

V Sunday of Easter



Saturday, May 2

Saint Athanasius

- 3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
- 3:35 pm ... Rosary
- 4 pm ... †Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sunday, May 3

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- 7:30 am ... †Eileen Audet by Jane Daly
- 9:30 am ... First Communion class by Saint Raphael Parish
- 4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
- 5 pm ... Our Parish Family

Monday, 4 May

- 12 pm ... †Priscilla Canty Graham by Jack & Colleen Byrne

Tuesday, 5 May

- 12 pm ... †Bertrand J. Metivier by P. Jerome
- 6:30 pm ... Coronation of Mary

Wednesday, 6 May

- 11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation
- 12 pm ... †David J. Weners by Margaret-Ann Moran
- 12:35 pm ... Rosary

Thursday, 7 May

- 8:30 am ... †Robert Hughes by Estella Hughes

Friday, May 8

- 5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
- 6 pm ... †William & †Phyllis Wisneski by Teresa Greene

Saturday, May 9

- 3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
- 3:35 pm ... Rosary
- 4 pm ... Saint Raphael Parish Confirmation candidates by SRP

Sunday, May 10

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- 7:30 am ... †Marion Lefebvre by Dottie DeCotis
- 9:30 am ... †Rita DeCotis by Dottie DeCotis
- 4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
- 5 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sunday, 3 May

- 10:30 am ... Coffee and Doughnuts—Parish Hall
- 10:45 am ... Children's Choir—Parish Hall

Monday, 4 May

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

Tuesday, 5 May

- 12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conf. Room
- 2:30—4 pm ... Grief & Loss Group—Church Conf. Room
- 6:30—8 pm ... Youth Ministry/Grades 9-12

Wednesday, 6 May

- 7:30 pm ... Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, 9 May

- 10 am ... Confirmation—Parish of Transfiguration

Sunday, 10 May

- 9:20 am ... Children's Religious Ed—Parish Hall
- 10:30 am ... Coffee and Doughnuts—Parish Hall
- 10:45 am ... Children's Choir—SBA Library



Join us for Evening Prayer, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Crowning of the B.V.M. statue in Our Lady's Bower, the parish garden, **Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm.** (In case of inclement weather, we will crown our indoor statue.) Members of the First Communion class, in their outfits, along with this year's Confirmation candidates, and their families are especially invited to attend. One of the loveliest events of the year!

Confirmation Class



Please pray for our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, May 9 at 10 am** at the Parish of the Transfiguration.

Courtney Lynn Cashin
Elizabeth Chelsea Ducharme
Paul Jacob Piana
Abigail Hanora Smith



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for †**Dorothy**, †**Ray**, and †**Roger Larochelle** by Lil Larochelle.



Roots/Routes of Faith! Following in the Footsteps of Saint Paul— Saint Raphael is planning a **2015 pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey.** The trip **Oct. 7-18** will include **three nights**

at sea as we **cruise key Greek isles in the Aegean!** Interested? Flyers are on website and at back of church.



The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue We want you to be a part of our revival of Saint Raphael's Follies Show **THURSDAY, JUNE 25 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 26.** Singers, dancers, jugglers, comics or whatever, please consider joining the show!

This event can help Saint Raphael raise "fun" AND "funds." See what you and your friends can do! **Register by May 1. Forms and further details are at www.saint-raphael-parish.com and flyers are at the back of the church.**

From the Pastor: Father Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.

Remembering, and learning, 40 years after the end of Vietnam War

Maybe it's because my college classmates will be celebrating our 40th reunion next month or maybe it's because of a fair bit of media attention in recent days, but I've been very conscious of **the end of the Vietnam War four decades ago** this past week. Just before I and my friends in the Class of 1975 received our diplomas from Saint Anselm College in May of that year, the final scenes of the long war in southeast Asia were playing out – and those images from the end were disturbing. They underlined in many ways the **suffering, sacrifice and futility of so many for so long**.

I remember news reports on the television and in the local paper of the crowds thronging at the gates of **the American embassy in Saigon**. People, many of whom had worked with or for U.S. interests in South Vietnam, were terrified of what life under communist rule might be.

I remember pictures of the thin ladders leading up to the doors on the helicopters that landed atop the embassy to take the last remaining American personnel and selected South Vietnamese refugees out of the city and to nearby U.S. Navy carriers in the South China Sea, the last acts of 2.5 million U.S. troops who served in Vietnam.

