

# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Worship Schedule

**Saturday, 4 October**                      **Saint Francis of Assisi**  
 3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 4 pm ... ☩Mary & ☩Tom Kilrain, Sr. by Peggy Kilrain

**Sunday, 5 October**                      **XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 am ... ☩David Audet by Eileen Audet  
 9:30 am ... Our Parish Family  
 4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 5 pm ... Norman Manseau by Sylvia Grady

**Monday, 6 October**                      **Saint Bruno**  
 12 pm ... ☩Ernie & ☩Sonny Bienvenue by Mary B. Marzal

**Tuesday, 7 October**                      **Our Lady of the Rosary**  
 12 pm ... ☩Christopher Margaritis by the Guptill Family  
 12:35 pm ... Rosary

**Wednesday, 8 October**  
 11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 12 pm ... ☩Giulio Aramini by Diane Bolton

**Thursday, 9 October**                      **Saints Denis and John Leonardi**  
 8:30 am ... ☩Carl J. Jeglinski by Diane Bolton

**Friday, 10 October**  
 5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 6 pm ... ☩Mike Buckley by Margaret-Ann Moran

**Saturday, 11 October**  
 3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 3:35 pm ... Rosary  
 4 pm ... ☩Jim Fitzgibbons (1st Anniv.) by Kerri Stanley

**Sunday, 12 October**                      **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30 am ... ☩Romain & ☩Louise Marcoux by Diane Gallant  
 9:30 am ... ☩Donald J. Leclerc by Esther Leclerc  
 4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
 5 pm ... ☩William & ☩Carole Thomas by Sean Thomas



**Saturday, 4 October**  
 5:30 pm ... Blessing of the Animals—front church entrance

**Sunday, 5 October**  
 9:20 am ... Children’s Religious Education—Parish Hall  
 10:45 am ... The Catholic Faith Explained—School Library  
 10:45 am ... Children’s Choir—Parish Hall Classroom

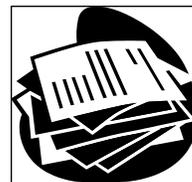
**Monday, 6 October**  
 6—7:30 pm Youth Ministry/Grades 6-8—Library  
 7—8 pm Food Pantry/Hope Chest

**Tuesday, 7 October**  
 6:30—8:30 pm Youth Ministry/Grades 9-12—Library

**Thursday, 9 October**  
 7 pm Knitting Group—Church Conference Room



**Come knit and crochet with us!**  
 The *Giving Hands* group will meet on **Thursday October 9 at 7:00 pm** in the church conference room for fellowship and craft work. Yarn is available—both beginning and experienced crafters are welcome! Our participation in the “purple hat project” to combat shaken baby syndrome produced 97 hats—thank you so much to all who contributed!



**EVERY ENVELOPE COUNTS!**  
 Please remember to **return your weekly contribution envelopes** for the times when you have been away from Saint Raphael this summer. The need to fulfill our obligation to **support our parish** is clear, and regular expenses occur whether we are in the pews here or not. Your help in this effort will be appreciated a great deal!



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

### “Knowing the Faith”

As part of our parish RCIA program but open to all who would like to attend, Saint Raphael Parish will be holding a 10-week video and discussion series **following the 9:30 Sunday Mass and beginning Oct. 5**. This series will look at all the basic elements of our Catholic faith; each week builds on previous sessions but can be viewed independently as well.

The series explores topics such as God's revelation throughout history, salvation and the Paschal Mystery, Mary and the Communion of Saints, and is a wonderful way to refresh your knowledge and get to know some new people in the parish. Please call Therese Dame at 647.2283 or Anna Wallich 623.2604 x.3 if you are planning on attending!



## New Saint Raphael on--line giving system invites review of our stewardship

For as long as I can remember, the long-handled **wicker basket**, lined with velvet, has been symbolic of **Catholic giving**.

During the preparation of the gifts, ushers fan out through our churches and “**pass the basket**” before the members of the congregation. If they are regular members of the parish, and if they have thought to prepare, they pull out **their weekly envelope** and toss it into the basket. If they are visitors, well, they might toss in a couple of bucks or even better. Children have often insisted that they have a dollar or **at least a quarter** to toss into the basket, as well.

Ever since the **first Irish and German immigrants** came to America early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, that’s pretty much the way our giving procedure has been. It’s been an imperfect system, but it has been the traditional way the Church **summoned her sons and daughters** to participate in the **charity of Christ**.

