"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!"

Matthew 21:7-9
MASSES for the Week of March 20, 2016

Weekday Masses are in St. Raphael Church. Weekend Masses are in Holy Angels Church (HA) or St. Raphael Church (SR).

Sat., March 19:
4:00 pm (HA)-Intentions of Joseph A. Nuva (living), r/b Daughter, Meredith
5:00 pm (SR)-Rose Lucidi & Frank Helleis, r/b Angelo Lucidi

Sun., March 20. PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
7:30 am (SR)-Frank Garzo, r/b Lorraine Anthony
8:30 am (HA)-Martin Henry, r/b William Henry & Family
9:30 am (SR)-Gabrielle Tattoni, r/b Wife
10:30 am (HA)-Stephanie Panacek, r/b Husband & Family
11:30 am (SR)-Richard Flodmand, r/b Wife, Arlene
5:00 pm (SR)-People of the Parish

7:30 am-Intentions of Gina Douglass (living)
7:00 pm-Michael Minar, r/b John, Sally & Family

Tues., March 22. Tuesday of Holy Week.
7:30 am-Intentions of The Ricci Family (living), r/b Vernon Family
7:00 pm-Intentions of Matthew Pullman (living), r/b Grandmother

7:30 am -Ronald J. Moro, Sr., r/b Tony & Pat Moro
7:00 pm -Victor Blicharz, r/b Family

Thurs., March 24. Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
9:00 am (SR) - Morning Prayer
7:00 pm-MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER - People of the Parish

Fri., March 25. FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Good Friday)
9:00 am (HA) - Morning Prayer
3:00 pm (HA) - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Sat., March 26. HOLY SATURDAY
9:00 am (SR)-Morning Prayer
8:00 pm (SR)-THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

Sun., March 27. EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
7:30 am (SR)-People of the Parish
8:30 am (HA)-People of the Parish
9:30 am (SR)-People of the Parish
10:30 am (HA)-People of the Parish
11:30 am (SR)-People of the Parish
12:30 pm (HA)-People of the Parish
5:00 pm (SR)- No Mass

PRAY for those in MILITARY SERVICE
Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Polya, Iraq; Petty Officer Ryan Bucchi, U.S.S. Carl Vinson; Father Patrick McPartland, USN (Chaplain Corps); Airman Shawn Beaver, CPT Nick Charles Guarraggi, U.S. Army (Honduras)

CONFessions. In St. Raphael Church: after daily 7:00 pm. Mass (except 1st Wed., 3rd Fri., holy days of obligation, vigils of holy days, and other days as noted on page 4), and Sat. 3:45-4:40 pm. In Holy Angels Church: after 8:30 am Sunday Mass.

WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS
According to the Common Policy of the five Latin-rite (Roman Catholic) dioceses of New Jersey, there must be twelve months of marriage preparation for each couple who desires to be married in the Church. Please do not make any wedding arrangements (including reception hall) until you have met with the pastor, and he has approved the wedding date with you.

Pray for the sick & homebound of our parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED
Joseph Dill and Dorothy Gallagher
Requiescat in pace.


ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE
Saturday, March 26:
4:00 pm-HA: No Mass
5:00 pm-SR: No Mass

Sunday, March 27:
7:30 am-SR: No Mass
8:30 am-HA: S. Vernon, J. Lawrence, Jessica Lawrence
9:30 am-SR: D. Yasaki, L. Kelly, M. DeiPo
9:30 am-SR: E. Nezzone, M. White, J. White, N. Ola
10:30 am-SR: B. O’Malley, C. O’Malley, A. Cruzeta
11:30 am-SR: J. Torres, A. Osborne, M. Osborne, T. Tan
12:30 pm-HA: E. Gorman, C. Ramily, E. Ramily
Dear parishioners,

