

MASSES THIS WEEK

SUN	September 25th - Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time 9:00 AM For The People 11:00 AM Centennial Mass (100th Anniversary) - Celebrant: Bishop David A Zubik
MON	September 26th – Weekday 7:00 AM Mary Sciaretti (Arlene Jordan)
TUE	September 27th - St Vincent de Paul, priest 7:00 AM Angelo Tolomeo (Tolomeo, Sciullo, DiRenzo Families) 10:30 AM Villa Mass - Mary An & Anthony Clemente (Children & Grandchildren)
WED	September 28th - Weekday 8:15 AM School Liturgy - Rosalie “Lilly” Costa-Clarke, Esq (Antoinette Costa & Family) 1:30 PM Villa Mass - Sara Nassuor (Daughter)
THU	September 29th - St Michael, St Gabriel, & St Raphael, archangels 7:00 AM Christina Didiano (Dominic Didiano) 11:00 AM Villa Mass - Joyce Dimoff (Mr & Mrs Samuel Mastromatteo)
FRI	September 30th - St Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church 7:00 AM Fr John Charnoki (Phil Brennan) 11:00 AM Villa Mass - Robert Marino (Theresa Marino)
SAT	October 1st 2:30 PM Nuptials - Zachary Skrinjar & Stephanie Svilar 5:00 PM Vigil - Marge Caprino (Family)
SUN	October 2nd - Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time 9:00 AM Mame Golacinski (Joe & Mary Ann Nene) 11:00 AM For The People Of The Parish

Sanctuary Candles

September 25th	Special Intention (Violet Fullerton)
September 26th	Marjorie McMahon (Mom & Dad)
September 27th	Kelsey Sauerwein (Grandma)
September 28th	In Memory of Robert Bates (Wife & Daughter)
September 29th	Nancy & Patrick Cordon (Family)
September 30th	Barbara Iacurci-Mieli (Rosemary & Dominic & Family)
October 1st	Paul Radziewicz (Barbara)
October 2nd	Mary R Kramer (Daughter-Linda A Kramer)

Remember In Your Prayers, the clergy, religious, and the parishioners of St Raphael Parish, who have been called to the Lord and their families.

HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Lift Up Your Hearts

With great joy and with thanksgiving to the Lord we arrive at the celebration of our parish's centennial. For a full century the people of St. Raphael church have shared their lives in a community built up by the proclamation of the Gospel and presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. This year our parish celebrates '100 years rooted in love': the love of Christ, the love of the Church, of our family and neighbors.

The theme we've chosen for celebrating this milestone calls to mind Jesus' parable of the sower and the seed. God's word cannot be taken for granted with the expectation of gathering a fruitful harvest. Jesus' parable suggests that the soil of our hearts and lives must be prepared to receive God's word.

St. Raphael Parish has flourished in ground made fertile by the work and devotion of generations of faithful parishioners, pastors and priests, and religious sisters. We welcome many of them back home this weekend and are grateful for their many sacrifices.

We also joyfully welcome Bishop Zubik to celebrate the Eucharist with us. Since the beginning of his time as our shepherd in the faith, Bishop Zubik has constantly reminded us that the Church is very much alive in Pittsburgh. That truth is evident in the history and in the present community of St. Raphael.

The first 100 years of our parish life inspires and challenges us to continue to the work of those who have gone before us, trusting in God's provident care.

With you I look forward to taking our first steps into the next century of our parish.

**Yours is Christ,
Fr. Joe**

This Week:

Sunday, September 25th

- **100th Anniversary Reception after 11:00 AM Mass in the Multi-Purpose Room & Gallagher Hall. All are welcome to attend.**

Tuesday, September 27th

- Market Day pick-up from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- Traditional Choir practice in Church at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, September 28th

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

Thursday, September 29th

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

Saturday, October 1st

- The Rosary will be recited in Church at 7:45 AM.

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CASH BASH - October 15th, 2011 - Save the date. St Raphael parishioners, please join us for an evening of fun at the Second Annual St Raphael Cash Bash. The date is Saturday the 15th of October at the Teamster Temple in Lawrenceville. Tickets will on Sale September 1st and are available only at the school office or the parish office. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner, many different games of chance, Chinese auction and cash drawings every 15 minutes. There will be over \$5200 in cash and prizes available. If you would like to support the event with a donation or volunteer, please contact Blake @ (412) 298-3833.

