

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUN	April 24th - Easter Sunday: The Resurrection Of The Lord 9:00 AM For The People Of The Parish 11:00 AM For The People Of The Parish (Divine Mercy Novena)
MON	April 25th – Monday in the Octave of Easter 7:00 AM Carl Sciullo (Wife & Family) (Divine Mercy Novena)
TUE	April 26th - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter 7:00 AM Joseph Costa & Rosalie “Lilly” Costa Clarke, Esq (Antonietta Costa & Family) (Divine Mercy Novena) 10:30 AM Villa Mass - Dorothy C Sippel (Sippel Family) 6:30 PM St Anthony Novena - Celebrant: Fr Gilbert
WED	April 27th - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter 7:00 AM Rosaria & Giuseppe (Candida Castellano & Family) (Divine Mercy Novena) 8:15 AM School Liturgy - Rosaria Castellano (Nancy Zottola) 1:30 PM Villa Mass - Marie Inesso (Sebastian Palmieri & Daughter)
THU	April 28th - Thursday in the Octave of Easter 7:00 AM Rocco Marcello & Teresa Lampasi (Anthony Marcello) (Divine Mercy Novena) 11:00 AM Villa Mass - Vittoria Costa (Maria & Gregory Labate & Family)
FRI	April 29th - Friday in the Octave of Easter 7:00 AM Elisabetta Fusca (Domenic Fusca & Family) (Divine Mercy Novena) 11:00 AM Villa Mass - Ray Brown (Denise & Ken Keller)
SAT	April 30th (Divine Mercy Novena after 8AM Rosary) 5:00 PM Vigil - First Holy Communion Mass - For The People
SUN	May 1st - 2nd Sunday Of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday 9:00 AM Domenico Balotta, Bruno Balotta, Angela Rosa Costa Balotta (Frank & Rosa Balotta) 11:00 AM Lucy Yannotti (Darla DelDuca) 3:00 PM Holy Hour - Closing of Divine Mercy Novena)

Sanctuary Candles

April 24th	Rosaria & Giuseppe Castellano (Candida Castellano & Family)
April 25th	Parents & Grandparents (Marcia, Frank, & Nick)
April 26th	For August Villani (Mary Lee)
April 27th	Kelsey Sauerwein (Grandma)
April 28th	Carl Sciullo (Family)
April 29th	Carl Sciullo (Wife & Family)
April 30th	Maryann Mannella (Husband & Family)
May 1st	Mary R Kramer (Daughter - Linda A Kramer)

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

Fr George E Saladna Miles D Watkins
Giuseppe Manno John A Puskarich



Lord of life
We pray for all who bring your word of life
As a light to those in darkness
For those who bring your word of peace
To those enslaved by fear
For those who bring your word of love
To those in need of comfort
Lord of love and Lord of peace
Lord of resurrection life
Be known
Through our lives
and through your power
Christ the Lord is risen today.

Wishing you all and Happy and Blessed Easter!

Vi Auguro una Buona Pasqua!

Fr. Joe



This Week:

Easter Sunday, April 24th

- **A BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER**
- 2nd Collection - Easter Sunday Collection

Easter Monday, April 25th

- **Parish Office is closed.**

Wednesday, April 27th

- Girls Scouts meet in the Auditorium at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, April 28th

- Young at Heart (YAH) meet in the Multi-Purpose Room starting at 1:00 PM.

Saturday, April 30th

- The Rosary will be recited in church at 8:00 AM.
- First Communion Mass at 5:00 PM.

Thanks to the Caprino Family for their donation of the Paschal (Easter) Candle in memory of their Mother (Marge Caprino). This candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass, and is lit throughout the Easter Season and at the celebration of baptisms and funerals throughout the year as a reminder of the presence of the Risen Lord.