On Tuesday, March 15, the five-member Parish Core Teams from the twenty-two parishes in the five cohorts of Mercer County (including from St. John the Baptist Parish, Allentown, Monmouth County, which parish is in the Southern Mercer Deanery) gathered at St. David the King Parish, West Windsor, for the cohort team training for the diocesan planning initiative, Faith in Our Future (FiOF), and the first of several meetings of each cohort (through September). We are in Cohort 6, along with St. John the Baptist and our three sister parishes of Hamilton Township (Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony, St. Gregory the Great, and St. Vincent de Paul). Among the speakers at the training was the Reverend Monsignor Leonard F. Trioano, V.E., episcopal vicar for diocesan planning and coordinator of FiOF. On or about December 31, he ended his tenure as founding pastor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, Lavallette. He served in one of our predecessor parishes, St. Raphael Parish, for several years (in the 1980s and 1990s).

Next Sunday – the Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – the pews will be filled with our fellow Catholics who come to Mass at Christmas and Easter. You may wish to arrive early. In 2014, we added an extra Mass – on Easter Sunday only – at 12:30 p.m., in Holy Angels Church. Thus, if you arrive for the 11:30 Mass after St. Raphael Church is full and would prefer to not go downstairs to the All Purpose Room (APR) (where a closed-circuit, television monitor is set up, for the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses), you can instead go to Holy Angels Church for a Mass that will start an hour later.

On Christmas Day 2014, at Communion time (during the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses in St. Raphael Church), we began the practice of having ushers lead the people in the APR up the stairs and into the nave, so they could receive Jesus in Holy Communion in the main body of the beautifully decorated church. I believe it is important for the people in the APR to actually enter the church proper, i.e., the nave, during Mass on Christmas and Easter, so they can see the beautifully decorated sanctuary and have the experience (albeit briefly) of being “in church” on those two holy days. I believe this is especially important for our fellow Catholic Christians who come to Mass once or twice a year. Even though the APR has closed-circuit video and audio, it is not the same experience as being inside the nave (or transept).

If you or a loved one go to Mass in St. Raphael Church and have a difficult time walking up to the regular Communion stations, please try to come early, so that you (they) can get a seat in the front row of blue chairs (in both the nave and the transept) or in the “handicapped” pew near the baptismal font. If you arrive after the nave and transept are full and decide to go downstairs to the APR, please let an usher know and a minister of Communion will bring Communion to you (or your loved one) at the end of Communion. (As always, if you or a loved one needs Communion to be brought to you at Sunday Mass, please let an usher know before Mass.)

As you know, the Paschal Triduum begins this Thursday. The tabernacle is emptied before the start of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (on Holy Thursday night) and remains empty until after Communion during the Easter Vigil Mass (on Holy Saturday night). The Triduum (three days) encompasses four calendar days because the Jewish day begins at sunset. Thus, the first day of the Triduum begins at dusk on Thursday, the second day at dusk on Friday, and the third day at dusk on Saturday. The schedule of Holy Week liturgies is on page 5. If you have time, please join your fellow parishioners during this holiest week of the Church year.

On Holy Thursday, following the Prayer after Communion, there will be a procession with the Holy Eucharist to the place of reposition, in the parish center. During the period of visitation, which usually lasts till 11:00 or midnight, the faithful visit and adore the Blessed Sacrament for a few or several minutes or an hour or more. One of our Catholic traditions is the Seven Churches Visitation, whereby some Catholics visit seven (or three or more) churches on Holy Thursday night, to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in each parish’s place of reposition. (Each parish has a designated place of reposition, which may be in the church proper or in a different part of the church building or in a different building.) On page 4 is a list of the visitation opportunities in our three sister parishes of Hamilton and four other neighboring parishes.

On page 4 is an item regarding the annual, Good Friday, pontifical collection for the Holy Land (requested by our Holy Father, Pope Francis). The funds are used for various educational and ecclesial efforts in the Middle East, including parishes; shrines and sanctuaries; jobs; housing; academic institutions; tuition grants; homes for orphans and the infirm; and care for the elderly poor. As we enter into Holy Week and carry our palm branches – like the people of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago – we remember our fellow Christians in the Holy Land and we support them with our donations and our prayers. Most holy Redeemer, Savior of the world, have mercy on us – especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy -- and on the whole world.

