

“We have to let ourselves be flooded by the Holy Spirit’s light, because He introduces us to the Truth of God, who is the only Lord of our life. In this Year of Faith, let us ask ourselves if we have concretely taken some steps to know Christ and the truth of faith more. At the same time let us also ask what steps we are taking so that faith might guide our entire existence.

You cannot be a ‘part time’ Christian, [a Christian] in some moments, under some circumstances, for certain decisions. You are a Christian in every moment! The truth of Christ, which the Holy Spirit teaches and gives us, involves, for always and entirely, our daily life. Let us call upon him more often. Let me make this proposition to you: let us call upon the Holy Spirit every day so that He will bring us closer to Jesus Christ.”

Pope Francis
May 15, 2013

Stewardship prayer

Lord, we ask that you guide us as we embrace

Stewardship as a way of life.

Our efforts to bring the Good News to others will be strengthened

if I keep my faith on my lips.

Our pews will be filled

if I help fill them.

Our parish will be welcoming

if I take the time and effort to make genuine connections.

Our songs will be joyous

if I join in, however weak my voice might be.

Our ties within our parish will be stronger if I reach out to support others.

Our faith will be deepened if I listen closely, and reflect daily on The Word of God.

Oh loving God, who’s Spirit is active in my life and my parish,

may you continue to be our guide as we listen closely, bear witness,

and join together to bring God’s saving grace to our corner of the world.

Amen.

Rev. 2/24/14

St. Raphael the Archangel **Directory of Ministries and** **Parish Chartered Organizations**

To See as Christ Sees and Love as Christ Loves



In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him?
How can I be an intentional disciple, and put my
faith into action?

You may contact ministry leaders directly for more information.
The **Lay Ministry Support Coordinator**, Mrs. Janet Schirripa,
is available to assist you in matching your time,
talents and interest to the various ministries listed here.

She can be reached at **919-865-5704** or
jschirripa@saintraphael.org

Stewardship is a way of life; we are all called to support the church through the gifts of our talents, energies, and our resources of time and treasure. Demonstrating Christ's lessons of love and compassion means that each and every day we live our faith by being intentional disciples.

Dive in, explore, and make an effort to connect. You'll find a faith much deeper and a life much richer when you feel The Holy Spirit working through your efforts.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Servers

We assist the priests during liturgy. Training is provided and you serve on a rotating basis at your selected Mass. **Chair:** Joe Carcaterra, jcarcaterra@yahoo.com or 518.2636

Health Care Ministry –facilitating the sacraments of Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick

We visit the sick, the homebound, patients at Duke Raleigh Hospital, and residents of nursing homes and assisted living communities that are assigned to St. Raphael by the Deanery. We minister to the terminally ill and the dying if requested by the family. **Chair:** Gerry Madey, gerry@madeys.com or 865.5740

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

We provide an opportunity to involve young children in the 9:30 liturgy at a level understandable to them. **Chair:** Peter Le, peterle2010@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are practicing Catholics who act as servants at Our Lord's table, assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ, Our Savior. Join us. **Chair:** Jay Comi, JayComi@summitrs.com 844.3434

Funeral Ministry: Funerals

We provide support to families of the deceased and guidance in planning the Funeral Mass and the Rite of Committal. **Chair:** Joy Castillo, funerals@saintraphael.org or 865.5712

Funeral Ministry: Columbarium

We provide alternative burial arrangements for St. Raphael members who prefer cremation. **Contact:** Dick Quinlan pammerq@bellsouth.net or 876.7368

Greeters

We welcome people from all walks of life and serve as an extension of the Pastor in welcoming people. **Chair:** Maria Romp, mariaromp19@msn.com or 210.1449

Liturgy

We work to enact the Mass and other liturgical rituals. Members are the Chairs of various ministries. **Coordinator:** Mickey McGoldrick, mcgoldrick@saintraphael.org or 865.5705

Music

Join us as we sing and play instruments for God. Consider participating in our Adult, Children's or Bell Choirs. **Chair:** Brad Croushorn, bcroushorn@saintraphael.org or 865.5716

Readers

We proclaim the scriptures at liturgies, Holy Days, and other special days. **Chair:** Steve Kenny, steve1kenny@gmail.com or 368.6828

Reconciliation

We maintain a prayerful and peaceful atmosphere in the church for people wanting to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. **Chair:** Maria Romp, mariaromp19@msn.com or 210.1449

Sacristans – Guardians of the Eucharist

We have three main roles: security of the Sacristy (and most importantly the Eucharist), Mass set up/clean up and Mass coordinator. **Chair:** Patty Eckstein, pattyeckstein@bellsouth.net or 280.5093

Ushers

We help welcome parishioners to the church itself, assist in their seating, provide bulletins, and discreetly help to lessen disruptions at liturgies (e.g. latecomers, early departure). **Chair:** Ben Briggs, bbriggs276@yahoo.com or 931.9966

