

# XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Worship Schedule

### Saturday, 25 October

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 ... Linehan & Tullgren deceased by Irene Tullgren

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

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

### Monday, 27 October

12 pm ... ☩Theresa McGrath by Margaret-Ann Moran

### Tuesday, 28 October **Saints Simon and Jude**

12 pm ... ☩William Wisner by Teresa Greene

### Wednesday, 29 October

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... ☩John Cournoyer by P. Jerome, O.S.B.

12:35 pm ... Rosary

### Thursday, 30 October

8:30 am ... ☩Mary Hoey by Colm D'Arcy

### Friday, 31 October

12 pm ... Mass for Saint Benedict Academy

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... ☩Monique Chamberlain by Anne Clark

### Saturday, 1 November **All Saints Day**

9 am ... All Saints Mass

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... Our Parish Family

### Sunday, 2 November **All Souls Day**

7:30 am ... ☩Peter & ☩Carol Caron by Dennis & Eileen Smith

9:30 am ... ☩Walter & ☩Jane Hebert by Dorene Turner

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ☩Paul Boisvert by Gerry & Sylvia Grady



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

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Council will meet on **Monday, Nov. 3** in the parish hall classroom.

Next **Saturday, Nov. 1**, is the **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**. Masses will be Friday, Oct. 31, at 6 pm, and Saturday at 9 am. (Saint Raphael also will celebrate a Mass Friday at 12 noon with the children from Saint Benedict Academy. The first grade will have its annual "parade of the saints.") Sunday, Nov. 2, is **ALL SOULS DAY**, when the Church invites us to remember all our beloved dead, as well as those forgotten by the world, and pray for God's mercy on their souls. All Souls Day will supplant the XXXI Sunday in Ordinary—A. **You are encouraged to attend Mass on both days.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, 26 October

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

10:45 am ... Catholic Faith Explained—SBA Library

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

### Monday, 27 October

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

6—7 pm ... Flu Shots (uninsured adults only) - Chapel

7—8 pm Food Pantry

### Tuesday, 28 October

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

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

### Wednesday, 29 October

7 pm ... Finance Council Meeting—Rectory

### Thursday, 30 October

5:15 pm ... Men's Retreat—SAC



### Oktoberfest: Danke!

A very special thank you to the Catholic War Veteran Wives who helped serve our meal, as well as to those who cooked food and donated desserts. Thank you to everyone who attended our Oktoberfest this past weekend. Food was "Germanalicious," fellowship great! Anna Wallich and Irene Morin and their crew? Wunderbar!



### Saint Raphael Parish Film Festival

Mark your calendars for our annual film festival coming next month. We will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. We will be screening four movies that reflect the ways in which the human spirit copes with the experiences and sacrifices of war. The films will be shown on **Sunday, Nov. 16, 23, 30, and Dec. 7** following the 5 pm Mass. We will start with a light soup supper and begin the movie at 6:30 pm. **Our first film is *Battle Ground*** (originally, *Forbidden Ground*), a 2013 film from Australia about three British soldiers who find themselves stranded in No Man's Land after a failed charge on the German trenches. Set in France 1916.



## Beatification opens 21st century eyes to radiant light of Christ in Paul VI



When I was a **sixth grader** at Saint Joseph School in my hometown, **Sister Roberta Anne** of the **Sisters of Saint Jo-**

**seph**, was our teacher – and she often had interesting, even challenging assignments for us.

One day, she announced that we would have to find a biography of a famous person, someone who had made an impact on the world, and, in addition to the usual book report, we would have to **write a letter to the author of the work**. I thought, even then that writers were pretty cool, that their impact on the world and the human mind, was at least as significant as most presidents, kings and generals.

I discovered a new biography on the newly-elected pope, titled *Shepherd of Mankind: A Biography of Pope Paul VI* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1964) The author was **William E. Barrett**, so it was to William E. Barrett that I penned my letter. Actually, my mom typed the letter for me so that it would look professional – a professional sixth grader? And off it went. This was in 1964, and Pope Paul was settling in as **bishop of Rome, vicar of Christ and Roman pontiff**.

The beloved **Pope John XXIII** had died on June 3, 1963 (the date on which, in due course, I would be ordained a priest), and **Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini**, the archbishop of Milan, was elected supreme pontiff by the college of cardinals meeting in conclave on June 21, 1963. Paul served until **his death at age 80 on Aug. 6, 1978**, dying on the Feast of the Transfiguration. His motto, as bishop and pope, was “cum Ipso in monte,” Latin for “with Him on the mountain.”