God bless you.

Fr. Chang

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
The parish office will close early on Holy Thursday, March 24 (at 5:00pm) and will be closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday. The office will be open on Holy Saturday morning, from 9:00 am to noon.

ADORATION CHAPEL
The perpetual adoration chapel will close on Holy Thursday, March 24 (at 8:00 am), and will remain closed on Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. It will re-open on Easter Sunday morning (at 9:00 am).

Please note that there will be NO BINGO on Good Friday, March 25.

USHER MINISTRY is OPEN to MEN and WOMEN of OUR PARISH
The Usher Ministry is an important part of our parish. Please consider assisting parishioners and visitors to our parish churches, taking up the collection, and distributing the weekend bulletins. Contact Deacon Rich by calling the rectory at 585-7049, or see him before or after any of the weekend Masses.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Every year, on Good Friday, there is a worldwide, pontifical collection (requested by our Holy Father, Pope Francis). The funds are sent to the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land, who are members of the Order of Friars Minor (O.F.M. Franciscans), which was appointed by Pope Clement VI in 1342 as the official custodians of the Holy Places (in the Holy Land). The distribution of the funds is determined by the Congregation for the Oriental Churches (a dicastery of the Roman Curia), which allocates part of the funds to “a variety of educational and ecclesial efforts in the Middle East.” The remainder of the donations are “used by the Custody for the ministries in the Holy Land which the Holy See has entrusted to the Franciscans.” These ministries include parishes; shrines and sanctuaries jobs, housing, and apartments for Christians; academic institutions; tuition grants; homes for orphans and the infirm; and care for the elderly poor. If you will not be at the Good Friday liturgy, please feel free to put a donation in an envelope marked “Good Friday Collection” and place it in the collection basket. (Checks should be payable to St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish.)

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
Notre Dame offers a variety of Summer Programs and Youth Sports Camps. Please visit our website at www.ndnj.org for additional information and to view our summer programs.

VISITATION OPPORTUNITIES: HOLY THURSDAY
Divine Mercy Parish, Trenton: After 7:00 pm Mass in Holy Cross Church, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in church until 11:00 pm.
O.L.S. - St. Anthony Parish, Hamilton: After 7:00 pm Mass in St. Anthony Church, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in church until 11:00 pm. Night Prayer - 10:45 pm. (No services in O.L.S. Church.)
St. Ann Parish, Lawrence: Morning Prayer 8:00 am, Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 pm. Adoration until Night Prayer, Night Prayer at 11:00 pm. St. Michael’s Church, Brunswick Avenue, Mass at 9:00 pm (Korean).
St. Gregory the Great Parish, Hamilton: After 7:00 pm Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the main chapel until 11:45 pm.
St. John the Baptist Parish, Allentown: After 7:00 pm Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the parish hall until 11:45 pm.
St. Mary Parish, Bordentown: Mass of the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion and Procession at 7:00 pm, confessions at 8:30 pm.
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Hamilton: After 7:30 Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in church till 12 midnight.

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE
The Parish Core Team has begun meeting with the cohort parishes to do some joint planning to look at models for working together. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue with this planning process for a better parish life.

A CELEBRATION of LAW ENFORCEMENT
Bishop David M. O’Connell, C.M., and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton invite law enforcement personnel of all Faiths to celebrate Mass and a luncheon on Tuesday, March 29 at 10:30 am, in St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton. Luncheon immediately follows Mass in the parish hall. Catered by Amici Milano of Trenton.
Luncheon donation of $20 per person, immediate families of law enforcement personnel are free. Reservations required by Tuesday, March 22, contact Jennifer Britton at JBritt@dioceseoftrenton or 609-403-7199. To order lunch tickets, submit checks made payable to: Diocese of Trenton-Blue Mass, and mail to Jennifer Britton, 701 Lawrence Rd., P.O. Box 5147, Trenton, NJ 08638-0147.

