

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUN	February 6th - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	Wm. David & Frances M. Taylor (Family)
11:00 AM	For the People Of The Parish (Scout Sunday)
MON	February 7th – Weekday
7:00 AM	Deceased of Harry Bond Family (George L Bond)
TUE	February 8th - Weekday
7:00 AM	Robert Hirst (Bonnie, Steve, & Children)
10:30 AM	Villa Mass - Lillian Label (Mrs Frances Spataro)
WED	February 9th - Weekday
7:00 AM	Victor Kochig (Daughter & Grandson)
8:15 AM	School Liturgy - Vilma Cook (Ed Lyons)
1:30 PM	Villa Mass - Ed Waggoner (Harry & Babe Hagerman)
THU	February 10th - St Scholastica, virgin
7:00 AM	Frances Hurley (Bonaventura Family)
11:00 AM	Villa Mass - Sam Mastromatteo (Joe Natoli)
FRI	February 11th - Weekday
7:00 AM	Lula Butler (Mike Nene)
11:00 AM	Villa Mass - Teresa Manno (Manno & Febbraro Families)
SAT	February 12th
5:00 PM	Vigil - Stierer & McManus Families (Jo & Family) - World Marriage Day (Reception to follow in the Multi-Purpose Room after Mass)
SUN	February 13th - Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time
9:00 AM	For The People Of The Parish
11:00 AM	Marciano Family & Primiano Family (Family)

Sanctuary Candles

February 6th	Mary R Kramer (Daughter - Linda A Kramer)
February 7th	Robert Hirst (Barb & Children)
February 8th	Mother (Violet Fullerton)
February 9th	Mary Ann Valenty (Gene & Carol)
February 10th	Tom Begandy (Family)
February 11th	Mike Cherubino (Lucy Begandy)
February 12th	John DelSignore (Lois & Family)
February 13th	Nancy & Patrick Cordon (Family)

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

Alfred Dauk

List of Emergency Bible Numbers:

- When in sorrow, call John 14.
- When you have sinned, call Psalm 51.
- When you worry, call Mathew 6:19-24.
- When you are in danger, call Psalm 91.
- When God seems far away, call Psalm 139.
- When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23.
- For Paul's secret to happiness, call Colossians 3:12-17.
- For understanding of Christianity, call 2 Corinthians 5:15-19.
- When you want peace and rest, call Matthew 11:25-30.
- When the world seems bigger than God, call Psalm 90.
- When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67.
- When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1.
- For how to get along with others, call Romans 12.
- If you are depressed, call Psalm 27.
- If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37.
- If you are losing confidence in people, call 1 Corinthians 13.

Parenting Pointers: Kids can be mean - to each other & even to you. Perhaps your child has said, "I hate you!" A natural reaction is to respond defensively. "You don't understand." or "I'm just trying to protect you." True as this may be, consider that your first words might be to seek to understand and to acknowledge their anger. "So, you hate it when I treat you like a baby." Or "You feel furious because I won't let you eat more candy, stay up later, have the cell phone..." Let the child vent if necessary, but don't

cave if your reason still stands.

This Week:

Sunday, February 6th

- CCD Class from 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the school building.
- Scout Sunday at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Monday, February 7th

- PTG Board Meeting at 6:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.
- Ladies of Charity meet in the school library at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, February 8th

- Traditional Choir practices in the Church at 7:00 PM.
- 100th Anniversary Meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, February 9th

- Cub Scouts meet in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 PM
- Girls Scouts meet in the Auditorium at 6:30 PM.
- Knights of Columbus meet in the school library at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, February 10th

- 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.
- Bazaar Meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 PM.

Saturday, February 12th

- The Rosary will be recited in church at 8:00 AM.
- World Marriage Day Reception in the Multi-Purpose Room after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Sunday, February 13th

- CCD Class from 9:30 to 10:45 AM in the school building.

Today we rejoice and celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, & obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. We pray for these people & ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service.

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

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

Blessed Candles for use in your home are available in the Parish Office for a \$2 donation.

Blessed Palms - Old Palms from last year may be brought to Church & placed in the entrance of the Church for ashes.

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.

The Next 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, February 8th in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 PM .

The Dates For The St Raphael Bazaar are Thursday, August 4th, Friday, August 5th, Saturday, August 6th, & Sunday, August 7th.