Pope Paul VI is back in my mind because earlier this month, at the conclusion of the **Extraordinary Synod of Bishops**, meeting in Rome with **Pope Francis**, the Holy Father beatified Paul, his predecessor and commended his virtues to the whole Church. As a “blessed” of the Church, Paul VI is declared worthy of prayer, veneration and emulation. His feast day will be his birthday, **Sept. 26, 1897**, and he is moved along the way, we pray, to eventual canonization as a saint.

As in life, so in death: Paul VI has been overshadowed by his predecessor and his successor. The warm, jovial and kindly John XXIII rocked the Church to her foun-



dations by summoning the **Second Vatican Council (1962-1965)**, while the engaging, dynamic and powerful **John Paul II** put a firm hand to the rudder of the barque of Saint Peter. In between these two great pontiffs, Paul has been seen as reluctant, timid and fretful, a kind of **ecclesiastical Hamlet** unsure about what to do about the violence and other moral crises swirling around him.



assistance to refugees, the displaced, Jews, Communists, Allied soldiers and others during and after World War II.

Paul was pope during the worst of the Vietnam War and much of the **Cold War**, including the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviets.

The **sexual revolution** erupted during his reign, when traditional restraints fell away, and **contraception, abortion, pornography and prostitution** became issues in many families. In many countries, young people resisted, rioted and revolted against authority. The Church herself was **stressed by tensions** unleashed over implementation of reforms by Vatican II. A liberal vs. conservative divide emerged. Priests and nuns by the thousands quit.

Over all this, Paul VI had to preside. It was as if the windows of the Church, thrown open the fresh air of *aggiornamento*, or renewal, by Pope John, suddenly permitted tornadoes to enter. Papa Montini, who had spent much of his life in the genteel circles of **papal diplomacy**, clearly favored John’s emphasis on renewal and reform. At the same time, he feared the

loss of Catholic heritage and discipline, as well as confusion and disillusion for the flock.

In 1968, he issued his famous encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, Latin for *Of Human Life*, one of the most controversial papal documents ever written. In it, Paul warned of the **threats to human life in abortion and euthanasia,**

**but also reiterated Catholic opposition to artificial contraception as a threat to the sanctity of life** and the integrity of the continuum of life. Many had expected Paul to relax the prohibitions various artificial forms of birth control.

What Paul did, however, was to show the beauty of the divine plan for human life and the moral problems that proliferate when it is interrupted or modified. His **prophetic wisdom** has been demonstrated by the moral decay – promiscuity, cohabitation, contraception, abortion, etc. -- throughout much of the Western world. Some European nations face a falling birth rate as the population of traditional stock plummets, replaced by immigrants from Africa, the Middle East and Asia with different cultures, languages and religions.

Pope Paul made great strides in reaching out to the **Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant communities**, as well as to **Jews and Muslims**. He stressed the role of Mary, whom he named “Mother of the Church.” He promoted social justice as a means to peace. He was the first pontiff in centuries to travel widely – something John Paul II would develop extensively. Paul spoke at the **United Nations**, the first pope to do so, declaring forcefully in French, “*Jamais la guerre, jamais plus la guerre!*” “War never, never again war!”

Many observers believed Paul suffered from a profound sadness over the state of the world and the divisions in the Church. Perhaps. But his own fidelity and love for Christ and his Church remain a radiant legacy from a tumultuous time.

By the way, author William E. Barrett, who had produced such an engaging biography of Paul at the start of his papacy, wrote back to this sixth grader with a kind and informative letter about his research, thanking me for my interest and wishing me happy adventures in the world of books.

# October 26, 2014

## Readings for the week of October 26, 2014

**Monday:** Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30  
**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35  
**Friday:** Phil 1:1-11; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
**Sunday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016



Our parish has raised **\$18,210** of **SRP's goal of \$30,000** towards Catholic Charities. **Thanks to a generous friend who will match each new contribution in Oct. and Nov. up to our goal, we will extend the drive through November.** Please help us reach our goal! Thank you!



Thank you to **Angela Courchesne** and **Sharon Houle** for volunteering to take home the altar server cassocks and surplices and laundering them. We greatly appreciate it!



