

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

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

Monday, 7 July

12 pm ... Our Parish Family

Tuesday, 8 July

12 pm ... ☩ Joseph Therrien by Andy & Marianne Therrien

Wednesday, 9 July **Saint Augustine**

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... ☩ Kenneth O. Harlan by Margaret-Ann Moran

Thursday, 10 July

8:30 am ... ☩ Phil Beland by Linda Beland

Friday, 11 July **Saint Benedict**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... ☩ Henry Roy by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

6:35 pm ... Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, 12 July

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... ☩ Dave Marston by Claire O'Dowd

Sunday, 13 July **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... ☩ Katherine Day Corriveau by P. Jerome, O.S.B.

9:30 am ... ☩ Phil Beland by Linda Beland

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ☩ Alice Sullivan (4th Anniv.) by Mary Sullivan



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Anne Foley** by Connie Raymond.

Readings for the week of July 6, 2014

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]



Baby Bottle Fundraiser Reminder

Still have a baby bottle to return? Please drop it at the rectory if you do. Thank you for your support!

In The News



Tootsie Roll Drive Members of the Knights of Columbus will be at the doors of the church following the weekend Masses of July 12-13 conducting their "Tootsie Roll Drive." Donations raised during this drive are awarded to mentally challenged children's programs in New Hampshire. Your generous help is sincerely appreciated.



Catholic Charities

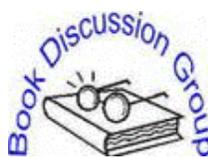
A special thank you to everyone who made a gift or pledge to Catholic Charities' Annual Campaign. Our parish's contribution goal is **\$30,000**.

To date, we have raised **\$8,100**. **Thank you!** If you know someone who could use the assistance of Catholic Charities, please urge them to contact one of the ten district offices and give them a brochure. And if you have not done so already, please consider a contribution and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you!



BIBLE Study 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.



Movie Night! Come join the book discussion group on **Thursday, July 17 at 7 pm** downstairs in the parish hall classroom. We'll be screening Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre* -- but which version of this famous novel will we watch? At the moment, it's a mystery! Bring a friend, have some popcorn, and see what awaits!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 8 July

7 pm ... Bible Study—Parish Hall Classroom

Wednesday, 9 July

9:30 am ... Altar Server outing at Canobie Lake Park

Thursday, 10 July

7 pm ... Knitting Group—Church Conference Room

Fourth of July celebrates freedom; First Amendment guarantees it

This weekend, we Americans are enjoying a prolonged celebration of the Fourth of July, our **national Independence Day**. I hope we all wish the United States of America a **Happy 238th birthday!** Despite all the challenges our nation faces at home and abroad, we have many reasons to thank God for life in this country. During the past few weeks, I've encountered some developments that remind me of how the Lord continues to bless this land.

Back in June, during our annual reunion program at Saint Anselm College, I had the distinct privilege to represent **Abbot Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B.**, and our **Benedictine community** at a short but moving service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the veterans who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of this nation and whose names are inscribed on the **Veterans' War Memorial** on the main upper common.

I prepared a special prayer for the event and led the 100 or so veterans and their families in the rite, and I enjoyed listening to the addresses made by several individuals, including **Capt. Mary Jo Majors**, a retired Navy nurse and member of the Class of 1969, who was master of ceremonies and organized the event. But what moved me the most was the way the vets introduced themselves. Their simple identification of name, branch of service, SAC class and place of residence were peppered with **camaraderie, good humor** and a distinct **appreciation of both freedom and peace**.

In the face of the bellicose language and actions coming out of Iraq, Syria and the Ukraine these days, the attitude of these



always make time for some attention to the rights enshrined in the **First Amendment**. I believe every American should know and understand them. This recent Supreme Court decision is yet another example of how important and relevant that lesson is. I should add that the decision is a powerful vindication of those pro-life advocates who have faced criticism, abuse and harassment for their witness to the **sanctity of life**.

The second Supreme Court 5-4 decision, *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, likewise touches on the First Amendment. In its efforts to expand the reach of the Affordable Care Act, the Obama administration included requirements that closely held businesses and institutions providing insurance for employees must include **payment for birth control devices and drugs**, some of which are considered **abortifacients**. That is, they act not to impede conception but to destroy an already formed zygote, the preliminary stage of what in time becomes an embryo, a fetus and, in due course, a baby.

Efforts to expand federal support for national health care have earned generated huge controversies in the past couple of years. Honest disagreements about the need, value, cost and impact of such policies are to be expected. However, American citizens ought not be expected to underwrite activities that deeply offend their **religious and moral consciences**. The First Amendment protects the "free exercise" of religion in this country, not simply prayer and liturgy. That should include freedom from requirements to support behavior repugnant to the conscience. Happily, the nation's top court agrees.

Fireworks, parades, banners, bunting and flags all have their place, and we should enjoy them, but we should remember the values and freedoms for which the Founding Fathers struggled still matter. **Happy**

alumni was a wonderful reminder of the citizen soldiers who have borne so many burdens to protect this nation – and made its military the envy of the world. These alumni demonstrate convincingly **how important family, religious faith, values and education are in the defense of a nation**. Military hardware, sophisticated technology and advanced training all have their place, but they build upon the character of individuals.

Another blessing, I hope, came through two recent decisions by the **U.S. Supreme Court**. In the first, the court unanimously held in *McCullen v. Coakley* that a Massachusetts buffer law prohibiting pro-life advocates from demonstrating on public sidewalks and streets outside Planned Parenthood and similar clinics was an unconstitutional infringement on the right to **free speech**. While the law does not and ought not allow people to trespass on private property and disrupt business, citizens in every state have the right to express opinions in legitimate ways. Demonstrations are a time-honored way of doing so.

Whenever I teach journalism or political communication classes at Saint Anselm, I

**The First Amendment to
The Constitution of
The United States of America**
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;
or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



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 30, the Food Pantry served **52 adults, 17 children, and gave out 42 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 29, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,453.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 377.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 783.75
Total:	\$ 4,459.55
Stewardship	\$ 55.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 100.00
Food Pantry	\$ 75.00