



**Eternal Father,  
help us to live as Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
in peace with you and one another.**

Prayer After Communion

**December 27, 2009  
& January 3, 2010**

## **St. Raphael Messenger**

*We, the family of St. Raphael the Archangel, wish to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as a welcoming community through Worship, Education, and Service to others*



**Holy Family-Dec. 27th**

4:30 PM, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**Epiphany of the Lord-Jan. 3rd**

4:30 PM, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**Baptism of the Lord-Jan. 10th**

4:30 PM, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM



X-Rays

By Fr. Ray Lewandowski

Howdy! The day of Christmas is here to celebrate in the love that God has for all of His creation. God has made known His **presence** among us. May this day with family and friends and sharing in good food and drink, prompt us to stop for a few moments and think of the reason for this day. May our thoughts center on what we as Christians believe and how we put that belief into practice.

As we celebrate my first Christmas day and season, I feel very fortunate to be able to celebrate this Christmas, 2009, with all of you, the family and friends of St. Raphael Parish. As you have celebrated over 75 years of being a faith community, your welcoming spirit is a tribute to God's presence in your daily living. As God has made God-self present to us in our history of salvation, God is certainly present in so many ways among you.

Those ways are evident in your response and song at weekend liturgies and in the reverent manner in which you hear the Word of God proclaimed to you and in the reception of the Eucharist. It is also shown in your welcoming shown among yourselves – especially after Mass and at coffee and donuts as well as showing hospitality to those among us who may be visiting. It is also found in your response to the poor and needy, among us here in this metro Detroit and elsewhere. May these ways increase among you and may you be blessed for your discipleship.

For those of you visiting us this Christmas and *holy*-day season, may you feel the Spirit of God at work

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**"ST. RAPHAEL, PATRON OF OUR PARISH, PRAY FOR US"**



**VIGIL LIGHT**  
**DEC. 28TH THROUGH JAN.3RD**  
**ALL THOSE UNEMPLOYED**



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Prokop Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
 8:30 AM +Richard Borges

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**  
 8:30 AM SCRIPTURE/COMMUNION SERVICE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
 4:30 PM +Fede Pelliccioni

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**  
 10:00 AM Morris Orlandoni, Jr.  
 Morris Orlandoni, Sr.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**  
 4:30 PM +Harriet Wilson  
 +Harry Judycki  
 Chris Dixon

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**  
 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Raphael

10:00 AM +Karen Jamison

12:00 PM +Joseph Budnik  
 +Lawrence Reinhart  
 +John R. Harrington

**The Week Ahead At St. Raphael Parish**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
 Parish Office Hours 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM  
 8:30 AM MASS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
 Parish Office Hours 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM  
 8:30 AM MASS  
 8:30 PM AA Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**  
 Parish Office Hours 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM  
 8:30 AM SCRIPTURE / COMMUNION SERVICE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
 Parish Office Closed  
 4:30 PM MASS

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
 Parish Office Closed  
 10:00 AM MASS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**  
 3:00 PM Reconciliation  
 4:30 PM MASS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**  
 8:00 AM MASS  
 10:00 AM MASS  
 12:00 PM MASS

**NO SCRIP SALES THIS WEEKEND**

**The 1st Saturday 8:30 am Mass has been moved to next week, January 9th at 8:30 am.**



**Year for Priests**

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2009 to June 2010 as the Year for Priest. The theme for the priestly year is "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests". Its purpose is to

encourage what the Pope calls "the yearning for spiritual perfection" in priests.

But the Year for Priests also gives lay people a special opportunity to learn more about priesthood, to recognize and honor priest, and to encourage priestly vocations.

Only God can fully sustain a priest in his vocation, but Catholics can also provide everyday support and encouragement.

**Pray For Your Priest**

Encourage others to do the same. You might consider designating a daily chore or activity as a sacrificial offering for your priest. Or you might say a particular prayer every day for him.

Let your priest know that you are praying for him. He will appreciate your spiritual support. During difficult moments, he will know that your prayers are helping to sustain him.

**Christian Service News**

**Right to Life**

Commemoration of the January 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. Indoor Rally for Life. Sunday, January 17, 2010, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Speakers, Music, Video.

