

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 13 September

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... †Frank Connolly by his family

Sunday, 14 September **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:30 am ... †Frank I. Ladieu Jr. (25th Anniv.) by Bob & Elaine Lucci

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

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

Monday, 15 September **Our Lady of Sorrows**

12 pm ... †Joan McGorry Dimick by Margaret-Ann Moran

Tuesday, 16 September **Saints Cornelius and Cyprian**

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

Wednesday, 17 September **Saint Robert Bellarmine**

11:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... †Brian K. Stanley (9th Anniv.) by Kerri Stanley

Thursday, 18 September

8:30 am ... †Shirley Morse by P. Jerome, O.S.B.

Friday, 19 September **O.L. of LaSalette, St. Januarius**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... †William Wisner, III by Teresa Greene

Saturday, 20 September **Korean Martyrs**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... †Suzanne Tremblay by Pat Tremblay

Sunday, 21 September **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †Sylvia Hobbs by Cynthia Hobbs

9:30 am ... †Ed Bolton (1st Anniv.) by Diane Bolton

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... †Josephine Joyce by Pat Morrissey



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for †**Arnell Jones** by Mikki Margaritis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 16 September

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conference Room

Thursday, 18 September

7 pm ... Book Group—Church Conference Room



Please keep in your prayers the family of †**Patricia (Maloney) Sowa**, †**Yvon Brunette** and †**Rebecca (Lavallee) Godbois**, whose funeral Masses were celebrated last week at Saint Raphael.

In The News



Coffee & Donuts resumes this weekend and will be served following the 9:30 am Mass this Sunday, Sept. 14. Please join us for fellowship!

Welcome back, youth! We welcome back our youth for



faith formation! **Children's Liturgy of the Word** will resume next **Sunday, September 22**. All children ages preschool through Grade 5 will sit with families for the beginning of Mass as Fr. Jerome commissions the catechists. Children will process downstairs with their catechists and later return to families for the offertory and remainder of

the Mass. **Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8) classes** will begin **Monday, Sept. 22 from 6-7:30 pm**. Parents should bring their children to the Ferry Street entrance of the Parish Center and plan to attend the first gathering. **High School Ministry (Grades 9-10) classes** will begin on **Tuesday, Sep. 24 from 6:30-8:30 pm**.



Our **Altar Server Investiture** will be **Sunday, Sept. 28, at the 9.30 am**. Altar servers with will be recognized for length of service, and we will welcome in new members. **If your children are willing to serve the Lord at the altar, please contact Kerri Stanley in the rectory at 623.2604 in order to set up a training session. HELP WANTED: Saint Raphael altar servers need someone who will launder cassocks and surplices from time to time. If you are willing to help, please call Kerri at the number above. Many thanks!**

Upcoming Parish Activities and Events!

Fri., Oct. 3: LifeLine Screening in Parish Hall. Flyer enclosed.

Sat., Oct. 18: Oktoberfest after 4 pm Vigil Mass in Parish Hall.

Sun., Oct. 19: Ancient Order of Hibernian breakfast, open to all, following 9:30 am Mass in Parish Hall.

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

Readings for the week of September 14, 2014

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17 or Ps 31:2-6, 15-16, 20; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35; **Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17; **Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35; **Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50; **Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3; **Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15; **Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Two special men underline reverence, awe and joy for our altar servers

When guys, busy with family, business and career concerns, volunteer, they tend to put their **efforts into sports** and other active youth organizations. They generally don't find themselves checking altar robes, teaching kids how to light candles and showing the proper posture when kneeling!

Most male volunteers coach, organize, administer, umpire, referee and fund-raise for all manner of activities in schools, youth organizations, neighborhood associations and religious communities. Without any doubt, the landscape of youth activity in the U.S. would **change overnight** if these gentlemen stayed home. Many ladies likewise volunteer in youth and other activities, and if they quit, most organizations that depend upon them would implode. But this column is about two men.

