

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, 23 August** **Saint Rose of Lima**  
 3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 4 pm ... †Lauren Rae Doherty by Kerri Stanley

**Sunday, 24 August** **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 am ... †David & †Maria Sheehan by Marge Drobot  
 9:30 am ... Our Parish Family  
 4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 5 pm ... †George Koepplinger by Dave Bregar

**Monday, 25 August** **Sts Louis and Joseph Calasanz**  
 12 pm ... †Marcia Preban by P. Jerome

**Tuesday, 26 August**  
 12 pm ... †Veronica Burns and †Ellsworth Roukey by Pauline Roukey

**Wednesday, 27 August** **Saint Monica**  
 11:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 12 pm ... †Gerard J. Green by P. Jerome

**Thursday, 28 August** **Saint Augustine**  
 8:30 am ... †Romain & †Louise Marcoux by Diane Gallant

**Friday, 29 August** **Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
 ~ Office Closed ~  
 5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 6 pm ... †Mike Buckley by Ronnie Schlender

**Saturday, 30 August**  
 3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 4 pm ... †Marguerite Doherty by the Doherty Family

**Sunday, 31 August** **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 am ... †Arthur Smet (36th Anniv.) by Cynthia Hobbs  
 9:30 am ... †Alice Carignan (17th Anniv.) by Kathy Carignan  
 4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 5 pm ... Our Parish Family



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

### Readings for the week of August 24, 2014

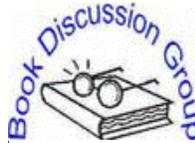
**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 124:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 6:17-29  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30  
**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

## In The News



Catholic Charities

Our parish has raised **\$12,290** towards Catholic Charities. Our parish's contribution goal is **\$30,000**. Please consider a contribution. Your donation transforms lives. Thank you!



Please join the parish Book Group in celebrating its 10th birthday on **Thursday, Sept. 18!** Our next book selection is *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel, a novel about love, passion, family, personal freedom --- and cooking! A light supper, activities, and discussion will begin at 7 pm in the parish hall. Please use the Ferry Street entrance. Books and reading packets are available at the parish office. Please note that this book is suitable for adult readers.



We are still looking to increase our group of altar servers **especially for the 4 pm Saturday Vigil, 7:30 am, and 5 pm Sunday Masses.** Typically, candidates are considered as soon as they reach third grade and have made their First Communion. **If you are interested in training to be a server, please contact Kerri Stanley in the rectory at 623.2604 in order to set up a training session.**



We have lots of exciting events planned for the fall! Watch for additional information in future bulletins:

**Sun., Sep. 14 @ 9:30 am Mass:** Catechetical Sunday and our choir resumes!

**Sun., Sep. 28 @ 9:30 am Mass:** Altar Server Investiture.

**Fri., Oct. 3:** LifeLine Screening in the Parish Hall.

**Sun., Oct. 18:** Ancient Order of Hibernian breakfast, open to all, following 9:30 am Mass in the Parish Hall.

**Fall session of The Pastor's Class:** "The Sacraments: A Way of Life, a Way to Life"



**Knitting Group** is participating in "CLICK for Babies" - a period of purple crying hats. We are inviting all knitters and crocheters to join us in making purple baby hats.

## Amid August centennial of its opening, First World War still teaches lessons

A century ago this month, people at Saint Raphael experienced much of what we have enjoyed these past few months: time off from work, lakeside or riverside picnics, outdoor concerts. Some traveled to Hampton and Rye to enjoy the Atlantic beaches. And they kept up with the news – **only the news 100 years ago** was frightening.

Europe had erupted into war, and Americans were edgy. Amid the excitement, there was a gnawing fear that **U.S. isolation** might be short-lived. Some Americans already were polarized as they saw **France, Britain and Russia** allied against **Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey**.