LIFELONG FAITH MINISTRIES

Becoming Catholic!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which one prepares to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Become a sponsor for a new Catholic. **Chair:** Leo Moreda, lmoreda@saintraphael.org 865.5708

Bible Study: Women's Wednesday Morning

We study the scriptures and readings of the Bible accompanied by lectures and tapes on a regular programmed basis by the church. **Chair:** Mary Schricker, mschricker@nc.rr.com

Bible Study: Wednesday Evening or Sunrise Bible Study on Thursday mornings

We provide opportunities for adult parish members to enrich faith life through study of scripture and provide support for leaders and participants in parish Bible study programs. **Chair:** Helen Weiland, grannyx8@gmail.com 274.0525

Carpool Rosary

We pray the rosary Monday mornings during the school year at 8:30. **Chair:** Christina Taurence cmtaurence@hotmail.com

Bulletins

We prepare the bulletin text each week. **English Coordinator:** Jennifer Troch, bulletin@saintraphael.org or 865.5705; **Spanish Coordinator:** Rafael Guamizo, spanishb@saintraphael.org or 865.5727

Hispanic Ministries

We have a vibrant Hispanic community with an extensive array of ministries in Spanish ranging from Mass and the sacraments to Adult Faith Formation programming, Parish Life groups and cultural events. Contact: Hispanic Administrative Assistant, Zandra Schiemann 919-865-46 zschiemann@saintraphael.org

Married Couples Dinner Club

We enjoy delicious food and lively conversation. You and your spouse are paired with 2-3 other couples and dine once a month on a Saturday evening. **Chairs:** Mike and Terry Davis, terry@thedavis.com or 872.7018

Hospitality Team

As part of the Welcome Ministry we offer hospitality to parishioners and guests at parish gatherings. **Chair:** Peggy Shafer 919-801-6233

Friday Playgroup

Parents or caregivers with young children get together on Fridays. **Chair:** Karla Heinen, karlaheinen@gmail.com or 621.6843

Mothers Group

We provide fellowship, support, and spiritual guidance to members as we focus on raising a family. We focus on our vocation as mothers and wives through the study of scripture and tradition, as well as discussions with guest speakers. We host social events and perform service projects to build the Body of Christ within our families, group, parish and community. **Chair:** Jeannine Washburn jeanninewashburn3@gmail.com 325.1598 or Marcie Graf marciegraf@yahoo.com 845.7358

Office Help

We help with the day-to-day operation of the parish office and its activities on a volunteer basis. **Chair:** Mickey McGoldrick mcgoldrick@saintraphael.org or 865.5705

Parish Fair

We organize, plan and prepare for our yearly, well-celebrated parish fair. **Chair:** George Stephenson stephenson@nc.rr.com

Pew Straightening

We straighten up the books and remove trash once a week. It takes approx. one hour to do one side of the church. **Chair:** Theresa Shene, tshtsh37@aol.com or 846.6227

Seniors Club

We meet on Mondays after the 11:00am Mass in Room 107 for a time of socialization. **Chair:** Frances Vaughn, 676.1426

Sunday Co-op Nursery

The nursery is available to children 6-mos to 3-years during 9:30am Sunday liturgy. Parents work in the nursery once every 5-8 weeks. **Chair:** Jessica Gill jhgill@gmail.com 919.604.2482

Welcoming Ministry

We welcome newcomers and integrate them into parish life and the community outside the parish. **Chair:** Joe Schirripa, jschirripa@tampabay.rr.com or 727.946.4268

Young Adult Ministry

We are a diverse and gifted community of 18-30 year-old Catholic believers, called by our baptism to share in the Christian mission of evangelization, worship & service. **Chair:** Michael Proterra SJ proterram@saintraphael.org

CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS

Boy Scouts www.troop314.org

We help boys develop leadership skills as they learn to become responsible citizens. We welcome new youth members and adults interested in serving as Assistant Scoutmasters. **Chair:** Paul Crossland, paul.crossland@fmr.com

Cub Scouts www.pack-314.org

Our doors are wide open to all boys 1st – 5th grade. The Pack's focus is for boys to have fun, and in the process foster character development and spiritual growth. **Chair:** Ron Patterson troutbum@nc.rr.com 562.6895

Girl Scout Troop 1619

Our Brownie level troop meets on Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. Through badge work, the girls are encouraged to discover, connect, and take action to positively impact their communities. **Chair:** Charlie & Cathy Benton, charlie1619@gmail.com or 919.946.3121

Knights of Columbus www.kofc9880.org

We are a fraternal organization that deals with (1) charity, (2) fraternity, (3) unity, and (4) patriotism to the country, our community and our parish. **Grand Knight:** John Moore jmooreko@att.net 919.266.7381

Deacon Bob Madey Squires Circle

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this is a group for boys age 10-18 focused on our Catholic faith, service and social activities. **Chair:** Joseph Smith, PGK, Youth Director, strgk9880@yahoo.com

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

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