

All Souls' Day

Worship Schedule

Saturday, 1 November	Solemnity of All Saint's Day
9 am ... All Saints Mass	
3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation	
4 pm ... Our Parish Family	
Sunday, 2 Nov. Commemoration of Dead, 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	
Monday, 3 November	Saint Martin de Porres
12 pm ... †John & †Frances Bregar by Dave & Nancy Bregar	
Tuesday, 4 November	Saint Charles Borromeo
12 pm ... †Kay Houston by Margaret-Ann Moran	
Wednesday, 5 November	
11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation	
12 pm ... †William & †Phyllis Wiskenski by Teresa Greene	
Thursday, 6 November	
8:30 am ... †Beatrice Levesque (1st Anniv.) by Stu & Denise Harnden	
Friday, 7 November	
5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation	
6 pm ... †John Bouchard by Tom & Yongme Collins	
6:35 pm ... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday, 8 November	
3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation	
4 pm ... Ernest Gleason (5th Anniv.) by Mary Gleason	
Sunday, 9 November	Stewardship Sunday
7:30 am ... †Marion Hock by Dottie DeCotis	
9:30 am ... †Colleen Grady by Dorene Turner	
4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation	
5 pm ... †Helen Mongan Gallup by Estella Mongan Hughes	



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

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



Saint Raphael 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 screen 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 2 November

- 9:20 am ... Children's Religious Ed—Parish Hall
10:30 am ... Respect Life Baby Shower—Parish Hall
10:45 am ... Catholic Faith Explained—SBA Library
10:45 am ... Children's Choir—Parish Hall Classroom

Monday, 3 November

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

- 7—8 pm Food Pantry

- 7 pm ... Pastoral Council Mtg—Parish Hall Clsrn

Tuesday, 4 November

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

Congratulations, Liam!

Liam Quinn, a Saint Raphael parishioner, received the prestigious Saint Timothy Award last Sunday at Saint Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, for his involvement in the Catholic church. Liam, a junior at Trinity High School, Manchester, is the son of parishioner Kathleen Kenney. He was confirmed last year at Saint Raphael's. Congratulations, Liam, on this wonderful accomplishment!



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!

From the Pastoral Assistant: Anna Wallich

The Communion of Saints: A gift from God, a gift to God

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, which is a day of holy obligation most years, though not this one. Why a day of obligation? Because without a sense of belonging to the communion of saints, we often lose sight of who we are: the Body of Christ, the fellowship of all believers. We can forget that there is a sense of reciprocity, a sense of mutual need and support that is uniquely Christian in its origin and purpose.

These days of holy obligation remind us that we belong to something that is greater than our immediate circumstances, greater than our immediate community, greater than our immediate desires and burdens, greater than our immediate understandings and opinions.

As part of the New Evangelization, almost all parishes maintain an active presence on the web to reach not only their own parish members but also those who are seeking a place to worship. One of the tasks of our Echo intern from the University of Notre Dame last year (Sophie Jacobucci) tasks was to design and develop a blog. Sophie Jacobucci, the intern, hoped to communicate with a broader audience than just those under her immediate purview.

Communication enables a community to share beliefs, hopes and goals in common. Without communication, we can't share a common essence and so it was with a great sense of privilege last summer that I "inherited" the role of editor of the parish blog. I do my best to bring together tradition, theological insight, Scripture, and wisdom from the lives of the saints, together with a theme for personal reflection.

As we pray to and for all the saints

this weekend, we also need to reflect on our place in the communion of saints from the Church's very beginning. The communion of saints is a gift from God, people who give themselves to God and to each other out of a common faith and a common love.

This blog post, which Fr. Jerome asked me to reprint below, was written shortly before Pentecost, in many ways fitting since it was on the Sunday after Pentecost that the early church prayed in common for the saints and martyrs:

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me." (John 17:20-24a)

What a difference words can make! While I've read and heard these words of Jesus many times over my life, this morning as I read the Gospel message, Jesus' words Father, they are your gift to me'made me take a second (and third) look. I've always read or heard a variation of those whom you have given me."Even as I open my heart to God and do my best to make God welcome in my life through a lived-out faith, have given"

has always seemed like a relatively passive enterprise.

But to think of ourselves actively as God's gift to Jesus can change how we understand ourselves. What do we do with gifts that we receive? We have a sense of excitement and anticipation about the good things hidden in the box, and when we take off the wrapping paper, open the box and see the gift, there's a sense of joy about having the gift in our lives.

How amazing it is to think of Jesus seeing each one of us as a gift to him, to think of Our Lord opening each and every box that is ourselves with so much pleasure and hopefulness

about our future together! That's how Jesus looks at every one of us for all time, even on days when we feel shabby or lacking. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."(Eph. 2:10)

Sometimes gifts are easy to use from the get-go, but lots of times they have to be put together with all their parts to make them work as they should. As Christians, we know that when we're in God's hands, no matter how long it takes for God to put together all the different parts of our experiences, every big piece and every little bit, every good, troublesome or seemingly meaningless part, everything will find its proper place and become the person we are meant to be.

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Wallich, Pastoral Assistant, June 5,
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Readings for the week of November 2, 2014

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22



Catholic
Charities

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!

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.



†Mikolia "Mike" Sroda who died on October 26,

†Mary Mannon, who died on October 27, and

†Adelaide "Sis" (Earnshaw) Derkasz Hoffman, who died Oct. 18, whose funeral Masses were celebrated last week by P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor. †Russell Grady passed away Oct. 28 and his funeral Mass will be celebrated Nov. 4.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

In Sympathy

Conscience and Your Vote By our baptism, Catholics are committed to following Jesus Christ and to be "salt for the earth, light for the nations." As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This is inherent in the dignity of the human person ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915). **Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 4!**

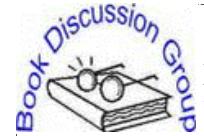


Weekly Collection

October 26, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,222.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 302.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 745.00
Offertory Online Giving	\$ 110.00
Total:	\$ 4,269.00
Stewardship	\$ 62.00
Food Pantry	\$ 70.00

Saint Raphael Food Pantry This past Monday, October 27, the Food Pantry served **43** families and gave out **65** bags of groceries. We need cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and brown paper and plastic shopping bags. Also, gently used blankets, any size, would be appreciated! Thank you!



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!



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:

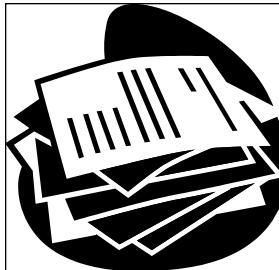
**Danielle Wells
Kenneth Breuder
Philip Breuder**

November 2, 2014



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. **Laminated cards are located on the table at the back of the church for you to drop into the collection basket during the offertory collections.**



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!



Coffee hour is available after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Many thanks to those who faithfully serve in this ministry—please come downstairs to join us following the 9:30 am Mass for fellowship.



Come to the **St. Elizabeth Seton Holiday Craft Fair, Nov. 8**, from **9am-3pm**. With over 45 crafters and artisans there's something for everyone on your Christmas list! 190 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford.

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 further information prior to event day, call 497-2651 or email: saintlawrencesocialcomm@comcast.net.

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. Bring a lunch; drinks will be provided. **FREE WILL OFFERING**.