

## MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>SUN</b>	<b>February 27th - Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 AM	Domenic Labate, Annunziata Labate, Rocco & Teresa Marcello (Santo & Caterina Marcello)
11:00 AM	Peg & Fran Pischke (Family)
<b>MON</b>	<b>February 28th – Weekday</b>
7:00 AM	Mary R Kramer (The Kramer Family)
<b>TUE</b>	<b>March 1st - Weekday</b>
7:00 AM	Celebrant Intention
10:30 AM	<b>Villa Mass</b> - Vilma Cook (Ken & Denise Keller)
<b>WED</b>	<b>March 2nd - Weekday</b>
7:00 AM	Ralph Michalek (Dongilli Family)
8:15 AM	<b>School Liturgy</b> - Bob Hirst (Bernie Greene)
1:30 PM	<b>Villa Mass</b> - Sam Mastromatteo (Rose Montesano)
<b>THU</b>	<b>March 3rd - Weekday</b>
7:00 AM	Libby Simko (The Tierneys)
11:00 AM	<b>Villa Mass</b> - Norma Schifino (Al & Donna DeSabato)
<b>FRI</b>	<b>March 4th - Weekday</b>
7:00 AM	John Coyle (Jerry & Betty Farkasovsky)
11:00 AM	<b>Villa Mass</b> - Americo Criscella (Ralph & Rosa Barbieri)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>March 5th</b>
5:00 PM	<b>Vigil</b> - Giuseppe & Diana Suppa (Mr & Mrs Francesco Tolomeo & Family)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>March 6th - Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 AM	For The People Of The Parish
11:00 AM	Michelina & Giuseppe Serrao (Robert Serrao)

## Sanctuary Candles

<b>February 27th</b>	Vincent Cugini (Wife & Family)
<b>February 28th</b>	Mary R Kramer (Daughter - Linda A Kramer)
<b>March 1st</b>	The Cordon Family (Family)
<b>March 2nd</b>	Albert Fullerton (Wife-Violet)
<b>March 3rd</b>	Bud Camerota (Rita & Family)
<b>March 4th</b>	Lawrence, James, & Samuel Mastromatteo (Maryfrances Mastromatteo & Family)
<b>March 5th</b>	Deceased Family Members (Lucy Begandy)
<b>March 6th</b>	Carmen Ciramella (Sisters)

*Remember In Your Prayers the following who have been called to the Lord and their families:*

*Guy Grasso  
Catherine Neilly  
Charles J Stypula  
Patricia Cristiano  
Joseph Flynn  
Mary Elizabeth Cuiffi*

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## I PRAYED GOD ANSWERED.

**I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.**

**I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey,**

**I asked for health, that I might do greater things.**

**I was given infirmity that I might do better things.**

**I asked for riches, that I might be happy,**

**I was given poverty, that I might be wise.**

**I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,**

**I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.**

**I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,**

**I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.**

**I got nothing that I asked for —**

**but everything I hoped for.**

**Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.**

**I am, among all men, most richly blessed.**

**Author Unknown**

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# This Week:

## Sunday, February 27th

- CCD Class from 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the school building.
- Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the entrance to the Church.
- 100th Anniversary Committee will be distributing hoagies in the Baptistry.
- Loose Change collection for the Piarist School in Kentucky. Containers are located at the entrances to the Church.

## Tuesday, March 1st

- Daisies (Scouts) meet in the Multi-Purpose Room from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.
- Market Day pick-up in the Multi-Purpose Room from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- Traditional Choir practices in the Church at 7:00 PM.

## Wednesday, March 2nd

- Cub Scouts meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 PM
- Girls Scouts meet in the Auditorium at 6:30 PM.

## Thursday, March 3rd

- Young at Heart (YAH) meet in the Multi-Purpose Room starting at 1:00 PM.
- Contemporary Choir practices in the Church at 7:15 PM.

## Saturday, March 5th

- The Rosary will be recited in church at 8:00 AM.
- Protecting God's Children Class in the school library from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.
- Nite at the Races in Gallagher Hall. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

## Sunday, March 6th

- CCD Class from 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the school building.
- Bible Study in the school library from 2:30 to 4:30 PM.