ST. RAPHAEL-HOLY ANGELS
WOMEN’S RETREAT
God’s Mercy and Love: New Every Day
Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 24
(Friday, 5:00 pm to Sunday, 2:30 pm)
Join us at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in rural Aston, PA, for a weekend of prayer, reflection and fellowship. The Center’s grounds provide a tranquil and relaxing backdrop for our weekend. Transportation will be arranged for all who wish to attend.
Cost: $140 includes two overnights and all meals. All are welcome, space is limited. For information, contact Pat Langon at 609-393-0270.

On Lenten Fridays, confessions start at approximately 8:15 pm (after the Stations of the Cross).

There will not be confessions on the following day(s) in March:
- Thurs., March 24 (Holy Thursday)
- Fri., March 25 (Good Friday)
- Sat, March 26 (Holy Saturday)
N.B. These exceptions are also listed on the parish website (straphael-holyangels.com). Click on “Mass Schedule” in the left-hand column.

CONFESSIONS: In general, weekday confessions are usually heard after the 7:00 p.m. Mass, EXCEPT on:
- The first Wednesday (Liturgy Committee meeting)
- The third Friday (healing Mass) (Sept. - June, except Lent)
- Holy days of obligation
- The vigil Mass for holy days of obligation
- Parish solemnities (May 8, Sept. 29, Oct. 2, Dec. 9)
- Ash Wednesday and the Triduum
- Sacrament of Confirmation (in the spring; usually May)
- Major civil holidays (e.g., Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving)
- and as otherwise noted from time to time.
LENTEN PENCE SERVICE
The parish’s annual Lenten service will be on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:45 p.m., in St. Raphael Church (after the 7:00 p.m. daily Mass). The liturgy will include readings, prayers, a homily, an examination of conscience, and individual confessions. Seven priests will hear confessions that evening.

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Sponsored by Spirit and Truth (young-adult group)
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MASS for DECEASED KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #6213
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St. Vincent de Paul Church,
555 Yardville-Allentown Road, Hamilton, NJ 08620

Celebrant: Rev. Stanley Kryzyston, Pastor and Council Chaplain

Family members, friends and parishioners are cordially invited. Light refreshments will follow.

In Memoriam: Thomas Troy, Sr., Paul Ciannetti, Charles Scarna, Raymond Ciberey, Frank Caprario, Stanley Jasinski, Richard Baranowski, and John “Skip” Moscarello.

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FAITH FORMATION
The 2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is going to be “Farm-tastic!” In Barnyard Roundup Vacation Bible School, your children will learn that Jesus gathers us together. They will look into the Bible, God’s holy word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever.

Registration will be opening soon, for ages six through eleven.
The dates will be from Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1, from 9:00 am to noon. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. For further information, please contact Chris Lins at clins@srhap.org.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with this year’s vacation Bible school. We have positions open for varied “jobs”. Please contact Chris Lins at clins@srhap.org or call the Office of Faith Formation at 609-585-0542.

STATIONS of the CROSS
The Stations of the Cross are on Lenten Fridays at 7:45 pm, in St. Raphael Church. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be in Holy Angels Church at 7:00 pm. (No confessions on Good Friday)

ELDERBERRY CLUB
The next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, April 1, at 1:00 pm, in the parish center. The Elderberry Club will feature a Mystery Bottle Auction. Attendees are asked to bring new bottles of something (e.g. dish detergent, olive oil, wine, grape juice, spices) disguised in some sort of wrapping, so that mystery bottle can be auctioned off at the meeting. Your contribution must be new and cost at least $3, in lieu of bring a bottle, members can make a $3 contribution prior to the auction. Any questions, contact Peg Nierwinski at 609-558-2145.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, from 7:30-9:00 pm, in the Spiritual Center living room. Please use the rear door to enter the St. John Paul II Spiritual Center. For more information, call Deacon Bob Tharp at 609-890-1011.

