Our Vision:
To be a vibrant, growing parish that invites people to encounter Jesus and forms them as passionate disciples who serve his mission by their lives.

Our members commit to:
pray profoundly, connect consciously, serve selflessly, deepen deliberately, invite intentionally and welcome warmly.

February 2, 2020 / 2 de febrero 2020

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church
5801 Falls of Neuse Road
Raleigh, NC 27609

Administered by the Society of Jesus, a religious order founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola.
We're called to open our lives and share Christ with the people close to us.

But, deep inside we know that it can be scary to share our faith.

That's why we run Alpha!

It's a chance for you to share your faith by inviting someone to an honest conversation about the basics of faith.

What is Alpha?

It's a series of 15 sessions held over 11 weeks (including a weekend experience). Each session includes:

- A meal with others who are exploring the big issues around faith.
- A video presentation designed to inspire conversation on a topic such as, "Who is Jesus?" or "Is there more to life than this?"
- A discussion - This is the most important part of any Alpha! It's a chance for guests to share their thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There is no obligation to say anything. And, there's nothing they can't say.

Our next Alpha starts on February 26 at 9:00 am or February 27 at 7:00 pm.

Who will you invite?

Learn more at saintraphael.org/alpha

Not sure how to invite someone to Alpha?

Here are some easy ways to invite people Alpha.

- Pick up a postcard in the atrium on the way out and share it with your friends and coworkers
- Follow the parish social media accounts and share posts with your friends (Facebook: @straphaelraleigh and Twitter: @straphaelNC)
- Send them a text with a link to saintraphael.org/alpha
- Ask them in person
Estamos llamados a compartir a Jesús con nuestros amigos.

Pero, puede ser incómodo compartir nuestra fe.

¡Por eso tenemos a Alpha en español!

Alpha en español es una manera fácil de ayudar a alguien explorar preguntas y aprender más sobre los conceptos básicos de nuestra fe.

¿Qué es Alpha en español?

Es un serie de quince sesiones interactivas, que se llevan a cabo durante once semanas (incluido un fin de semana). Cada sesión de Alpha tiene tres elementos claves:

- La comida con otros con otros que están explorando la fe.
- Una presentación diseñada para capturar la atención e inspirar una conversación.
- Una conversación - ¡Está parte más importante! Es la oportunidad de compartir pensamientos e ideas sobre el tema y simplemente hablar de ello en un grupo pequeño. No existe la obligación de decir nada y nada que los invitados no puedan decir (¡de verdad!).

Nuestro próximo Alpha en español comienza el 27 de febrero a las 7:00 pm.

¿A quién invitarás?

Para más información visite saintraphael.org/alpha-espanol

DIRECTORIO

Teléfono de la oficina parroquial:
919-865-5700

Página Web:
www.saintraphael.org/espanol

Horario de la Oficina Parroquial

Lunes a Miércoles
8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m./1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Viernes 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
/1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Jueves solo con cita.
Si necesita ayuda durante un horario en que la oficina está cerrada, llame con anticipación para programar una cita.

Directorio Hispano

Director: Diácono Héctor Velazco
919-865-5748

Asist. Administrativo:
Evelia Morales
919-865-5746

Coro: Rafael Guarnizo
919-865-5727

Reservación Salones:
Llame a la extensión 710.

Preescolar Parroquial

Molly DeAngelo, Director
www.saintraphaelpreschool.org
919-865-5717

Escuela Parroquial (K-8)

Joseph Whitmore, Rector
www.saintraphaelschool.org
919-865-5760


Aquí hay algunas maneras fáciles de invitar a las personas Alpha.