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**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
PROGRESS REPORT – 08/13/11
Amount**

Campaign Goal: \$ 750,000.00

Amount Pledged: \$ 583,747.65

Amount Collected: \$ 600,646.41

Percentages collected toward our goal: 80.09%

352 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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CCD Announcement: Times are always changing & we as adults never stop learning about life, our jobs, as parents or those who just like to learn. On the first Sunday in October & every month thereafter when you bring your children for the CCD program, there will be a Coffee Klatch learning & discussion group for the parents. We will be doing an in-depth review of prayers (different types), saints, devotions, & Commandments of the Church. It will be like a refresher study for those who want to know more about their Catholic faith & the practice of it. The more people the better the discussions. Then you can get your children after class & go to Mass as a family. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend.

**CCD REGISTRATION
for the
2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR**

We welcome all families to enroll their school age children, from grades 1 through 8, in St. Raphael's CCD program this year. Parents, please allow us to assist you in sharing our Catholic faith with your children, to prepare them to receive the Sacraments (especially Holy Communion and Confirmation), and to come to know better the Lord Jesus.

Our classes meet on **Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:45 am.** Please be prepared to pay a registration fee of \$40 for one student, \$60 for two or more children covers the cost of books and classroom materials for the 2011-12 school year. Checks may be made out to: "St. Raphael Church."

One Bread, One Body Booklets (Oct 1 - Nov 30) are available at the entrances to the Church.

Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Euclid, Ohio will be held on Sunday, October 2nd. For more information, contact Rosa Labate at (412) 661-0744 or Giovanna Marcello at (412) 362-1058.



Pellegrinaggio in onore di Maria Ss. del Rosario - avrà luogo domenica, il 2 ottobre, per ulteriori informazioni o per prenotazioni telefonare a Rosa Labate (412) 661-0744 o a Giovanna Marcello (412) 362-1058.

HERE WE GO AGAIN it doesn't feel much like fall BUT it will soon be here & with that starts our Young at Heart get-togethers on Thursday afternoons starting at 1:00 pm, starting in the Multi-Purpose room for some Bingo fun & laughter. You won't break the bank because the most you'll spend is 85 cents for 27 games & gobble up a sweet treat. But it's almost guaranteed that there is good cheer & friendships waiting for you. So, if you're looking for something to motivate you to get out of the house on Thursdays & meet some wonderful people, then COME ON BY AND JOIN US! Everyone is welcome.

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.

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 Is Back - Market Day forms are available in the School & Parish Offices & at the entrances to the Church. Refer to order form for some special offers. **Place orders by Friday, Sept 16th. Internet orders by Wednesday, Sept 21st. Pick up orders on Tuesday, Sept 27th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. 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, Sept 27th, from, 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM.

Mass Book for 2012 will open on Sunday, Oct 30th, from 9:45 am to 12:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The selection will be one Mad per family. All request that are mailed in will not be honored until Monday, October 31st. Therefore, if you need a particular date, it would be advisable to attend on Sunday, Oct 30th. Thank you.

12 Volunteers Needed for the scheduling of Masses for 2012 on Sunday, Oct 30th. We need volunteers who are willing 1.) to work that Sunday morning from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. 2.) to come to a meeting on Saturday evening, Oct 29th after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Multi-Purpose Room. We suggest you come to the 5:00 pm Mass & then come to the meeting because you may not have enough time to attend one of the Sunday Masses. Please call the Parish Office at (412) 661-3100 to volunteer. Thanks!

Blessing of Pets - Bring your pets to be blessed in a special ceremony in the school yard in honor of St Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, Oct 4th at 2:10 pm. All animals must be on a leash or in a cage. Let's celebrate the special creatures God has given us.

Student Council News! Congratulations!