The Rosary will be recited on **Sunday, March 13th at 7:00 PM** in the chapel. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

**Lenten Bible Study: An Introduction to the Book of Matthew** - All our parishioners & their friends are invited to participate in a Lenten Bible Study on the book of Matthew. The topic was chosen to coincide with this year's Sunday gospel readings, most of which will be drawn from the Matthean Gospel. The course will begin on Sunday, March 6 and will continue for the next five Sundays. The group will meet in the St Raphael Grade School Library from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. There is no charge for the course, **but please call to register before Wednesday, March 2**. Call the parish office at (412) 661-3100.

**Ash Wednesday** - Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. Although this is not a holy day of obligation, our parish will offer three Masses to start the Lenten Season. The Masses (with distribution of ashes) will be celebrated at 7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 6:30 PM.

**St Raphael Fish Fry** starts on Ash Wednesday, March 9th & is held every Friday during Lent (including Good Friday) from 4:30 to 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Take out is available.

The Next **Pre-Baptism Class** will be held on **Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 11:00 AM** in the school library.

**Ushers Needed:** If you are interested in becoming an usher for St Raphael Church. Please call the Parish Office & give your name & phone #. Ushers are needed especially for the 9 AM Mass.

**Protecting God's Children** class will be held on Saturday, March 5th from 1-4 PM in the St Raphael Grade School Library. Please call Pam Matia at (412) 298-6845 or go to [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org) to register.

The Next **100th Anniversary Meeting** is on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The Dates For The **St Raphael Bazaar** are Thursday, August 4th, Friday, August 5th, Saturday, August 6th, & Sunday, August 7th. **The next Bazaar meeting is Wednesday, March 16th at 7:00 PM in the school library.**

**St Raphael's Athletic Association** is having a "Night At The Races" on **Saturday, March 5th** in Gallagher Hall. Doors open 6:30 PM; Dinner served at 7:00 PM; Races begin at 7:30 PM. Admission is \$15 in advance (\$20 at the door) includes Dinner/Beer/Soda/Setups - B.Y.O.B. Tickets available at the school & parish offices, or call Mark @ (412) 527-5458. Chinese auctions, door prizes, 50/50, poker & more throughout the night. Our Athletic program depends on the success & support of these fundraisers. Please get a group of family & friends together & have a fun night out while supporting St Raphael School.

**St Raphael High School - Class of 1971** is planning a 40-year reunion to be held June 25, 2011. We are still trying to locate three classmates: Jeannie Higgins, Theresa Harvey & Sandy Moore. For info on the reunion or if anyone knows of the whereabouts of these classmates. Contact: Judy Moran Sadowski (412) 795-5553 or e-mail [judy-sadowski@verizon.net](mailto:judy-sadowski@verizon.net).

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU** - Just a few words of thanks to the people who have helped make World Marriage Day (WMD) the continued success over the years. Marcia Carini & Joleine Kanaan who get the letters out & put up with me being spastic. The helpers setting up, Jack Pulfer, John, Joleine, & Keith Kanaan, Joe & Cindy Sieber, John, Lauren, & Joseph Gault, Peggy Harris (whom I miss), Joan Banze who has been there for setting up & the night of, Fran Bosser - the "Kitchen Guru", Cathy Le Donne, Mary Reith, & Joann Mauro, Mary Exler, Mary Lee Villani, Eleanor Minyo and my own cousins - Julie & Emily Moore. All the above (& those I might have missed due to old age) are special because they are selfless people who donate their time & energy to get the job done. And who can forget Chet Kwiatkowski who lends his talent with his music & generosity. But most of all thanks to pastors we've had & Fr Joe for supplying the space & the money. Also, to those of you who come every year to celebrate their marriages. You are the ones who make it all worthwhile. It has been a long run & now someone special has stepped up to take over the duties of setting up for next year. My thanks to Carolyn Natoli who has graciously volunteered to be the coordinator of World Marriage Day (WMD).

God Bless all of you,  
Patti Tokarski

**Thanks** to Patti Tokarski for all your years of coordinating The World Marriage Day Celebration at St Raphael Church. May God Bless you.

**Regular office hours** of the Parish Office are **Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM & Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday Evenings from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (NO TUESDAY OR FRIDAY EVENING HOURS)**. If you have need for a key for an evening function, please pick it up that day during office hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 PM, Saturdays from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM & Sundays from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Please try to conduct all parish business, including phone calls & door calls, during these hours. If you must “drop something off” at the office, please use the mail slot outside of the above hours.