**Sacred Heart Byzantine Church Hall**  
**29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia**  
**East of Middlebelt**

**Food Donations**

Thank you to all who donated food or money for Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for local families needing assistance. We had so many food donations that we were able to fill 75 to 80 boxes of food for families, re-stocked our emergency food pantry and then sent 2,682 pounds of food to St. Mary's Outreach Center.

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among you and join the work of the Spirit by attending these Christmas Masses and each and every other weekend liturgies. Your presence is welcomed.

I am also aware of those returning home to celebrate Christmas and the holiday season with their families and friends. Welcome home to St. Raphael's. You are a part of the family of God and your presence this season is welcomed. We are blest to have you among us.

#### The New Year, 2010

Ten years ago when we celebrated the entrance into the year 2000, many – professionals, officials, leaders and others like them, called the year 2000 the year of the new millennium and the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. I begged to differ with them then as I do this New Years' and the beginning of 2010. I certainly am not an authority on this, only from common sense and basics of counting do I offer my thoughts on the new year, 2010.

The New Year, 2010 is the last year of the first decade of the new 21<sup>st</sup> century, for we count one through ten, not zero through nine. The New Year 2010, like the year 2000 concludes a decade of events, growth and development.

And certainly, the first nine years of this decade and new century have been most memorable ones, especially in light of 911. From that tragic event our lives has been changed and defined.

Nevertheless, we remembered and we re-grouped as Americans, proclaiming our allegiance to our United States that we love for example, by flying our American symbol of freedom, the Stars and Stripes from our porches and from our car windows. In fact, patriotism perhaps was at a near high, as it was during the great wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We will never forget and pray that our military response – not necessarily one that I totally agree with, will be quick and deliberate rather than prolonged and destructive.

It is during these times of gathering for events such as Christmas and New Years' with family and friends that we can pray for the continued awareness of what we possess. All we have is God's gift to us – at this time and in this place. God is *present and among* us in varied ways to allow us to react and respond intelligently and in deference to what has been given and gained for us, especially here in these our United States. May our initial reaction be countered by how we can respond to situations that truly speak of our religious beliefs and practices.

In God we trust and may God bless us. Merry Christmas and a very happy and blest New Years.'

**Do take care and God's blessings.**

### Pastoral Ministry Corner

In the midst of this holy season, on Jan. 3, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, the feast day of the Three Kings. The word "Epiphany" means "Manifestation," referring to the making visible of Jesus Christ to the three kings and to us in our time. The Three Kings, representing the nations, came to the manger to worship, bringing gold in tribute to Our King, incense of worship, and myrrh for Christ the Sacrificial Victim. Not only was Jesus the long-awaited Messiah of the Jews, but the Savior of all people. As the Magi searched for Jesus, so must we continue to search for Jesus in our day. Jesus comes to us each day in unexpected events and in the people we meet; may we always recognize Him!

On behalf of the Sisters of St. Francis, I would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Retirement Fund for Religious; many of our retired Sisters who have served at St. Raphael's are now benefiting from that fund. Also, a special thanks to the ladies who attend our annual Sylvania Franciscan Gala Fund Raiser and to all of you who have contributed to my religious community in any way during the past year. Thank you for your kindness to me, your Masses, your greetings, your gifts and your prayers for vocations. There will be a Mass said for all the benefactors of the Sisters of St. Francis here on Sunday, January 10. May Christ, the Light of the World, bless all of you and your families during the New Year! I would like to share an Epiphany prayer with you:

Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, help us  
 To follow You that we may never walk in darkness  
 But have the light of life. We believe that You are  
 The Word made flesh and that You dwell among us.  
 During this blessed season help us to see your glory  
 That you may be grace and truth in us. Increase in us  
 The desire to support with our gifts and prayers  
 People Everywhere who have not seen the light,  
 That Your Kingdom may ring with praises for  
 You from every tribe and nation.  
 We pray this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**Thought for the day: No God, no peace. Know God, know peace!**

God bless you,  
 Sister Ritamary





# Open House

**Sunday, January 24, 2010 – 1-3 pm**  
**Preschool-8th Grade**



Founded in 1936, St. Raphael School continually grows in friendship, knowledge and God's spirit. We have an outstanding academic program with highly qualified teachers who care about your child's success. At the center of our curriculum is our Catholic identity which can be clearly seen in our students. St. Raphael's high standards reach far beyond the academics and encompass the development of one's character.