For parishes such as Saint Raphael, founded to care for German-speaking immigrants, feelings must have been ambivalent at the war's start. America was neutral, and loyalty to **the old Fatherland** must have been strong – even though many accused Germany of unbridled nationalism and militarism. For many Irish Americans, who also attended Mass here, Britain's trouble meant Ireland's opportunity, even as tens of thousands of Irish lads served King and Country.

The U.S. would enter the war, but 1917 was still far away and the clarity of history was not yet what it would be. In short order, what would be known as World War I, "**the war to end all wars**," "**the war to make the world safe for democracy**," would draw America to the Allies. The park, just west of our parish property, bears witness to how deeply the war would cut into Saint Raphael. The *Henry J. Sweeney Memorial Park* is named after the young man from this parish who was the first from Manchester to fall in World War I.

This summer, I've been reacquainting my

self with the First World War through some films and history. I was fascinated by a BBC series, "**The Fall of Eagles**," detailing the forces that led to the war and which shaped its prosecution and aftermath. The imperial houses of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia all had the eagle as their symbols – and the war caused the crowned eagles of Europe to come crashing down either in defeat, as was the case for the Central Powers of Germany and Austria-Hungary in 1918, or revolution, as was the case of Russia with its socialist, then Bolshevik rising in 1917.

In addition, I was gripped by **Barbara Tuchman's** masterly account of the start of the war, *The Guns of August*, published on the eve of WWI's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1962. Tuchman shows how Europe blundered and stumbled into war through a heady mixture of nationalism, economic and imperial aspirations, militarism, alliances and folly.

What began in some minds as a **cathartic, cleansing war, a short and limited war** that would "renew" Europe, a war replete with plumed helmets, flashing sabers and brightly colored uniforms, and cavalry charges and officers full of élan and gallantry: this war quickly became the brutality of machine gun nests, serpentine trenches, deafening artillery barrages, poison gas, bodies torn asunder in no-man's land and protracted stalemate.

The toll would be nearly **20 million dead**, troops and civilians, millions more injured, epic social disruption, priceless art and architecture destroyed and sowing seeds for a

second, even worse war. As the U.S. faces continuing threats, the **tragic reality of WWI should teach some sobering lessons** – lessons that in no way detract from the courage, heroism and sacrifice of so many.

Although the causes of WWI can be found in decisions decades earlier, **the spark that ignited war was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand**, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. Vienna had legitimate grievances against Serbia, whose police had assisted the

murderers in Sarajevo. But some Austrian demands were impossible to meet, yet were pushed deliberately to punish Serbia, thus bringing down a European house of cards.

As a nation, **we need to realize that peace is not simply the absence of war but a constant effort to maintain justice and harmony**. We need to realize that "limited" war has a propensity to spin out of control easily.

The war in Iraq is a fresh reminder of that fact. We need to recognize that since the 1914-1918 era, war has engulfed ever greater numbers of **innocents**. We need to realize that the way we think and talk about other groups, peoples and nations builds up over time **the attitudes that can stoke the fires of war**. We need to remember that when peoples lack voice and endure subjugation, violence seems necessary and reasonable. In fact, it only opens up a Pandora's box of misery. **As Catholics, as Christians, we need to pray for justice and harmony and participate in the public square.**

Like the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our own American Civil War, the centenary of World War I is not a time for triumphalist celebration but rather a sober time to commemorate, commend and contemplate.

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**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** This past Monday, Aug. 18, the Food Pantry served **49** families and gave out **84**

bags of groceries. We are in need of baked beans, canned vegetables, cereal, and canned fruit. Thank you!



**Thank you to everyone currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces! Please keep them in your prayers, especially:**

**Kenneth Breuder  
Philip Breuder  
Danielle Wells**

## Weekly Collection

**August 17, 2014**

Offertory Regular	\$3,060.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 400.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 599.35
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,059.35</b>
<b>Stewardship:</b>	<b>\$ 180.00</b>
<b>Assumption of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 1,244.85</b>