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Title: Now, therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor St. Raphael the Archangel Parish on the celebration of its 100th anniversary; and,
Be it further resolved, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare September 19-25 St. Raphael the Archangel Week in the City of Pittsburgh.

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Whereas, St. Raphael the Archangel Parish was established by Bishop J. F. Regis Canevin on Saturday, July 15, 1911 in response to a request from Catholic families living in the Morningside neighborhood; and,
Whereas, the first Mass at St. Raphael's building on Chislett Street which could accommodate up to 500 parishioners was celebrated on Dec. 24, 1911; and,
Whereas, two generations of Morningside residents attended services, baptisms, marriages and funerals in the original church. Membership grew until those attending Mass often had to stand in the aisles; and,
Whereas, due to the growing membership, construction of a new church at 1118 Chislett Street began during the pastorate of Fr. Sylvester Doyle and was dedicated by Bishop John Wright in 1959. The former church building was converted into a gym and multi-purpose building for parish use; and,
Whereas, St. Raphael Elementary School, opened September 8, 1915, still to this day provides an enriching education for children in preschool through eighth grade; and,
Whereas, one of the school's most famous students was actor Gene Kelly, and in 2005, during the school's 90th anniversary, its auditorium was rededicated in his name; and,
Whereas, from the earliest days of the church an annual bazaar has been sponsored by the parish and is still a part of the life of the neighborhood; and,
Whereas, the church's three-day 100th anniversary celebration will include an open house at the school from 6 to 8pm on September 23, followed by a meet-and-greet reception at the Morningside Veterans of Foreign Wars Post; and,
Whereas, the anniversary will also be marked with a banquet on September 24 at Churchill Valley Country Club and Bishop David A. Zubik will officiate at a special Mass at 11 a.m. September 25.

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