

XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Schedule

Saturday, 18 October **Saint Luke, Evangelist**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

3:35 pm ... Rosary

4 pm ... †Harold & †Anne Magarian by Charles Magarian

Sunday, 19 October **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †Doris Oliver by Jack & Nancy Healy

9:30 am ... Ancient Order of Hibernians and †Alberta Sullivan by Alan Heidenreich

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

Monday, 20 October **Saint Paul of the Cross**

9 am ... †John & †Irene Narkey by Teresa Greene

Tuesday, 21 October

12 pm ... †Edward Houle by Mikki Margaritis

Wednesday, 22 October **Bl. John Paul II**

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... †Cecile D. Moore by a friend

12:35 pm ... Rosary

Thursday, 23 October **Saint John of Capistrano**

8:30 am ... †Sr. Claudette Marie Blais by P. Jerome

Friday, 24 October **Saint Anthony Mary Claret**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... †Dave Foisie by Tom & Yongme Collins

Saturday, 25 October **Saint Luke, Evangelist**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

3:35 pm ... Rosary

4 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sunday, 26 October **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †David & †Anne Foley by Connie Raymond

9:30 am ... Deceased members of the Linehan and Othot families by Irene Tullgren

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... †Kerri Lynn Welch by P. Jerome



Sunday, 19 October

9:20 am ... Children's Religious Education—Parish Hall

10:30 am ... Hibernian Breakfast—Parish Hall

10:45 am ... The Catholic Faith Explained—School Library

10:45 am ... Children's Choir—Parish Hall Classroom

Monday, 20 October

6—7:30 pm ... Youth Ministry/Grades 6-8—Library

7—8 pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, 21 October

12:30—1:30 pm Parish Nurse—Church Conf Room

7 pm ... Pastor's Class—Parish Hall Classroom



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.

Don't forget we have implemented the online giving option for your convenience. You can access the link via our website, www.saint-raphael-parish.com and follow the steps to register for automatic payments or even a one time donation if you prefer. Have questions? Call the rectory at 623.2604 and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Prayer Line 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.



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for **deceased members of Saint Raphael Parish.**



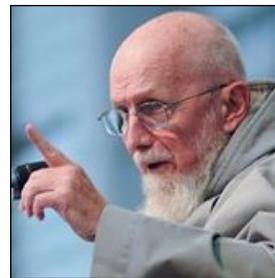
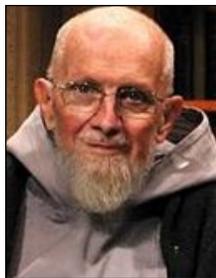
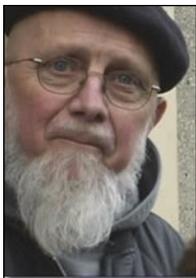
Human life, often wounded, always sacred, sometimes virtuous ... often fun

When confronted by cases of failure, infidelity or mediocrity in the priesthood — and Lord knows they have been — the Catholic people should remember that God also raises up men like **Father Benedict Joseph Groeschel, C.F.R.**, who died at age 81 on Oct. 3, the eve of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, his spiritual patron and inspiration.

From everything I have learned, Benedict Groeschel (*photos above, right*) was a powerhouse of prayer, service and loyalty. Over the course of his life, he was well known as a **preacher, teacher, reformer, writer, story-teller, organizer, fundraiser and advocate**. He visited New Hampshire several times and spoke throughout the Diocese of Manchester, although I am sorry to admit that I never had the opportunity to hear him. For more than 30 years, he was a popular figure on **Mother Angelica's EWTN**, where literally million of Americans came to know and appreciate him. Not since the days of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen has an American Catholic priest enjoyed such popularity on the small screen.

Born in **Jersey City, N.J.**, on July 23, 1933, he was the eldest of the six children of Edward and Marjule (Smith) Groeschel, and educated in local Catholic schools. He entered the **Capuchin branch of the Franciscan family** right after high school graduation, took his first vows in 1952, final vows two years later and was ordained a priest in 1959. Many of his assignments brought him to work with **troubled children and youth**, prompting him to study **psychology and unite it with the compassion of Christ**. He earned a master's degree from Iona College and a doctorate from Columbia in 1970.

At the request of Terence Cardinal Cooke, archbishop of New York, Father Groeschel became the founding director of Trinity Retreat in Larchmont, N.Y. where



walked miles in the bitter cold in the March for Life in Washington. He befriended **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**, and was instrumental in the establishment of a convent of her Missionaries of Charity in New York.

clergy and religious could receive his well-known spiritual direction and psychological counseling.

At the same time, he began his work as a spiritual writer, beginning with *Spiritual Passages* in 1983 and ending with a memoir to be published called *The Life of a Struggling Soul*. He was the author of **more than 45 books and numerous articles**, many of them exploring how men and women, wounded by the difficulties of life, might discover **encouragement, possibility and renewal in Christ**.

In 1974, he became director of the **Office of Spiritual Development** for the New York archdiocese. He continued teaching, serving at Iona, Fordham, the Maryknoll School of Theology and Saint Joseph's Seminary. He spoke at conferences and symposia across the country and abroad.