Over the years, some parishes, including Saint Raphael, received **bequests** and have used them to build endowment from which they are able to draw some funds most years. In years where there are major capital expenses such as repairing the roof on over the chapel or replacing a boiler, these endowments are a real blessing.

Others, and Saint Raphael belongs to this group too, have **introduced tithing programs** in an effort to lead parishioners to the biblical standard of giving 10 percent of one’s available income. Here, monthly tithing collections supplement the weekly offering and enable Saint Raphael to support a number of local and global charities, as well as parish programs and diocesan special collections and initiatives.

At the center of the collection process has been the trusty old wicker basket: hands holding a trusty envelope or, perhaps, cash. Arm extended, hand reaches out and over the basket, fingers open, release and into the basket falls **the contribution**.

As of last week, a new possibility emerged at Saint Raphael, one that puts the parish **into the 21<sup>st</sup> century** with its electronic banking, computerized accounting and multi-plated communication. Through the efforts of Kerri Stanley, our secretary and administrative assistant, Saint Raphael now offers parishioners and friends electronic funds transfer through the “**Parish Giving**” program of **John Patrick Publishing, LLC**. John Patrick



Publishing provides us with the basic elements of our bulletins and web site, [www.saint-raphael.parish.com](http://www.saint-raphael.parish.com). Now, the same firm will make systematized electronic contributions possible.

Most parishioners are familiar with **on-line contributions** through their own bill-paying arrangements. A few clicks once they open up their electronic checking accounts at their bank, and they have paid off their monthly charges from the telephone, television, electric utility, fuel oil and insurance providers.

Those who use such systems assure me that they are **safe, convenient and efficient**. Many are automatic, eliminating the danger of late fees and overdrafts, and one has **a full record of transactions**, something very handy for those who sometimes forget to make ledger entries and who must pay state and federal income taxes!

Among other advantages, John Patrick Publishing’s **Parish Giving** system uses secure encryption technology and is payment card industry compliant. The service will provide Saint Raphael with complete records of each donor’s contributions to the parish. For donors, the service has the additional benefit of **giving weekly or monthly**.

There’s even a card that a donor can toss into the basket indicating that he or she gives electronically. Often people lose or mislay their envelopes, so if they just toss into the basket a contribution, there is no way for the office to credit them with their gift.

In today’s fast-paced world, many

families are not able to attend Saint Raphael each week. Sports schedules, workplace travel, family commitments and health demands make consistent attendance difficult, and such people attend Mass, I hope, wherever they find themselves.

But unfortunately, more than a few folks **forget to send in their envelopes** or fail to toss their contributions into that wicker basket when they do return to Mass here. Attending Mass elsewhere and failing to make the weekly contribution obviously does not answer **the need Saint Raphael has for consistent and generous support to meet the parade of bills** that come from keeping the lights on, the heat going, the telephones ringing, the computers humming, the printers printing and the staff working.

The new **Parish Giving** online system is meant to be a **convenience for many of our parishioners**. No one is required to use it; our ushers will still pass the old wicker baskets, which will be happy to receive envelopes, cash, coin and check. But this development gives all of us **an opportunity to think about the level of support we each provide** to our parish community of faith.

Are we contributing at the standard of the biblical tithe – **10 percent of our available income** – or are we letting others carry the burden? Many of our people give sacrificially, which is the standard of love Christ asks. Many others could do a bit better; perhaps some could add an additional dollar or \$5 or even \$10 to their weekly contribution. I hope that our new system prompts us all to realize that just as we all receive from the charity of Christ every day in one way or another, **so too we are called to contribute to the charity of Christ** – and our parish home is a very good place to start. May God bless your kindness!

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# October 5, 2014

## Readings for the week of October 5, 2014

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]



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.**

Congratulations to our altar servers who were investitured or recognized for years of service last weekend:

*Emily Baker*  
*Samuel Baker*  
*Charlotte Bamberger*  
*Nathaniel Houle*  
*Emma Lortie*  
*Baril Mawo*

*Sydney Mailloux*  
*Zachary Miller*  
*Seamus Othot*  
*Skyler Podziewski*  
*Katarina Provost*  
*Maeve Smith*



Parish Book Discussion: On **Thursday, October 16th, at 7:00 P.M.** the parish book discussion group will meet to discuss the Gospel of Luke. Written with the devotion and tenderness of the man Taylor Caldwell has called "dear and glorious physician," Luke's Gospel contains the infancy narratives and parables that reveal Jesus as Savior and gentle, patient teacher. Come and explore this beautiful text with us, just days before the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Luke. We will meet in the church conference room. Readers are asked to bring their own copies of the Gospel.