NEEDED: First Holy Communion Attire
The children of Mercy House are desperately in need of Communion dresses and/or suits to make their sacred day truly special. If you are willing to donate new or gently used First Communion attire, please contact Jane Latini at 609-890-1098 or 609-6584533 or Joanne Sanvardine at 609-298-6548. (Joanne is a parishioner of St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish. Her sister Jane is a parishioner of St. Gregory the Great Parish.)

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE
You are invited to join Very Reverend Damian McElroy, V.F., pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Moorestown, on a pilgrimage to Dublin, Newry, Downpatrick, Belfast, Wicklow, Galway, and the Ring of Kerry.

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EASTER FLOWERS
For those parishioners who receive weekly-offering envelopes (every three months), there is a special envelope for Easter flowers in the January-March quarterly packet. If you do not receive envelopes, you can still remember a living or deceased relative or friend by donating money to help decorate our two churches for the Easter season (Easter Vigil through the Solemnity of Pentecost).

If you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope (marked “Easter flowers”), along with the cut-off slip below. You may (A) place the envelope in the collection basket at Mass (by Sunday, March 20), (B) mail it to the parish office (3500 So. Broad Street, Hamilton, NJ 08610), or (C) drop it off at the parish office (in the mail slot to the right of the front door of the rectory), so that we receive it by Monday, March 21 (for publication in the April 3 bulletin).

Intentions and donations received after Monday, March 21, will be published on Sunday, April 10.

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MY / OUR OFFERING
for EASTER FLOWERS in our two churches
(Please print.)
Offered:

____ In memory of:


____ For the intentions of (living person or persons):


Name of DONOR:


Street address:


City/town and ZIP code:

Parish registration number:

Amount: $ _____________

HELP AFTER AN ABORTION
Rachel’s Vineyard-24 hour: 1-877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org
National Helpline for Abortion Recovery-24 hour:
1-866-482-LIFE (5433) - www.nationalhelpline.org
Diocese of Trenton Project Rachel—609-406-7435
Nat’l Office of Post Abortion Reconciliation/Healing:
800-5-WE CARE - www.noparh.org
Abortion Recovery International:
www.abortionrecovery.org

CHANGES to NEW JERSEY’S ADOPTION LAW:
Birth Parents Must Take Action to Preserve Their Privacy
New Jersey’s adoption law has changed. On May 27, 2014, a new law took effect that will allow adoptees and certain relatives to request and obtain the names of their biological parents beginning January 1, 2017. Birth parents who were assured anonymity previously are able to request continued privacy. If you are a birth parent who placed a child for adoption in NJ prior to August 1, 2015 and you desire to protect your privacy, you must submit either the Redaction Request Form or Contact Preference Form with the Family History Information Form no later than December 31, 2016. These forms are offered by the NJ Department of Health and available for download athttp://www.nj.gov/health/vital/record.shtml. For additional information visitwww.njcatheconf.com. For questions and/or assistance please call the NJ Catholic Conference HELPLINE at 609-989-4809.

MARRIAGE: LOVE and LIFE in the DIVINE PLAN:
The Call to Parents

“While all members of the family are called to live out the foundational Christian virtues, fathers and mothers have a special responsibility for fostering these virtues within their children. They are the first to proclaim the faith to their children. They are responsible for nurturing the vocation of each child, showing by example how to live the married life, and taking special care if a child might be called to priesthood or consecrated life.” Excerpt from the U.S. Bishops’ Pastoral Letter entitled Marriage: Love and Life In The Divine Plan. To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES
Natural Family Planning is information that allows couples to communicate and pray about how marital intimacy can help them grow in holiness and receptivity to God’s will. The Sympto-Thermal method of natural family planning (NFP) is an educational program based on scientific knowledge on how to plan or postpone a pregnancy. Classes are taught by married couples who are trained and certified by the Couple to Couple League www.ccli.org (CCL). The Couple to Couple League offers live online classes and self-paced online classes. For more information and to register visitwww.ccli.org

Word of Life ~ March, 2016
Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. …if we want life, let us give life... The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development.


