

The KINGDOM *of* HEAVEN

is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells
all he has and buys that field.

— Matthew 13:44 —

July 27, 2014

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"The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom."

MASSSES for the WEEK

Weekday Monday, July 28

7:45 AM Henry and Elizabeth Evers

9:15 AM Jorge Abad

7:00 PM Patriotic Rosary

St. Martha Tuesday, July 29

7:45 AM Mark Carroll, Special Intention (Birthday)

9:15 AM Mary Bonner

Weekday Wednesday, July 30

7:45 AM Bill Sheehan, Anniversary

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Thursday, July 31

9:15 AM Tom Pochatek Family, Special Intention

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Friday, August 1

7:45 AM Paul Cassidy

9:15 AM Beckett Family, Special Intention

Weekday Saturday, August 2

8:30 AM Tom Pochatek

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Fay Maddalena Doyle, Anniversary

7:00 PM Helen Benninghoff, Anniversary

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, August 3

7:30 AM Ann, John & Lorianne Dyke, Special Intention

9:30 AM William Boeckl, Anniversary

11:00 AM Angelo Saracino, Anniversary

12:30 PM Rose Gulasy



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;

Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Deadline for bulletin is noon on Friday for the following week. Articles can be dropped off in the Parish Office or e-mailed to: tbush@saintraphaelparish.com. If you are interested in placing an advertisement in our bulletin, please contact J.S. Paluch Co. 1-800-945-6629. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS-THEY MAKE THE BULLETIN POSSIBLE!



For weekend of:

August 2-3

4:30 PM McCormick-Lawrence-Sarko-McIntyre

7:00 PM McIntyre

7:30 AM Barchanowicz-Finnan-Kurtz-Hoban

9:30 AM O'Connor-Wagner-DeSalvo-Whitford

11:00 AM Visconti-Flanagan-Flanagan-Finnan

12:30 PM Varga-Siford-Donnelly-Roggenburk-Garling

Rest in Peace

GREG MCLEAN, husband of Mary Kay, and MARY GORMAN, mother of Maureen Mayer (Mike), died this past week. May they rest in peace.

WEDDING BANNES

I Lisa Del Vecchio and Daniel Magee

The next two scheduled BAPTISM CLASSES

will be held on Sunday, August 3 and September 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the school library.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Can you give one hour a week that is just for Jesus, an hour when you draw close to Him and He fills you with His love and peace? Come to Eucharistic Adoration! The best way to make sure you get there is to have a regular, weekly scheduled time. We need someone to come regularly on Fridays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Call Melissa (871-1476) if you want to experience the blessings that God wants to give you through a Holy Hour with Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RAPHAEL CENTER CHAPEL



Jesus' appeal to His Apostles in the garden is His appeal to us today: "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" (Mt 26:40)

Adoration takes place in the chapel in the Raphael Center every week from 10:00 AM on Friday, through the night until 4:00PM on Saturday.

Introduce your children to this beautiful devotion by bringing them on Friday at 3:30 p.m. for 20 minutes of guided prayers and songs.

Jesus is waiting for you every week. Come and be with Him. (Park by the Parish Office or Post Office.)

**A REPORT ON OUR
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Weekly Envelopes-July 20, 2014	\$21,886.00
Online Giving	7,931.00
 Total Collection	 29,817.00
 3 Sundays x \$33,500 budgeted	 100,500.00
Contributions 7/6/14-7/20/14	<u>88,017.72</u>
Offertory under budget	\$-12,482.28

*Thank you for your continuing gift to our parish.
Fr. Tim*



Commemorative Church Bricks are available on a first come basis - while they last. (limit 1-2 bricks per family please)

Take from pile OUTSIDE fence by drive on north side of construction lot

Please visit our parish web site (www.saintraphaelparish.com) to view the virtual tour of our demolition/construction in progress!

ST. RAPHAEL PRAYER MINISTRY

prays daily for specific requests. We pray in our own homes, on our own time and in our own ways. Requests are distributed by phone-chain or e-mail. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, or to join this ministry, please call Joanne Hout (835-0169) or email Karen Mackin at: kmom41@wowway.com.

