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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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Deacon Thomas Lavelle, Deacon Richard Arcari
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JULY 9, 2023
14th SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

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.
The names for Pray for the Sick and Homebound will be in the bulletin for 30 days, after 30 days names will be removed. If you wish to have your name put in, please call the rectory at 609-585-7049.

PRAY FOR the SICK and HOMEBOUND


PRAY FOR those in MILITARY SERVICE

Army Chief Warrant Officer Michael Poljak, Iraq; Chief Petty Officer Ryan Bucchi; USS Tripoli; MK3 Samantha Williams - Gabris, USCG; HM3 (SW) Gerritt W. Furda, USNS Comfort; Airman 1st Class Christian Cipolliol, Airman, Stephanie Bisogno, Sr. Airman, USAF; Ronald Sosa (Marine Boot Camp)

ACCESS LINK

Anyone who is in need of a ride to church, can contact “Access Link” at 973-491-4224.

ENTENTIONS of POPE FRANCIS for JULY

Pope’s Intentions: For the Eucharistic Life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and with all their brothers and sisters.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR

Requiescant in pace.

PARISHIONERS’ EMAIL ADDRESS

Please provide your e-mail address. It’s nice to receive our weekly emails and other communications. Email us at parishoffice@erhp.org.

SAINTS of the WEEK

Tuesday, 7/11 - St. Benedict, Abbot (480-547). Born in Italy, Benedict became a monk and lived in a cave. He attracted followers and built small monasteries for those wishing to share his lifestyle. He founded the monastery of Monte Cassino where he wrote his Rule, a remarkable guide emphasizing moderation, humility, obedience, prayer, and manual labor as the way to holiness. He is the Patriarch of Western monasticism and the Patron of Europe.

Thursday, 7/13 - St. Henry (973-1024). He succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and later became King of Germany and Holy Roman Emperor. He married St Cunegunda, but had no children. His study with St. Wolfgang of Regensburg kindled a lifelong interest in ecclesiastical affairs. He was renowned as a just ruler, a man of prayer, and a humble ascetic.

Friday, 7/14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (1656-1680). Born in New York, Kateri was four when her family died of a smallpox epidemic that left her with impaired eyesight and a disfigured face. Inspired by missionaries, she was baptized. She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist and a deep concern for others. She was canonized in 2012, the first Native American saint.

Saturday, 7/15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1221-1274). “Prayer is, therefore, the source and origin of every upward journey toward God. Let us each, then, turn to prayer and say to our Lord God: “Lead me, O Lord, on your path that I may walk in your truth.”

MASSES for the Week of JULY 9, 2023

ALL INTENTIONS ARE FULLFILLED IN-CHURCH MASSES

Sat., July 8. WEEKDAY [13]; MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON SATURDAY

8:00 am-(1) John Rogoza, r/b Daughter, Karen; (2) In Reparation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

4:30 pm-(1) Elizabeth & Tony Rubano, r/b Daughter, Marie Mattison; (2) Suzanne Lippincott, r/b Timothy Flodmand; (3) Joseph Celinski, r/b Anthony Zucchet

Sun., July 9. FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am-(1) For an Increase in vocations, r/b Parishioner; (2) Vincent Scasera, r/b Larry & Clare Berger; (3) Genevieve Elko, r/b Larry & Clare Berger

9:30 am-(1) Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society, r/b Rosary Altar Society; (2) Joseph Celinski, r/b Dan & Mary Compton; (3) Thomas Malinowski, r/b Phil & Cathy Marchetti

11:30 am-(1) Nico Dacayanan, r/b Dacayanan Family; (2) Gloria Lucidi, r/b Angelo Lucidi; (3) People of the Parish

5:00 pm-(1) Shreeve Barton, r/b SRS PTA; (2) Joseph Celinski, r/b Marissa & Bill Reilly; (3) Walter Augustyn, r/b Marie Evans

Mon., July 10. WEEKDAY [Week 14]

7:30 am-(1) Leontine Ferrara, r/b Karen Ferrara; (2) Intentions of Michael Douglass (Living), r/b Jean Douglass