- Entregue una tarjeta a sus amigos y compañeros de trabajo.
- Comparte las publicaciones de redes sociales de la parroquia con tus amigos (Facebook: @straphaelraleigh y Twitter: @straphaelNC)
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con un enlace a saintraphael.org/alpha-espanol
Prayer Partners & Name Tag Sunday: A Deeper Purpose

By: Jeff Rice, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy & Music

"Preparing Yourself for Mass" is a collection of thirty-two meditations prepared by Msgr. Romano Guardini, an influential teacher and writer in Germany in the mid 20th century. He composed these meditations in the 1930's to deliver to his parishioners just before Mass. In the one entitled "The Congregation and the Church" he writes:

Someday, perhaps on some special occasion, we will realize what walls of indifference, disregard, enmity loom between us and the other man, and before Mass or during the Introit we will make a real effort to break through them. We will remind ourselves: together we face God; together we are a congregation. Not only I and others in general, but this man, that woman over there, and the believer next to me. In God's sight they are all as important as I am - perhaps much more so: purer, braver, less selfish, nobler, more loving and fervent. Among these people whom I know only by their features, by their gestures, are perhaps great and holy souls with whom I am fortunate to find myself associated, because the surge of their prayers sweeps me along it to God! Then we will let the other believers into the inner circle of our lives, present ourselves to God with them, linking our intentions to their. We will consciously, earnestly pray the we of the Liturgy, for from such things congregation is formed.

Some make the claim that spending too much effort focused on those who gather alongside us when we come to Mass is distracting and takes our focus off of God. Guardini would disagree. Instead, he argues that we need to understand how "deeply immersed in self we are and - for all our talk of community - what thorough egoists." He suggests working to overcome our selfish tendencies when it comes to worship so that we can "see others as they really are: to acknowledge and accept them; to make their desires and anxieties our own; to restrain ourselves for their sakes..."

Two customs we have adopted here at St. Raphael are aimed to help us accomplish this, Prayer Partners and Name Tag Sunday (the latter of which we will hold again at Masses next weekend). These are NOT trivial ways for us to make us feel good or, as Guardini puts it, simply "the experience of self-extension." A church is not a social club, and in everything we do, we should be seeking a deeper purpose.

Rather, both Prayer Partners and Name Tag Sunday are attempts at first steps in helping us to remember and appreciate that the people around us are more than just their features and gestures, while giving us the opportunity to make another's burden our own.

So, if you're someone who loves Prayer Partners and Name Tag Sunday because it gives you the warm fuzzies inside, that is a fine thing, but challenge yourself to go deeper past just that desire to connect for a moment with another person, to really look to encounter God. And, if you're someone who might be uncomfortable with one or both of these customs, perhaps think about giving them another try with this larger purpose in mind.

Guardini goes even further in his meditation. He suggests that whichever congregation we are a part of in a particular place and time is but a small piece of the great congregation that is the church, which spans over location and time. He says, "Our task is to find our place in the enormous whole. This is not easy. Man has a tendency to spiritual intimacy and exclusiveness, which causes him to shrink from such magnitude and grandeur." When we gather together at St. Raphael for Mass, let us try to avoid letting our egos limit our focus on our own smallness, and instead work to see ourselves and those around us as part of God's marvelous plan.

Submit your liturgical questions or comments to Jeff at liturgyandmusic@sainraphael.org.
Our Regular Weekly Mass Schedule

Nuestro Horario Semanal de Misas

Saturday Vigil / Sábado Misa de Vigilia
5:30 pm
7:15 pm (Español)

Sunday / Domingo
7:45 am
9:30 am
11:30 am
2:30 pm (Español)
5:30 pm

Monday / Lunes
7:00 am
11:00 am

Tuesday / Martes
7:00 am

Wednesday / Miercoles
7:00 am
9:00 am
7:00 pm (Español)

Thursday / Jueves
7:00 am

Friday / Viernes
7:00 am
9:00 am

Saturday / Sabado
9:00 am

Special Masses and MASSES for Holy Days of Obligation will be announced in the bulletin and on the parish website.

Misas especiales y Misas de día sagrado de obligación estarán anunciadas en el boletín y en el sitio web de la parroquia.

