

# ST. RAPHAEL-HOLY ANGELS PARISH

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**PARISH MISSION:** *To be a welcoming and tangible sign of Christ's loving and compassionate Presence in the community.*

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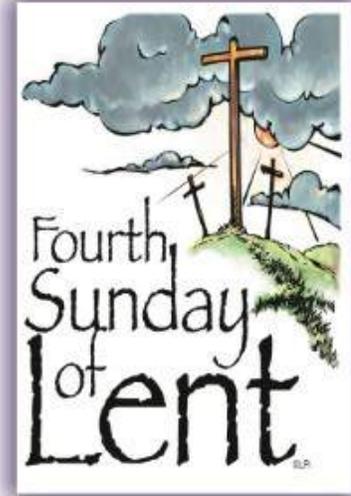
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MAR 10, 2024



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM & 12:00 N

Saturday: 8:00 AM & 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

## IN-CHURCH CONFESSIONS

Wednesday & Friday

After the 12:00 Noon Mass

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Confessions are always available by appointment.

# Mass Intentions for the Week of March 10, 2024

All intentions are fulfilled in-church Masses

## Saturday, March 9, ST. FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS

- 8:00 am 1—Nico Dacayanan, r/b Dacayanan Family  
2—Michael Ferrara, r/b wife, Karen
- 4:30 pm 1—Anthony Zuno, r/b Family  
2—Louis Peter Loforte, r/b Roseann Loforte  
3—Marilyn Schroth, r/b Dolores Dietrich

## Sunday, March 10, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 am 1—People of the Parish  
2—Increase in Vocations, r/b Parishioner  
3—Firefighter Marques Hudson, r/b HTFD
- 9:30 am 1—Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Altar Society, r/b Rosary Altar Society  
2—Josephine Mrzalk, r/b Dcn. Bill & Joanne Palmisano  
3—Barbara Osmond, r/b Tom & MaryAnne Altobelli
- 11:30 am 1—Leonard Bucca, r/b wife & children  
2—Mary Ellen & Arthur Beaumont, r/b Mary Beaumont  
3—Marion De Lorenzo, r/b The Constantini Fam.
- 5:00 pm 1—Gay McGraw, r/b The Reggi Family  
2—Cindy Rivara, r/b Mke, Melissa & Children  
3—Kenneth Brachelli, r/b Cottone Family

## Monday, March 11

- 7:30 am 1—Prayer Intentions of the Adoration Chapel
- 12:00 am 1—Wesley Jones, r/b Virgie Peralta

## Tuesday, March 12

- 7:30 am 1—Romeo & Jean Tiscione, r/b Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Boyle  
2—Intentions of Romona Buerano (living), r/b Linda Molina
- 12:00 pm 1—Living & Deceased Members of SRHA Holy Name Society, r/b Holy Name Society

## Wednesday, March 13

- 7:30 am 1—Prayer Intentions of the Narthex
- 12:00 pm 1—Virginia Di Balsi, r/b Ferdinand & Linda Scaccetti

## Thursday, March 14

- 7:30 AM 1—Mary Sujansky, r/b Brother, John
- 12:00 pm 1—Muriel Ritzendollar, r/b Mr. & Mrs. Charles Seidenglanz

## Friday, March 15

- 7:30 am 1—Prayer Intentions of the Adoration Chapel
- 12:00 pm 1—Teresita Ifurung, r/b Sherri LaBella

## Saturday, March 16

- 8:00 am 1—People of the Parish  
2—John Ralph Camera, r/b The Camera Family
- 4:30 pm 1—Edward P. Mount, r/b sister, Joan  
2—Michael Minar, r/b brother, John & sister, Maryann  
3—Caroline Smith, r/b granddaughter, Robin

## Sunday, March 17, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 am 1—Dolores Tottorotto, r/b John and Anna Maria Dzbenski  
2—Valerie Malone, r/b Mary Beaumont  
3—Carole Cobb, r/b Peggy Cook
- 9:30 am 1—People of the Parish  
2—Emello Morrone, r/b Jane Branca  
3—Allce Erdy, r/b Rosary Altar Society
- 11:30 am 1—Rob Montalbano, r/b Vince & Jan Smith  
2—Robert Yajcaji, r/b Joan Burr  
3—Paula Pizza, r/b Vince & Jan Smith
- 5:00 pm 1—Joyce Rotunda-Campanella, r/b Maria Spirito & Marissa Iavarone  
2—Kevin M. Fagan, r/b Maria Spirito \* Marissa Iavarone  
3—Anna Iommelli, r/b Marie & Vince Marcello