2011 - 2012 Student Council

Officers

President:	Louis DeVito
Vice-President:	Sara Castellano
Treasurer:	Daniel Love
Secretary:	Luke Boehm

Ambassadors

Pre-K Ambassador:	Brennan Greene
Kindergarten Ambassador:	Chryssa Newman
1st Grade Ambassador:	Alexa Wills
2nd Grade Ambassador:	Allison Corcoran
3rd Grade Ambassador:	Emilee Mazza
4th Grade Ambassador:	Heather Donatelli
5th Grade Ambassador:	Jake Evans

Classroom Representatives

6th Grade Representative:	Sophie Friedman
7th Grade Representative:	Matthew Roney
8th Grade Representative:	Antonino Castellano
8th Grade Representative:	Trevor Voza

Open House - On Friday, Sept 30th, Oakland Catholic will hold its annual 8th grade visitation day from 9:30 am until 1:30 pm. This day is designed to introduce students to Oakland Catholic & high school life. Over 400 girls participate in a mini-day filled with demonstration by our outstanding faculty, presentations by our students in the OC chat rooms & enjoy a complimentary lunch with fellow 8th graders from the surrounding Pittsburgh Area. This day is for 8th grade students only. **Please call to make a reservation (412) 682-6633 x253.** For additional information regarding our **Open House on Oct 23rd** & our **Entrance Exam on Nov 12th**, please visit our web site at <http://www.oaklandcatholic.org/admissions/dates-deadlines/>.

Healthy Spirit Walk & Wellness Fair on Saturday, Oct 1 on the Motherhouse grounds of the Sisters of St Joseph, 1020 State St in Baden. The all-ages event encourages healthy living & is open to the public. The Healthy Spirit Walk begins at 9 am & participants have the option of a 1-mile or 1.5 mile non-competitive walk around our serene 88-acre campus. There will be children's activities & a health rhythms drum circle near the starting line. **Wellness Fair starts** from 8am to noon. Walk registration is \$15. Children ages 12 to 18 are \$5 & children under 12 walk for free. Groups of five walkers are \$40. Register online at www.stjoseph-baden.org or call Allie Mooney, (724) 869-6544. Participation will help support the care & well-being of our elder Sisters, many of whom will be on hand to greet walkers & visitors.

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. September tickets are due. October tickets are ready for pick-up. Note: All tickets regardless if sold or unsold are to be returned to the parish office.

DOUBLE DRAWING DOES NOT QUALIFY Raffle Winners:

Date:	Winning No:	Winner's Name:	Amount:
09/14	617	Mary Lee Villani	\$50.00
09/15	903	Marge O'Leary	\$50.00
09/16	352	Unsold Ticket	\$50.00
09/17	777	Robin Kittell	\$50.00
09/18	129	B DeFiore	\$100.00
09/19	577	Fr Grosko	\$50.00
09/20	246	Frances Bosser	\$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.

Available - Stove, electric, good condition, Call Sr Jane (412) 441-4361.

School News

The School Office Hours
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Volunteer Needed for school library - Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:00 to 11:30 am. Please contact Mr Robert Munz, Principal at (412) 661-0288 as soon as possible if interested.

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. **Parents**, visit the school website for school calendar information at www.straphaelelementaryschool.net.

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 saved 27.58 cubic yards in Landfill space & we received a check in the amount of \$176.81 from Abitibi. Have a great day!!!**

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.

Diocesan News

Family Systems Class for Clergy & Other Parish Leaders - As a group leader or member, have you ever felt puzzled or discouraged by the conflicts, cliques, or apathy you've encountered as you've tried to serve your parish? Relationships That Work, an 8-session class sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is designed to help participants understand the factors that shape such behaviors and identify principles for managing self effectively in the face of such challenges. Meeting on the first Friday afternoon of each month from October 7 through May 4 at St Paul Seminary, this course covers the eight concepts of Dr Murray Bowen's family systems theory with a special emphasis on its application to parish settings. Diocesan continuing education credits are available. The instructor will be licensed clinical social worker Ann Depner MSW, former Director of Family Services at Catholic Charities. To register or for more information, contact Ann at (412) 952-3144 or ADepner57@gmail.com.