This summer, our Saint Raphael community has **said farewell** to two men whose dedication and commitment to our young people was remarkable by any standard. **Yvon Arthur Joseph Brunette**, (photo, left) who died Sept. 4, at age 85, and **Julio Daniel Aramini** (right), who died Aug. 22 at age 81, served, one after the other, as directors of our altar servers, providing spirited leadership and moving examples of dedication to Christ and his Church. We have been blessed to have known and **befriended them**, to have learned from them and to have received their care.

Yvon came to Saint Raphael with his wife June in the wake of the sad 2007 closing of **Saint Patrick Parish**, which served north-west Manchester and parts of Hooksett. For **more than 30 years**, Yvon had been in charge of the altar servers at Saint Pat's, and when he came here, he asked if he could assist in our program. Having learned a little about his considerable achievements at our neighboring parish, I was delighted to welcome him – and it gave **Marc Chalifour** to switch from director to master of ceremonies, a post we needed to establish, one that requires dexterity and choreographic skill.



Marc was pleased, I think, because it opened up some free time for him just when he could use it.

Meanwhile, Yvon with traditional **French Canadian determination**, went to work on blending the servers from Saint Patrick and Saint Raphael into a **new and cohesive group** of assistants at the altar. His first concern was not attire or ritual, punctuality or posture, but rather **reverence**. Without an attitude of deep love and respect for Jesus in the Eucharist, without an awareness that the Living God was present among us in his Son, available in the sacrament of the altar, nothing else really mattered. That's how Yvon began as he instructed the youngsters who would serve here. They needed a **sense of awe** before God. That awe was meant to extend from the Eucharist to the priest who consecrated the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ and to the people who came to worship and receive the Lord, helping build up each other in the process.

One feature of altar serving that distinguishes Saint Raphael, and before us, Saint Patrick, was Yvon's insistence that during the communion rite, two servers **kneel on either side of the tabernacle** to acknowledge, with prayer, silence and devotion, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Yvon, whose working life was built around **laundries, washing machines and dryers**, insisted that parents agree to support their son or daughter in altar service. He spent hours training each candidate, then would **attend**

every Mass celebrated, first at Saint Patrick, then at Saint Raphael, so he could critique the server and help fix any problems. **His wife, June**, supported Yvon in this generosity – and, in fact, she laundered the dozens of altar robes, cassocks and surplices they servers used every week.

When Yvon retired from the position due to health concerns, Saint Raphael was fortunate to find Julio Aramini as a willing replacement. Julio, who had worked for Verizon and its antecedent companies, had returned to Manchester after many years in Maine and elsewhere. His own reverence for Christ and the Church, deep appreciation of his Catholic faith and outgoing nature made a perfect fit with Yvon's. Although Julio had plenty of family and volunteer experience, altar serving was **new territory for him**, but he approached it with careful study and his characteristically **joyful Italian spirit**. Unfortunately, health concerns cut short Julio's service, and sometime later, to accommodate family needs, he and his wife transferred to Saint Catherine's Parish, Manchester.

The impressive turnout for the funeral Masses for both men underlines the **respect and affection** with which they are held in the wider community. I was privileged to celebrate Julio's funeral Mass at Saint Joseph Cathedral, moved there due to construction at Saint Catherine. I had the honor to celebrate Yvon's funeral Mass here Wednesday morning.

Several of our altar servers, even though they had to juggle school schedules and transportation issues, asked permission to assist in the liturgy elicited tears and smiles from many. Yvon has been retired from his altar server directing job for several years, but his servers wanted to be with him at the end. My thanks to **Cresse and Sydney Mailloux, Matthew McCormick, Zachary Miller, and Nathan and Skyler Podziewski**. I think Yvon would be smiling.

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Saint Raphael Food Pantry This past Monday, September 8, the food pantry served **30** families and gave

out **49** 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**



Catholic Charities

Our parish has raised **\$12,340** towards Catholic Charities. Our parish's contribution goal is **\$30,000**. Please consider a contribution. Your donation trans-

Weekly Collection

September 7, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$3,609.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 331.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 800.75
Total:	\$4,740.75
Stewardship:	\$ 30.00
Assumption of Mary:	\$ 15.00