## School Programs:

- A welcoming, family-oriented school & church community; all faiths welcome
- Daily prayer and religion classes
- Sacramental preparation
- Weekly mass
- Christian service
- Altar servers
- Student council
- Safety patrol
- Peer mediation
- CYO sports
- Boy and girl scouts
- Affordable tuition & family discounts
- Latchkey and bus service
- Full-day kindergarten

## Our Open House Features:

- Classroom activities
- Information booths on educational & extracurricular activities
- A special gift for your child
- Student-guided tours
- Meet the teachers
- Refreshments

*Come Grow With Us!*



## New Families

Present this coupon for  
a free gift at  
St. Raphael's Open House  
January 24, 2010 – 1-3pm

Visit our website: [www.straphael-gc.org](http://www.straphael-gc.org)

31500 Beechwood, Garden City  
734-425-9771

On Merriman Rd. two blocks north of Ford Rd.

## Religious Formation News

from Mrs. Carol Bregand, Director of Religious Formation



### Christmas Season Blessings and Happy New Year!

#### RELIGIOUS FORMATION

The Catechists and Staff of Religious Formation wish all Families a very blessed and happy Christmas Season and a wonderful New Year. We pray that all our Families will be blessed with peace, health and prosperity through the coming year. If you travel, return to us safely. If you stay in town see you in Church. May the peace and promise of the Christ Child envelop you, your family and friends this Christmas season and always!

There are no Religious Formation classes tomorrow December 27<sup>th</sup> so Families can take full advantage of the Christmas break. Remember it is not a break from God but, a break to give you opportunities to draw closer to Him. Be sure to make time for those most important people and activities that enrich your life and fill up your heart.

#### A plan for the 12 days of the Christmas:

- \* Dec. 26 – Thank and praise God for the Gift of Jesus.
- \* Dec. 27 – Observe the beauty around you and meditate on God's goodness.
- \* Dec. 28 – Hum or sing your favorite Christmas carols. (When you sing you pray twice)
- \* Dec. 29 – Re-read the Christmas Story before the manger.
- \* Dec. 30 – Look through your family's Christmas cards. Say a prayer for those who sent them.
- \* Dec. 31 – Think of how much your family loves you. Ask God to bless each one of them.
- \* Jan. 1 – Think about the New Year. Ask God's help to make each day a good one.
- \* Jan. 2 – Remember each of your gifts. Pray for those who gave them to you. Plan how to share them.
- \* Jan. 3 – Look at your school books stacked in a corner. Thank God for your education and learning.
- \* Jan. 4 – Think of the fun you are having on vacation and thank God for FUN.
- \* Jan. 5 – Sit quietly and reflect on the 3 Wise Men and their long journey in search of Jesus.
- \* Jan. 6 – Sing the "Twelve Days of Christmas" or your family's favorite Christmas carol together.



#### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

To all the wonderful children, teens and parents who helped in any way with the Christmas Pageant, I say THANK YOU! It was so moving to have so many involved in proclaiming the Nativity Story for our parish family. Lots of hard work and practice went into the preparation and you made the tableau come alive. What great praise you gave

to our God!

Special thanks to Mrs. Furioso for her gift of music to our presentation and for working with the choir volunteers. It is just not the same without the music to raise our offering to the heavens.

"Well done good and faithful servants!"

#### FIRST EUCHARIST

There will be a meeting for parents preparing a child to celebrate First Eucharist, on Monday, **January 11, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Resurrection Room. We will reflect on the Sacrament of Eucharist, answer questions, and distribute materials for you to work on at home with your young person. At least one parent should attend.