**Music Ministry** - Please consider enhancing our liturgies by sharing your talents. Opportunities for playing an instrument or joining one of our choirs and/or becoming a cantor are described in the “Music Ministry at St Raphael” flyer that is posted on the bulletin boards at the church entrances. Thanks to all who respond.

**Thanks** - We are grateful to the companies, firms & individuals who advertise on the back of our parish bulletin. Their paid ads make this bulletin available to our parishioners at no cost to the parish.

**Stewardship/Memorial Contributions** ~ When making out a will or updating/revising a will, please remember to make a provision for St. Raphael Parish/School in the name of the loved one when publishing the news obituaries. Thank you.

**Eyeglasses** Don't throw your old eyeglasses away! Our Knights of Columbus can use them for Missionary Distribution. Please bring them to the Parish Office or leave them in Church (mark them K of C). Thanks!

**Attention:** The Goodwill box has been relocated to the back of the church. It is easier for the Goodwill truck to come up the back driveway & it also makes the side of the church look nicer. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Save The Date!** Inaugural *CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: "A CARING QUILT."* a day of spiritual enrichment for Catholic women sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Saturday, Oct 22, at the Marriott City Center, Pittsburgh. Keynote speaker: Immaculee' Ilibagiza, whose Catholic faith sustained her through the Rwandan genocide; now one of the world's leading speakers on faith & forgiveness. Additional workshops on how Catholic women are called to care for others, the world, the Church & themselves. Closing Mass with Bishop Zubik. Registration begins in August. More publicity in coming months.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
PROGRESS REPORT – 02/14/11**

**Amount**

**Campaign Goal: \$ 750,000.00**

**Amount Pledged: \$ 582,951.65**

**Amount Collected: \$ 568,386.57**

**Percentages collected toward our goal: 74.11%**

**345 families have pledged**

***Capital Campaign Update:***

The Capital Campaign Committee reminds all who have pledged to continue making your payments, made payable to St Raphael (in memo - write “Capital Campaign”).

Please remember that Capital Campaign Pledges are still being accepted. We appreciate your generosity in helping “Secure our Second Century.”

**Note: Checks intended for PSP or Capital Campaign are made payable to St Raphael Church & in the memo area of your check, list what it is for. Thank you.**

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**Do Your Shopping - Gift Cards** are available at the Parish or School Offices. We have Giant Eagle (can be used at GetGo for gas), Community Market, Shop 'n Save, Macy's & JC Penney (Macy's & J C Penney gift cards cannot be used on your charge). These Gift Cards are something everyone can use.

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**Want a special unique gift for someone?** Give them a Lottery ticket for the month (for birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, etc). It costs just \$5.00 but you could be giving a person up to \$500 if their number hits on the last day of the month. They also will have a chance to win \$50 each Monday through Saturday & \$100 each Sunday. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

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**Market Day - Market Day forms are available in the School & Parish Offices & at the entrances to the Church. Refer to order form for some special offers. Pick up orders on Tuesday, March 1st. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP DUE TO LIMITED FREEZER SPACE. Helpers needed. We could really use some extra help unloading the Market Day truck on pick-up day, Tuesday, March 1st, from 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM.**

## School News

**School Office Hours**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Confirmation** - Our parish is honored that the Most Reverend William J Winter, will be the celebrant for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Raphael Parish to be celebrated with our candidates on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM . If any parishioner of St Raphael had not received the Sacrament of Confirmation & would like to be considered to be Confirmed in Spring 2011, please contact the parish of as soon as possible at (412) 661-3100.

**Parents**, visit the school website for school calendar information at [www.straphaelelementaryschool.net](http://www.straphaelelementaryschool.net).

**Looking for a quality educational experience for your child?** Why not look into your parish school? St Raphael provides an excellent experience for your child from preschool-Grade 8. We offer a faith-filled environment with a challenging curriculum. Financial aid is available. Please contact the school office at (412) 661-0288 for more information or a tour. Visit our website at [www.straphaelelementaryschool.net](http://www.straphaelelementaryschool.net).

