

# 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, 9 August

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... †Susan Canty by Jack & Colleen Byrne

### Sunday, 10 August **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †Ed & †Mary Byrne by Dennis & Eileen Smith

9:30 am ... Mass

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

### Monday, 11 August

**Saint Clare**

12:30 pm ... †Edward Yergeau by Germaine Yergeau

### Tuesday, 12 August **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**

12:30 pm ... Poor Souls of Purgatory by the Pereira Family

### Wednesday, 13 August **Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus**

12:30 pm ... †Lena Lapadula by Kerri Stanley

### Thursday, 14 August

**Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

12:30 pm ... †Rita Lavigne by Jane Daly

7:30 pm ... Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the BVM

### Friday, 15 August **The Assumption of the BVM**

~ **Office Closed** ~

12:30 pm ... †Sean Buckley (5th Anniv.) by Ronnie Schlender

### Saturday, 16 August **Saint Stephen of Hungary**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... †Richard O'Dowd by Claire O'Dowd

### Sunday, 17 August **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †Suzanne Tremblay by Pat Tremblay

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

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... †William Canty, Sr., by Jack & Colleen Byrne



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Our Parish Family**.

### Readings for the week of August 10, 2014

**Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

**Friday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

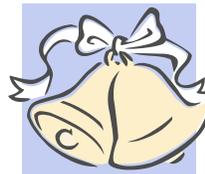
## In The News



Please note that **all daily Masses during this week, Aug. 11-15 will be at 12:30 pm** as P. Jerome, O.S.B., our pastor, will be away. **Confessions will be suspended.**



We are up to **\$11,140!** Our parish's contribution goal is **\$30,000.** We are getting there, thanks to your generosity! Please consider a contribution. Your donation transforms lives. Thank you!



**Anniversary Celebration** Bishop Peter A. Libasci of Manchester invites all couples who are celebrating their **25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th** or beyond **Wedding Anniversary** (anytime during

the year 2014), to attend a special anniversary Mass. This celebration will be **Oct. 6, 2014 at 2pm, at Saint Anselm Abbey.** If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please contact the parish office **by Aug. 13, 2014.** We will need your last and first names and mailing addresses and your anniversary year. Call the rectory at 623.2604 or email us at [secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com](mailto:secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com).

**Following Christ with Saint Benedict" Spiritual Leader: Father John Fortin, O.S.B.**

**Friday, Sep. 5—Sunday, Sep. 7 at Camp Bernadette/Lake Wentworth in Wolfeboro, NH**

The 5th annual retreat weekend is open to all young adult Catholics (ages 18-40ish). **Registrations are due by Monday, Aug. 25.** To register online, go to [youngadult-2014.eventbrite.com](http://youngadult-2014.eventbrite.com). For more information, contact Sarah Jane von Haack at 603.669.3100 or [sjvonhaack@rcbm.org](mailto:sjvonhaack@rcbm.org).



**SAINT BENEDICT ACADEMY**

We have openings in all grades, pre-K to 6 (2nd grade, however, has a waiting

list). Families who are interested in coming to visit the school and/or enrolling are encouraged to call Principal Michael McLaughlin at [603.669.3932](tel:603.669.3932) or email him at [principal@stbenedictacademy.org](mailto:principal@stbenedictacademy.org).



**Holy Day of Obligation** Friday, Aug. 15, is the Solemnity of the **Assumption of Mary.** **This is a holy day of obligation.** We will have a **Vigil Mass on Thursday, Aug. 14 at 7:30 pm,** and a **Mass on Friday, Aug. 15, at 12:30 pm.**

# From the Pastor: Fr. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.

## Sunday Mass: coulda, woulda, shoulda.....

One of the many religious and secular magazines that came into the rectory here at Saint Raphael recently included a Q&A section with what I initially took to be a rather startling answer. The questioner asked **whether it was possible to be a good Christian without going to church.** The answer I expected – a grudging admission that, well, yes, one could be a good Christian without church attendance – was not the response the readers received.

