

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Worship Schedule

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

Monday, 10 November

Saint Leo the Great

12 pm ... Our Parish Family

Tuesday, 11 November

Saint Martin of Tours

~ **Veteran's Day—Office Closed** ~

9 am ... ☩ Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote

Wednesday, 12 November

Saint Josaphat

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... ☩ William Wisner III by Teresa Greene

Thursday, 13 November

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:30 am ... ☩ James Harnden (4th Anniv.) by Stuart & Denise Harnden

Friday, 14 November

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... ☩ Shaun M. Keane by Colleen Byrne

Saturday, 15 November

Saint Albert the Great

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... ☩ Annette Morneau by Pauline Morneau

Sunday, 16 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am ... ☩ Deceased members of the Coulon & Doucet Families by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

9:30 am ... Our Parish Family

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ☩ Colleen Grady by Gerry & Sylvia Grady



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Ryan Huot** by James Huot and Jane Daly.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 9 November

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, 10 November

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

7—8 pm Food Pantry

Thursday, 13 November

7—9 pm Knitting Group—Church Conf Room



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.



Knitting Group will be meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 7 pm in the Church Conference Room. All are welcome to join us for knitting and fellowship.



The Knights of Columbus will celebrate a memorial Mass for the deceased members of the K of C on **Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 pm** in the Chapel. Fr. Robert Smalley will be the celebrant and all are invited to attend.

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH is a Manchester area group of women of diverse faiths who gather to share religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community. We are pleased to invite all women to our next event, Rejoice and Be Glad, to be held on **Monday, December 8th**, at Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect St., in Manchester. Registration starts at 6:15pm, and a tour of the Temple will be available at 6:30 p.m. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. and will include a liturgical dance group, the opportunity to participate in Israeli dance, an Asian Indian classical dance "Kathak," and Aksara, an a capella ensemble. Plan to join us afterward for conversation and holiday treats. Please RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 669.5076.

Slap shots, baskets and tackles can help us hit a home run for Christ

What possessed me to organize the annual Saint Raphael **Men's Evening of Prayer and Reflection** around sports and athletics, I can't say. Maybe it was the fact that, for a while this fall, our Saint Anselm College community was fired up about the **5-0 record** that the Hawk football squad had compiled – the best since the college's return to the gridiron. Maybe it was the excitement in some quarters over the prospects of the Kansas City Chiefs besting the San Francisco Giants to win the 2014 World Series. Maybe it was the students from the women's lacrosse and tennis teams in my class who are always eager to tell me the latest in their competition.

Whatever the stimulus, I decided that we might focus this year's mini-retreat for the guys on the theme "**Slap Shot for Jesus!**" The evening of Oct. 30 focused on the ways sports and athletics can teach us all about the development of a relationship with Christ. Our program called for presentations by two excellent prospects.

The first was **Hubie McDonough**, a former Saint Anselm hockey standout who went on to play pro in the National Hockey League and other organizations. He now serves as director of operations for the **Manchester Monarchs**, a junior franchise of the Los Angeles Kings. Although I've heard about McDonough for years, I first met Hubie this past summer, when he generously brought the **Stanley Cup** back to his alma mater for a day. Each member of the LA Kings outfit had the chance to take one of the most famous trophies in sports home for a day or two, and Hubie included Saint Anselm in his plans – for which we are deeply grateful. **Seven or eight of the Kings players** this past season played for Hubie here in Manchester prior to moving up to LA, and the Kings acknowledged the importance of their farm team.

Jim Herlihy, the **new athletic director** at Saint Anselm, was scheduled to be our second speaker, but was unable to join us at the last minute. So Hubie and I were the main attractions. For Hubie, this was a piece of cake, though I think he's more comfortable on the ice or directing from the sidelines than he is making speeches. For me, the speaking part is relatively easy, but with an official athletic career that consists entirely of a one-day membership on the **Golden Gaels baseball team** of Saint Joseph Regional High School in my hometown, the sporting world is a little alien. But we pulled each other through the



From left, Fr. Jude Gray, O.S.B., Hubie McDonough, Bro. Steven Lawson, O.S.B., and Fr. Jerome Day, O.S.B., with Stanley Cup, 2014.

discussion part of our program.

Hubie described his career and the challenges he faced, but I thought he made some interesting points about **the importance of witness to Christ in college and professional sports**. Unfortunately, many athletes, even some brought up in Catholic families, let religious practice slide when they are called up to the majors. However, those players who take prayer, Mass attendance and Catholic morality seriously attract attention. Hubie said he tried to be regular in getting to Mass, and found encouragement, hope and a **feeling of being "at home"** in the Eucharist, the Word of God and the presence of other believers.

That triggered an engaging and wide-ranging discussion about personal witness and the new evangelization among the approximately 25 men participating in the event at Saint Anselm Abbey, where we joined the **Benedictine monastic community** for Mass and later Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church. In between the services and after Vespers, we had soup, sandwiches and salad catered by **Jerome's Deli**, then coffee and dessert to finish up. The discussion underlined the fact that personal witness is not meant to be aggressive or confrontational, showy or prideful. Rather, it is **the humble execution of acts of faith, hope and love**. Just as athletes who overthink their game or who overplay their moves often stumble and fumble, so too the guy whose act of witness is an end in itself loses his audience.

