGH, PA 15220) at 2:00 p.m.

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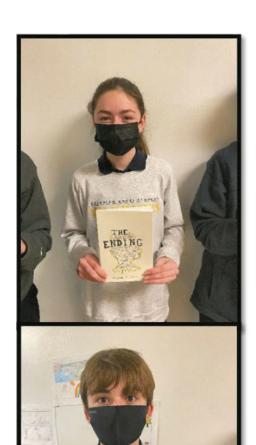
Coffee with Principal Joyce

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, prospective families are invited for a morning with Mr. Michael Joyce, Bishop Canevin's Principal, to discuss the school's present and future. These sessions provide parents and guardians with the opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and connect with families. So grab a cup of joe and sit down with Mike!

<u>Virtual</u>: Thursday, February 3 from 9:15 – 9:55 AM | <u>In-Person</u>: Friday, February 4 from 8:30 – 9:30 AM

RSVP at https://bit.ly/3s07Fl9

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY



CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

Each week we will highlight the amazing things that are going on in our classrooms at Guardian Angel Academy.

MR. ROY FISCHER'S CLASSROOM

The 7th grade Reading class has finished reading "The Giver". As part of a final project, the students were tasked with creating their own sequel to the book, as The Giver has a very ambiguous ending. Students wrote their own original endings and drew their own book covers as well. We stapled them into small books. Students were then able to read their peer's new short stories and write reviews on their classmate's work. The 7th grade's imagination brought us new experiences and offered us a new view of the original text of "The Giver".



GUARDIAN ANGEL

The 8th grade Social Studies class is just finishing off a chapter on the Wild West. To help the students experience the life of a settler heading West, we played an old video game: The Oregon Trail! Using an online video game emulator, students were able to play the 1985 game on their Chromebooks in class. Even though it was an old game, the students were able to find not only enjoyment in playing the classic staple of all computer rooms of the 1990's, but were also able to draw conclusions about hardships and life in the West. After playing the game, students were then tasked with writing a reflection about their experiences.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

This week we will spotlight one of our outstanding staff members at Guardian Angel Academy.

MRS. KAREN MILKOWSKI - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

I was the secretary for St. Margaret of Scotland since July of 2017 and I am very glad to be continuing as one of the secretaries at the newly formed Guardian Angel Academy! I have been working in a Catholic School office since 2012. Before that, I worked for 25 years as a secretary and bookkeeper for various types of businesses. My husband, Dave and I have one son, Zach, who is 22. We also have a cat named Lulu.

We are big college football fans and enjoy going to Pitt games (or watching them on TV if it's too cold). We also enjoy trying new restaurants and spending time with family and friends.



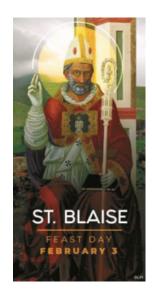


Typically news from our St Vincent de Paul Conference focuses on the profiles of our friends in need, their stories, and how we are able to help them due to your generosity, but that's the end of the narrative. This time we'll chronicle the beginning and middle of the narrative. People can call our Help Line 24-7 and leave a message with their contact info. Conference members take turns as "operators" and pass that information on to the membership, thus seeking someone to take the case. Ideally, two members will make a home visit to meet the person in need, and fully assess his/her situation. However, many times during the pandemic these visits were limited. Interviewing and then assessing one's needs can take one hour to several hours for follow-up details, before reporting back to our

conference with a summary and recommendation of how to proceed. At Christmas time there was a particularly dramatic story that deserves retelling.

A couple called, desperately in need of housing, because they were living in their van and almost out of money. After a job loss due to Covid, they left a nearby county to answer an online ad for a rental. They paid considerable money, signed a lease, and moved into their new apartment unaware of a scam. Two days later the real owner of the property appeared, evicted them, and locked all their belongings in the apartment! When the temperatures plunged they called St Vincent de Paul and we provided nearby lodging for a few days over Christmas. With the help from our Conference, they found a HUD property and headed to Bellevue for an interview and application process on December 27. When their van broke down en route, and fearful that they would miss their interview, they called us again. The driver had tools and the skills to replace the broken fan belt, but no money for parts. Our devoted

member then drove them to a NAPA store to buy the necessary parts. After a successful repair, and just to be sure there would not be another highway breakdown, our Vincentian followed them back to the hotel and then drove them to the HUD apartment to complete the application process. In total counterpoint to their recent luck, they emerged from the interview all smiles with an approval in hand and the opportunity to move in immediately. Just one more assistance from St. Vincent de Paul and this case would be closed: they needed a bed, some bedding and clothes, which were available from the St Vincent de Paul Store. So a happy ending and challenges far beyond the ordinary, but an example of how extreme some cases can be and we are blessed to be able to help. Thank you again for the financial help to do so.



St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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Call the parish office for arrangements if in danger of death.

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