The Next Loose Change (and Bills) Sunday for The Piarist School in Kentucky will be on May 1st - Please put your loose change & bills in the containers at the entrances to the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2011

Risa Abrams
 Matthew Burgett
 Zachary Balog
 Sina D'Amico
 Caeley Dekleva
 Rachel Falgione
 Alexander Hahn
 Luke Haug
 Carly Huff
 Carey Knecht
 Trina Laffey
 John Parker-Blier
 Joseph Russo
 Sidony Ridge
 Aryn Simmons
 Alyssa Slancauskas
 Michael Snipes
 Domenica Sokol
 Emma Somers
 Isabella Veneziano



St. Anthony Novena

The Novena to St. Anthony is celebrated this Tuesday, April 26 and continues for nine weeks through Tues, June 7. Devotions and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will begin each Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

Mass will be celebrated on June 13, the Feast of Saint Anthony, at 6:30 pm

Novena di Sant'Antonio

La novena di Sant'Antonio si celebra martedì, il 26 aprile, e continuerà per i 9 martedì fino al 7 giugno. Le devozioni e la benedizione del Santissimo Sacramento avranno luogo alle 6:30 di sera. Per la Festa di Sant'Antonio (13 giugno) si celebrerà la Santa Messa alle 6:30 pm.

The Divine Mercy Novena - We invite you to pray the Divine Mercy Novena together in church (as published with the Mass times) or privately. Divine Mercy Sunday (May 1) will be observed with a Eucharistic Holy Hour from 3-4pm.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30 at the regularly scheduled 5 pm Mass.

We kindly ask you to be respectful of the seats which will be reserved for the first communicants and their families. Please pray for our students and their families as they prepare to join with us fully in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Parish May Crowning is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, after the 11:00 AM Mass. We will gather as a parish to honor the Blessed Mother. We encourage all parishioners to be present to honor the Blessed Mother. All students in our school & CCD program are expected to attend. The First Holy Communion Class will form the guard of honor. All are welcome.

Thanks to all who participated in the St Raphael Fish Fry from our volunteers so dedicated & all those who came & enjoyed the meal. Special thanks to the Athletic Association Officers & Members for a job well done.

The Sisters of St Joseph will be selling raffle tickets on Saturday, May 7th & May 8th at the entrances to St Raphael Church. Proceeds benefit the Sisters & their ministries.

Save the Date! St Raphael Bazaar will take place this summer, August 4-7 (Thursday through Sunday). **Next Bazaar meeting is Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room.**

The Next Pre-Baptism Class will be held on **Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 11:00 AM** in the school library.

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.

Masses said by the Missions:

Teresa Manno (Manno & Febbraro Families) - 3/8/11
 Sam Mastromatteo (Maureen, Kath, & Kelli) - 3/9/11
 Nicholas Buchko (Daniel W Demoise) - 3/10/11
 Vittoria Costa (Donovan Family) - 3/11/11
 Norma Schifino (Christi Laughlin) - 3/12/11
 Antonio Costa (Paul & Karen Matthews) - 3/13/11
 Raymond J Riccella (Val Kish) - 3/14/11
 George Ziecina (Mr & Mrs Domenic Silvaggio) - 3/15/11
 Domenico Luciano (Filippo & Eleonora Scolieri) - 3/16/11
 Albert John DeVito (Joseph & Angeline Iezzi) - 3/17/11

Masses said by Fr Joe Sioli:

Diana Scolieri (Filippo Eleonora Scolieri) - 4/4/11
 Joyce Dimoff (Mr & Mrs Sam Mastromatteo) - 4/4/11

Masses sent to Kane Hospital:

Teresa Manno (Manno & Febbraro Families) - 25 Masses
 Robert Schwer (Dr & Mrs Sedam)
 Charles Sweeney (Bonnie & Frank Greco)
 Lisa Tedesco (Mrs Martucci)
 Charles Sweeney (J Bieniek)
 Louise Browne (Madelon & Jim Hocter)
 Marilyn Cuevas (Ron & Mabel Jaworski)
 Donald F Steele (Val Kish)
 Mae Aulicino (Bob & Joan Allen)
 Raymond Maher (Val Kish)
 St Theresa (Devotee)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT – 03/25/11

Amount

Campaign Goal: \$ 750,000.00

Amount Pledged: \$ 582,951.65

Amount Collected: \$ 578,294.74

Percentages collected toward our goal: 77.11%

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. Internet orders by Wednesday, April 27th . Pick up orders on Tuesday, May 3rd. 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, May 3rd, 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. April tickets are due. May 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
04/13	007	Tom Sullivan	\$50.00
04/14	931	Chuck Kennedy	\$50.00
04/15	926	James Wach	\$50.00
04/16	045	Jackie Szymanski	\$50.00
04/17	013	Mary Kelcha	\$100.00
04/18	401	Mark Minto	\$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.