Pregnancy Resources
Pregnant? Need Help? call 609-840-3785
First Way of Burlington County 800-848-5683
Birthright - Freehold 732-462-2888
Birthright - Toms River 732-349-0154
Birthright - Red Bank 732-747-7600
Birthright - Barnegat 609-660-0485

24/7 Toll-Free Hotlines:
National Life Center 1-800-848-LOVE
Good Counsel Homes (NJ/NY) 1-800-723-8331
Birthright 1-800-558-0333
NJ Safe Haven 1-877-839-2339
Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline: 1-877-558-0333
Attention all moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers:

Come join us as we pray the rosary every Tuesday morning!

- Doors open at 8:30 am and rosary will begin at 8:45 am.
- If you bring a child, we have plenty of toys and crafts to keep them entertained.
- We offer coffee and tea and snacks for all.
- Pray and Play is held in the John Paul II Spiritual Center. Entrance and parking are at the back of the building.

If you would like more information about “Pray & Play” or “Family Rosary Night” gatherings, please contact:
Karen Colter—kjbc718@hotmail.com—609-610-2787 • Lina Hollendonner—jefflina1@aol.com—609-585-7049

If you are interested in your children attending Saint Raphael School, please join us for our next Open House on **Thursday, April 7**, between 5:00 - 7:00 pm, or call our office at **609-585-7733** for a private tour.

The seventh grade students while studying Earth Science were investigating the concepts of volume (occupy space) and pressure as it relates to air. Students need to understand the concept of volume, density, and mass, the physical characteristics of matter, before they can begin the study of the earth’s atmosphere and weather. It is also necessary for the students to realize that air has mass. Students used an air pump to see how air can displace water with its bubbles. They further measured an air mattress when it was deflated, filled it with air and measured again. This helped with understanding that air has mass and volume. Science is exciting in Ms. Stafford's class!
FOOD PANTRY

Now that we have made our Easter distribution of food to our hungry clients, we need to replenish our after Easter shelves with food.

We are asking our good parishioners to bring in non-perishable food items with them when they come to Mass on Sunday or weekdays. At this time, any and all types of food are needed. Monetary contributions are warmly welcome.

Our clients wish to thank all who donated food or monetary contributions to our food pantry. Without the pantry, many of their children would go hungry.

PAPER BAGS ARE NEEDED.

"Reach Out Saturday" – April 2
9:00 am - 11:00 am, parish center

SOCIAL CONCERNS

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. Newcomers and students are always welcome. (Remember, volunteering once does not commit you to volunteer on every occasion.)

NURSING HOME

Our St. Patrick’s Bingo Party at Hamilton Grove Healthcare was a fun time for residents and volunteers alike. The volunteer turnout was terrific—a total of 24, including 2 first-timers and 6 students. Special thanks to Frank Bresnen for leading our Irish sing-along, to June Reinhardt for snacks, and to all who donated prizes.

Tuesday, April 12, 6:15 – 8 pm. Hope YOU will consider volunteering at our April Jewelry Bingo for the residents. We pass out refreshments, cheer the residents on as they play Bingo and help them pick out great jewelry prizes. Meet in the dining room on the second floor of the home which is located on Hamilton Avenue near the intersection of Klockner. Lots of help is always needed and appreciated.

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN

March 30, 9:45 am – 1:15 pm. The date for our first 2016 fifth-Wednesday serving commitment at TASK will soon be here. Meet no later than 9:45 am at the St. Raphael parking lot for carpooling to Trenton. Some of us go out to eat afterwards. All are welcome!

Saturday, April 16, 10 am – 12 noon. SAVE THE DATE for TASK’s annual volunteer brunch. If you have ever served at TASK or want to know more about this wonderful organization, you are invited. We will be carpooling from the St. Raphael parking lot.