Las lecturas de hoy reflexionan en algo que está cerca del corazón de cada persona: el cumplimiento de nuestros deseos más profundos. Sin excepción, cada uno de nosotros se siente insatisfecho de alguna manera. Pese a los progresos de la ley, la tecnología y la medicina, cada persona experimenta la frustración del “todavía no” o del “no es suficiente”. Nuestros corazones siempre quieren más.

Dios planta este deseo en nuestros corazones. Dios sabe cómo sufrimos. Lo que mucho de nosotros fallamos en creer, muy profundamente, es que solo Dios satisface todos nuestros anhelos. Sabemos, teóricamente, que el Creador del universo provée todo lo que necesitamos, pero podríamos dedicar más tiempo de calidad con Dios para considerar la pregunta: “Señor, ¿qué es exactamente lo que necesito para ser feliz?” Quizá podemos dedicar más tiempo en la oración y el servicio, pidiendo al Señor que nos muestre lo que es verdaderamente importante en la vida.

SIEMPRE LISTOS PARA JESÚS

A menudo pensamos “cuando obtenga esto o cuando eso pase, entonces seré feliz”. Pero el Evangelio nos muestra una manera mejor. En el Evangelio de hoy, los cuatro adultos anhelan profundamente al Mesías y “la consolación de Israel” que él traerá. La tentación humana podría obsesionarse con la promesa de una paz y prosperidad futura, dejando solo la ansiedad y el resentimiento para un presente sufriente. Pero María, José, Simeón y Ana dejan la salvación del mundo a Dios; de su parte, ellos se enfocan en Jesús. Cada uno de ellos están ocupados con sus ocupaciones del día en sus trabajos que eligieron hacer. María y José están preocupados en como proveer a su familia, mientras que Simeón y Ana dedican sus vidas a orar en el Templo. Encuentran suficiente paz al cumplir sus obligaciones en sus estados de vida, manteniendo una vida de oración viva para estar atentos a las acciones de Dios en el mundo. En el Evangelio, sus prioridades están literal y espiritualmente en Jesús. Ellos modelan para nosotros cómo ser feliz y santo; haciendo sus deberes diarios pacíficamente, siempre listos para reconocer a Jesús mientras él se revela a sí mismo.
Niños Dios

The Niño Dios (literally Child God) of Mexico is a tradition of venerating the Child Jesus in Mexico, established from the time it was introduced in the 16th century and reconciled with pre-Hispanic elements to form some unique traditions. Veneration of the Child Jesus originally comes from European tradition, with the best-known examples being the Infant Jesus of Prague and the Holy Child of Atocha (Santo Niño de Atocha). The Spanish brought the tradition to Mexico after the conquest of the Aztec Empire. Since that time, the veneration has taken on indigenous elements and is considered to be one of the most deeply rooted Catholic traditions in the country.

Many Mexican Catholics have their own statues of the Child Jesus, who is honored and celebrated during the Christmas season especially on Christmas Eve and on Candlemas (February 2). One tradition unique to Mexico is to dress the statue in new clothing each year for presentation at Mass on Candlemas. The outfits can vary from representations of the saints, Aztec dress, football/soccer players, and more. There are also Niño Dios statues which are locally famous and honored year-round in Mexico.

Candlemas

Candlemas (Candelaria in Spanish) falls on February 2 and marks the end of the Christmas season. Nativity scenes generally remain up in Mexican homes until this day. Preparation for Candlemas begins on January 6 (Epiphany) when a ring-shaped sweet bread called Rosca de Reyes is shared. Hidden inside the Rosca is one or more miniature figures of an infant. Those who find these figures are obligated to meet on Candlemas and are responsible for buying tamales and drinks for the day. But, finding the figure may also signal a deeper commitment. It may mean that they must purchase an outfit for the family’s Niño Dios for one, two, or three years and that they might also need to buy an outfit for the miniature infant they found.