During the past decade, as he struggled to overcome injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile and later when he sustained a stroke, Groeschel displayed his characteristic **indomitable spirit and sense of humor**. "They said I would never live. I lived. They said I would never think. I think. They said I would never walk. I walked. They said I would never dance, but I never danced anyway."

Groeschel was a **fearless defender of the sanctity of life** at every stage. Frequently, his television show, "Sunday Night Live," would address the issues surrounding abortion. In 1985, he helped found Good Counsel Homes for women who were pregnant and alone, and he

Father Groeschel insisted that Christians need to strive to grow in virtue in the face of contemporary secularism, irreverence and violence, all the while showing the compassion of Christ. "Even when we do not choose evil," he observed, "we choose the good so half heartedly and with so many qualifications that mediocrity becomes our canonized status quo."

As **priest and religious**, Father Groeschel was ready to put his life where his beliefs were. Having happily served for many years with the Capuchins, Groeschel received permission to leave the order so that he might establish a reformed community, the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (C.F.R.)**, dedicated to living the spirit of Saint Francis in a deep, and radical way (*photo at left, below*). That community now numbers approximately 115 members, with a sisters' branch as well. For Father Groeschel, however, the day he left his Capuchin community was among his most difficult experiences.

Always a man who could mix **contemplation, compassion and a touch of the comic**, Father Groeschel wrote in *After This Life: What Catholics Believe about What Happens Next*, "I remember once in the Holy Land seeing a sign in the shape of an arrow along a road. It said, 'Armageddon, 4 kilometers.' If ever there was a sign that made you wonder whether you wanted to continue down a road, this was it!"

Benedict Joseph Groeschel's journey continued not to Armageddon but to encounter after encounter with Christ in his many guises. The memorial card of this good and gentle, wise and courageous priest and friar reads, "**Saint Vincent de Paul said if you love the poor, your life will be filled with sunlight, and you will not be frightened at the moment of death. I wish to witness that this is true.**"

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October 19, 2014

Readings for the week of October 19, 2014

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40



Our parish has raised **\$17,560** 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!

Weekly Collection

October 12, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,304.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 683.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 736.25
Total:	\$ 4,723.25
Stewardship	\$ 1,899.00
Stewardship Loose	\$ 231.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,130.00
Food Pantry	\$ 252.43

Thank you for your generosity!



Saint Raphael Food Pantry This past Monday, October 12, the Food Pantry was closed due to the holiday. We need cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, baked beans, and brown and plastic shopping bags. Thank you!

You Say ... God Says ...

You Say

I can't figure it out.
 I'm too tired.
 It's impossible.
 Nobody loves me.
 I can't forgive myself.
 It's not worth it.
 I'm not smart enough.
 I'm not able.
 I can't go on.
 I can't do it.
 I can't manage.
 I'm afraid.
 I feel all alone.

God Says

I will direct your steps.
 I will give you rest.
 All things are possible.
 I love you.
 I forgive you.
 It will be worth it.
 I will give you wisdom.
 I am able.
 My grace is sufficient.
 You can do all things.
 I will supply all your needs.
 I have not given you fear.
 I will never leave you.

Bible Verses

Proverbs 3:5-6
 Matthew 11:28-30
 Luke 18:27
 John 3:16
 Romans 8:1
 Romans 8:28
 I Corinthians 1:30
 II Corinthians 9:8
 II Corinthians 12:9
 Philippians 4:13
 Philippians 4:19
 II Timothy 1:7
 Hebrews 13:5



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**



CRAFTERS WANTED: St. Anthony School is accepting reservations for a Craft Fair to be held on **Saturday, November 22, 2014**. We offer booths for hand-made products or home-party items. Booth rentals are \$50.00 including an 8 foot table if needed. We limit the number of crafters of similar items, and home party vendors are limited to 1 per company. Reservations will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis. For more information please call St. Anthony School at 622-0414 or visit our website at www.stanthonysschool-nh.com to download an application.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 RSVP. Encourage a friend to attend with you!



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.



PARISH NURSE will be here for blood pressures and screenings on **Tuesday, Oct. 21** in the church conference room following the noon Mass.



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.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Saint Raphael Parish offers Spiritual Direction to those who are going through a loss or transition in life, or who simply want to explore, deepen and broaden their relationship with God. Our Pastoral Assistant, Anna Wallich, trained in Spiritual Direction as part of her Th.M. in Pastoral Care, meets with both men and women. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact her at the parish office, 623-2604 or spdirectionmin@gmail.com.



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. 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 if you would like to sign up.



First time visitor? Welcome! There are cards in the pews for you to fill out with your contact information should you want to register. We'd love to have you! Cards may be placed in the collection basket during Mass.

DAY OF ENRICHMENT: PARABLES: STORIES TO CHANGE OURSELVES AND OUR WORLD

Presented by Mary Schneiders, OP on **Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm** at Saint George Manor/Holy Cross Center, 357 Island Pond Road, Manchester.

Jesus used parables to shake us out of our usual way of seeing things, to help us see as God sees, in order that we might be more effective in helping to bring about the kind of world that God desires for us. Please join us to hear more about these parables. To register, call 603.435.7271 or email berakah@aol.com. Bring a lunch; drinks will be provided. FREE WILL OFFERING.