Housekeeper Needed: Helper needed for a senior citizen in an apartment in Oakland. Call Sister Jane (412) 441-4361.

School News

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

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.

Save the Date! St Raphael School Picnic at Kennywood on Monday, June 27, 2011. Tickets will go on sale on Thursday, May 26th at 8:00 AM to 8:20 AM in the school building.

The St Raphael School community supports school choice. Join us in urging our state legislators to support Senate Bill 1. Visit, call, fax, or write your elected officials or log on to www.pacatholic.org/schoolchoice & click "Contact your legislator" to send an easy email message.

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. **We received a check from Abitibi for \$17.93. Thanks to you, we saved 11.17 cubic yards of landfill space.** 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 & 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.

School News (cont'd)

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved Honor status:

High Honors

Lucas Mafrica	Lucian Marcus
Arthur McCague	Nathan Narr
Francesco Vozza	Ryan Wetzell

Honors

William Faith	Nathan Fedzen
Timothy Hyland	Shaun Joyce
Robert McKinstry III	Daniel Obernauer
Joseph Traficante	

Diocesan News

Easter Blessing Of The Families - This afternoon, Bishops David Zubik & William Winter & Bishop-elect William Waltersheid will welcome families of the Diocese to their annual Blessing of Families at St Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00 p.m. **(Please note earlier start time!)**. As they greet & bless your family personally, they affirm & support you as a household of love & witnesses to your faith. Come & experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are & the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home & the children will receive a sweet treat.

Bishop-elect Waltersheid - A special supplement to welcome Bishop elect William Waltersheid, who will serve the Diocese of Pittsburgh as Auxiliary Bishop, will be published in the **April 22, 2011 issue**. The supplement will include biographical information, stories from people who know him, & well wishes from the faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Also look for complete coverage of Bishop-elect Waltersheid's Episcopal ordination, to be held on Monday, April 25, in St Paul Cathedral. Photos & an article on the ordination will be the highlight of the **April 29, 2011 issue** of the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, Your Catholic Community Newspaper.

May Community Calendar - The *Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper* continues to keep track of the events happening throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The **April 22, 2011 issue** will include the monthly pull-out calendar listing a variety of events occurring throughout the diocese in May 2011. The calendar also highlights Students of Month attending Catholic Schools in the Diocese.

Benefit Dinner & Show - Fr Jim Garvey, Fr Frank Almade & their friends are holding a fundraising dinner & show to benefit the Nyadri Development Academy in the Diocese of Arua, Uganda, East Africa on Friday, April 29 at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. No reservations necessary. Nyadri Academy is a trade school where young men & women learn trade & job skills. The school has been open for approximately a year & the money raised will help both the students & staff. Tickets are \$40. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm followed by a show of romantic show tunes entitled, "My Romance" by Joan Russell Phillips & John Phillips at 7:30 pm. For more information, please call Fr Garvey at (412) 321-2126. Make checks payable to "Father Garvey Special Events."

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. 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, 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.

Pilgrimage to Poland - Bishop David Zubik invites you to join him as he retraces his Polish heritage on a remarkable 9-day pilgrimage to Poland. Walk in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II. Pray at the Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa, the Divine Mercy chapel & other holy places. Attend a lecture by famed papal biographer George Weigel, & see many of Poland's rich cultural sites from July 2-10, 2011. Sponsored by Franciscan University Pilgrimages. Call: 1-800-437-8368 for more information.