St Raphael Bazaar Meeting on Thursday, February 10th in the Multi-Purpose Room at 7:00 PM.

Knights of Columbus Pittsburgh East/End Council #3530 meets this Wednesday, Feb 9, in the St Raphael School Library. Optional Rosary at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30. All men of St Raphael Parish, age 18 & up, are invited to come together with their brothers from our neighboring parishes to learn about this premiere Catholic men's social, service, fraternal & insurance association & our Award Winning Council For more information visit our website www.3530.kofc.us or contact Grand Knight Dennis McManus, (412) 362-1325.

2011 Parish Calendars are available at the entrances to the Church. Donation are \$2.00 for the Food Bank & Social Services. Thank you.

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.

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.

We received a check from Abitibi for \$200.92. Congratulations! We saved 31.42 cubic yards of landfill space.

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!

Congratulations to Fr Jack O'Malley on his induction into St Francis University Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb 5, 2011. Fr O'Malley preceded his priesthood by leading the Red Flash to a 52-22 record in three seasons as a standout point guard, including back-to-back 20-5 seasons. He lettered from 1956-59, & was a member of the St Francis National Invitation Tournament (NIT) team that faced Fordham at Madison Square Garden. Fr O'Malley helped St Francis win the Carousel Tournament in 1958, & earlier in the season hit a pair of free throws with no time remaining to help the Red Flash defeat in-state rival Duquesne, 65-64. It was a win that helped St Francis get into the NIT.

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Anthony LaRussa, senior at Central Catholic High School, son of Betsy & Tony LaRussa, on passing his Eagle Board of Review with the Boy Scouts of America. Anthony is a lifetime scout, member of Cub Scout Pack 343 with St Raphael Parish & Troop 73 with the Catholic Youth Association in Lawrenceville. Only 2% of scouts go the distance. With this award, he has reached the pinnacle of Boy Scouting. Well done, Anthony!

Hey All You Rock & Rollers (And Those Too Young To Remember The Good Ol' Days) - For a **GREAT** time with food, music, & prizes set this date apart **Saturday, Feb 12th**, just to get out for a night of friends, conversation & an evening of fun. You don't have to have lived in the 50's to have heard about them. We personally invite those of you married 1 year to 60+ years because there is no age limit on having a good time. Sooo, make those plans to spend a night of spending time with ALL age groups & be with your parish family. **NOTE: WE NEED 45 RECORDS FOR DECORATIONS AND ANY OTHER 50'S PARAPHERNALIA. Contact Pat Tokarski @ (412) 441-9458 if you would like to attend by Wed, Feb 9th.**

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT – 01/03/11

Amount

Campaign Goal: \$ 750,000.00

Amount Pledged: \$ 582,951.65

Amount Collected: \$ 555,852.57

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.

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.

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.

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. Orders are to be in by Fri, Feb 18. Internet orders by Wed, Feb 23. 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.

Calendar tickets based on the **State Lottery** picked at 7 PM are available from various sellers in the parish, or at the Parish Office.

Please inform your purchasers that we will pay on the FIRST State Lottery Number PICKED at 7 PM only, not the one picked in the day. February tickets are due. March tickets are ready for pick-up. Note: All tickets regardless if sold or unsold are to be returned to the parish office. Raffle Winners:

Date	Winning No.	Winner's Name	Amount
01/26	893	Renee Lange	\$50.00
01/27	587	Unsold Ticket	\$50.00
01/28	484	Unsold Ticket	\$50.00
01/29	236	Christina Vaghetto	\$50.00
01/30	925	Rick Hursen	\$100.00
01/31	501	Lois Spinnenweber	\$500.00
02/02	517	Caterina Gabriel	\$50.00

Give a hand; help support our school & help sell these tickets. Call 412-661-3100 and talk to Marcia.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

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

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.

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.