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.*



CMC Parish Nurse Program, in collaboration with Walgreens Pharmacy, is offering **FREE flu shots** for uninsured adults here at the SRP chapel on **Oct. 27 from 6-7pm.** Feel free to come by and get your flu shot if you haven't already.



**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

**October 19, 2014**

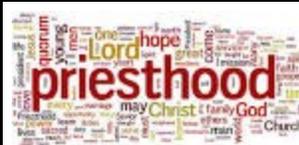
Offertory Regular	\$ 3,552.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 372.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 976.45
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,900.45</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** This past Monday, October 20, the Food Pantry served **35** families and gave out **52** bags of groceries. We need cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and brown paper and plastic shopping bags. Thank you!



**Ashley Boie Fundraiser update:** Thank you to everyone who attended the fundraiser last week and to all who donated towards the fundraiser. More than \$3,000 was raised to help the Boie family with medical expenses. Please keep Ashley in prayer.



This **Sunday, Oct. 26, is Priesthood Sunday**, a celebration of the priesthood organized by lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International. Catholic parishes throughout NH and the US will show support for their priests with prayer and special celebrations Oct. 25-26. Please keep Fr. Jerome, Abbot Mark, and all the Benedictine priests at Saint Anselm Abbey, as well as all diocesan and religious order priests serving in NH, in your prayers. Likewise, please pray for vocations, especially **from your own family!**



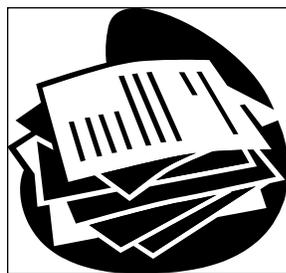
**Respect Life Baby Shower** The Respect Life Committee will have its annual baby shower on **Sunday, Nov. 2, after the 9:30 am Mass.** The baby shower will benefit Our Place and Birthright. Items may be brought to Masses this weekend and next, or dropped off at the rectory during the week between 9am and 4pm. Various items are needed, especially baby wipes, diapers, shampoo and bath wash, and baby formula. Thank you!

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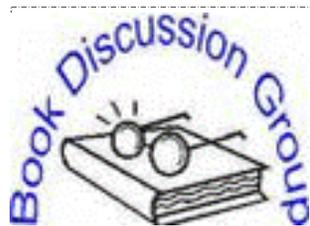
Don't forget we have implemented the online giving option for your

convenience. You can access the link via our website, [www.saint-raphael-parish.com](http://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.



## 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!



On **Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7 pm**, the parish book group will commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I with a discussion of *Regeneration*, an award-winning novel by British writer Pat Barker. Based on the true story of British poet Siegfried Sassoon, himself a decorated war hero, the novel explores the ethical dimensions of warfare and the growing understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder. Books and reading guides are available at the rectory for a cost of \$14. **Readers are asked to bring along any World War I memorabilia and/or photos.**

Please join us in the conference room at the back of the church!



## CLOSING RALLY

**Saturday, Nov. 2, 11am—2 pm**

St. Joseph Cathedral Hall (downstairs)

145 Lowell Street, Manchester

Guest speaker: Ovide Lamontagne, Esq.



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**NH Pro-Life groups will have information tables.**  
**POT LUCK**—bring a main dish or dessert to share!

## SAINT LAWRENCE – GOFFSTOWN

### Tenth Annual Christmas Shopping Fair

**Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 AM to 3 PM**

Come one, Come all! Featuring 23 vendors & crafters; **FREE** admission and on-site parking. Vendors include Avon, Heritage Makers, Inline Accessories, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, & Young Living Oils. Crafters and artisans offer handmade baby/child garments, books, candles, cards, seasonal and religious gifts, felting, floral, food treats, jewelry, linens, quilts, soaps, & wood crafts. Use downstairs rear entrance; handicapped accessible. Offering 50/50 and AFGHAN raffles, delicious baked goods sale treats, door prize compliments of **JACQUES** flower shop, penny sale (a **FREE** ticket for every guest), many new artisan items this year! Children may shop at the children's corner for family/sibling gifts at very affordable prices; each child may pick up a **FREE** treat! Pancake & Bacon Breakfast and Lunch with Homemade Soups available...bargain prices! **Enjoy a FUN day in downtown Goffstown shopping and dining with friends all in one place! For**

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

Presented by Mary Schneiders, O.P., 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](mailto:berakah@aol.com). Bring a lunch; drinks will be provided. **FREE WILL OFFERING.**