### Forensics Tournament January 31, 2011 - Holy Trinity

#### Round 1 Round 2

**Poetry**

Louis DeVito	3rd place	3rd place
Alyssa Slancauskas	2nd place	2nd place
T J Slancauskas	1st place	2nd place

**Prose**

Sina D'Amico	3rd place	1st place
Carly Huff	3rd place	1st place

**Declamation**

Sara Castellano	2nd place	1st place
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**Impromptu**

Luke Boehm	2nd place	3rd place
Antonino Castellano	1st place	2nd place
Courtney Kozdron	3rd place	
Daniel Love	1st place	2nd place

**Congratulations** to the following students who have achieved honor status:

#### Central Catholic High School High Honors

Nathan Fedzen	Lucas Mafrika
Francesco Vozza	Ryan Wetzel

#### Honors

William Faith	Shaun Joyce
Lucian Marcus	

#### Oakland Catholic High School Highest Honor

Ashley Abdulovic	Leah Adams
Veronica Leffler	Marissa Libertto

#### High Honor

Merina Jedlicka

#### Honor

Laurel Donatelli

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

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**Food Bank Schedule** ~ The Food Bank is on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 1 to 2 PM, in the auditorium of the original grade school building. The Food Bank is for all families living within the parish lines of St Raphael & Messiah Lutheran Churches. You are eligible if you are on a fixed income, are having financial difficulties, or on public assistance.

**Parish Social Services:** Sr Jane Fadgen is our parish Social Services Minister & advocate for persons with disabilities. Her role among others will be to work towards strengthening St Raphael Parish support for persons with disabilities. For more information, call (412) 441-4361.

**Hospital & Nursing Home Stays** - If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or enters a long-term care facility, assisted, independent living or residential facility & you want the parish office to know, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

**Bereavement Support** ~ It is recommended that one wait at least four months after a death of a loved one before joining a support group. For more information, please contact Sr Jane at (412) 441-4361 or one of our priests (412) 661-3100.

## School News (cont'd)

**Congratulations** to Joseph Gault for winning a first place award for his project in the recent PA, Junior Academy of Science Fair. In addition, Joe received a perfect score (5.0) from the judges. Robbie McKinstry also received a first place award & two special awards from Duquesne University & MEDRAD. Each entered projects in the Biology division & each boy attends Central Catholic High School. Good Luck, guys, on the state competition in May!

**Do your online shopping at Schoolmall.com & help support St Raphael.** Go to schoolmall.com & type in Saint Raphael School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania & start shopping. At the top of the home page you will find a button "merchants", click it to be directed to all merchants participating in the school mall. You can also find merchants by categories, which every you prefer. Click on the store you wish to shop & Happy Shopping. \*the pop-up blocker must be turned off for the stores' websites to come up on your computer. Some Merchants: Barnes & Noble, Build Bear Workshop, Coldwater Creek, Famous Footwear, Target, etc. Also, the Schoolmall info. Support St Raphael School by doing your online shopping through the Schoolmall. Go to Schoolmall.com, type in Saint Raphael School & then start shopping.

**Carnegie Cash for Schools** - Join Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh & earn money for St Raphael Elementary School! Buy or renew a membership to the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh & our school earns: \$5 for each renewal membership purchased & \$10 for each new membership purchased. Join online at <http://members.carnegiemuseums.org/straphael>, or visit the membership desk at the museums or Call (412) 622-3314 & ask your purchase to be credited to St. Raphael Elementary School as a Carnegie Cash for Schools participant. Don't forget GIFT memberships count, too!

**Thank you** for the papers you bring to the Abitibi Paper Retriever. When the retriever is full do not leave papers on the ground wait till the retrievers are emptied. Large cardboard boxes are not to be put in the retriever. Thanks for your patience & co-operation.

**Box Tops Program** - Please help St Raphael School in their fundraising efforts by supporting the Box Tops program. We can earn free play equipment, computer technology, etc. Please look for the Box Tops icon on the packages of many common household brands such as Cheerios, Yoplait, Ziploc, Hefty, Fiber One, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Juicy Juice. These are just a few of the brands. Before discarding the packaging look for the icon & then clip the Box Tops logo. Place them in the containers in the church. Thank you.

**Coupon Cutters! Please cut coupons on the lines....not inside or outside, but on the lines & thanks for your help with this project.**

**Empty ink cartridges**, old cell phones, & we are now accepting old digital cameras, iPods, video systems, i.e. GameBoy, Nintendo, Atari consoles, PDAs & laptops. You may deliver these items to the school or parish offices.