12:00 pm-(1) Gregorio Puentevela, r/b Mercedes Soberano

Tues., July 11. MEMORIAL OF SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT

7:30 am-(1) Intentions of Mary Keubler (Living), Wed., July 12. WEEKDAY [14]

12:00 pm-(1) Marta Alexa, r/b Erzsebet Pall; (2) Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society, r/b Holy Name Society

Wed., July 12. WEEKDAY [14]

7:30 am-(1) Intentions of Tyler Douglass (Living), r/b Jean Douglass

12:00 pm-(1) Valerie Mitala, r/b Carol Viglione; (2) Amy Gerner, r/b Mercedes Soberano

Thurs., July 13. WEEKDAY [14]; MEMORIAL OF SAINT HENRY

7:30 am-(1) Lourdes Manahan, r/b Larry & Sherri LaBella

12:00 pm-(1) Matthew Mudd, r/b Mary Beaumont; (2) Lourdes Manahan, r/b Mercedes Soberano

Fri., July 14. MEMORIAL OF SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN (USA)

7:30 am-(1) Intentions of John Margicin (Living), r/b Friends

12:00 pm-(1) Anthony Zuno, r/b Family; (2) Catherine Walker, r/b Son; (3) Leonard Bucchinco, r/b Family

Sat., July 15. MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

8:00 am-(1) Jean Inverso, r/b Angie & Nick Geprhart

4:30 pm-(1) Joseph Celinski, r/b Vince & Jan Smith; (2) Carol Carabelli, r/b Mr. & Mrs. Al Tallone; (3) Anne Hills, r/b Larry & Clare Berger

Sun., July 16. FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am-(1) Amanda Myers, r/b Verderese Family; (2) Robert Sheldon, r/b Lolly Steward; (3) Lauren Deak, r/b Charlene & Leo Pecarsky

9:30 am-(1) Joseph Celinski, Eileen C. Russo & Ralph T. Sheffield; (2) Anna Grochala, r/b Joyce; (3) Ann Hills, r/b Joyce

11:30 am-(1) Vincent Persichetti, r/b Mom & Dad; (2) Joseph Papp, Jr., r/b Children; (3) Lucille Donahue, r/b Santa Trombino

5:00 pm-(1) People of the Parish; (2) Thomas Malinowski, r/b Phil & Kathy Marchetti; (3) Shreeve Barton, r/b Karen Peterman & Mary Nalbone

All intentions are fulfilled in Church masses - All other intentions are fullfilled.

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon., 7/10

Gn 49:29-32; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

Tues., 7/11

Gn 32:28-33; Ps 17:1-3, 6-15; Mt 9:18-26

Wed., 7/12

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thurs., 7/13

Gn 44:21-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15

Fri., 7/14

Gn 45:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:1-4, 19-27, 28-39, 40; Mt 10:16-23

Sat., 7/15

Gn 49:29-32; Ps 55:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sun., 7/16

Isa 55:16-17; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13-19
Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Parish and School,

**JULY** is the month of the Precious Blood of Christ.

**Have a blessed and happy Sunday!**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A.** When we carry something heavy on our shoulders, we refer to it as a burden. Some burdens are heavier than others. Not all burdens are physical things, however. In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells us how we can lighten our burden. What does Jesus say that we should do if we are burdened? - Go to him for rest. What is a “yoke”? - A wooden frame fitted around the neck of a person or animal and used to help carry things. What does Jesus mean when he says that his yoke is easy and his burden light? - To follow Jesus places a burden on us, but it is a lighter burden than what we would carry if we did not follow him. One of the ways that we find rest in Jesus is through prayer. In prayer, we share our burdens with Jesus. Let’s take some time now to share our burdens with the Lord and to find rest.

**EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL.** In the three-year (2022-25) Eucharistic Revival, Catholics will be invited to prayerfully consider the Holy Eucharist in all its dimensions. “The initiative aims to ‘renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.’” Masses, Holy Hours, Adoration, and Benediction as well as homilies, talks, writings and recommended readings on the Holy Eucharist will take place on the parish level. We will be reaching out to you through our parish websites and social media and weekly bulletin. As we begin Mass, the congregation will be asked to pause for 30 seconds of sacred silence listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. We ask for a deepened personal relationship with Jesus, who is present in the Holy Eucharist.

**SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL.** A year ago, I welcomed Mr. Joseph Slavin III as our new principal. After a year as our principal, everyone in our school family is happy with how he is playing his role and is outstanding in performing his work especially in bridging between the school and the parish. He has good rapport with the teachers and parents. Our school children are motivated to do their best to make our school proud of them. Let’s continue to support him holistically.

**MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN.** The Diocesan Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has assigned Fr. Sleeva Raju Kala of the Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales to do a missionary appeal for the Oblates Mission. He will be preaching at all the Masses of the weekend of July 8/9. Fr. Kala will stay in the rectory. While in the parish, he will be happy to talk with any parishioners who may be interested in going to an overseas mission. Please be generous in supporting the Oblates Mission in Africa, South America, and India.

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY.** This group of volunteers work in the upkeep of our altar so that the congregation attending Mass and other services will be lifted up to heaven by the beauty of the altar. They take care in cleaning the liturgical vestments, vessels and ornaments. They meet regularly to discuss how they could be of greater service to God and the parish. They give honor to their members who have gone to eternity. During the funeral mass, their banner is displayed near the ambo. Members of the society line up to welcome the body and likewise before exiting the church. Young and not so young lady parishioners are invited to join them.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

**In the service of the Lord Jesus,**

Fr. Gene
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in our parish usually 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 facilitate this process, you may wish to call the parish office around four or five months before your unborn child’s due date. (Please do not reserve a restaurant, until after you have booked the baptism date with the parish office.) Please feel free to contact our parish’s baptism coordinator, Alice Bolton, in the Faith Formation office 609-585-0542 or email abolton@srhap.org.

ST. RAFAEL-HOLY ANGELS
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

[THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY -- WILL RESUME IN AUGUST]

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY
July Health Ministry

The Health Ministry will host another Blood Donation through American Red Cross on Friday, September 22nd in the Parish Gym. Donations take about an hour. Times are available every 15 minutes from 12:00pm to 4:45pm. Appointments are required, walk-ins will be turned away if all time slots are booked in advance. Schedule your appointment today online at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html?drive-results?zipSponsor=StRaphaelHolyAngels, the link is also on the parish website www.straphael-holyangels.com.

ST. RAFAEL FRIDAY BINGO IS BACK!

Next Friday Bingos will be on July 14 and July 28. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society’s annual letter is scheduled for mailing in August to all members. We look forward to seeing you in October when our meetings resume. We wish everyone a safe summer.
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).

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**WEEKEND MASSES—GIFTS of LOVE**

The **July 2** and **July 9 Weekly Collection** will be in the **July 16 Bulletin**

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**Cohort 6 Lumen Christi**

**GRANDPARENT’S DAY**

LUMEN CHRISTI COHORT 6 (OLS, SGG & SRHAP) celebrates Grandparent’s Day on the Feast Day of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Wed, July 26th beginning with Mass at 12:15 pm and then a picnic style lunch. The Mass is at Our Lady of Sorrows Church and the lunch is at the lower church hall. The expenses will be shouldered by the three parishes. Please make an effort to attend as we honor our grandpas and grandmas. They are the living examples for parents on how to pass on our Catholic faith to the next generation. Please come as a family. Grandchildren—this is your time to give thanks to God for your grandparents.

**FOOD PANTRY COLLABORATION**

Lumen Christi is grateful for the all embracing support the three parishes of the Lumen Christi Cohort have shown to the Food Pantry.

Northern Mercer Deanery (11)
- Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony Parish—Hamilton
- St. Gregory the Great - Hamilton Square
- St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish - Hamilton

The Parishes of Lumen Christi – Cohort 6:
- Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony
- St. Gregory the Great
- St. Raphael-Holy Angels

The Parish Cohort Planning Team 2021:
- Nancy Rhodes, Courtney Renegar, Bill Wowk, Santa Trombino, Deacon Bill Palmisano and Fr. Gene Daguplo

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**EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

“Worship” itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality of both being loved and of loving others in turn.