Each year, families bring the Niño Dios statue to Mass to be blessed on February 2. After Mass, they return home to celebrate, typically with tamales, buñuelos, atole, and hot chocolate. This tradition represents the Presentation of the Lord, when forty days after Jesus’s birth, Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple to be presented to the priests.

Tradition states that the Niño Dios statue must be dressed in a new outfit to be presented at Mass. The outfits vary widely but there are some popular ones. For those who observe the three year commitment, the statue is dressed in white for the first year, symbolizing purity. This is also the case if the statue being presented is new. Other common and traditional outfits include: Holy Infant of Atocha (Santo Niño de Atocha) seated on a chair with a crosier (Bishop’s staff); Child of the Doves (Niño de las palomas) in a white robe with a dove between the hands; as Saint Francis with sandals and brown robe, holding an animal; and Child of the Lilies (Niño de las azucenas) with a white tunic and holding a bunch of lilies.

People typically begin purchasing outfits as early as December. Styles range from simply made outfits with inexpensive fabrics to elaborate creations in silk. The most common are silk, satin, cotton, and brocade decorated with silver or gold. Outfits are most commonly bought in traditional open markets called “tianguis.” Here, more original ones can be found and include outfits representing various saints, pre-Hispanic dress, mariachis, soccer players and ethnic dress of various nationalities. Some priests frown upon the non-traditional outfits and only want white.

Here at St. Raphael, it is tradition that our Hispanic community, especially our Mexican community, bring the statues of the Child God to be blessed on February 2. All children attending Mass on this day are blessed, as well.
By now you all have received a letter from Bishop Louis Zarama including information on the 2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Our parish is launching the campaign in the coming weeks. Information on this year’s campaign will be shared on our website and in the bulletin for the next several weeks. Our very own Pastor, Fr. Phil, is starring in one of the many videos produced for this year’s campaign! The Bishop’s Annual Appeal is our way of supporting the work of the Catholic Church throughout Eastern North Carolina. If you are interested in a preview, please visit the Diocese of Raleigh website at dioceseofraleigh.org/parish-stewardship/baa-videos.

Por ahora, todos ustedes han recibido una carta del Obispo Louis Zarama que incluye información sobre la Campaña Anual del Obispo 2020. Nuestra parroquia está lanzando la campaña en las próximas semanas. La información sobre la campaña de este año se compartirá en nuestro sitio web y en el boletín durante las próximas semanas. ¡Nuestro propio pastor, el P. Felipe, está mirando uno de los muchos videos producidos para la campaña de este año! La Campaña Anual del Obispo es nuestra forma de apoyar el trabajo de la Iglesia Católica en todo el este de Carolina del Norte.
HELLO

Coming February 8 & 9...

It's our Second Name Tag Sunday!

I have called you by name

~Isaiah 43:1
HOLA

¡Este es nuestro segundo Domingo de Gafetes con Nombres!

8 y 9 de febrero

Te he llamado por tu nombre.

~ Isaías 43:1
DAY OF REFLECTION – How does music enhance your experience of liturgy?

You are invited to attend the Columbiettes annual Day of Reflection. Our presenter will be Jeff Rice, and the theme of this presentation will be *Hallelujah, Sing to the Lord a New Song.* Jeff will cover the traditions of music in Christian worship throughout history up to contemporary times. He will also touch on how the music ministry at St. Raphael is working towards our vision and purpose in the parish. This event will take place on Feb. 15th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Lewis Room. Come prepared to sing! Coffee and tea will be served in the morning, and lunch will be provided. There is a $10 fee per person to attend, to cover lunch and a donation to Music Ministry at St. Raphael. All are invited, feel free to bring your spouse, your neighbor or an adult friend. RSVP is necessary for purposes of lunch and handouts.

Please RSVP no later than Feb. 6 to Marsha Hast at mckeag.hast@gmail.com. For questions contact Marsha at the above email, or Monica Lavia at molavia@hotmail.com.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be held this Thursday, February 6 from 7:30 am – 8:45 pm in the Chapel. This devotion is our time for quiet, personal time for adoration, prayer, and meditation in His presence.