Monte Carlo Night benefits St Matthew Parish & AOH Division 23 on Saturday, April 30 at St Kieran's Church Hall, 53rd & Carnegie St from 7:00 pm till Midnight. Cost \$10 includes raffle, food, beverages, BYOB. Come join the fun. Must be 21 years old.

Volunteers Needed for Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center: The Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center in downtown Pittsburgh is looking for medical & dental professionals to join our dedicated volunteer team. Your help is needed more than ever to provide care for individuals without health insurance. The greatest need is for dentists & dental hygienists. Licensed professionals are covered by federal liability insurance. Your time commitment is up to you. Free parking is provided. If you would like to share your gifts in the service of helping others then call Tanis at (412) 456-6977 or email trober@ccpgh.org.

North Catholic High School will hold the 25th Annual Trojan Triumph Dinner/Auction, Friday, April 29, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Cranberry. The Auction opens at 6:00 pm with Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will follow at 7:30 pm. Please join our North Catholic family for a lovely evening that will include honoring Rev Kris D Stubna, Diocesan Secretary for Education, & celebrating the 25th anniversary of his Ordination. For more information, please call (412) 321-4823 Ext 105.

Schedule for Weekend of May 1, 2011

	Liturgical Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Gift Card Sellers
5:00 PM	P Brennan	P Gensler J Kenaan A Mannella D McManus	L Adams L DeVito Z Balog	M D'Amico
9:00 AM	M C McDonald	D Delaney R Delaney D Devine P DiDomenico	N Costa A Behrman J Caliguiri	W Sullivan
11:00 AM	L Sauchin	M J Kelly R Kelly J LoPresti P Matia	T J Hyland R McKinstry E Follette	R McCague

Diocesan News (cont'd)

Sister of St Joseph Spring Luncheon Benefit - May 14 - The Sisters of St Joseph Auxiliary will hold their 49th Annual spring Luncheon on Sat., May 14, at the Sheraton, Station Square, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Join us for lunch, cards (optional) & special raffles & prizes. Proceeds benefit the Sisters & their ministries. Cost is \$30.00 per person. For information or to make a luncheon reservation, please call Sr Karen at (724) 869-6592 or email her at kstoila@stjoseph-baden.org. You may also print & mail the registration form from our website: www.stjoseph-baden.org. Click on the right side, Savor Every Moment Read More & scroll to bottom of the article where you can print a registration form. **The deadline to make a reservation is May 2.**

Bluegrass Benefit Concert April 29: Enjoy the sounds of local bluegrass bands & help Catholic Charities' St Joseph House of Hospitality for former homeless senior men when you attend the 13th Annual Bluegrass Benefit Concert, Friday, April 29, 7:00 pm at Synod Hall in Oakland. Bands performing include Allegheny Drifters, Blue Shades, Fern Hollow Boys, Mac Martin & The Dixie Travelers, Mon River Ramblers & Mountain Therapy. Tickets are \$20 & may be purchased by calling (412) 471-0666 ext 227 or pdvorc@ccpgh.org.

8th Annual OC Eagle Golf Classic Golf Tournament. Benefiting - Oakland Catholic High School on Monday, May 2nd at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. Penny McKenna, Event Chair & Joseph A Massaro III Honorary Chair. For more information, questions & sponsorship opportunities: Please contact Karen in the Institutional Advancement Office (412) 682-6797. E-mail: development@oaklandcatholic.org.

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+.

Community News

Maryfrances Tours” ~ 2011 ~ April 27th, 28th, & 29th - 3 days/2nights - Atlantic City - Showboat, close to the resorts, Taj Mahal, bonus - \$60.00 + a seafood buffet. **May 25th** - Wheeling, Bonus \$25.00. **June 19th - 24th - Wildwood, N J,** 6days/5nights. **Aug 28th - Sept 2nd - Ocean City, Maryland,** 6days/5nights, Flamingo Hotel. 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. Beach Time “Fun Time & Relaxing Time along with tour time. Join us to Virginia Beach, Norfolk, & Williamsburg. **Sept 18th to 22nd.** Call Venie (412) 361-0285 or Vivian (412) 486-7107.

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.

St Raphael Parish bulletin can be viewed on the school website 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.