Honor Roll

Mr Munz Grade 7 Room 102

Highest Honor

Antonino Castellano Courtney Kozdron
 Barbara Corcoran Kaitlyn Sweeney
 Louis DeVito Trevor Vozza
 Heather Donatelli

High Honor

Luke Boehm Anthony Leffler
 Sara Castellano Daniel Love
 Allison Corcoran Jordan Narr
 Erica Follette

Honor

Caitlin Curotola Agostino Liberto

Second Forensics Tournament - January 15, 2011 St Maurice School

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2
POETRY		
Louis DeVito	1st	2nd
Alyssa Slancauskas	2nd	2nd
Thomas Slancauskas	3rd	3rd
Trevor Vozza	3rd	2nd
PROSE		
Sina D'Amico	1st	2nd
Carly Huff	3rd	2nd
DECLAMATION		
Sara Castellano	3rd	3rd
IMPROMPTU		
Antonino Castellano	1st	3rd
Daniel Love		1st

School News (cont'd)

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.

Thanks to the generosity of our parish & school families, St Raphael School received a check from Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$1,931.18. Thank you to everyone who saves Box Tops. In addition, we used 41,000 points from Campbell's labels to purchase the following items: 2 CD players, 2 electric pencil sharpeners, 2 butterfly gardens, oil pastels for the art room, and an overhead projector. Thank you for your generosity & please, keep saving Campbell's labels. **We thank Janet Lydon, coordinator of both programs, for her time & efforts in making these programs so successful.**

Thanks,
Anna

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 & 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.

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

**Mt Alvernia High School
High Honor**

Miraena Ridley Taylor Wetzel

Honor

Alexis Bonifate Rebecca Holt
Anna Matia Lauren Sauerwein

Diocesan News

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. 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.

Super Bingo - St Mary of the Assumption Church, 2510 Middle Rd, Glenshaw, Friday, Feb 11. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information & tickets. Advance tickets-\$35 at door-\$40.

A New Web site, 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.

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.

Magnificat Pittsburgh - Ladies, start your new year with Magnificat Pittsburgh at an uplifting prayer breakfast on Sat, Feb 19 from 9 am to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp. Magnificat is pleased to present speaker Johnnette Benkovic. Johnnette, originally from Pittsburgh, has a special place in her heart for women's ministries. She is Founder & President of the lay apostolates, Women of Grace & Living His Life Abundantly, & appears regularly on radio & TV on EWTN. She is a book author & editor of Canticle Magazine. Amidst her accomplishments she has known true heartbreak & tragedy. Find out about her life & how she overcomes life's trials to go on evangelizing for the Lord Jesus Christ. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. **Registration deadline is Feb 11, but register early.** To register, call Kay at (724) 772-6749 or Pam at (412) 461-8906 or download a form at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

Valentine Retreat for Married Couples - In celebration of World Marriage Day, St Joseph Spirituality Center in Baden is sponsoring a "Valentine Retreat" for Married Couples. This day of reflection includes presentations on the spirituality of marriage, time for sharing as a couple, & an opportunity to renew marriage vows at liturgy. Presenters include Sr Marguerite Kropinak, CSJ, & Norma & John Fitzpatrick (Coordinators of Engaged Encounter in the Diocese of Pittsburgh). The retreat will be held at St Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden, Pa, on Sunday, Feb 13, from 12:30-6:00. The fee of \$60 per couple includes a candlelight dinner. To register, call (724) 869-6587 by February 6.

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.

Schedule for Weekend of February 13, 2011

	Liturgical Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Gift Card Sellers
5:00 PM	C Silvaggio	P Tokarski J Kanaan	A Simmons J Somma L Adams	T Pesyna
9:00 AM	A Giammarco	F Costa J Graham	D Novak C Stack A Leffler	K Wetzel
11:00 AM	R Jensen	M Schneider J Szymanski	J Noonan L Sauerwein V Zanolli	M K Abdulovic

Diocesan News (cont'd)

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 & click on Educational Improvement Tax Credits. With your help, students can have **“The Great Beginning That Lasts A Lifetime.”**

Want to reconnect after the stress of the holidays? Come to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Feb 18-20 at the Gilmory Center, Coraopolis! Call (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at www.wwme.org. Facebook: WWME SW PA!

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.

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. 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 ~ Wednesday, Feb 9th, - Wheeling, bonus \$25.00. **Feb 27th - March 1st**, Atlantic City, bonus is \$60.00. **June 19th - 24th** - Wildwood, N J, 6days/5nights. **Aug 28th - Sept 2nd** - Ocean City, N J, 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.

Refer to insert in today’s bulletin.

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.