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*Jesus prays for Lazarus (a dead man: John 11:41-42) and then speaks directly to a dead man (in effect, "praying" to him): "Lazarus, come out" (John 11:43).*  
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### PRAY for the SICK and HOMEBOUND

Maria Angioletti, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Linda & John C. Boros, Jennie C., Kathleen Chaconis, Gloria D., Joan Dougherty, Bob Douglass, Mary Lou Eichman, Marie Filidore, Patricia Gardner, J.C. Garrett, Anne Marie Gorman, Karen Haws, David & Robert Hibbs, Mary Ann Kardos, Penelope Kohler, K.A.P., Josephine Laird, John Margicin, Ferd "Fry" Mather, Frances & George McClellan, John Morales, Mary N., Robert O'Boyle, Elizabeth Pall, Ted Parcal, Kyan Perez, Karen Peterman, Edward J. Quinn III, Albert Rafalski, Chris Rich, Joan Sandy, Gerry & Marilyn Schroth, Donna Seidenglanz, Aaron Sked, Ernest Smith, Dean Sorrento, Sr., Catherine Stokes, Catherine Stout, Joslin Tamagno, Santa Trombino.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

William Kelly  
*Requiescant in pace*

### PRAY for those in MILITARY SERVICE

Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Polyak, Iraq; Chief Petty Officer Ryan Bucchi; USS Tripoli; MK3 Samantha Williams - Gabris, USCG; HM3 (SW) Gerritt W. Furda, USNS Comfort; Airman 1st Class Christian Cipolloni, Airman, Stephanie Bisogno, Sr. Airman, USAF; Ronald Sosa, Captain Jarriet Quinn; Airman 1st Class Eric Peterson; Petty Officer Anthony Dickinson; Lt. Col. James Bretell

# From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Parish and School,

**MARCH is the month of Saint Joseph because his solemnity is celebrated on March 19.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT B.** Images of darkness and light are used in this Sunday's Gospel to help us reflect on the forgiveness of sins we receive through Christ Jesus. Jesus came into the world to save the world, through his death and Resurrection. Because Jesus died for our salvation, we do not hide our sins from God. Instead, in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, we confess our sins to God, confident that God forgives us. During Lent, many people take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation so that they can experience the joy of God's forgiveness. Let the young people know what opportunities are available for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Lent.

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS.** Our Parish Pastoral Council continues to gather participants every Saturday, 1-2:45pm, to our Lenten Reflection based on the Eucharistic Revival's video series, Jesus & the Eucharist. It's a guided program where participants are split into small groups for a deeper discussion and reflection of what touches your heart on the topic presented. It's an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. Join the Eucharistic Revival Lenten Gathering to reflect on Jesus and the Eucharist. Avail on our after the 5pm Mass, Family Life Ministry Lenten journey with Sr. Miriam, Restore. Come to our Friday Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm.

**DIACONATE PROGRAM.** The Diaconate Program of the Diocese prepares the deacons to serve the diocese and the parish in particular. In the Class of 2025 is Gez Ford, our parish minister of Family Life and Life Teen Ministry. The Class of 2027 has started this school year, 2023-24. We are blessed to have a deacon-to-be from our parish. He is Benny Tramo. We have two aspirants for the next year's opening. They are in process of discernment.

**SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL.** Confessions are available on **Mondays at 1:30 pm on March 18 and 25.** **BTW.** Another big event on the calendar is the Annual Tricky Tray on April 20, 2024. Please support our school by actively engaging in our fundraising activities. The attendance in our recent Pasta Dinner sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders is a testimony of your continued assistance. Many thanks.

**JOURNEY TO CALVARY.** This offering of our Music Ministry is scheduled on March 10, Sunday, at 7:30 pm. This moving reflection in Scripture and in Song helps us prepare our Forty Days and most especially our Holy Week encounter with the suffering Jesus. Please make an effort to come.

**PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE.** When we sin against God, our soul is crying for mercy. "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!" This Penance Service answers our craving for forgiveness and reconciliation. Come on **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.** There are more priests to hear our individual confessions.

**HOLY WEEK.** The whole season of Lent culminates on the celebration of the Paschal Triduum during the Holy Week. Since Christ accomplished his work of human redemption and of the perfect glorification of God principally through his Paschal Mystery, in which by dying he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life, the sacred Paschal Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord shines forth as the high point of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum begins with the evening of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), the celebration of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday), has its center in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Vespers (Evening Prayer) on the Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

In the service of the Lord, with the inspiration of St. Joseph, the guardian of all parishes,

*Fr. Gene*

St. Raphael HolyAngels



Please join us on  
Saturday afternoons  
1 pm - 2:45 pm  
February - March 2024  
February 10th (APR room)  
February 17th  
February 24th  
March 2nd  
March 9th  
March 16th &  
March 23rd

St. Raphael - Holy Angels  
Parish Center  
3500 South Broad Street, Hamilton, NJ  
Hospitality will be provided, and  
we hope to see you there!




*Jesus & the Eucharist:*  
A SMALL GROUP VIDEO SERIES FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

-  **What's Our Story?**
-  **Who is Jesus?**
-  **Am I Saved?**
-  **Why a Church?**
-  **God is with Us**
-  **The Story of the Eucharist**
-  **Bread for the Journey**

Register by calling Bill Wovk 609.587.0602 (leave a message)  
or bwovk1@gmail.com.  
You are welcomed to attend as many sessions as you can.

*You are invited to the*  
**JOURNEY TO CALVARY**  
IN SCRIPTURE AND IN SONG



**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024, 7:30 PM**  
SRHAP MUSIC MINISTRY

**ST RAPHAEL-HOLY ANGELS CHURCH**  
PLEASE JOIN THE PARISH IN OFFERING



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT AT 6:30 PM**

FOR OUR WAYWARD BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
THAT THEY MAY RETURN TO GOD  
AND COME BACK TO CHURCH



# Sharing Truth, Love and Family

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## FAITH FORMATION

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

*Congratulations to our Second Grade Saint Raphael School and CCD students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 9. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.*

### Summer CCD Program

July 8-19

9—12 Noon

Registrations Forms will be available soon

### UPCOMING DATES

- Apr. 12 **Family Rosary Night**—Doors open at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center; prayer begins at 7:30 pm. CCD students will be able to get their Mass Attendance Card stamped. Students must attend with an adult.
- Apr. 14: **Sacramental Sunday**  
**2nd Grade**—Begins with 9:30 am Mass and follows to the Parish Ctr.  
**8th Grade**—Begins with 11:30 am Mass and follows to the Parish Ctr.
- Apr. 27: First Communion
- May 16: Confirmation

## Sacraments and Sacramentals



### The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month. Before the parish office can schedule a date for baptism, the child's parents must give us the sponsor-eligibility certificate for the godparent(s). To expedite this process, you may wish to contact **Alice Bolton** in the Parish Office at (609) 585-7049 or by email at [abolton@srhap.org](mailto:abolton@srhap.org) around four or five months before your unborn child's due date. (Please do not reserve a restaurant, until after you have scheduled and confirmed the baptism date with the parish office.)



American Red Cross

### March Health Ministry

The Health Ministry will host another **Blood Drive** on **Wednesday, April 3rd** in the Gym. Donations take about an hour. Times are available every 15 minutes from **9:00 am to 1:45 pm**. Appointments are required. Schedule online by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: **StRaphaelHolyAngels**, the link is also on the parish website [www.straphael-holyangels.com](http://www.straphael-holyangels.com).



The Rosary Altar Society's next meeting is **Sunday, March 10** after the **9:30 am Mass** in the Parish Center. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and enjoy a sing along with Frank Bresnan. Have a safe winter until we meet again. Reach out to an officer if you need a ride.

