



SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 30, 2021 | SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am
Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am

CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before
7:00am Mass
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm
Other | By Appointment

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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READINGS FOR MAY 30, 2021: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

READING I

DT 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

R. (12b) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

READING II

ROM 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL

MT. 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



Sunday, May 30

8:00am Jack and Jane Follen
10:00am People of the Parish

Monday, May 31

7:00am R. "Joe" Clubb

Tuesday, June 1

7:00am Marie Biachi

Wednesday, June 2

7:00am Mary Lou Schicker

Thursday, June 3

7:00am Hutton Family

Friday, June 4

7:00am Thaddeus F. Stanley

Saturday, June 5

7:00am Frank Blandino
4:30pm Lulu Brotherton

Sunday, June 6

8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Marcia Matreci

"The Spirit itself bears witness with our Spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ..." Romans 8: 16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom. Shouldn't we be stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Your Contributions to God and Parish

May 23, 2021	This Week	Year to Date
(Envelopes Used)		
Regular Env. (44)	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 206,007.00
Loose Money	\$ 133.00	\$ 47,093.00
School Support	\$ 150.00	\$ 8,334.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00	\$ 10,778.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,034.00
Online Giving (33)	\$ 1,548.00	\$ 126,579.00
Catholic Home Missions	(\$ 315.00)	
Catholic Communication	(\$ 105.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 20.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 6,176.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 5,736.00	\$ 412,894.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 423,000.00
Difference	<u>(\$ 3,264.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 10,106.00)</u>
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

From St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, we can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Our gifts in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

Welcome

This weekend, we welcome Mr. Curtis Prize to our parish. Curt is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis from St. Theodore Parish in Flint Hill. He is entering his senior year at Cardinal Glennon College in the fall. This summer, in addition to living here, Curt will be working for the Catholic Youth Apostolate. Welcome, Curt!

Corpus Christi Weekend— June 5-6

We invite you to join us next weekend as we honor the gift of the Eucharist!

From the end of 8:00am Mass until 9:50am, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the church. We encourage you to consider coming to the 8:00am Mass and staying a bit or coming a bit early to the 10:00am Mass to spend some time with Our Lord. At 9:50am, we will have Benediction.

Update on Covid Restrictions

The COVID Taskforce did meet as planned. We are happy to announce the additional relaxing of restrictions:

- Priests will not wear masks during the Liturgy of the Word, but will wear them during the Liturgy of the Eucharist and while distributing Holy Communion.

- Congregants who are fully vaccinated may attend Mass or other events in church without masks.

- We will keep social distancing of pews except for larger events.

- We will place hymnals in pews and announce hymns.

- We will open the exterior door near the cry room, beginning May 29.

- Parish organizations and groups may choose to start meeting in person using the parish grounds. Our preference is that groups meet outside for now, but inside meetings are allowed as well. There is no cap on the limit of individuals who may attend these meetings. Groups interested in meeting should schedule time and space for meetings by contacting the parish office.

- The taskforce also approved continuing to move forward on fall CYC and Judge Dowd Sports Leagues, including allowing SRA teams to use the gym for practices.

We are aware that different parishes have different restrictions in place. We are doing our best to stay within Archdiocesan guidelines and trying to balance the desire to reopen with the reality of the current situation. We are striving to balance these realities so that as many people as possible feel comfortable attending Mass or other events here at St. Raphael.

Walks with Fr. John

I would like to extend last year's practice of making visits around the neighborhood more of a tradition by doing so again this year.

This tradition allows me to get around and to get to know the neighborhood better. It also provides a time for some conversation and an opportunity to pray with people and bless their homes.

Here is the schedule for my walks in June:

- June 5, 9:00-11:00am: Bishops Pl, Keith, Hilgard, Crane Circle, Finkman (west of Hampton), Southland, Hampton, Holly Hills (west of Hampton), Clifton, Rhodes (east of Clifton), Eichelberger east of Clifton

- June 19, 9:00-11:00am: Jamieson south of the parish to Clifton, Nagel to Sunshine, Sunshine to Robert Ave (west of Hampton), Robert to Tennis Way, Tennis to Sunshine down to Gravois, to Robert Ave (east of Hampton) to Nagel Ave, Nagel to Gravois, Gravois to Blow, Blow to Quincy, Quincy to Gravois, Gravois to Loughborough

- June 26, 9:00-11:00am: Highfield, Westway, Jamieson, Willmore, Westway, Homeland, Jamieson, High Circle, Jamieson

- June 27, 1:00-3:00pm: Willmore, Guilford Pl, Highfield, Bishops, Childress, Rhodes (west of Clifton), Westway Pl, Kinsey Pl, Childress to Eichelberger, Eichelberger to Donovan Ave, Donovan to Kinsey Pl, to Donovan

If you would like to make sure that I stop by your home, please contact me either via phone or e-mail no later than 24 hours in advance. I appreciate the last minute change in schedules, but need time to make sure I get everything recorded and laid out for the trip.