#### CONFIRMATION

We have a Confirmation date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Thomas Gumbleton will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our Candidates. *We still have a lot to do!*

There is a meeting for parents preparing a teen to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, **January 25, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Resurrection Room. We will look at the Sacrament, answer questions, and distribute necessary materials to you. At least one parent should attend.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

LOW for children will not be offered during the Christmas Vacation (December 27, and January 3<sup>rd</sup>). It will resume on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

If you feel you would like to be a minister of the Word for children, call the office of Religious Formation 734-425-5550 for information.

#### St. Raphael School News 2009 Fall Raffle Ticket Winners

Amount	Winner	Ticket #	Seller
12/1(\$100.00)	Kreigh Jones	3866	Moss Family
12/1(\$100.00)	M. Rose	2970	M. Rose
12/1(\$100.00)	Judy Dwyer	0458	Susan Smitt
12/1(\$100.00)	S. Jakubiec	0098	Cameron Jonca
12/1(\$100.00)	G. Phillips	2384	Nicole Phillips
12/1(\$100.00)	Hansen	1422	Hansen Family
12/1(\$100.00)	Kevin Simmons	1659	Kevin Simmons
12/2(\$150.00)	Vivian Janis	4230	Vivian Janis
12/2(\$150.00)	Rachel Siewicki	0429	Ava Siewicki
12/2(\$150.00)	Jared Law	2285	Jacey Law
12/2(\$150.00)	Robert Gillikin	2640	Sean Gillikin
12/3(\$250.00)	Kim Graham	2207	Dylan Graham
12/3(\$250.00)	Harry Harrison	0138	Allison Kindler
12/4(\$500.00)	Karin Moss	3859	Moss Family
12/7(\$1500.00)	Rech	4645	Rech Family

One month's free tuition winner: the Whitcher family

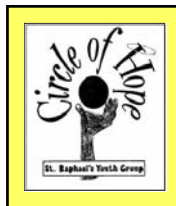
Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of this year's raffle. Together we raised \$21,000 for St. Raphael School. We couldn't have done it without our wonderful parishioner's! Many thanks to all the volunteers!!


**Keep in mind** that just because Christmas Day is over, the Christmas season is still upon us! I hope you will continue to celebrate the fact that God gave us the amazing gift of His Son. I challenge you to pause once everyday until January 6<sup>th</sup> to think about this gift of Jesus and thank God for Him! Take a few minutes to do that every day until that great feast of the Epiphany. Think about how much God must love us all to have given such a wonderful gift.

It is also now time to say good-bye to 2009! Are you making resolutions this year? Have you given thought to what you can do to better your life? If you decide to make resolutions, remember to contemplate them all with prayer. Sometimes, we underestimate the power of prayer. In this world of technology and "quick fixes", it can be hard to have the patience to pray before making decisions, but we still must try. In the end, none of us will regret putting God first in our lives. One of the reasons God gave us the miracle of His Son Jesus was to teach about God and to give a perfect example of how to live. During your time off from school, I encourage you to take the time to be with your families. I know that sometimes family life can have its ups and downs, but it is still so important to spend time together. Cherish your family traditions or start new ones. The first place we should start spreading the word of God is with our families. (Even though at times it can also be the most difficult place to evangelize). The best way to spread the word is by our actions. *How do people recognize Disciples of Christ? By their love for one another! **If someone saw the way you interacted with your family, would they see a follower of Christ?***

**HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

There are some exciting things happening for you at St. Raphael in 2010. We will resume our normal "COH" schedule on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 7PM-9PM in Hope Haven. We will welcome the New Year with some time for group games and party snacks. Then we will briefly talk about the feast of the Epiphany. As always, your friends are welcome! Remember that if you ever think of topic or activity idea that you would like to see for the teens at St.



*Did you not know*  
  
*I had to be in My*  
**FATHER'S HOUSE?**

*When the eighth day came they gave Him the name*  
**Jesus.**  


Raphael, please feel free to e-mail them to me. **Mark your new 2010 Calendars! The St. Raphael "Circle of Hope" retreat for HIGH SCHOOL TEENS will be March 13 and 14 at the Almont Retreat Center.** If you had one New Year's Resolution, I would tell you to plan to come on a retreat-a weekend away to devote to prayer, fun and friends. Plus at \$40 for the weekend (including meals) it's affordable! More information will be coming soon!