ST. RAPHAEL'S LITTLEST ANGELS BABYSITTING

is available during 9:30 and 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays in the Zwilling Room. Stop in with your little one (toddler age 2 through 5) to see the age-appropriate alternative to Sunday Liturgy.

SACRISTANS

We are looking for volunteers to serve the parish. We are currently in need of a few Sacristans, especially for all weekend Masses. A rewarding way of serving your parish, sacristans are men and women (couples welcome) of the parish who prepare the sacred vessels, wine, hosts and other liturgical items before and after each Mass. A minimal time commitment, sacristans are an important part of Mass preparation, supporting both our priests and parishioners. Ample training will be available until you are comfortable in going solo. If you are interested in joining and have further questions or know of anyone who is interested, please contact Judy Dunchack (440)331-4476 or email at judydunchack@oh.rr.com

CALLED TO SERVE

The Lord is calling each of us to serve. Our question back is always, "Where are you calling me, Lord?" Serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Sacristan is a wonderful way to serve God and others at Mass. And, you'll experience the Sacrament of the Eucharist in a profound way that will be very meaningful. Prayerfully consider either (or both!) of these important ministries. And, we could really, really use your help! If interested or have questions, please contact Andy Kereky on the parish staff at 871-1100.

**ST. RAPHAEL
SCHOOL NEWS**



The St. Raphael School Office is closed until August 6th. Please leave your message on the school phone (871-6760). We will return calls during the closing.



SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL BEGINS, Thursday, AUGUST 21

Parents are requested to pick up homeroom assignments on Sunday, August 17 from 10AM until 12:30 PM in the Library. Home and School supply packets may also be picked up. School Office reopens on Wednesday, August 6th.

LADIES AFTERNOON AND EVENING BRIDGE



Join us as we start another year of fun bridge and friendship. Games are set up at the conveniences of each foursome. We would love to have you! If you do not have a partner, we will try to find one for you. If you are interested, please call for more information.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE Laurie Tierney 440 933-2650
EVENING BRIDGE Jane Wallace 440 871- 5432

SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN OF ST. RAPHAEL PARISH WITH CANCER

We are always ready to welcome you. Whether you are just starting treatment or are a several decade survivor, please join our support group. We get together to ask questions, to share information, to pray, to talk and to listen. Some women come once in a while, some come every month. You are always welcome to join us! Our informal gatherings are the first Monday of each month. **Our next meeting will be on August 4th.** Should you have any questions, please contact Kris (440)930-5479, Annette (440)250-9028, or Colleen (440)438-3388.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Join us as we pray for this great country and for those who have willingly sacrificed to keep us free.



Monday, July 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.
St. Raphael Church
Parish Activity Center

AVILAS pray for those discerning their vocation, that the



Holy Spirit will bless and enlighten them in their search. You are invited to join us on August 1 for our monthly vocation Mass at 9:15 AM followed by the Holy Hour which includes recitation of the rosary.

The Holy Hour will be in the Raphael Center Chapel. Contact person is Anna O'Connor (440) 895-0964.

The bouquet of white roses by the Holy Family is in honor of all children born to St. Raphael parents during the month of July. The **PRO-LIFE MINISTRY** will honor all children born in each month of the year. All Life is a precious gift from God and should be recognized as a special blessing

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS:

1) **Littlest Angels Babysitting:** We are in need of teen volunteers to assist with babysitting in the **Littlest Angels Room** (Zwilling Room) on Sunday mornings. Students may help during the 9:30 or 11:00 Masses and do not need to sign up ahead of time – just show up 15 minutes before the Mass begins.