Saturday, April 30, 6 – 10 pm. A joint fundraiser for TASK and the Trenton Community A-TEAM will feature savory small plates, delicious desserts, exotic non-alcoholic drinks, art by A-Team artists, a silent auction and a variety of live entertainment including circus performers, magicians and more. See www.trentonsoupkitchen.org for more information.

For more information about the above, or if you have a suggestion for another activity, please call Kathy Wooley at 585-4307.

PARTY BUS to ATLANTIC CITY

The Elderberry club is having a bus trip to Resorts Casino on Friday, April 15. There are only 10 seats left! This is a first-time -ever fundraiser of this type for the Elderberry Club, and it promises a “fun-raising” time for all. The special bus has table seating and a hostess. Pass the driving time with morning coffee and snacks, the afternoon sandwiches and drinks, and fun games. Plus, you get $25 casino credit.

Meet in the St. Raphael Church parking lot no later than 9:15 am. We will return at approximately 6:30 pm. Tickets are $45, contact Joan Knott at 609-426-1828. Invite your friends, all are welcome.

PARISH SING-ALONG with FRANK BRESNEN

Friday, April 1, 7:30 pm. The date of our first Spring Parish Sing-Along is almost here. Frank Bresnen on guitar and Manny Chicanos on drums will be back for another fun evening of music, food and fellowship in the All Purpose Room underneath St. Raphael Church. This room is handicapped accessible. There is no charge, but donations of non-perishable food items or money for the St. Raphael-Holy Angels food pantry would be appreciated. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SOCIETY of SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

Scripture Reflection

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelopes, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

For more information about our parish’s conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the programs that reach out to those in need, please call the parish office at 609-585-7049.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

St. Raphael Church:
Lucas/Cucinotta Families, r/b Marge Cucinotta

REDISCOVER the LOVE in YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille may be the LIFELINE that you need. It is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples have successfully saved their marriages by attending Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins on the weekend of Friday, April 15 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, Pa. Another weekend will also be held beginning Friday, August 12.

For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept confidential.

ST. RAPHAEL-HOLY ANGELS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

The Sports Association website has participation forms, schedules, contact information, and updates. On the “Contact” page are the phone number and e-mail address of our parish’s volunteer athletic director, Brian Sakowski. Please visit the website, www.srhasports.com, and check us out!

COMMUNION at MASS for the DISABLED

If you would like a minister of Holy Communion to bring Communion to you in your pew or wheelchair, would you or a relative, friend, or other Mass attendee please contact one of the ushers before Mass, so that one of the ushers can lead one of the ministers of Communion to you.
What role would/do we play?

Palm Sunday

It has gone so quickly Lent may have passed you by this year but we have one more opportunity to enter into Holy Week and “get our holy on”! Holy Week is not exclusively because Our Lord is holy. It is yet another reminder that we are all called to be saints. We do not have the luxury to let Lent pass us by, or to wait for better circumstances, or even to expect holiness from others. It is our responsibility to be holy right now! Mother Theresa once claimed that “holiness is not a luxury for the few but an obligation for everyone, This is the reason we were created. This is our purpose in life. All else fades into insignificance if holiness is not front and center. The conversion process is not simply a Lenten discipline it is a daily renewal of our hearts, minds and souls A constant turning! We turn away from sin and towards Him who is all good! We turn to Him for our well being; for our courage, our perseverance, for our needs and for our eternal inheritance. As this particular week begins, we might picture ourselves in the crowd sing “Hosannah, Blessed is He who comes”. There we are in with the crowd, waving our palms and rejoicing as Our Lord enters the holy city. But where will he be on Thurs, when He is taken before the magistrates on false charges? Where will we be on Friday when He is finally falsely charged and convicted? Will we be singing Hosanna then or will we buckle under the pressure and cry out for Barabbas? And where will we be when He is nailed to the cross and breathes His last? With all my heart I hope to be with Him but sometimes I wonder! Sweet Lord, as we prepare to enter Holy Week this year, give us the strength to persevere, to carry our own crosses, to remain with you and Our Blessed Mother Mary on this, the most horrible of journeys. Jesus, send us Your spirit that we might be created and You might renew the face of the earth. Help us to be holy so we might continue the mission of extending Your Person and Purpose in space and time and be The Church You call us to be! Help us Lord to enter into your Passion so we might fully embrace the glorious resurrection of that Easter morning where we hope to join the celestial community forever and ever!