### ST. RAPHAEL-HOLY ANGELS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Spiritual Center from **7:30 til 9:00 pm**. The meetings provide an environment that allows individuals the freedom to tell their stories and to share their faith experiences with the group under the guidance of a Facilitator. Why a support group? Support groups provide safety, community, spiritual consolation, understanding, and opportunities for growth beyond the pain and sorrow of grief. Please use the side door in the rear of the Spiritual Center. If you would like more information, please contact **Deacon Bob Tharp** at **609-890-1011**.

### Mercer County Lenten Pilgrimage



This year many of the Catholic Churches of Mercer County will be participating in a program inspired by the Station Churches of Rome. We encourage Catholics to make a pilgrimage around our county. All are encouraged to attend. The Mercer County Lenten Pilgrimage Schedule for this week includes:

**Mon, Mar 11 (7:00 pm) - St. George**, Titusville, NJ

**Wed, Mar 13 (7:00 pm) - St. Anthony**, Trenton, NJ

**Thurs, Mar 14 (7:00 pm) - St. Joachim**, Trenton, NJ

### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities provides addiction counseling, basic needs, children services, housing, mental health and violence prevention and treatment. If you know someone in need of Catholic Charities services, please call 800 360 7711



**WEEKEND MASSES—GIFTS of LOVE**

**March 3, 2024**

First Collection: \$15,803.00

Archangel Fund: \$ 956.00



**NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage**

Jesus is about to pass through our area on an epic Eucharistic journey—bigger than anything America has ever seen. With numerous events scheduled along the way, let's plan to show the world that he is a king worth following! Join the Diocese of Trenton and meet up with the Pilgrimage at one or all of our hometown parishes.

Here's some of what you can look forward to along the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route with the Diocese of Trenton:

**May 28, 2024** - St. Mary Cathedral, Trenton - Mass, Adoration, Candlelight Procession and Spanish Talks from Pilgrims for ages 4-12 years old, 13-18 years old, men, women

**May 29, 2024** - St. Mary of the Pines, Manahawkin Parish Center - Praise, Worship and Adoration then a Eucharistic Procession to the church for Mass.

**May 30, 2024** - St. Mary Mother of God, Bordentown - After Mass all can join in a procession from St. Mary Mother of God Church through Bordentown to the Bordentown Hilltop Park for a farewell to the National Eucharistic Pilgrims.

More information or to register, go to:  
[www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org)  
 then to Seton Route—Diocese of Trenton



**Have you thought about Electronic Giving?**

- A safe, secure and easy way to make on-line parish related donations
- It is easy to set up and a convenient way to support our parish
- St. Raphael-Holy Angels parish benefits from the stability of electronic giving
- Save paper, save trees!

Go to the Parish Website [www.straphael-holyangels.com](http://www.straphael-holyangels.com) and set up your account by clicking on the Parish Giving link (scroll down on the home page and you will see the below picture with link on the right side).



**2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PROGRESS**  
 As of March 4, 2024

**Goal:** \$68,000.00  
**Pledged:** \$4,505.99 (7% of Goal)  
**Paid:** \$3,745.99 (6% of Goal)  
**Total Donors:** 38  
**Total Gifts:** 43  
**Average Gift:** \$104.79

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Excerpt from the Synod Letter to the People of God upon completion of their 2023 October session.**

"Day by day, we felt the pressing call to pastoral and missionary conversion. For the Church's vocation is to proclaim the Gospel not by focusing on itself, but by placing itself at the service of the infinite love with which God loved the world (cf. John 3:16). When homeless people near St. Peter's Square were asked about their expectations regarding the Church on the occasion of this synod, they replied: "Love!". This love must always remain the ardent heart of the Church, a Trinitarian and Eucharistic love, as the Pope recalled on October 15, midway through our assembly, invoking the message of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. It is "trust" that gives us the audacity and inner freedom that we experienced, not hesitating to freely and humbly express our convergences, differences, desires and questions."