**GOODSEARCH IS MONEY FOR THE ANGEL FUND.** Some of our parishioners have made it a point to support the school by searching the web or shopping online using [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) & [www.GoodShop.com](http://www.GoodShop.com). Thank you for the support. The amount is determined by 1.3 cents per search & 3% of purchases made. It's an easy & efficient way to receive funds from a source beyond ourselves.

## Diocesan News (cont'd)

**The Church in Pittsburgh** continues to reach out to those who may have been victims of clergy sexual abuse. Materials for victims are available through our parish, or on the diocesan website at [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org). If you are a victim of abuse, you are also invited to contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator at (412) 456-3060 or toll free at 1-888-808-1235.

**A New Web site, [www.ForYourVocation.org](http://www.ForYourVocation.org)**, is being launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Web site has two objectives: to help individuals hear & respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, & to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer & activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men & women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home & tools for educators, youth leaders & vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans & vocation awareness programs.

**The Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper's** popular fish fry supplement will be included in the Feb 25th issue. The supplement will list what is cooking in parishes around the diocese during Lent. This listing will also be posted on the web site, [www.pittsburghcatholic.org](http://www.pittsburghcatholic.org), on Monday, Feb 28. Be sure not to miss this issue! The *Pittsburgh Catholic* Newspaper continues to keep track of the events happening throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The February 25th issue will include the monthly pull-out calendar listing a variety of events occurring throughout the diocese in March 2011. The back section will highlight the students of the month from schools around the diocese.

**A Pilgrimage of Peace & Conversion to Medjugore** will be conducted from June 30 through July 11. We will be present for the International Priests' Retreat as well as Mirjana's apparition. Included roundtrip airfare (via Paris), accommodations with private bath, 2 daily meals, English-speaking guide & Father Daniele Vallecorsa as Spiritual Director. Price is \$2,795.00. For more detailed information or a pamphlet call Bernadette at (412) 563-3857 or at [marystrave12@verizon.net](mailto:marystrave12@verizon.net).

**IRA Rollover Reinstatement for 2010 & 2011** - Through passage of a bipartisan tax compromise which was signed into law by President Obama on Friday, Dec 17, 2010: Individuals over 70 1/2 years of age may once again make direct distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to charities, parishes, schools, etc of up to \$100,000 per year. A special provision allows interested donors to make distribution that will be treated as being made in 2010 if completed by an extension date of January 31, 2011. Please instruct your IRA custodian (broker, bank, etc.) to transfer funds directly to your parish by this deadline to escape taxation of funds withdrawn from your IRA for this purpose. It may be too late this year (2010) to direct your minimum distribution as a gift. However, you may include your minimum distribution or any amount up to \$100,000 per person in next year's giving by making your 2011 IRA donation by December 31, 2011. Please call Paul Stabile, Diocesan Director of Planned Giving for further information or to discuss at (412) 456-3055.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend April 8-10** at the Toftrees Resort in State College! Call (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Facebook: WWME SW PA!

**A Super Bingo** will be held at St Mary of the Assumption Church, 2510 Middle Rd in Glenshaw on Friday, March 4. Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00. Doors open at 5:30 pm; bingo begins at 7:00 pm. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information & tickets.

### Schedule for Weekend of March 6, 2011

	Liturgical Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Gift Card Sellers
5:00 PM	T McGinnis	S Adams P Conway	S D'Amico M D'Amico A Corcoran	J Adams
9:00 AM	J Starr	L Ramacciotti J Ciramella	A Castellano S Castellano E Mazza	D Devine
11:00 AM	D Orlando	P Matia D Bertucci	C Huff B Huff C Knecht	M K Abdulovic

## Diocesan News (cont'd)

**Card Party & Salad Luncheon in Etna:** The annual Card Party & Salad Luncheon sponsored by the All Saints Church Christian Mothers & Guild is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at Noon in the Activities Building on Dewey St in Etna. Ticket price is \$10.00. **Reservation deadline is Sunday, March 6th.** For tickets & reservation call Karen at (412) 822-7039.