Pope Benedict XVI

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**UPDATE as of July 3, 2023**

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**Total Donors:** 250
**Total Gifts:** 276
**Average Gift:** $157.69

The secretariat for the synod has published the working document, known by its Latin title _instrumentum laboris_, for the first session of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality that will be held in the Vatican, Oct. 4 to Oct 29. The second session will be held in October 2024. The document highlights that “A synodal church is founded on the recognition of a common dignity deriving from baptism, which make all who receive it sons and daughters of God, members of the family of God, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ, inhabited by the one Spirit and sent to fulfill a common mission”. In the next few weeks we will share the highlights of this important working document along with our own Parish’s recent synodal discernment.

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**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.

**JESUS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP**

Join Jesus Our Good Shepherd Prayer Group in praising and worshiping 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!

**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) to find out more!

**THE OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS de SALES**

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales are a religious community of men who were founded in France in 1876 to live and spread the optimistic spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. The Oblates spread throughout the world and have sent priests, sisters and sisters to staff missions in Africa, South America, and India. We serve some of the poorest people in the world as parish priests, ministers, educators and social workers. Each year we visit parishes around the United States to share the needs of the worldwide Church, to request the support of prayer and to receive financial assistance for the needs of our missions. Thank you for welcoming our missionaries and being part of the command of Jesus to “go out into the world and preach the Gospel to the whole of creation.”

**Pro-Life**

**Pregnancy Resources**

- Options for Women Trenton - 732-362-2256, optionsnj.org
- Options for Women Cherry Hill - 856-795-0048, optionsnj.org
- Birthright - 1-800-550-4900 (24/7 Helpline), birthright.org
- Good Counsel Homes - 800-723-8331 (24-hour Helpline), help.goodcounselhomes.org/

**It May Not Be Too Late - Abortion Pill Reversal**

If you or someone you know has taken the first dose of the abortion pill and regret it, there may still be time to save your baby. The Abortion Pill Network provides free and confidential care 24/7. Call 1-877-558-0333 or visit abortionpillreversal.com.

**New Jersey Safe Haven**

24/7 Hotline 1-877-839-2339 | njsafehaven.org

New Jersey has a safe haven for unwanted infants. A newborn baby can be left with staff at any hospital emergency room, police station, fire station, ambulance or rescue squad that are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. SAFELY - LEGALLY - ANONYMOUSLY

**RETURN TO THE UPPER ROOM**

The next Healing Mass in St. Raphael Church will be Friday, September 15 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The monthly Healing Mass is on the third Friday, from Sept. to June [except Lent].

**ALTER 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.

**ELDERBERRY CLUB**

Did you know that SRHAP has a senior club? And that you do not need to be a member of the Parish to join? All persons 55 and older are welcome to join the Elderberry Club! Meetings are held in the Parish Center once monthly from September through June, usually on the first Friday. We hope you will check us out at our next meeting on Friday, September 8, the first Friday after Labor Day. For more information, contact President Nancy Rhodes at 609-308670 or membership chair Kathy Wooley at 609-571-6698. Wishing all a terrific summer!

**BISHOP’S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

On behalf of his Excellency, the Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M., it is our pleasure to invite the anniversary couples and their families to the Cathedral of St. Mary, Trenton, on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 pm for the anniversary blessing Mass and family reception. All information for the Bishop’s Anniversary Blessing, including registration, can be found on our website. Couples may register at the parish office (by calling or stopping in the office) or register online at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing.
FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to all donors and parishioners of St. Raphael-Holy Angels, St. Gregory the Great and St. Anthony-Our Lady of Sorrows who continue to contribute to our food pantry. The lines keep getting longer with clients coming in on “Reach Out Saturday” to procure food for their families. On Saturday, June 17 there were 285 clients. As soon as we have the food, we feed them. So far, we have not turned anyone away because of lack of food. Again, thank you and God bless you. Thank you to all the volunteer workers who assist to keep our food pantry open. God bless you all!

We are in DIRE need of peanut butter and jelly, pasta, tuna fish and cereals.