Full Text: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

*The Golden Ticket Committee wishes to thank the following Golden Ticket Event Donors:*

- Auto Valet Wash, Bill's Printing, Bottoni Jewelers, Carella's Chocolates, Chiarello's, Cross & Shamrock, Dolce & Clementi, Family Cafe, Foley's Markets, Hamilton Dental Associates, John Henry's Stone Terrace, L'Oreal, Louie's/Chef Jason, Mario & Frank's, NJ Spiritwear, Notre Dame High School, Nottingham Tavern, Porfirio's Italian Market & Café, Trenton Thunder, Villa Mannino, Villa Maria Restaurant, Wegman's

**LIVE: GREECE PILGRIMAGE PRESENTATION!!!!**

Join us on March 18th in the church, following the 12:00 Noon mass, for a live presentation for the pilgrimage to Greece 2024! Bring all of you questions and concerns with you for our travel agent to address. The pilgrimage, titled, "In the footsteps of St. Paul" will show us the natural beauty and ancient history on this Grecian sojourn that will surely deepen our faith as well as give us a deeper understanding and appreciation for St. Paul's apostolic work. Please come and check it out, the presentation is less than an hour, you will not be disappointed! The zoom presentation is still an option if you cannot attend. Just email Michelle [shelby419@hotmail.com](mailto:shelby419@hotmail.com) or call me (609) 456-6838 or call Fr. [Gene-gdaguplo@srhap.org](mailto:Gene-gdaguplo@srhap.org) at the Rectory (609) 585-7049.

# MINISTRIES

## Teardrops Ministry

We thank you for your continued support of our Tear Drop Ministry. Please continue to put a name or names of someone who has fallen away from God. Several of our fallen brothers and sisters have returned because of your prayers. We come together as a Catholic family each weekend and pray for those who have fallen. Let us follow the example of Saint Monica. We also ask you to please take a name out of the Tear Drop Ministry Box and pray for that person. We are all called to do God's work so continue to pray as Saint Padre Pio tells us prayer is the most important tool we have.

## RESPECT LIFE

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The St. Raphael-Holy Angels Respect Life Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday, of the month at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Emmons Room. **The next meeting will be March 12, 2024.** For information contact Trish Teague at 609-424-7444.



## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are Needed

Please prayerfully consider a call to become a Minister of Holy Communion for our Parish Community. Several of our parishioners, who have served us over many years have retired in one way or another. The time commitment is what you can offer and the value is priceless. Here's a brief testimony for one of our EMHC's, "My heart feels a sense of grace and peace when I am sharing Christ with another person" All confirmed Catholics are eligible. Act now if you are feeling our Lord calling you! Please contact **Lou Monticchio** ([strawbed@mac.com](mailto:strawbed@mac.com)) to find out more!

## Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother. You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear. Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one of our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

2024 Weekend Retreats: November 15-17, 2024



## ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The Altar Server Ministry is recruiting new altar servers (3rd grade to 12th grade). For information, please contact Fr. Gene, in the parish office (rectory), at 609-585-7049, ext. 100.

## New Jersey Safe Haven

24/7 Hotline 1-877-839-2339 | [njsafehaven.org](http://njsafehaven.org)

### Pregnancy Resources

Options for Women ([optionsnj.org](http://optionsnj.org)):

Trenton - 732-362-2256

Cherry Hill - 856-795-0048

Birthright - 1-800-550-4900 (24/7 Helpline), [//birthright.org](http://birthright.org)

Good Counsel Homes - 800-723-8331 (24-hour Helpline), [help.goodcounselhomes.org/](http://help.goodcounselhomes.org/)



## An Evening of Country Line Dancing



Jeremy Duncan is coming to the Parish Center on **Saturday, April 13, 7 – 10 pm** to lead us in a fantastic evening of country line dancing. Tickets are only \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Bring the family, tell your friends, or just strap on your cowboy boots and join in the fun. The event is a fundraiser for the Elderberry Club, but it is open to persons of all ages, inside and outside the Parish. Tickets will be sold after ALL morning and evening Masses on the following weekends: Mar 2-3 and Apr 6-7. For more information, call Nancy Rhodes at 609-306-8670.

## Elderberry Club Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Elderberry Club will be held in the Parish Center on Friday, April 5, at 1 pm. This month's speaker, Hamilton's new historian Jeff Guear, will regale us with stories of entertainment in Hamilton "back in the day." Lunch (\$6), coffee, tea, soft drinks, and dessert snacks will be available. For more information, contact membership chair Kathy Wooley at 609-571-6698. **NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



## JESUS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP

**COME!! JOIN US!!**

Join Jesus Our Good Shepherd Prayer Group in praising and worshipping our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Worship is led by Maria, followed by reflection on scripture and prayers. We meet in the Spiritual Center Living Room each **Tuesday at 7:00 pm**. All Are Welcome!

## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS #355



Trenton Council #355 is now meeting at St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish in the Spiritual Center. Monthly meetings are the second **Tuesday** of every month at **7:30 pm**.

# SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES



## FOOD PANTRY



### ARE YOU PRACTICING ANY OF THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY?

The Easter Distribution is coming soon! We are greatly in need of hams (and turkeys too)! Drop off for hams or other perishable items will be **Thursday, March 21 from 9-10:30 am, Friday, March, 22 from 8-10 am or Saturday morning from 8-10:30 am in the Parish Center** or by contacting the rectory at 609-585-7049 to make other arrangements for drop off.

We are in need of **soups, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, rice, tuna fish, cereal, peanut butter and jelly.** Monetary contributions are always welcome.

If you can volunteer to assist the food pantry on Thursday, Friday and "Reach Out Saturday", it would be greatly appreciated.

**NEXT "REACH OUT SATURDAY" - MARCH 23, 2024 (Easter Distribution)**

9:00 am - 11:00 am, Parish Center

### RAPHAEL'S ANGELS

**Join the Movement: Be One**

Are you looking for a way to make a difference? Consider volunteering. If you have an hour or two a week to visit, provide transportation, or shop for someone in our Parish community who needs a bit of assistance, there's a place for you with **Raphael's Angels of Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer**. It's a way to give back to the community and help others. We invite you to join our team of dedicated volunteers in this valuable and rewarding ministry. **For more information or to sign up**, call Diane after 10:00 am at **609-838-2085**, or call Interfaith Caregivers at **609-393-9922**.



### SOCIETY of SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

**Scripture Reflection:** *In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.*

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



Living the Gospel message.....

**Students**, are you looking for community service hours? **Families**, are you looking to introduce your children to volunteerism? **Adults**, are you looking for something different to do? A way to help others.? An opportunity to meet and socialize with some of your fellow parishioners? Why not try volunteering with the Social Concerns Ministry of St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish? For more than 30 years, our group has fulfilled volunteer commitments at both Hamilton Grove Healthcare (HGH) and the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK).

### NEXT SCHEDULED DATES

- **Tuesday, March 12, 1:30 – 3:30 pm.** You are invited to join us for our March Bingo party at HGH. Special prizes will be related to St. Patrick's Day and probably include a lot of green. Volunteers sit with residents, help them play Bingo or cheer them on, assist with prize selection, or simply offer a friendly smile. Usually more than 50 residents attend these parties. Meet in the lobby of the facility (Hamilton Avenue near the intersection of Klockner) at **1:30 pm**. We are finished by **3:30 pm**. Interested volunteers usually go out for a snack afterwards.
- **Wednesday, May 29.** As our commitment at TASK is to help whenever there is a fifth Wednesday in the month, our next serving date is not until May. In January our 11 volunteers help serve 609 hot meals in a little over 2 hours. Serving crew jobs include line servers, tray "runners," salad bar tenders, coffee station servers, and take out bag distributors. We meet in the St. Raphael Church parking lot at **9:45 am** for carpooling to Trenton and return about **1:15 pm**.

### THANKS

- Despite the snow on February 13, the day of our Valentine's Bingo party at HGH, 11 intrepid volunteers were there to spread smiles and joy to approximately 65 residents. The residents loved their Valentine treat bags and all sorts of other terrific prizes donated by our parishioners.
- Numerous parishioners continue to drop off, either at the rectory or at my house, wonderful items for the residents of HGH or patrons at TASK. Your generosity is appreciated by many.

"For more information, contact Kathy Wooley at 609-571-6698 or Hamiltonkw5@optonline.net .