Last year, some parishioners chose to walk with me part of the time I was on these journeys. Please know that anyone who would like to walk with me is welcome; please dress for the weather and bring water.

If you are outside of the boundaries or are not going to be at home when I pass by, please contact me and I am happy to make a personal visit at a mutually agreeable time.

Memorial Day

This Monday is Memorial Day. It is a time when we remember those who have given their lives to secure our freedoms. As we celebrate this day, it is good for us to remember those who have died for our country and remember those who mourn for them on this day.

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy, and to win the same for others.

O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had, life itself, for loved ones and neighbors, for comrades and country – and for us.

Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and by demanding that no other young men and women follow them to a soldier's grave unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.

Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free.

There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear.

Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price

to ensure that freedom would be our legacy.

Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget what they have done.

Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice;

O God, help us to be worthy. J. Veltri, S.J.

Mass on Memorial Day will be offered only at 7:00am. Beginning on this day, the weekday 8:00am Mass will be suspended until school resumes in August.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Rozanski, mother of Archbishop Rozanski. Mrs. Rozanski passed away Wednesday, May 19, in Baltimore, Maryland. She was 84 years old.

A devoted wife and mother, Jean is preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Rozanski, who passed away in December 2020. They were married for 64 years. Alfred and Jean instilled in Archbishop Rozanski and his brothers a strong devotion to the Lord and His Church here on earth.

I will see you online or in church! -Fr. John #SRAstrong

Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

The sixth joy and sorrow of St. Joseph

Glorious St. Joseph, head and guardian of the Holy Family, great was your sorrow when, upon the return from Egypt, you learned that cruel Archelaus was reigning in Judea. But great was your joy when the angel of God directed you to go to Nazareth where you lived peacefully with Jesus and Mary until your happy death.

By this sorrow and this joy, I ask that you assist [name (s)] that they may overcome all attacks of the evil spirits and die peacefully under the special protection of Jesus and Mary.

Recite seven Our Fathers and seven Hail Marys.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Monday	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday	Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday	Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

For Sale

We have approximately 50 beige, metal chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. They are located in the lower level of the parish office. They are being sold on a first come, first sold basis. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Annual Catholic Appeal

If you have not yet contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so now. If you have an ACA pledge card, fill it out and drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. If you do not have a card, call the parish office or Fred Hodes (314.752.8742) and we will fill out a card for you.

Thanks to all who have already contributed.

The ACA Committee

WEDDING BANNES II

There is a promise of marriage between Emily Leshner and Cameron Dielmann to take place at St. Raphael the Archangel on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

LARGE-PRINT MISSALETES

The new, large-print edition of the *Pray Together* missalettes for the end of May through mid-August are now available. If you would like one, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. The office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30am until 4:00pm and Friday from 7:30am until noon.

Spiritual Communion of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish Council Nominations Are Open!


I would like to thank the current members of our Parish Council for all of their hard work and help in navigating these times for our community during the pandemic: Dan Cierpiot, Barb Cramer, Linda Hiette, Brian McCarthy, Dan Meshoto, and Mary Niemeyer. They truly deserve our appreciation for their service.

Last year around this time, we did open up nominations for the Parish Council. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for the council. We closed the nominations at the end of the summer and have been functioning with three slots left open on the council.

Is God calling you to serve on our Parish Council? Do you have in mind someone who would be good to serve on the council?

The Parish Council meets once per month for about an hour. We discuss the current news in the parish and also discuss the future direction of the parish and how we can help to bring about that vision. The members provide an invaluable service to me as the pastor and to our community by providing necessary feedback to what is going on in the community so we can continue to grow to be a parish truly rooted in Christ.

I encourage you to nominate yourself or someone you know to serve on the Parish Council. Nominations can be submitted to the parish office by filling out the form below and dropping it off at the office or putting it into the collection basket. You can also e-mail any self-nominations or nominations to parish@strpahaelarchangel.org.



Parish Council Nomination Form

St. Raphael the Archangel

I would like to nominate the following individuals to serve on the St. Raphael the Archangel Parish Council:

Please return via the Offertory collection or to the parish office. Thank you!

Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social, and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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FROM POPE FRANCIS'S ANGELUS REFLECTION

MAY 27, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Today, the Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, a celebration for contemplating and lauding the mystery of the God of Jesus Christ, who is one in the communion of three Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We celebrate with ever new wonder God-Love, who freely offers us his life and asks us to spread it throughout the world.

Today's Bible readings help us understand that God wishes to show us not so much that he exists but rather that he is the 'God with us', close to us, who loves us, who walks with us, is interested in our personal life story and takes care of each one, beginning with the least and the neediest. He "is God in heaven above" but also "on the earth beneath." (cf. Dt 4:39) Therefore, we do not believe in a distant entity, no! In an indifferent entity, no! But, on the contrary, in the Love who created the universe and who engendered a people, became flesh, died, and rose for us and, as the Holy Spirit, transforms and leads everything to fulfilment.

Saint Paul (cf. Rom 8:14-17), who experienced first hand this transformation brought about by God-Love, tells us of God's desire to be called Father, indeed, 'Dad' — God is 'Our Father' — with the total confidence of a child who abandons himself in the arms of the one who gave him life. Acting in us — the Apostle again recalls — the Holy Spirit ensures that Jesus Christ is not reduced to a character of the past, no, but that we feel he is near, our contemporary, and feel the joy of being children loved by God. Lastly, in the Gospel, the Risen Lord promises to remain with us forever. And, thanks precisely to his presence and to the power of his Spirit, we can serenely carry out the mission that he entrusts to us. What is the mission? To proclaim to all and witness to his Gospel and thereby expand our communion with him and the joy that comes from it. God, walking with us, fills us with joy and, in a way, joy is a Christian's first language.

Thus, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems, and sanctifies, always with love and through love, and enables every creature that welcomes him to reflect a ray of his beauty, goodness, and truth. He has always chosen to walk with mankind and to form a people who may be a blessing for all nations and for each person, excluding none. A Christian is not an isolated person; he or she belongs to a people: this people that God forms. One cannot be Christian without this membership and communion. We are a people: the People of God. May the Virgin Mary help us to joyfully fulfil the mission of witnessing to the world, thirsty for love, that the meaning of life is precisely the infinite love, the tangible love of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES
CELEBRATING THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SRA
EIGHTH GRADERS AND GRADUATION!!!



**SUMMER CAMP
IS SOLD OUT!!!!**

A graphic for 'SUMMER AT SRA' featuring various summer-themed icons at the top: a pineapple, a beach umbrella, a flamingo, a beach ball, and a life preserver. The text 'SUMMER AT SRA' is written in a large, orange, hand-drawn font. Below it, in a smaller green font, is 'WITH UPDATED PRICING!'. At the bottom, in a small black font, is the text: 'OUR SUMMER CAMP NOW HAS LOWER REGISTRATION FEES AND MULTIPLE CHILD DISCOUNT. VISIT SRASCHOOL.ORG TO REGISTER'.

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By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, June 4, and should be turned in to the parish office. You can pick up the cards at the parish office on Friday, June 11, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders are placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.

ORDINATION OF PRIESTS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS

On Saturday, May 29, Archbishop Rozanski ordained 6 new priests for our Archdiocese. Let us remember them in prayer this day.

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love that will ever increase in the course of his priestly life.

In his loneliness comfort him, in his sorrow strengthen him, in his frustrations point out to him that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show him that he is needed by the Church, he is needed by souls, and he is needed for the work of redemption.

O loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your son who is close to you because of his priestly ordination, and because of the power that he has received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs him so much.

Be his comfort, be his joy, be his strength, and especially help him to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy. Amen.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US for the following celebrations at MOST HOLY TRINITY

Mass in the Grass on May 30, 2021

We will celebrate our 173 years as Most Holy Trinity parish.

Mass in Hyde Park on Salisbury at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch.

Corpus Christi Celebration on June 6, 2021

Mass at 9:30 a.m.

followed by a procession into our Hyde Park neighborhood.

Retreat Sunday on June 27, 2021

Mass at 9:30 a.m.,

followed by lunch, a talk and service to our neighborhood.

Father Tom Donaldson will be our Retreat guide for the day.



Please RSVP for Mass in the Grass and/or Retreat Sunday so we can prepare to serve you lunch. Call 314-241-9165 to register and for more information.



Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

☐ **New Parishioner**

☐ **Please Contact Me**

☐ **New Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number**

☐ **Please Do Not Publish Phone#**