Hubie and **his wife, Amy**, live in Bedford, have four children and are members of **Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish**. He was surprised to discover that Saint Elizabeth is

a daughter parish of Saint Raphael, the home parish of **Msgr. Jack Quinn**, his pastor. While in the midst of surprising him, I asked if he realized that the first monks went **from Saint Raphael up Shirley Hill** in 1889 to **establish the college** the year after this parish was founded.

During my own presentation, I reviewed some of the old bromides about sports and the spirit. Both sports and religious faith strive to **engage the whole person**: body, intellect, emotion and spirit. Both require **balance and integration**. Both are dynamic, evolving processes. Athletes grow in training, skill and technique, while believers grow in virtue and grace. Athletics and religious faith require training, study and exertion with self-discipline.

In sports and the life of the Church, we work with, under and through a **hierarchy of leaders**, whose purpose is our growth and development. Both sports and the life of faith require rules and regulations, though such things are not the ultimate goal in either case. Players and sports enthusiasts thrive when encountering the **great heroes of the game**, just as men and women of faith profit immensely by encountering **the saints and the living Word of God**, Sacred Scripture, in the Bible.

Both sports and the Church organize themselves through **teams or communities or parishes**, where individuals learn how to cooperate and collaborate for the good of all. We strive for our personal best but at the same time give fully for the common good, the team and the community. **Mutual encouragement**, instruction, correction, discipline and forgiveness are required in both zones of activity.

Anyone who has competed, played or prayed knows that life deals us **wins and losses**, and both require good sportsmanship, or grace and charity. Obviously, significant differences exist between the world of athletics and the realm of faith, but the overlap is both moving and impressive. **Saint Paul** himself uses athletic imagery to describe the experience of faith. In 1 Cor. 9:24-27, he speaks of **running the race of faith**. Just as runners in a stadium seek a **crown of laurel leaves**, the Christian strives to win the "imperishable crown" of eternal life with the Lord. That crown is not reserved for only one triumphant racer, however, but all those who "fight the good fight" and "run the race" toward salvation in Christ.

Stewardship Sunday

Readings for the week of November 9, 2014

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



Catholic Charities

Our parish has raised **\$18,510 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.



Christ the King Brunch Sunday, November 23 is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Following the 9:30am Mass, we will have a brunch in the parish hall. Please join us for brunch, conversation, and fellowship!



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!



Weekly Collection

November 2, 2014

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,590.00
Offertory Make-Up	\$ 894.00
Offertory Loose	\$ 777.35
Offertory Online Giving	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 5,291.35
Stewardship	\$ 165.00
All Saints Day	\$ 1,710.50
Food Pantry	\$ 375.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Raphael Food Pantry This past Monday, November 3, the Food Pantry served **32 families** and gave out **46**



Food Pantry

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!



Respect Life Baby Shower

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank everyone who donated items for their baby shower last weekend. Donations benefited Our Place and Birthright.



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.



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**



Come join us!

SAINT RAPHAEL FILM FESTIVAL

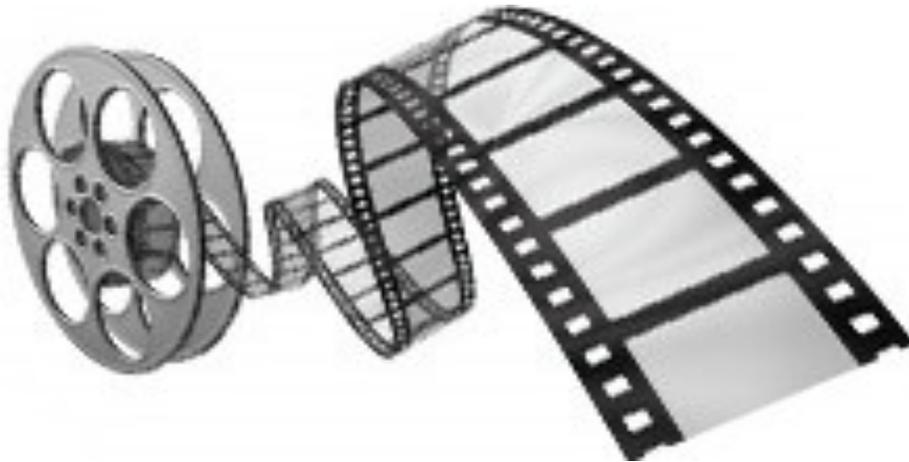


SUNDAYS

SUPPER 6.15 PM, FILM AT 7 PM

Nov. 16, 23, 30 & Dec. 7, 2014

*Enjoy a film, some good food,
some fellowship and some discussion*



The Poppies Still Bloom:

REMEMBERING WORLD WAR I

Screening: *Gallipoli* (1981), *La Grande Illusion* (1937) with subtitles, *Aces High* (1976), and *All Quiet on the Western Front* (1979).

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