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**NEXT BINGO NIGHT: MARCH 15, 2024**  
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## SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL MARCH 2024 PTA NEWSLETTER

### TRICKY TRAY - APRIL 20TH

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS NEEDED:

- \* CASH BASKET WRAP
- \* CASH PRIZING TAPE
- \* TACKLING GENES

BASKET ITEMS:  
GIFT CARDS, SPORTS TICKETS, TECH ITEMS, KITCHEN BASKETS, HOLIDAY THEMES, TOYS, GAMES, OUTDOOR ITEMS, BEACH

LOCAL BUSINESS DONATIONS AND SPONSORS NEEDED

ALL ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN OFFICE ATTENTION ONLY DURING THE 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2024 TRICKY TRAY

SEND QUESTIONS TO [Gina.Lombardi@ptasrsnj.org](mailto:Gina.Lombardi@ptasrsnj.org)

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/1 - TRIMESTER 2 ENDS
- 3/6 - PTA "HAT DAY" DRESS DOWN
- 3/8 - 12:30 DISMISSAL
- 3/11 - NO SCHOOL
- 3/28 - 12:30 DISMISSAL
- 3/29-4/5 - SCHOOL CLOSED EASTER BREAK
- 4/8 - SCHOOL REOPENS

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**SOUPER FUN NIGHT REGISTER NOW DON'T MISS OUT 3/7**

**SOUP CONTEST**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**COMING SOON**

**SPECIAL PERSONS DANCE APRIL 26TH**

**TRENTON THUNDER NIGHT OUT JUNE 7TH**

### FUNDRAISERS

- EASTER CANDY SALE PICK UP 3/22 2:30-6:00PM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SORT LOOK FOR SIGN UP
- MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE INFO COMING SOON

### SPIRITUALITY

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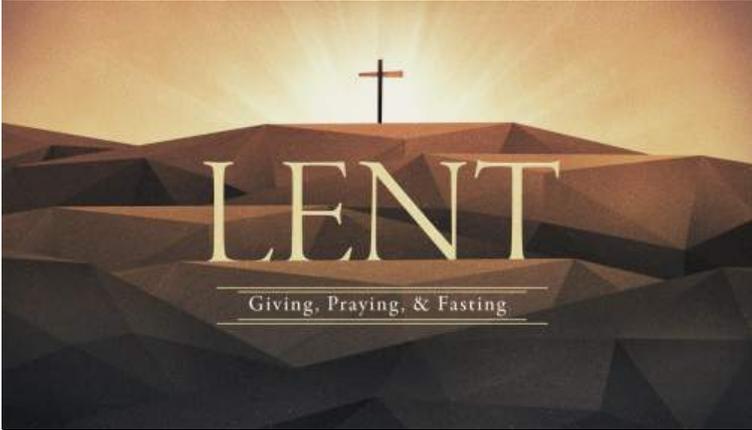
- MARCH FOOD PANTRY 7TH AND 8TH
- FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT 3/1 @ 7:30 AM
- LIVE STATIONS PRESENTED BY THE 8TH GRADE CLASS 3/23
- PRAY AND PLAY 3/19 @ 8:30 AM SPIRITUAL CENTER
- HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE PROJECT SCHOOL, NIVE 3/28

### SCHOOL NEWS

SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE PASTA DINNER 3/2 TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR OR PURCHASE AHEAD

READ ACROSS AMERICA DRESS DOWN ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT 8TH GRADE (SEE EMAIL FOR DETAILS)

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As we are getting ready to switch seasons once again, The Church in Her wisdom helps us to rhythmically navigate through the desert so we might draw closer to Christ. With the help and the grace of the sacraments and the liturgical calendar, we are able to realign ourselves with our Creator and be transformed by Him. There is no greater time or opportunity for Catholic Christians to do that than during the season of Lent. A time of renewal as well as of reparation, a time of penance as well as a time of preparation. Join us on in our Lenten journey on Sunday Nights throughout the season (after the 5pm Mass) as we prepare to dive ever more deeply into our faith as a parish family community. At the time of writing we have two offerings, one is to walk the Lenten journey with Sr. Miriam and focus on the Healing Power of Christ, the other is through the Saturday Afternoon Eucharistic Revival Meetings. As a parish we have offered new ways to come together during the year and bring about our own revival. The Eucharistic theme is exciting and we are looking forward to sharing and journeying with you both through the Eucharistic Revival Committee led by Lou Monticchio on Saturday afternoons during Lent and at our Family Life gatherings on a Sunday night (after the 5pm life Teen mass). Together during the season of Lent we will get to take part in teachings and group discussion, using video and in person leaders all with a view to opening our eyes to the Scriptures and setting our hearts aflame as they were on the road to Emmaus. As we look to improve on last years version of ourselves we know we cannot do it alone. Together with the grace of God we might discover new ways to enhance our faith, our family and our church. If you wish to take part in any of these opportunities please do not hesitate to call or email Gez for more details. With Much Love and Prayers gez+