FREE TAX PREPARATION HELP: If you have a qualifying income, even if you speak limited English, volunteers from the St. Raphael VITA Tax Help Ministry can help prepare BASIC tax returns for you. You may be eligible for significant tax credits if you have children or support other family members. There will be 4 Saturdays of operation this year: February 22, March 7, March 21 and April 4. Volunteers will be available in the St. Raphael Catholic School media center. **Due to the limited schedule, it is recommended that you schedule your appointment early.** Appointments (approximately one hour long) are available between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on the above mentioned Saturdays only. To schedule an appointment (in English or Spanish), dial 919-865-5700 and then press extension 303.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY LENTEN SERIES: No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides us through the last hours of Christ’s life in this biblical pilgrimage. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death. Classes meet weekly each Wednesday from March 4-April 8 from 9:30-11:30 am in Room 109. A minimum of one-hour of homework per week is strongly encouraged. Prior Bible Study not required. Study guide and video access fee TBA (approximately $30 for the 5-week session). **Pre-registration is REQUIRED and will close Feb. 19.** Please contact Mary E. Schricker to pre-register or make inquiries: mschricker@nc.rr.com.

WINTER/SPRING CHILDREN’S CHOIR- All children grades 2 through 8 are invited to sing in our Children’s Choir which sings once a month at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. Upcoming dates are February 16, March 15, April 12 (Easter Sunday), and May 17. Rehearsals take place an hour before Mass at 8:30 am. Please register your children on the parish website, www.saintraphael.org/childrens-choir. You may register for as many or few of the dates as you like. Contact music director Jeff Rice at jrice@saintraphael.org with questions.
HORA SANTA: Jueves 6 de Enero, desde las 7:30 am hasta las 8:45 pm en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora Reina de las Américas. Todos estamos invitados a pasar unos momentos orando ante la presencia de nuestro Señor. Si desea comprometerse con un tiempo específico de oración, por favor anote su nombre en la lista que está afuera de la capilla.

FECHAS DE REGISTROS PARA BAUTISMOS DE MENORES DE 8 AÑOS: Febrero: 5, 12 y 19
Hora: 2 a 6 pm. Lugar: Oficina parroquial.
Teléfono: 919-865-5746

AYUDA PARA PREPARACIÓN DE LO IMPUESTOS GRATIS:
Si tiene un ingreso bajo o habla poco inglés, los voluntarios del Ministerio VITA de San Rafael pueden ayudarlo a preparar las declaraciones de impuestos BASICA. Usted puede ser elegible para créditos impositivos importantes si tiene hijos o apoya a otros miembros de la familia.

Se llevarán a cabo en la escuela católica San Rafael. Debido al horario reducido, se recomienda que programe su cita temprano.
Las citas (aproximadamente una hora de duración) están disponibles de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. los sábados antes mencionados. Para programar una cita (en inglés o español), marque 919-865-5700 y luego presione la extensión 303.

MIERCOLES DE CENIZA 26 DE FEBRERO:
La misa en español será a las 8:00 pm
Todos los viernes de la cuaresma, comenzando el viernes 28 de febrero, a las 7 de la noche en la capilla, tendremos el viacrucis en español.

POR FAVOR TOMAR NOTA: Durante la Cuaresma y la Semana Santa, o sea, desde el 26 de Febrero hasta el 12 de Abril, no habrá Bautismos, Quinceañeras y Presentaciones.

LA RENOVACION CARISMATICA: Le invita a sus reuniones de oración todos los viernes de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. en la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de las Américas. Recuerde: "Busca primero el Reino de Dios y todo vendrá por añadidura". Paramayorinformación, llamar a: Isaí Rodríguez al 919-795-9710

SANTO ROSARIO: Todos los domingos antes de la Misa a la 1:00 p.m. en la Capilla. Para información adicional, comunícate con Luis Sotelo al 919-442-7188.