GUILD
PARISH WOMEN WHO MAKE THINGS
HAPPEN

SAVE THE DATE

Wear your Black & White to the Guild's Annual Charity Luncheon on Sunday, November 2 from 11am - 2pm at the New Lakewood Country Club.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CORNER

PRESCHOOL RELIGION

Registration forms for the 2014-15 school year have been mailed home to current Preschool Religion families. **Registration for new students** is now taking place. Forms are available at the Parish Office. Preschool Religion classes will be offered for three, four and five year-old children beginning on September 14th. To enroll in a specific class, your child must reach the age of 3, 4 or 5 **by August 1, 2014.** *Note: This admission date is based on area school districts. Attendance at Preschool Religion throughout the year is taken into consideration for children applying to Saint Raphael Kindergarten.*

PSR Registration for the 2014-2015 School Year

Families who attended PSR in the past received a registration form in the mail. If your child will be a new PSR student in the Fall, registration forms are now available in the Parish Office. On-line registration is not possible due to the packet of color-coded forms. If you have specific needs or questions contact Terri Telepak at 440-871-1100 or ttelepak@saintraphaelparish.com



VOLUNTEER TEACHERS and TEACHER AIDES for PSR

As we begin to plan for the new school year, our Parish School of Religion has openings for teachers and teacher aides. If you have thought about sharing your Catholic faith with children, God might be calling you to this important ministry. Training is provided. We also have a few children who need an adult aide to sit with them in the classroom to help keep them focused on the lesson.

Parish School of Religion classes are offered on Mondays (afternoons & evenings) throughout the school year. Full-time openings involves teaching every week. Part-time openings offer the opportunity to have a partner and teach every other week.

Position Openings for Volunteer Religion Teachers:

Mondays: 4:15-5:30 p.m. Grade 1 (full & part-time)
Grade 2 (full time)
Special Education

Mondays: 6:30-7:45 p.m. Grades 3 (part-time)
Grade 4 (part-time)

If you are interested in helping, please contact Terri Telepak in the Parish Office at 440-871-1100, ext. 108 or ttelepak@saintraphaelparish.com

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

will meet this Saturday (August 2) in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Raphael Center at 6:45 a.m., for the Liturgy of the Hours and our bimonthly (1st & 3rd Saturday of the month) fellowship meeting. We will be discussing this Sunday's Scripture readings. Come and join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship. **PLEASE NOTE: You have another opportunity for Fellowship! Catholic Men's Fellowship also meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Zwilling Room, in addition to the 1st and 3rd Saturday.**

SUMMER LEGION OF MARY

Do you have a passion for the Rosary and a love for Our Blessed Mother? If so, the summer **Legion of Mary** may be right for you! This summer, our Legion meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Prayer Garden to pray the Rosary. Once school is back in session, we resume our regular meetings and service after the rosary. Hope to see you (and your children) there. Questions? Call Father Ryan at the parish office at 440-871-1100.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Families and friends and other groups are needed to help **SERVE A MEAL** at **ST. AUGUSTINE'S**. Next two dates are August 17 and September 14. Please call Fred Bangeman (440)933-6686 for more information.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FILL A TRUNK



Because of our St. Raphael Parishioners and their overwhelming generosity, our Christmas in July Fill a Trunk was a huge success! Seven car loads of needed items were delivered to our local hunger centers. Thank you!

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING TIME

Please help the students of St. Martin de Porres and Urban Community Schools get dressed for school! See insert in this week's bulletin.

FYI!

Bins are not available for food and clothing donation drop offs during construction.



VIRTUS Training for the Protection of Children and Youth & Fingerprinting Information

If you are an adult who plans to coach, teach or volunteer with children at least four hours in the course of a month at our parish, you need to attend **VIRTUS training** (if you have not already been trained) AND have a **Background Check**. Upcoming trainings in our area of the diocese will be announced each week.

VIRTUS TRAININGS:

Saturday, August 9 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Saint Raphael Parish in the Library

Thursday, September 18 6:30-8:45 pm
Saint Angela Merici Parish, Fairview Park

Registration for all VIRTUS trainings must be done on-line through the VIRTUS website. You can check for the list of **all trainings** throughout the Cleveland diocese by going to **www.VIRTUS.org**

On the left side of the VIRTUS home page, click on **REGISTRATION**. Then, on **VIEW A LIST OF SESSIONS**. It will say: **SELECT YOUR ORGANIZATION**. Find **DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND** on the drop-down menu. A list of all training sessions will appear.