Next “Reach Out Saturday”
July 15, 2023
9:00 am - 11:00 am, Parish Center

We are BADLY in need of your REUSABLE bags

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

HAMPTON GROVE HEALTHCARE (HGH)

The 13 smiling volunteers pictured below brought even more smiles to the 65+ residents of HGH at our patriotic party - God Bless America - on June 13.

YOU TOO CAN SPREAD THE CHEER BY JOINING US IN HOSTING MONTHLY BINGO PARTIES AND OTHER EVENTS FROM 1:30 - 3:30 PM ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH!

There are different themes and theme-related prizes every month. Volunteers sit with the residents, help them play Bingo if needed, cheer them on, and distribute prizes which are won by all. Adults, teens, and families are welcome. We can never have too many volunteers. Also, remember that volunteering once does not commit you to volunteer every time, although we hope you will enjoy the day so much that you will want to return

Please consider volunteering on the following dates. Meet in the lobby of the facility (on Hamilton Avenue, near the intersection of Klockner) at 1:30 pm to sign in.

♦ Tuesday, July 11. Our theme this month is “Picture Me.” We will distributing the resident pictures taken at the June Patriotic Party. Special prizes will include 4x6 picture frames and small photo albums.
♦ August 8. “Watch Over Me,” Watches, clocks, angels. (We supply batteries.)
♦ September 12. Shopping Bag. Pens and other small items in gift bags, wallets, change purses, handbags, etc.
♦ October 10. Halloween. Fall and Halloween items.

Donations of prize items are greatly appreciated. We also have an urgent need for acrylic yarn for those volunteers who crochet lap robes and afghans for our January Bingo.

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 the Gospel today we hear Jesus say; “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life’s burdens.

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

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF — Jesus

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN (TASK)

Wednesday, August 30, 9:45 am - 1:15 pm. New and returning volunteers are needed to help serve the noon meal at TASK. Meet in St. Raphael parking lot at 9:45 am for carpooling to Trenton. We return about 1:15 pm. Interested volunteers usually go out for our own lunch after serving. (Final 2023 5th Wednesday commitment falls on November 29).

NOTE: I collect prizes throughout the year and store them until needed. For more information or to suggest a new project, contact Kathy Wooley at 609-571-6698 or Hamiltonkw5@optonline.net.
Saintly Stories

Saint Raphael School

Inspired by Faith  Empowered by Knowledge  United by Community

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 for being inducted into the Holy Angels and Saint Raphael Alumni Association! Current alumni and board members introduced the 8th graders to the Alumni Association and presented them with their memberships after the last school Mass of the year, hosted by 7th Grade. All grades were celebrated during the Moving-Up Ceremony after Mass, signified by moving to their new seating locations with their new teachers for weekly school Mass. Art Teacher Mrs. McCarthy and School Nurse Mrs. Gore, were also celebrated, who retired after the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are being accepted for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact the School Office at 609-585-7733 for more information and to schedule a tour with Principal Slavin. Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8am - 12pm.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed summer!

For more information, call (609) 585-7733, visit srsnj.org, or email jenine.hutton@srsnj.org
What a year we have had at SRHA Family Life ministries, we have gathered every Sunday for Mass and then for post Mass food and fellowship. We have journeyed through the seasons of Advent, and Lent using the Ascension Press guides in our BEHOLD and RESTORE retreat experiences and we have experienced the Power of the Holy Spirit in our 7 weeklong Seminars, welcoming different deacons and priests from the area to guide and sharpen our hearts and minds. It has been a busy and formative experience of community and education as we strive to draw ever closer to the heart of our Trinitarian Lord. Our community ministry ended the school year with a full and vibrant day, on Corpus Christi we helped with the procession, then attended our parish picnic, then the Life Teen Mass at 5pm followed by a closing seminar and family meal led by Fr. Martin (from St. Mary Mother of The Church in Bordentown). I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way for your generosity of spirit and for your kindnesses throughout the year.