Los ministerios más solicitados
Solicitud de Intención para que sea Nombrada en las Misas
Llame o vaya a la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a miércoles con una semana de anticipación o más tiempo comunicándose al 865-5746.

Confesiones
Los sábados de 3:30 p.m. a 4:45 p.m. en la Capilla de María, en español e inglés, según el orden de llegada. Otros días están disponibles por cita llamando al 865-5702.

Bautizos
Para mas información, comuníquese con la Sra. Evelia Morales al 865-5746. Las familias deben estar registradas en la Parroquia al menos 2 meses antes de la fecha de bautismo.

Bodas
Para mas información, comuníquese al 865-5746. Las familias deben estar registradas en la Parroquia al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de la boda solicitada.

Visitando y Llevando la Comunión a Los Enfermos
Para mas información, comuníquese María Charrez al 868-7947.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos: RICA
Mayores de 18 años que no tengan el Bautismo, 1ra Comunión y la Confirmación, comunicarse con: Xochitl Martínez al 791-8701.

Presentaciones y Quinceañeras
Para mas información, comuníquese con la Sra. Evelia Morales al 865-5746.

As Catholic Schools Week draws to a close, Saint Raphael Preschool wants to express our gratitude to all our priests, teachers, staff, parents and Saint Raphael parishioners. Our students are able to encounter Jesus in preschool because of you!

Thank you for 40 years of support!

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**Catholic Schools Week 2020 is in the books!**

From kicking-off Catholic Schools Week at 9:30am Mass and at the fine arts showcase & open house, to honoring our students, country, and celebrating vocations, our Guardians made the most of every aspect of this annual event!

When prayer buddies get together, there is a connection that is made that bonds our Guardians. The friendships create lasting memories!
### Mass Intentions Feb 3 - 9
Intención de Misas del 2 - 9 de febrero

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Daily readings are available on the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at usccb.org.

### Stewardship of Treasure
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**February 3**
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**Masses**

The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of a Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given on February 3, the Feast of Saint Blaise.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. He was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat or looking for healing miracles.

The blessing may be given by touching the throat of each person with two candles blessed on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2) and which have been joined together in the form of a cross.

*From Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum (1624, 1625, 1627)*

**THANKS FROM BIRTHCHOICE** - Thank you so very much for your generous donations of baby clothes and baby items for our mothers who are expecting. Each year we have the privilege of ministering to approximately 800 women who are vulnerable to or considering abortion.

Because of the generosity of people like you we are able to give each client a gift bag with some baby items and an outfit which helps to make real for her the life she carries within. We at Birthchoice are grateful for the love and partnership we share with all of you.

**Career Opportunity**: Have you ever considered a career that allows you to do good for others while doing well for yourself? The Knights of Columbus has an opening for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, go to our website kofc.org/careers or contact Christopher Mahoney, General Agent, at (919)719-2715 or Christopher.Mahoney@kofc.org.
Please Remember/Recuerda por favor

