

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 28 June **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... ✠Corazon A. Lopez by Leandro & Catherine Lopez

Sunday, 29 June **Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**

7:30 am ... ✠Edward Moran by Margaret-Ann Moran

9:30 am ... ✠Joseph Dyrkacz (30th Anniv.) by Mary Dyrkacz

5 pm ... ✠Anne & Vincent McHugh by Mary Sullivan

Monday, 30 June

12 pm ... ✠Deceased members of the Huot family by Jane Daly

Tuesday, 1 July

12 pm ... ✠Mr. & Mrs. Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. by Cynthia Hobbs

Wednesday, 2 July

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

2 pm ... ✠Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. (46th Anniv.) by Cynthia Hobbs

Thursday, 3 July

Saints Thomas

8:30 am ... ✠John & ✠Helen Zygmunt by Kathy Gunther

Friday, 4 July **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

9 am ... Mass *Note that we will have Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, July 11 this month.

Saturday, 5 July **Saints Anthony & Elizabeth**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... ✠Pauline Nadeau by Dottie DeCotis

Sunday, 6 July **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... ✠Anne Foley by Connie Raymond

9:30 am ... ✠Yvette Kilroy by Diane Bolton

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ✠Edward & ✠Peggy Moran by Margaret-Ann Moran

Readings for the week of June 29, 2014

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:8-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119: 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

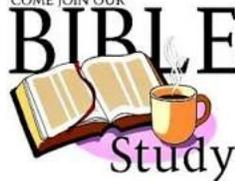


In The News

Welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church, through the waters of baptism, was **George Nicodemus Larson**, son of Tom and Sherri (Schiller) Larson, by P. Jerome on June 14.



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This summer, Saint Raphael Parish will offer a four week study on Saint Paul's *Letter to the Galatians*, on **Tuesdays at 7 pm, July 8-29**. This letter is one of the earliest New Testament documents and shows how the Early Church handled

the important theological issues that allowed it to grow, in particular the issue of whether new Christians had to follow an essentially Jewish way of life. Saint Paul was firmly convinced that Jesus Christ had brought in a new era of life in the Spirit, and he argues persuasively about how faith in Christ should be lived out in the contemporary world. Facilitated by pastoral assistant Anna Wallich.



Spiritual Direction – Saint Raphael Parish offers Spiritual Direction to those who are going through a loss or transition in life, or who simply want to explore, deepen and broaden their relationship with God. Our Pastoral Assistant, Anna Wallich, trained in Spiritual Direction as part of her Th.M. in Pastoral Care, meets with both men and women. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact her at the parish office, 623.2604 or spdirectionmin@gmail.com.



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Frances Provencher** by her husband, Don Provencher.



Catholic Charities

A special thank you to everyone who made a gift or pledge to Catholic Charities' Annual Campaign. Our parish's contribution goal is **\$30,000**. To date, we have raised **\$6,670**.

Thank you! If you haven't taken the opportunity to give yet, please consider making a donation this week. Last year, 1-in-13 of our friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners here in New Hampshire were helped by Catholic Charities. Envelopes are at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

The Many Gifts of Catholic Charities

Every year, Saint Raphael Parish joins other parishes in raising funds for Catholic Charities. While I am relatively new to the Catholic Church, I am by no means new to volunteer organizations, particularly religiously funded ones.

Volunteer organizations have provided a bedrock for Christian communities from the very beginning. This calling is rooted in Jesus' final words to Saint Peter: "When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." (Jn. 21:15f.)

Catholic Charities strives to **bring the presence of Christ's love** into the communities it serves, in **practical ways of caring** for the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of individuals in each community.

As I researched Catholic Charities in order to write this column, I was struck by how each area of service was grounded in biblical admonitions to care for others.

"Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." (Mt. 15:32)

Catholic Charities spends approximately 8% of its income on the **New Hampshire Food Bank**, the only food bank for the whole state. Each year, the Food Bank distributes approximately 8 million pounds of food to low-income individuals,



also teaching them cooking and budgeting skills. Our parish Food Pantry is a USDA certified station that serves the poor on Manchester's West Side.

"My children, be steadfast in honoring your parents; do not grieve them as long as they live. Even if their minds fail, be considerate of them; do not revile them because you are in your prime." (Sir. 3:12f.)



Fifteen percent of New Hampshire's population is elderly and about 9% suffers from a significant disability, so the costs of home visits, rehabilitation and nursing home care are substantial. As a result, Catholic Charities spends about 73% of its income on both **Rehabilitation and Nursing Care** for those who are in physical recovery or those who are in need of long term care.

About 8% of Catholic Charities income goes to **Family and Community Services**. These services include adoption and counseling services, as well as *Our Place*

(assisting pregnant and parenting teens), *St. Charles Children's Home* (for children who can't remain in their homes because of abuse or neglect), and counseling services for those who are in need of psychological care.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai for the second time, he gave instructions to the people so that they could lead lives that glorified their God: "*[who] takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and cloth-*



ing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Deut. 10:17-19)

Catholic Charities spends approximately 1% on **Immigration and Refugee** services.



While the issue of immigration and refugees is sometimes politically charged, most of the refugees coming to this country have suffered religious, political or ethnic persecution.

I would venture to guess that almost every one of us had ancestors who came to this country seeking a better life, who were strangers in a strange land and who were grateful for whatever kindnesses were shown them. And I would venture to guess that each one of us knows someone who has needed physical, spiritual or psychological care.

A total of 95% of the funds we contribute go to the needy: feeding the lambs and tending the sheep, making the depth and breadth of the services Catholic Charities provides in the community truly impressive.

The Diocese asks our parish to contribute \$30,000 towards Catholic Charities, a sum that seems huge but can be chipped away at, bit by bit, over the summer months.

As each one of us gives according to our means and the desires of our hearts, we will be able to see on the "thermometer" at the back of the church each week (where you can also find envelopes for donations) how we are coming closer to our goal.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35f.)

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If you have a family member who is currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, please contact the parish office at 623.2604 so that we can include them in our bulletin. Please keep in your prayers:

**Kenneth Breuder
Philip Breuder
Corp. Noah Sarette
Danielle Wells**



Saint Raphael Food Pantry This past Monday, June 23, the Food Pantry served **36** families, and gave out **57** bags of groceries.



New Summer Hours! Please note that the office will be closed on Fridays during the months of July and August.

Weekly Collection

June 22, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,131.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 510.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 818.55
Total:	\$ 4,459.55
Stewardship	\$ 180.00
Food Pantry	\$ 375.00
Rice Bowl	\$ 51.36