Background Checks: The Attorney General's Office requires the transmission of electronic fingerprints rather than ink. This is done through a *WebCheck* computer program. To **make an appointment to get fingerprinted** for a background check, contact St. Richard Parish, 26855 Lorain Road (next to Great Northern Shopping Center) at **440-777-5050**. Background checks offered Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call ahead for an appointment and bring a valid photo ID. Cost: \$25 for the BCII. You do not need an additional FBI background check unless you have moved into Ohio from out of state in the past five years.

ATTENTION EVERYONE ALREADY VIRTUS TRAINED:

Are you doing your Continuing Education? Go to www.virtus.org and put in your user ID and password. Click on "Training" and it will show you how many bulletins you have read and **HOW MANY YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE**. If you are still in a role working with, coaching, teaching or supervising children, you need to make sure you are updated in VIRTUS Child Protection.



For information on the High School Youth Ministry Program or the Confirmation Program contact Amy Lashutka at 440-871-1100, ext. 109 or alashutka@saintrphaelparish.com

HSYM SUMMER MONDAY NIGHT HANGOUTS! All teens who will be entering grades 9-12 (and HSYM Alums!) are invited to come to the next MONDAY NIGHT HANGOUT on **Monday, July 28th** from 6:00-8:00pm. Meet at the **PLAYGROUND (in the Upper Room if it is raining)**. There will be free food, games, new friends, and even some surprises! Our plan is to meet almost every Monday night during the summer just to “hangout” together, to welcome new people to HSYM, and to have some FUN (whipped cream, water balloons, bouncy balls, fire, fly swatters, and many other things may make appearances throughout the summer!) These are the tentative dates for HSYM Hangouts: 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18. Hope to see you at the Hangout!

**“Have the courage ‘to swim against the tide.’
Have the courage to be happy.”**

Pope Francis at World Youth Day, July 28, 2013

News Around Town 

THE FEST The highlight of summer!!



Every year, after The FESFest, we receive a ton of emails from those who were there telling us how much they enjoyed our annual Catholic Family FESFest and how it was the ‘highlight’ of their summer. Don’t miss out next Sunday, August 3 - be at The FESFest from 12 noon until 10 pm at the Center for Pastoral Liturgy (28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe). Come hear great music (Third Day, Mandisa, Colton Dixon, for King and Country) along with great activities and displays. Check out Marc’s Mom’s Relaxation Station with over 150,000 give away items for busy moms. It’s the perfect family day. There’s plenty of parking and affordable food (thanks to Executive Caterers and Marc’s). Come and get a braut off the world’s largest grill while watching your kids learn lessons of faith and family. It’s all FREE. Go to: www.theFEST.us for details, parking instructions, and a complete schedule of the day.

TASTE OF ST. CASIMIR FESTIVAL

St. Casimir Church, 8223 Sowinski Avenue in Cleveland, 44103, will host its 2nd annual TASTE OF ST. CASIMIR Polish Festival Friday-Sunday, August 1st-3rd on the parish grounds. Live entertainment, unique and tasty homemade food, chances at prizes, and plenty of Polish refreshments will be available. Times are Friday (which features a fish fry), and Saturday from 5:00-11:00 p.m., and Sunday immediately following Mass at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Ken (216)370-2831.

LIVING BREAD RADIO NETWORK

Join Living Bread Radio Network as we celebrate 10 years on the air with a wine & cheese evening at the Embassy Suites in Cleveland on Wednesday, August 6. Dr. Ray Guarendi will be the guest speaker – come laugh and visit with the staff and friends of Living Bread Radio. Living Bread Radio is the home station of Dr. Ray Guarendi’s nationally-syndicated program “The Doctor Is In,” heard daily from 1:00 p.m. until 2 p.m. Dr. Ray also has a Television show titled “Living Right With Dr. Ray” seen on EWTN. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling 888-966-2903 or email mro-mano@livingbreadradio.com

Prayer for Peace

From A Catholic Prayer Book

by Saint John Paul II (Pont. 1978-2005)

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy: send forth your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 28

6:00am
6:00-8:00pm
7:00pm
7:00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Cursillo Men's Group (MICH)
HSYM Hangout (Playground, PAC-K, PO Upper Room)
PATRIOTIC ROSARY (PAC)
Evangelization Council Mtg. (PO Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 29

10:00am
5:30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Legion of Mary (Prayer Garden)
Liturgy of the Hours (PAC)

Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer is offered every Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. All are welcome.