Enjoy 2012 coupon books are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill from Sept 1 through Dec 17, for \$27. To reserve your Enjoy 2012 book, call Sr Agnes Steedle at (412) 243-4651, ext 647, Sr Marie Clare Farabaugh at St Stephen Convent in Hazelwood at (412) 421-5862, or Sr Patrice Hughes at Elizabeth Seton Convent in Brookline at (412) 561-6932. Enjoy 2012 books make wonderful Christmas gifts that continue to give all year long.

"The Birth of the Church in America" Join Nativity Church on a spiritual & historical journey into Maryland from October 11-14 (4 days) & discover our roots as American Catholics. **Catholic Maryland** - Churches & Shrines of Maryland. Visit the Seton Shrine as well as the beautiful National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes located on Mount St Mary's. For more information call Greg Bucci at (412) 714-4025.

Help for Grieving Singles - Widowed, divorced or separated? Beginning Experience offers help to hurting "single again" folks. The weekend & optional post weekend sessions focus on a personal inward journey to begin a new life with renewed courage & hope. Grief, regrets, confusion, self doubt? You don't have to go through this alone. There are others walking this hard road. We now the pain. Come to a safe place. Travel from heartache to hope. The next weekend will be held **October 14-16, 2011** at the Gilmory Center in Moon Twp. PA. Payment arrangements & possible financial assistance are available. For more information, www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to Lyn at (412) 448-9019 or Steve Smith at (412) 367-4948 or (412) 720-8694.

The South Hills Down Syndrome Parent Support Group will meet at the St Thomas More Family Life Center on the following dates at 7 pm: October 27th, Dec 1st, Feb 23rd, April 19th, June 14th, & August 23rd. Call (412) 692-7963 option 4 for more information or sheila.cannon@chp.edu. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct 15th for the Three Rivers Dash for Down Syndrome at Hartwood Acres. www.dsaphg.org.

9/11 Impact on Children - Twelve expert speakers will be featured at the 9/11 Forum: Impact on Young Children for parents, educators, student-teachers, community workers & others interested in the welfare of children to be held at the Fred M Rogers Center at St Vincent College, Latrobe, from 9 am to 4 pm, Thursday, Oct 6. Cost to attend the Forum is \$20 which includes continental breakfast & luncheon. The deadline for registration is Monday, Sept 26 but early registration is advised due to limited seating. Register online at <http://www.stvincent.edu/events/september-11-symposium-online-registration> or direct registration inquiries to the Event & Conference Services Office at St Vincent College, (724) 805-2177. An overview of the event and program agenda can be accessed at <http://www.fredrogerscenter.org/resources/september-11-forum/>.

Diocesan News (cont'd)

Bible Quiz Book - The *Pittsburgh Catholic* will publish a Bible Quiz book, available for purchase in October, 2011. Look for details in upcoming issues of the Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper & Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine about pre-ordering information. The book is a perfect Christmas gift.

EPIC: A Journey Through Church History will be offered at St Mary of the Assumption Church beginning soon. Register NOW to be sure of being part of this exciting journey. Fee of \$35.00 includes a workbook, Epic chart, & Epic bookmark. **Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 PM, Sept 22 thru Oct 27.** Bishop Charles Caput, OFM Cap says this Journey fills an urgent need for adult Catholics to recover their history as a believing community, & debunk false criticisms of the church. This is a vivid, thorough, & engaging program. Visit **Our Catholic History.com** for more info; call (412) 486-5521 to register for a session. Credit for catechists will be given for those attending.

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.

Registration is now open for the inaugural diocesan "Catholic Women's Conference: A Caring Quilt," which takes place on Sat, Oct 22, at the Marriott City Center, Pittsburgh. Keynote speaker is Immaculee Ilibagiza, survivor of the Rwandan genocide & renowned speaker on faith & forgiveness. The day includes five workshops from which to choose & concludes with Mass with Bishop Zubik. The registration form is available on the diocesan website: www.diopitt.org. Registration brochures for the conference are also available by calling (412) 456-3129.

Epiphany Catholic Church, Uptown, is holding an **Oktoberfest** on Fri, Oct 7 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm & on Oct 8 from 4:00 to 10:00 pm (Mass at 6:00 pm with German Quartet). Entertainment by the Dorfner Family German Ensemble & "Gaudi Buam". Come hungry to enjoy good German food in a pleasant atmosphere. Call (412) 471-0257 x101 for more details.