**If you have a family member who is currently serving in any branch of the Armed Forces, we would like to include them in our bulletin so that parishioners can include them in their prayers. Please contact the parish office at 623.2604. Please keep in your prayers:**

**Danielle Wells**  
**Kenneth Breuder**  
**Philip Breuder**

## Weekly Collection

**September 28, 2014**

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,066.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 300.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 774.06
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,140.06</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 17.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** This past Monday, September 29, the Food Pantry served **82** adults, **55** children, and gave out **71** bags of groceries.



**Catholic Charities** Our parish has raised **\$14,690** of **SRP's goal of \$30,000** towards

Catholic Charities. **Thanks to a generous friend who will match each new contribution up to our goal, we will extend the drive through November.** Please consider a donation and help us reach our goal! Thank you!

## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is an organization of Catholic women of Irish descent that promotes friendship, unity and Christian charity. We help foster the ideals and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Irish. Meetings have featured an Irish tea, Irish singers and dancers, updates on current Irish events, Catholic activities, as well as food, laughter and fun. If interested in LAOH, please attend our **Oct. 27** meeting at the Sweeney Post, 51 Maple St., Manchester at **7pm**. Please call Anne at 644.8697 with any questions.



## Write on the Heart

As Catholics, we are called to evangelize! Our parish blog provides the opportunity to evangelize through modern technology and opens a forum for dialogue about issues of daily life and faith. You are invited to visit, follow and comment on at [www.saint-raphaelsblog.com](http://www.saint-raphaelsblog.com).

# 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

The Respect Life Program begins each year on the first Sunday in October. As the 2014 Respect Life Program begins, let us take a moment to reflect on the theme, "Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation," and how this truth affects both our understanding of ourselves and others and the way we live.

*"All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."* Pope Francis, July 28, 2013



### Oktoberfest!

No need to put on your Lederhosen or Dirndl—come join us for an evening of good German food and conviviality with authentic oompah music!

Oktoberfest at Saint Raphael Parish will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 5-8 pm. Please contact the parish office at 623.2604 to let us know if you will be coming. More information can be found at [www.saint-raphael-parish.com](http://www.saint-raphael-parish.com).



Saint Raphael Parish is forming a **Children's Voice and Bell Choir** under the direction of parish member Susan Paminsik. Susan has been actively involved in music and child education for many years. No previous experience in singing or bells is needed—only a desire to have fun and learn something new! The choir will meet each **Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass** in the parish hall classroom.



### The Sacraments: A way of Life, A way to Life

Please join us for the fall session of The Pastor's Class when P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor, will discuss the seven sacraments of the Catholic faith: **Tuesday, Oct. 14**—Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist; **Tuesday, Oct. 21**—Eucharist; **Tuesday, Oct. 28**—Penance and Anointing; **Tuesday, Nov. 4**—Holy Orders and Marriage. All classes will be held at 7 pm in the Parish Hall Classroom. Please call the rectory at 623.2604 or email [secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com](mailto:secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com) if you would like to sign up.



if you would like to be a part of our Prayer Line, please call the rectory or email us and we will be happy to add your name to the list of parishioners who pray for those in need. Likewise, if you would like us to pray for you or a loved one, let us know.



### Annual Men's Evening of Reflection

Gentlemen, mark your calendars for this year's evening which is planned for **Thursday, Oct. 30 at Saint Anselm College**. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:15pm followed by dinner and a discussion and conclude with vespers with the monks. Please call the rectory or email us to

**Trinity High School** If you want your son or daughter to have the very best in education, invest some time at Trinity High School's Open House on **Tuesday, Oct. 21st, at 7 pm**. Trinity combines a proven curriculum with dynamic teachers and innovative technologies in a caring Catholic learning community. Thanks to small classes that average 14 students, no one gets lost in the crowd. Students come from 40 different communities and graduates historically have a 100% college acceptance rate. 84 of last year's 111 graduates were offered a total of \$12.5 million in academic scholarships. Students grow in faith, scholarship and character at Trinity which is located at the intersection of Bridge St. and Mammoth Rd. in Manchester. To learn more, attend the open house or call 668-2910.

### Open House Holy Family Academy, a private,



Catholic school located in Manchester, will be having a Fall Open House for prospective students on **Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2 pm**, at the Academy. Interested students will have the opportunity to learn more about the Academy by interacting with faculty and students. Come and hear about the Academy's program of excellence in classical education and solid formation in the Catholic faith. Holy Family Academy is currently accepting qualified students in grades 7—12 for the 2015-2016 academic year. For further info., please call 644.7247.