I remember the tanks, bedecked with flags, that crashed through **the gates of the presidential palace**. Victorious troops from North Vietnam and their Viet Cong allies, the insurgents who had fought French and later American troops for years, looked alternately drawn, satisfied and amazed.

And I remember the South Vietnamese helicopters, also laden with refugees, landing on **American ships**. With limited space on deck, once passengers had disembarked, the choppers were pushed into the sea to make room for others that might escape.

What I remember, of course, is all flickering image, newsprint and glossy magazine photos. Unlike many, including some from Saint Raphael, I did not serve in Vietnam. I



1968. An outstanding athlete, he was only 20 years old, and, happily for his family, Pete's body was recovered for burial at

home. was just under the age when the draft, which was still real then, swooped up swathes of young men and sent them to basic training first and the jungles soon afterwards. During my freshman year at St. A's, the final lottery that would actually use its numbers, matched to various calendar dates, to call men up to service was held. A bunch of us **huddled in Hillary Hall** to listen as successive random birthdays began to shape lives.

It didn't take long for the tension in the room to work its way into my worst fears, and I told the guys I was just going to class as on any day. Most of them planned to listen for most of the morning through the whole broadcast. Around noon, one them caught up with me on the tower stairs leading to Alumni Hall.

"Joe, I wrote down what number you got. You won't believe it!" he said.

I was ready for the worst.

"**It's number 356!**" I couldn't believe my good fortune. Nobody I knew wanted to go to Vietnam, not even Mike, who had been accepted at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. We were glad he was in the Navy. It was safer, we thought. We didn't want to go, but I suspect most of us would have gone had we been called up. We did have a quiet admiration for those who did. In our world, there was no contempt for servicemen that we heard about.

Pete Foote had taken care of that.

Peter Wellesley Foote (photo, right), born in North Adams, MA, on Aug. 24, 1947, was an Army infantry man with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He arrived in Vietnam at the end of March in 1967 and was killed in the opening of the Tet Offensive by enemy small arms fire in Phu Yen province on Jan. 30,



I remember going to "the Wall" for the first time. The Wall is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Mall in Washington, and I figured I would find Pete's name and say a prayer, even though I did not personally know him. But I discovered that the names are listed as the troops fell, not alphabetically, and there are more than 58,000 names on the wall. I couldn't find his name then, but he had my prayer.

Two men from Saint Raphael, as far as I know, are on the memorial wall as well: **Paul Nadeau** and **Raymond Mroczynski**.

In the face of carnage, injury, destruction and loss, prayer is vital – not just for Vietnam but for all violence, including current troubles in the **Middle East** and **Africa** with radical Islamic jihadists. In the years since the end of the Vietnam War, I've discovered one story of courage or compassion, survival or sacrifice after another.

I've heard about things that make me proud of our service men and women, and although I am in no position to judge, I've learned about some whose failure disgraced the uniform. I've had students in my classes at Saint Anselm who come from Hanoi, capital of the North during the war, and now capital of the united country. Their parents have status in the communist system – and yet they send their children to a Catholic college in the homeland of their old enemy. And the students are among our best, intelligent, lively and fascinated by America. **Hanoi** and **Washington** have formal relations and are, increasingly, good trading partners, sometimes even cooperating on the world stage. We have run **study trips from St. A's** to Vietnam. Likewise, I've met Vietnamese-Americans whose parents were among those fleeing their beleaguered homeland in the last days of the war and who had to struggle to make a new life here.

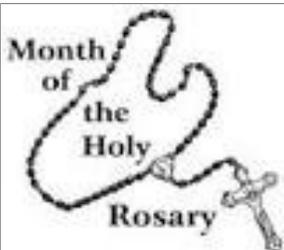
Forty years after **the last choppers** lifted off from an embassy roof, Vietnam remains an opportunity and a challenge, a hope and a mystery. **May prayer and concern for others**



May 3, 2015

Readings for the week of May 3, 2015

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19



A reminder to our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist serving at the 4pm Vigil Masses for the month of May that we will pray the Rosary at 3:35pm. Please plan to arrive on time so that you may lead the Rosary on the day you are serving. The Rosary will also be said on Wednesdays during May following the 12:30pm daily Mass. Thank you!



Grief and Loss Group starts this Tuesday

Saint Raphael Parish is starting a support group for those who have lost a loved one in the past few years and want support in their journey of grief. This six-week structured support group will meet on Tuesday afternoons in the church conference room, from 2:30-4 pm, **May 5 through June 9**, and will be facilitated by Therese Dame and Anna Wallich. Please call Therese at 647.2283 or Anna at 623.2604 if you would be interested in participating.

INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH is a Manchester area group of women of many faiths who gather to share our religious beliefs, cultures and traditions to develop understanding and friendship among us. We are pleased to invite all women to join us for our next event, "Breaking Bread Together" on **Monday, May 4, 6:45 pm**, at First Congregational Church, 508 Union St. in Manchester. Bread plays a central role in many of our faith traditions. Come to listen, learn, share, and taste breads from our many traditions. RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com call Veronica at [603.669.5076](tel:603.669.5076).



Please join the Book Group in welcoming the Spring sunshine by reading Richard Paul Evans' *The Walk*. This moving novel chronicles one man's physical and spiritual journey from tragedy to wholeness, and can give us great insight into how God sends special people into our lives when we need them most. We will meet on **Thursday, May 28, at 7 pm** upstairs in the church classroom. Books, walking journals, and an activity sheet are available in the parish office for \$12.

Weekly Collection

April 26, 2015

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,269.00
Offertory Make-Up	393.00
Offertory Loose	890.50
Offertory Online Giving	210.00
Total:	\$ 4,762.50
Stewardship	\$ 80.00
Food Pantry	\$ 1,153.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Saint Raphael Food Pantry

On Monday, April 27, the Food Pantry served **27** families and gave out **36** bags of groceries. We are in need of soup, macaroni & cheese, and Spaghettios. Be sure to LIKE us on our new Facebook Page—**Saint Raphael Food Pantry / Hope Chest** to get news and updates!



Like us on Facebook and get updates and information about Saint Raphael!



Baby Bottle Fundraiser The Saint Raphael Respect Life Committee is sponsoring its 6th Annual Baby Bottle fundraiser to benefit Care-Net Pregnancy Center. **Bottles will be available for distribution Mother's Day weekend, May 9-10**, at the back of the church and in the chapel. Please limit bottles to one per family and return your bottle on Father's Day weekend, June 20-21. We look forward to your help in making this project a success again this year.



A shout out to **Nathan Podziewski**, one of our long time altar servers, son of Daniel and Lucy Podziewski and grandson of Tom and Alice Benard, who received the Robert A. Stuart Award for best performance following the West High Theatre Knights' presentation of "Story Theatre" at the NH Educational Theatre Guild State Drama Festival March 27 and 28. Congratulations, Nathan!

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Parish Giving

Saint Raphael has 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 just a one time donation. 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.**



ish office at 497.2651.

The Goffstown Council 5112 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a dinner and concert featuring Paul Bordeleau at Saint Lawrence Church in Goffstown on Saturday evening **May 16 at 5:45pm**. Tickets for the Dinner and Concert are modestly priced at \$25 per person (\$100 per family max.) or \$10 for the concert only (\$30 per family max.). Tickets can be obtained by contacting Knights of Columbus / Jim Finn at 497.3773 or Saint Lawrence Parish office at 497.2651.



call the Saint Anthony Rectory office at 625.6409.

Saint Anthony Parish in Manchester has an opening in its Music Ministry for a guitarist to lead the music with the Folk Group at the 4pm Mass on Saturdays year round. This is a paid position. Applicant must be a skilled musician who can also sing well. Rehearsals take place 1 hour before Mass. For more information, please



Our 2015 Catholic Charities fundraising drive will begin this month. Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000. Please watch for additional information this month.



Calling all writers, poets, artists, photographers, and anyone with other creative talents! Please consider sending some of your work to Saint Raphael's new literary magazine. You can bring a sample of your work to the parish office or send it to talentsliterarymagazine@gmail.com or talentsliterarymagazine@gmail.com. For more detailed information, pick up one of the flyers at the doors of the church. The submission deadline is **May 15**, so please respond soon. Let your light shine!

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.*



NOTHING that has happened to you is a surprise to GOD. God will still get you to where you're supposed to be.



Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College Room is still available for the Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH! The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2015. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from **Sunday, July 26 – Saturday, August 8, 2015**. Register today at www.NortheastCatholic.edu! For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or [603.456.2656](tel:603.456.2656).

World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage and Papal Mass The Diocese of Manchester is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families, in Philadelphia, from Sep. 22—27, 2015. Participants from around the U.S. and the world will convene to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families, and those who minister to families, opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have. Pope Francis will visit Philadelphia and celebrate a public Mass on Sunday, Sep. 27. For information and pilgrimage details go to the diocesan website (www.catholicnh.org/wmof).