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Remember that the middle school youth group is open to any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, whether or not they are Catholic. It is a time a place for you to be yourself, have fun, be with friends and pray! It is a way for us to truly live our faith as a community of believers. Living your faith out loud can be a joyous thing! Also throughout the year we have service projects so that we can give back to others the way that Jesus taught us. If you have any ideas for events, youth group topics or service projects that you would like to see offered for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, feel free to e-mail me any ideas that you may have. **Mark your calendars:** There will be a Christian Youth Trek Event (CYT) for ALL 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. We are going to be joining with other area churches for COSMIC BOWLING at Merri-Bowl in Livonia from 9:30PM-Midnight. More info will be coming soon! Also, the next "Angels of Faith" meeting is on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7PM-9PM in "HOPE HAVEN".

**SOMETHING TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT THIS WEEK**

"Love to be real, it must cost-it must hurt-it must empty us of self...Intense love does not measure . . . it just gives."

*Mother Teresa*

Peace and God's blessings,  
 Mrs. Julie Ryan  
 Phone: 734-722-9277  
 E-mail: [julryan77@hotmail.com](mailto:julryan77@hotmail.com)



**Upcoming Events:**

- 12/28 no "COH" this week-enjoy some time with your family!
- 1/4 "COH" mtg. from 7PM-9PM in "Hope Haven: Epiphany"
- 1/11 "COH" mtg. from 7PM-9PM in "Hope Haven: Vocations"

S P C O R G I H O Y

### **Saturday Evangelization Series: Evangelizing Hot-Button Issues**

Wish you could find the words to support your Catholic beliefs on topics relevant to today's society? Join experts from throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit as we discuss how to give witness to hard-to-discuss topics of faith at the Saturday series, offered by the Archdiocese of Detroit Office for Evangelization. The monthly series will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, from 10 a.m. to noon. This month's topic is "Searching for God: The Search for Authentic Christian Spirituality" presented by Mr. Ralph Martin. The remaining dates for the series are: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, and May 15. A free-will donation will be collected to cover costs. For more information, visit our website at [www.aodonline.org/evangelization](http://www.aodonline.org/evangelization).

### **A Day of Discernment with His Excellency Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron**

Saturday, January 9, 2010, 12:30 - 7:15 p.m. dinner included at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206. Sponsored by the Office of Priestly Vocations. Reservations Required by Monday, January 4, 2010. Call:313-237-5875 or email: [dietrich.nancy@aod.org](mailto:dietrich.nancy@aod.org). For all men (ages 17 - 40) who are 'at some level' discerning a vocation to the Roman Catholic Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

### **Economy Affects Marriages!**

It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends will be held Jan 29-31, Feb. 12-14, and April 16-18. You may register by calling Bill & Carol Higgins: 248-528-2512 or [birdhaus@wideopenwest.com](mailto:birdhaus@wideopenwest.com) or check out our website: [www.wvme-detroit.org](http://www.wvme-detroit.org).

### **Bethany**

Bethany is a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social, and educational assistance to divorced, separated and singles of all faiths.

Bethany's six metro Detroit chapters have no membership dues, and events are friendly and non-stressful which are planned with the single person in mind.

New beginnings and lifelong friendships await the divorced, separated and singles through the support of Bethany. For upcoming events, check the website, [www.bethanysemi.org](http://www.bethanysemi.org). Or Bethany Contact Line (248) 988-0454.


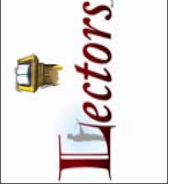

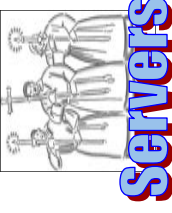
### **Widowed Friends For Widowed Men & Women**

*Widowed Friends*, a peer group in the AOD, sponsors a special Mass for widowed men and women. Come and celebrate Mass together on Sunday, January 17th at 2:30 pm. (arrive by 2:15) at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road (just south of Cherry Hill) in Canton. Join us after Mass for refreshments, social time and to obtain information on upcoming activities in a safe and friendly setting. Call Pat 734-895-6246 or Justine 734-455-6939.