**Absolutely not. Impossible. Can't happen!** If such a hard-edge answer is surprising and a little off-putting, the following reasoning should be enlightening.

If we think about it, as it lived out in the Catholic Church, **our Christian faith is not just a set of moral principles enacted in certain behaviors.** Certainly, the moral code embraced by Catholicism from personal ethics to sexual morality to social justice teachings helps us manifest Christian identity and thus promote its existence in our hearts and in our world.

Our Christian faith is **not primarily a set of theological doctrines** for our articulation and understanding of Catholic truth, important as these are. Such doctrines follow from our experience of faith, they do not precede it. And our Christian faith is **not essentially a matter of ceremonies, rituals and prayers.**

So, if Christian faith is not moral code, theological tenet or ceremonial action – what is it? Simply put, **Christian faith is an encounter in faith with the person of Jesus Christ, who calls us into a mutual relationship of love with him and with our brothers and sisters** who have been called by him to be his own. If we take his word as truth as we must, Christ's own desire tells us all: *"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors*

*ate the manna in the desert but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven: whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."* (J. 6:48-51)

**We call this mutual relationship between the Lord and his disciples through time the Mystical Body of Christ** – and the ordinary means to this union is the Church. We believe, moreover, that the fullness of faith – all that is necessary for salvation – subsists in the Catholic Church, united with the bishop of Rome.

Is it possible that some men and women are part of this body in a hidden, secret way? Yes, of course. But the public manifestation of faith and the relationship we find in the Church is meant to be lived out fully throughout our lives.

One critical dimension of this relationship with Christ is joining with our brothers and sisters in the primary means the Lord chose to share himself with us: the Eucharist. When we gather together at Mass, we receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. We hear his word proclaimed and applied to our own lives. We share in the Spirit in our brothers and sisters. We are transformed by the grace and power of the Mass, if we open our hearts to it, and we are summoned to carry all this into our world to help transform it according to God's plan.

In celebrating the Eucharist, we discover that we obey God's first three commandments in an unparalleled way: we acknowledge him as the source of all our gifts; we praise his holy name, revealed to us in the most intimate way by Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son; and we consecrate Sunday to him as the new Sabbath day of rest because on that day, Christ rose in power and glory. In the Eucharist, we discover the

most magnificent opportunity to encounter Christ in his Mystical Body.

What does it mean to call ourselves Christian? The great American artist and illustrator Norman Rockwell depicts a family in his painting "Sunday Morning." In the background, Mom and three children march off to church. In the foreground, Dad, looking a bit sheepish, appears to have just rolled out of bed and into the multiple sections of the Sunday paper.

As so often is the case with Rockwell's work, it's an amusing and touching scene. Dad may well be a great, kind-hearted and generous guy, but if he hardly ever sees himself in



relationship to Christ, if he never fulfills his duty to come and worship the Lord who has given him so much, if he ignores the bonds of Christian discipleship that call us to love God and neighbor, then he can't very well call himself a good Christian. And neither can we if we omit these things.

We make a big mistake when we appropriate all righteous, noble, just and kind behavior as "Christian." Certainly, we want such behavior to be the mark of a Christian, but we don't always have a monopoly on it. Moreover, we know that we Christians sometimes act in ways far beneath our baptismal call. Nonetheless, we know that Christian identity means we live in and nourish our fundamental relationship with Jesus Christ, whom we encounter in his Mystical Body. And at the heart of that relationship is the Eucharistic Community called the Church. (Adapted from 4-29-07)

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**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** This past Monday, August 4, the Food Pantry served **23** families and gave

out **39** bags of groceries.

### *New Summer Hours!*

Please note that the office will be closed on Fridays during the month of August.

**CLOSED**

## Weekly Collection

### July 27, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$3,839.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 789.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 514.10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,142.10</b>

<b>Stewardship:</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry:</b>	<b>\$ 275.00</b>

### August 3, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$3,465.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 307.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 822.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,594.00</b>

<b>Stewardship:</b>	<b>\$ 130.00</b>
<b>Assumption of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>