These parishioners at home/Feligreses en casa

Bogdan Antonescu  Margi Keating
Bill Baker       Madelaine Kelly
Edmond Baptiste Mary Beth Kiszely
Mary Barnes      Rik Kiszely
Terry Beal       Stephan Kiszely
Dorothy Birmingham Deborah Kiszely-Papp
Abigail Bloch    Peter Le
Cassidy Bloch    Steve Leigh
Jack Boland      Jose Lopez
Terry Borash    Isaiah Martin
Brian Breen      Cindy Morrow
Paul Bryant      Colleen Morrow
Justin Bunch     Angela Battista Nacional
Raissa Bunga     Hai Nguyen
Frank Castillo   Addison Owens
Ottlia Castro    Celeste Perroth
Ed Cody          Peter Pesanka
Gregory Cody     Weston Pirt
Conrad Collins    Tiana Pitstick
Jansje Collins   Lori Powell
Amanda Conner    Sheila Powers
Birna Constantino Eduardo Rodriguez
Katheryne Cooke  Levi Robertson
Gloria Cox      Rosa Santos
Jean Creemers    Mae Simmons
Charlie Cunningham Susan Smith
Dick Dingee      Ann Snodgrass
Jose Emigdio Diaz Mary Steigerwald
Cindy Figh     Linda Sorrentino
Drew Frazier    Rose Strain
Tammi Gasper    Agnes Synowiez
Janet Gropp     Mary Vandervort
Ann Hancock      Zorida Vasconcellos
Babette Hansen  Anna Vieira
Bruce Hanson     Clifton Wade
Mary Ann Heckman Arlene Wong
Mary Hnat        Marge Wood
Maryann Jackson  Connor Wright
Edith Jendrasiak Theresa Wynne
Gordon Jendrasiak Sharon Youse

Parishioners in care/Feligreses en las instalaciones

Carole Adamson at Hillside Nursing & Rehab. Wake Forest
Betty Allen in Lynchburg General Hospital
Michael Angelo in Charlotte
Grace Edwards at Magnolia Glen
June Fail at Independence Village of Olde Raleigh
AnnMarie Flores in hospital in Virginia
Ricardo Gutierrez in the Philippines
Nancy Hanley at Universal Health Care
Barry Herchenroder at Universal Health Care
Dorothy Kanop at Elmcroft of North Ridge
Thora McLean at Litchfield Falls Health Care
Theresa Marco in Hurst, Texas
Lieu Nguyen at Wellington Rehab in Knightdale
Anna Palumbo at Brighton Gardens
Theresa Shene at Sunrise of North Hills
Ann Snyder at Rosewood at the Cypress
Clark Vilar at Pruitt Healthcare
Daniel Wallace at Oaks of Mayview
Mary Lynn Whitaker at Whispering Pines

These serving in the military/En el servicio militar

Liam Bailey | Son of Sean and Erin Bailey
Patrick Bailey | Grandson of Fran Bailey
Chris Behr | Grandson of Donna and Joe Behr
Matt Balcome | Grandson of Mitzi and Jim McGowan
Patrick Capps | Grandson of Joe and Mary Pulaski
Oliver Collins | Nephew of Jansie and Conrad Collins
Kenneth M. Curtin, Jr. | Son of Kenneth M. Curtin, Sr.
Sean T. Curtin | Grandson of Ken Curtin Sr.
Cassandra Czechowicz | Granddaughter of Diane Quick
John W. Henderson, Jr. | Nephew of Mary & Marc Rullo
Christopher House | Son of Caralyn and Bob House
Patrick Looney | Nephew of Jane Looney
Michael J. Maresh | Son of Terri Maresh
Joel Meyer | Son of Tom and Jeannie Meyer
Stephen Carter Parham, Jr. | Grandson of Donna Cuddy
Brian Scallion | Son of Nancy Scallion
Lt. George William Tucker | Son of Tim and Lee Tucker
Matthew Timper | Grandson of Phyllis and George Morse
Matthew Van Halanger | Grandson of Bob Lupien
Michael Vitek/Grandson of Barbara and Ed Vitek

Expectant Parishioners and their Babies /Feligreses embarazadas y sus bebés

Jennifer and Brad Taylor, due: Mar. 15
Michelle and Matt Hager, due: Mar. 25

If you have changes or additions to the parishioners at home, in care, and in the military lists, please contact Gerry Madey at gerry@madeys.com or call 865-5740. / Si tiene algún cambio en los feligreses en el hogar, en el cuidado o en las listas militares, llame al Sra. Evelia Morales al 919-865-5746.

If you are a pregnant parishioner and would like your name listed, please contact Mary E. Schrick at msrschrick@nc.rr.com. / Si eres una feligresa embarazada, correo electrónico Mary E. Schrick en msrschrick@nc.rr.com.
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