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**+ YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT WINTER 2024 +**

**CALLING ALL 8TH GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEENS.**

Almost 900 souls from all over the Diocese attended the Diocesan Youth Conference in Red Bank this year, and the theme of being created by God "ON PURPOSE" was an amazing reminder of how important we are individually and communally. God created us "on purpose". Jesus Prays to The Father that we might all be one, (as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One). As one community we prepare for our Life Teen Lenten season, focused on going deeper into prayer, service and evangelization. With life Nights being led each week by many of our young adult Core members under the guidance of Drew Pillar, this is the perfect time to join us as we continue to joyfully draw ever closer to Christ.

**N.B. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING OR SERVING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ARE OPEN TO APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT DREW OR GEZ.**



# MUSIC MINISTRY

I hope you plan on joining us at 7:30pm this Sunday evening, March 10th, as the Music Ministry presents JOURNEY TO CALVARY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG. It is a deeply moving account of the passion and death of Jesus through the reading of Sacred Scripture and appropriate hymns. The Handbell Choir, Adult Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble will share music, while two of our deacons will proclaim Sacred Scripture. Please deepen your Lenten experience and join us for this one hour program.

Today's Gospel calls us to accept Jesus as the gift beyond all gifts --the gift we encounter in scripture, the Eucharist, each other, and countless other ways. May the lives we live make it easier for others to meet and follow Jesus as well.

## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

## MUSIC AT UPCOMING LITURGIES

Tuesday, March 12  
 3:00—4:00 W4Y Youth Choir  
 4:15—5:15 W4Y Youth Choir  
 6:30—7:30 Contemporary Ensemble

Thursday, March 14  
 5:15—6:15 Handbell Choir  
 6:30—7:30 Adult Choir

Sun., Mar. 17, 9:30 am—Adult Choir and Contemporary Ensemble  
 All other Masses are Keyboard and Cantor except the LifeTeen Mass

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., 3/11: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2; 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tues., 3/12: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wed., 3/13: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
 Thurs., 3/14: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Fri., 3/15: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Sat., 3/16: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53  
 Sun., 3/17: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15, Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

## INTENTIONS of POPE FRANCIS for MARCH

**For the new martyrs:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

## ADORATION CHAPEL



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To become an Adorer, please complete the sign-up form located in the Narthex and drop off the form to the Rectory Office.

## BAPTISMS IN FEBRUARY



The following children who were baptized in our parish:

*Leah Kathryn Fuller*  
*Dylan Justin Kwiatkowski*  
*Preston James Kwiatkowski*

Please pray for these newest members of our parish, of the Church of Trenton, and the universal Church.

Please join us in praying the Rosary ***every morning prior to the 7:30 am Mass, Monday through Friday and Saturday prior to the 8:00 am Mass.*** The **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** is prayed every Wednesday after 7:30 am Mass.



## St. Raphael Holy Angels VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB



## WANTED BY CARDINAL SEÁN PATRICK O'MALLEY

### BOOK CLUB READING SCHEDULE

Meeting 1: Thursday, March 21—7pm

Please read Foreword, Preface, and Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 4

- THINK ABOUT....**
- 1—Your favorite quote
  - 2—What touched you?
  - 3—What challenged you?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE FLYER IN THE NARTHEX.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ST. RAPHAEL-HOLY ANGELS PARISH

Tues., 3/12:	Jesus, Our Good Shepherd Prayer Group (weekly)	Spiritual Ctr. - Living Room	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Wed., 3/14:	Divine Mercy Chaplet (weekly)	St. Raphael Church	8:00 AM
Tues., 3/19:	Pray and Play Prayer Group (monthly every 3rd Tuesday)	St. John Paul II Spiritual Ctr.	8:30 AM

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