Bowlers Need: Sacred Heart Church is looking for Duck Pin Bowlers. There are 6 lanes in the Activity building on Alder St. Monday or Tuesday nights from 7:15 pm until 9:15 pm. We bowl 3 games. Interested parties call William Holden at (412) 441-8196.

Duquesne University Career Day - High school juniors, seniors & their parents/guardians should plan to read the Sept 23, issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, your Catholic Community Newspaper. This issue will contain a supplement focusing on Duquesne University's College Career Day, to be held on the university's campus Sunday, Oct 9. the supplement will feature articles & information about colleges & universities that will be helpful to high school students & their parents in selecting colleges & universities.

Schedule for Weekend of October 2, 2011				
	Liturgical Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Altar Servers	Gift Card Sellers
5:00 PM	Tom McGinnis	Pat Tokarski Candy Venezia Tom Venezia Susan Adams	Jordan Somma Marisa D'Amico Sina D'Amico	Tom Pesyna
9:00 AM	Mary C McDonald	Giuseppe Labate Kelli Lange Barbara McMahan Jerry McMahan	Anthony Leffler Robbie McKinstry Luke Boehm	William Sullivan
11:00 AM	Edmund LoPresti	Dom Bertucci Cheryl Cherubino C Roy Cook Jim Gabriel	Steen Grenesko Arthur McCague Ian Puskarich	Maria Liberto

Diocesan News (cont'd)

Our Lady of the Angels Parish hosts: A murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, Oct 1 at St Augustine Auditorium, 220 37th St. Doors open at 5:30 pm, Buffet Dinner at 6:30 PM. Show immediately follows Cost \$25 per person. Please call (412) 682-0929 for more information.

Around the Diocese Events - The *Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper* continues to keep track of the latest news & events occurring throughout the six-county Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Sept 23 issue of the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, will include the monthly pull-out calendar.

Community News (cont'd)

Maryfrances Tours ~ 2011 ~ Oct 26th - Wheeling Trip - \$25.00 Bonus. **Nov 29th - Dec 2nd** - Our Christmas Trip - 4days/3nights Atlantic City, Showboat & the TAJ, & a new one beginning built. The bonus will be \$105 in slot play & a buffet. \$90 from Showboat & \$15 from resorts. Bring a \$1 grab bag. **Feb 6 - 17, 2012** Southern Caribbean with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines on the Employer of the seas. 12 day/11nights. Call for a flyer. SIGN UP NOW!!!! Call Maryfrances (412) 781-8952.

Morningside Senior Central Travel - Christmas is just about around the corner & coming up quick. Get your reservations in on our **Day Trip Dec 10, Saturday** at Riverside Inn, Cambridge Springs, Dinner & Show. Call Vivian (412) 486-7107 or Venie (412) 361-0285.

Community News (cont'd)

Hey all you **NATIONAL AARP MEMBERS** who are looking for a great local AARP chapter, well, **here we are in Morningside**. We meet every **3rd Wed.** of the Month in the **Morningside VFW** on Morningside Ave, from Sept to May with a festive Christmas Party, June luncheon & July Picnic. There are informative speakers who deal with pertinent issues pertaining to our age group, entertainment, activities, community service & just a wonderful way of meeting people who have the same interests & maybe not the same but just a terrific group of people who enjoy each others company. What are you waiting for? So get off that couch & come join us for a good way to spend an afternoon once a month. If you are looking for more information please call Pat Tokarski at (412) 441-9458. Hope to see you there.

Morningside Senior Center invites you to the Morningside Mingle Thursday, Oct 13, from 4-6 pm. Entertainment will be provided by Dennis Smalley who is a singer performing songs from the 40's & 50's. There will be dinner to follow the performance. Come join us for an evening of food & fun. Meet new people & reconnect with old friends. Reacquaint yourself with familiar center traditions & new events & programming. **Call to sign up by Tuesday Sept 27 from 8 to 4 pm at (412) 665-4342.**

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.