Calendar Dates

**SEMESTER THEME: MERCY**

**WEEKLY CORE MEETINGS**

**WEEKLY JUST FOR FUN**

**WEEKLY JUST FOR FAITH**

**WEEKLY LIFE TEEN MASS**

**WEEKLY LIFE NIGHTS**

**THIS IS HOLY WEEK March 20th**

**WEDS 6:30-8:30PM (Spiritual Ctr.)**

**THURS NIGHT 5:30-7PM (Gym)**

**THURS 7:00-8:30PM (Spiritual Ctr.)**

**SUNDAYS 5PM (S.R. Church)**

**SUNDAYS AT 6-8PM (APR)**

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If you are travelling, you can locate a Catholic church by going to Times.org during your business trip. MassTimes.org has an iPhone app: Mass Time for Travel. This app is also a good planning tool for when you are preparing for a vacation or business hours.

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For the Easter Triduum, the Chapel will be closing on Holy Thursday, March 24, at 8:00 am and will reopen on Easter Sunday, March 27, at 9:00 am. Have a blessed Easter.

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- **Mon., 3/21**
  - Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

- **Tues., 3/22**
  - Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

- **Wed., 3/23**
  - Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

- **Thu., 3/24**
  - Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6-12, 13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

- **Fri., 3/25**
  - Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6-12, 13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

- **Sat., 3/26**
  - Gn 1:1-22 or 1:26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 6-12, 14-24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22, Ex 14:15-15:1; (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Rom 8:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

- **Sun., 3/27**
  - Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41:1-24:1-12

## OPTIONS OTHER THAN ANNOUNCED MASSES

In addition to Mass intentions at an announced Mass, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, sanctuary candles, and sanctuary flowers, the parish also offers cards for donations “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one (for birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) for the parish Food Pantry and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The amount of the donation is by the choice of the donor. In addition to Mass intentions at an announced Mass, enrollment in the Purgatorial Society, sanctuary candles, and sanctuary flowers, the parish also offers cards for donations “in honor of” or “in memory of” a loved one (for birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) for the parish Food Pantry and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The amount of the donation is by the choice of the donor.

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**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**REFLECTION**

Today, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, recalls the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery, and begins Holy Week. Later in the week the Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Thursday, and includes Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord, the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. It is a week that tells us the greatest love story ever told. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: “Only when one values love more highly than life, is that, only where someone is ready to put life second to love, for the sake of love, can love be stronger and more than death. If it is to be more than death it must first be more than mere life. Jesus’ total love for us, which leads him to the cross, is perfected in total stepping-over to the Father and therein becomes stronger than death...”Let us hold each other in prayer and love during this most Holy Week.

Please consider attending the Living Stations this Sunday evening (tonight), 3/20, at 7:30 pm in St. Raphael Church. It is a contemporary telling of Jesus’ journey to Calvary presented in tableau by the students from Saint Raphael School and accompanied by music played through the Contemporary Ensemble.

**Music for Upcoming Masses**

- **Thursday, March 24,** Adult Choir; Friday, **March 25,** Adult Choir;
- **Saturday,** March 26 - 8:00 am - Adult Choir, Contemporary Ensemble,
- Hand Bells; Sunday, March 27 - 11:30 am - Filipino Choir
- All other Masses (except LifeTeen) are Keyboard/Cantor.

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**SAINTS of the WEEK**

- **There are none this week.**

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