**Attention:** Business People, Accountants, Lawyers, & Architects. Did you know you can give from your state taxes to our Catholic school? The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program allows you to give up to \$300,000 a year to St Raphael School. You receive a 90% tax credit if you give for two consecutive years. The money goes to help needy families with tuition assistance. There is state tax credit money available right now. Call Dr Ron Bowes at the diocese, (412) 456-3090 & just mention tax credits. He will provide you with all the information you need. You can also go to [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com) & click on Educational Improvement Tax Credits. With your help, students can have **"The Great Beginning That Lasts A Lifetime."**

**St Vincent Plans Summer Program For Youths** - A new residential summer program for young men & women over the age of 15 who are curious & questioning about religion will be offered by St Vincent College, June 13 to 17. "Faith & Reason" is the title & focus of an intensive, one-week introduction to the Catholic liberal arts tradition that will be directed by Dr Michael Krom, assistant professor of philosophy at SVC. Further details are available by contacting Dr Krom at (724) 805-2844 or [michael.krom@stvincent.edu](mailto:michael.krom@stvincent.edu).

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** - We are living in an incredibly special time in history! Much pain & suffering is all around us, but also an Ocean of Grace has been given us, a Bridge to Heaven! Since June 24, 1981, the Blessed Virgin Mary has been reported to visit daily with several young adults in Bosnia-Herzegovina, bringing messages on how to achieve peace in our hearts, homes, & the world. In 1986, Pope John Paul II said, "Let the people go to Medjugorje if they convert, pray, confess, do penance, & fast." Some 20 million laity & clergy have visited & returned home spiritually renewed. You, too, are invited! In the words of Our Lady. "Thank you for responding to my call. If you knew how much I love you, you'd cry for joy." **March 28 -Apr 6, 2011;** Spiritual Director: Rev Nicholas S Vaskov. Hostesses for the Pilgrimage will be Cathy Howe & Medjugorje Visionary Mirjana Soldo. For more information, please call Cathy Howe at (412) 278-4673, or Chuck Wysor at Ambassador Travel Service at (412) 366-7200 or Mary Ann Sarver at (412) 486-8874. Or visit Mother's Pilgrims web site at [www.motherspilgrims.com](http://www.motherspilgrims.com). Space is limited.

## Community News

**Bingo** - Join us for bingo at the Morningside Senior Center every Friday from 1-3 pm. For information about registering for lunch, programs, & activities, call (412) 665-4342. Available for adults 60+.

**The Morningside AARP, Chapter 3947,** invite you to join us at our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at the Morningside VFW, 1820 Morningside Ave. The meetings begin at Noon preceded by a social hour with refreshments from 11:00 to Noon. Following the meeting, there will be either an entertainer or a speaker addressing current issues. Please join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, Feb 16, 2011. Chuck Kennedy, President

**Representative Dom Costa's office will be doing Income Tax Returns For Seniors** at 6808 Greenwood St. You must be 65 or older with an income under \$35,000. At this time, you can file your LIHEAP & Property Tax/Rent Rebate if you have not already done so. You **MUST** schedule an appointment. To schedule, or for more information, call (412) 361-2040.

**Maryfrances Tours" ~ 2011 ~ March 30th - Wheeling,** bonus - \$25.00. **April 27th, 28th, & 29th - Atlantic City** - Showboat, close to the resorts, Taj Mahal, bonus - \$60.00 + a seafood buffet. **June 19th - 24th - Wildwood, N J,** 6days/5nights. **Aug 28th - Sept 2nd - Ocean City, Maryland,** 6days/5nights. If interested, call & ask for a flyer. Call Maryfrances (412) 781-8952. Have A Healthy Happy New Year....

**Morningside Senior Central Travel** - After a long winter - Breakout for Spring - join us at the Pine Grove Dude Ranch, **May 23rd - May 27th** - 5days/4nights - you have your 5 meals a day w/cocktails & entertainment & a snack after the show. All kinds of social programs, indoor & outdoor activities, sounds like great fun for all. Call Venie (412) 361-0285 or Vivian (412) 486-7107.

**St Raphael Parish bulletin** can be viewed on the school website [straphaelelementaryschool.net](http://straphaelelementaryschool.net).

**Please note:** Acceptance of an advertisement in this parish bulletin, while based on any assumption in integrity on the part of the advertiser, does not imply endorsement of a product or service. **Want Ads** are placed in the bulletin the first Sunday of the month only. A NOMINAL FEE is required when placing an ad. You must complete a want ad form obtained from the Parish Office before requesting bulletin space. The ads need to be in the Parish Office Tuesday, before 4:00 PM.