There are plenty of events scheduled for the Summer months so we can remain spiritually sharp throughout the hazy, not so lazy days of Summer. These include July 4 celebration, picnics, pool gatherings and outside masses and adoration as well as a New York Eucharistic Spirituality Day with Cardinal Thomas Dolan. Finally, The Alpha Program Coming in the Fall of 2023 -This would provide an opportunity to bring friends and family who know nothing of the faith to come and see what we believe in for themselves. A typical Alpha night would consist of food, faith sharing and fellowship, beginning with a shared meal and followed by a short video with an opportunity for sharing. After Alpha we will look to continue our growth through the Divine Renovation Program, more details to come. This Spring promises to be a season of grace and we look forward to what The Lord has in store for us. There is so much going on in and around our parish and we don’t want anyone to miss anything. Please feel free to reach out for more info or details pertaining to all the above, contact Gez gezemiah@gmail.com for more information, + Blessings to all +

Life Teen has begun again and in our first semester we were able to welcome back our teens who pioneer the youth community in these post covid days with all the joy and vigor of past youth communities. We are so thankful to Drew and Laura Pillar and their Core team, for their sustained love for the Lord, the teens and the program. A highlight of the year was to see many of the younger members receive their confirmation, a close second might have been the witness of over a thousand teens at our Diocesan Youth Event at 6 Flags, Great Adventure. The Summer months can be a tough time for everyone to stay sharp spiritually but none more so than the younger generation. We will continue to meet up for social and spiritual gatherings at the church, at the beach and at the pool. This is also a great opportunity to answer the call to serve. We will be taking applications for new volunteer positions that can help foster and grow our ministry. Any help you can offer or any details regarding the rebuild of Life Teen and Young Adult Ministry that you might want is freely available. Call or email us now for questions or to offer prayer and support for our teens and to find out more. We can’t wait to hear from you+ Do not hesitate to contact Drew Pillar at 609 529 3712 or at apillar@srhap.org

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In the Gospel today Jesus tells us to “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” What burden do I most want to give to Jesus today? Is it a relationship issue, financial problem, faith crisis, health concern, or something else? Do I trust that God will handle my situation in the best possible way for me? Am I able to say: “Jesus, please take away from me...........” and then feel the freedom that gives me? Do I really trust God? Have a blessed week.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
No rehearsals are scheduled for this week.

MUSIC AT UPCOMING LITURGIES
All Masses are Keyboard and Cantor except LifeTeen.

HELP WANTED for FUNDRAISING
The parish is looking to run 2 “Super” 50/50’s and possibly a Food Truck / Wine Tasting Event in the next 12 months. We are looking for a volunteer to run these fund-raising events. No experienced needed, just the desire to help! If you would like to work on these events, please contact the rectory office and provide your contact information. The Parish Finance Committee.

~ RETROUVAILLE ~
REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

The Diocese of Trenton's Department of Development is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to join our small and energetic team. This role primarily involves providing administrative support for the Annual Catholic Appeal and requires a strong focus on gift entry tasks. The position would be in person at the Chancery Office in Lawrenceville, NJ at 15 hours per week. Flexible on hours to be completed 5 days at 3 hours a day, or 3 days at 5 hours a day. For more information visit https://dioceseoftrenton.org/news/administrative-assistant-part-time

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open for grades PreK 3 - 8th! To schedule a tour please contact Jenine Hutton (609) 585-7733.

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To become an Adorer, please call John Margicin, in the Chapel Office (609-585-3848), or drop off the sign-up form at the Rectory.

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I am available as a: ___ weekly adorer ____ substitute also ___ substitute only ___ Morning (6am-noon) ___ Afternoon (noon to 6pm) ___ Evening (6pm to midnight) ___ Night (midnight to 6am)

Circle which day(s) you are available:
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

If interested please mail to rectory or drop off in mail slot at rectory.

Knights of Columbus #355
SNEAKER DRIVE
Knights of Columbus #355 is having a sneaker drive, new or slightly used. There is a container in the narthex and at the school entrance for drop off. For more information contact Gene Cenerino at 609-915-3019.

Franciscan Joy
“If you have men who will exclude any of God’s creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, these same men would do likewise with their fellow men.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

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