Wednesday, July 30

7:00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Boy Scouts (LRm+K, ZR)
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS GAME

Thursday, July 31

10:00am-Noon and
2:00-4:00pm

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Preschool School Supply Sorting (PAC (backstage area))

Friday, August 1

9:00am
9:30am
10:00am Fri-
4:00pm Saturday
10:00am

FIRST FRIDAY

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Home & School Executive Bd. Mtg. (SER)
MOMS Group (ARCH)
Eucharistic Adoration (RC Chapel)

Volleyball Practice (LRm)

Saturday, August 2

6:45am

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Eucharistic Adoration continues until 4:00pm (RC Chapel)
Catholic Men's Fellowship (MPR)

Sunday, August 3

9:30pm
2:00pm
7:30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

Babysitting (ZR)
Baptism Class (LIB)
Men's Basketball (LRm)

Go forth and set the world on fire.

—St. Ignatius of Loyola

C-Church
S-School

ARCH-Archangel Room (formerly RC L.R.)
LIB- Library (located in school)
LRm- Lunchroom (formerly G-Gym, CAF-Cafeteria)
LRm-K-Kitchen (off Lunch Room)
Multi-Purpose Room (formerly RC D.R.)
PAC-Parish Activity Center
PAC-K-Parish Activity Center-Kitchen

PO-Parish Office
PO Upper Room
PO Conference Room

RC-Raphael Center

***CHER**- Cherubim Room
***GAB**-Gabriel Room
***HM**-Humility of Mary Room
***MICH**-St. Michael Room
***SER**-Seraphim Room
***TOB**-Tobit Room

* Rooms located upstairs in Raphael Center)

Seventeenth Sunday
In
Ordinary time

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5, 7–12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76–77, 127–128, 129–130

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28–30

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44–52 [44–46]

Pearl of Wisdom

As a young adult, when I thought my choice of vocation was a given and didn't wonder much about God's choice, I dreamed of serving in the Peace Corps. I was challenged by the world, its hungry and helpless. God had a different vocation in mind, a smaller world. It consists of a handful of children, a husband, pets, and some relatives. I feed them when they're hungry and share the Good News with them. I think of Solomon each day as I face the challenges of my vocation. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom. Whatever the gift each of us receives, it is the priceless jewel that we need to carry out the responsibilities of our simple and ordinary worlds.

‡ **Comment**

God was pleased with King Solomon. The king was a good and just ruler and devoted to God. However, he felt humble as a successor to David and was concerned about his leadership skills. God came to Solomon in a dream, offering Solomon a gift of his choice. As a rich and powerful ruler, Solomon might have asked for a long life, more riches, and more power. Instead, he asked for wisdom so that he might distinguish between right and wrong.

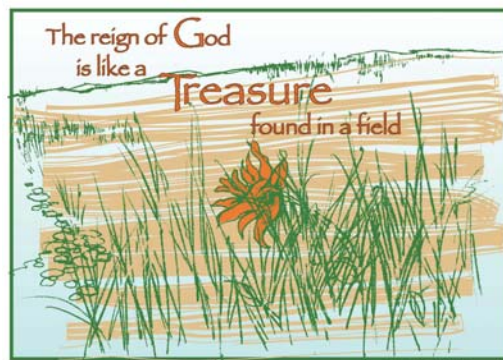
The gifts of the kingdom are greater than anything we know. Jesus compares the kingdom to the finest jewels. If we found one such jewel in a field, we would sell all that we own in order to buy the land.

‡ **Reflection**

We are told to renounce all that we have in order to acquire the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom is more precious than anything we know. It's easy to understand something more precious than jewels and other worldly possessions. But heaven is even more precious than our loved ones. It is more precious than wisdom, peace, and justice.

All things work for good for those who love God. The greatest treasure is one we don't yet know, but what of all the treasures working toward that ultimate treasure? Perhaps we haven't been given the exact gifts we've asked for, but what treasures lie in our fields today? Is there a gift we've overlooked until now that hasn't been fully realized? Maybe today is the day to unearth the treasure and put it to work for a greater good.

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