### **Peace Pilgrim**

At St. Thomas Aquinas, the next presentation in the S.T.A.R.T. series is a film about a woman by the name of Peace Pilgrim. This film relates the experiences of Peace as she walked more than 25,000 miles across North America as a penniless pilgrim, walking until given shelter and fasting until given food. She spoke to thousands of individuals and groups, sharing with them her message that the way to peace is to "Overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love". Join us in the Dominican Room on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 pm. St. Thomas is on the NE corner of Ford Rd. & Evergreen. Questions? Call (313) 271-3266.

**SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
For the Weekend of January 2nd & 3rd, 2010

	 <b>Sacristans</b>	 <b>Lectors</b>	 <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	 <b>Servers</b>
Saturday January 2nd 4:30 p.m.	Diane Prouty	JoAnn Shea	D. Prouty C. Stec R. Chateauvert C. Dixon S. Shea M. Domanski	Seth Globke Jonah Globke Brandon Rodriguez
Sunday January 3rd 8:00 a.m.	Jayne MacDonald	Sharon Jagielski	D. Mondoux P. Wilkins J. Kolassa T. Wilkins	Taylah Mahkimetass Dakota Mahkimetass George sawaya
Sunday January 3rd 10:00 a.m.	Irene Pattock	Sallie Quinn	A Bielski J. Suchy P. Troschinetz H. Batchik	Justin Querry Collin Brefka Daniel Quinn
Sunday January 3rd 12:00 p.m.	Barbara Sobas	Jill Queen	J. Maier J. Rollins L. Branch B.J. Maier T. Aula	Tina Moynahan Angela Maggioncalda Emily Stevens



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| Ken Barnes         | Mae Rose         |
| Maria Berg         | Margaret Schmitt |
| Brooke Bolley      | Robert Smitt Sr. |
| Mary Borges        | Marion Standard  |
| Louie Bufalini     | Stella Szura     |
| Paige Dautre       | Joan Todoroff    |
| Jennifer Dragon    | Ted Trakul       |
| John Florkowski    | Rick Warner      |
| Richard Grant      | Joyce Weldon     |
| Jonah Hurley       | Donna Wellman    |
| Genevieve Jaskula  | Joan Wood        |
| Don Kaetz          | Joe and Marge    |
| Ruth Ann Kelley    | Wroblewski       |
| Father Tom Kirwan  | Mary Zarzycki    |
| Sophie Kraft       |                  |
| Marianne Lewallen  |                  |
| Virginia Maciak    |                  |
| James Mackenzie    |                  |
| Joan Maher         |                  |
| Larry Martin       |                  |
| Patricia McHugh    |                  |
| Dustin Novack      |                  |
| Madeline Olszewski |                  |
| Eleanor Orlandoni  |                  |
| Charlotte Rose     |                  |
- And ALL the sick of our parish and families, that they may be healed. Let us also remember all those who give them care.*

*Readings for the Week of December 27th, 2009 through January 3rd, 2010*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 124 Mt 2:13-18 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52	The Holy Innocents, martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124 Mt 2:13-18	Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96 Lk 2:22-35	1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96 Lk 2:36-40	Saint Sylvester I, pope 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96 Jn 1:1-18	The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	Saints Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98 Jn 1:19-28	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**BULLETIN ARTICLES**

**BULLETIN ISSUE:      ARTICLE DEADLINE:**  
**January 9 & 10      Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
**January 16 & 17      Friday, January 8**  
**January 23 & 24      Friday, January 15**

All articles must be submitted to the office no later than 11:00 AM on deadline date, otherwise we **CAN NOT** guarantee publication in the issue you have requested. We welcome & encourage you to submit articles by e-mail, however, you must be sure to send your e-mail to both addresses below:  
[frana@straphael-gc.org](mailto:frana@straphael-gc.org) & [dfulan@straphael-gc.org](mailto:dfulan@straphael-gc.org)  
 Any questions, please contact Fran Arsenaault or Debbie Fulan at (734) 427-1533.

***Sponsor of the Week***  
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Saturday: 3:00 P.M.

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