

XII Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saturday, 20 June

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sunday, 21 June

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7:30 am ... ☩John Deswert (5th Anniv.) by Margaret Deswert

9:30 am ... ☩Lucille M. Kelley by the Kelley family

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ☩Harvey Clement by his family

Monday, 22 June **Sts. Paulinus , John Fisher, Thomas More**

12 pm ... ☩Deceased members of the Linehan & Tullgren families by Irene Tullgren

Tuesday, 23 June

12 pm ... Carlotta Robbins (living) by a friend

Wednesday, 24 June

The Nativity of John the Baptist

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... ☩Jean E. Finn by Joyce Talley & P.J. Guill

Thursday, 25 June

8:30 am ... ☩Rita Lavigne (1st Anniv.) by Jane Daly

Friday, 26 June

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... ☩Eileen Audet by Linda Beland

Saturday, 27 June

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... ☩Norris Joy by Bob & Carmelle Larochelle

Sunday, 28 June

XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am ... ☩Eileen Audet by Esther Leclerc

9:30 am ... ☩Romain & ☩Louise Marcoux by Diane Gallant

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sunday, 21 June

10:30 am ... Coffee & Donuts—Parish Hall

Tuesday, 16 June

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

Wednesday, 17 June

7 pm ... Right to Life Meeting—Church Conf. Room

Thursday, 18 June

7 pm ... Book Discussion Group—Church Conf. Room

Lynne Hartshorn Memorial Blood Drive—



Thank you! Thank you to all who came out to support the blood drive last week. Whether you donated blood or food to help the cause, we are very grateful!



We salute all our dads, granddads, godfathers... Please help yourself to a pen/stylus in the baskets at the entrances of the church and chapel. Happy



Save the date! VBS... Saint Raphael's ever popular Vacation Bible School is coming! This year, VBS will be **July 13-17 from 9 am—12 pm.** This year's theme is

"Everest—Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Registration forms can be found on our website, www.saint-raphael-parish.com, under the link 'News and Events'. You don't have to be a member of Saint Raphael to attend, so invite your friends and join in the fun!



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Edward J. Moran** by Margaret-Ann Moran.



Congratulations and best of luck to **Michael McLaughlin**, principal of Saint Benedict Academy, who will conclude his service this month to take

an assistant principal's position at Austin Preparatory School in North Reading, MA. Mr. McLaughlin has been principal of SBA for the past two years and will be sorely missed. We welcome **Beverly Broomhall**, who has served as interim principal at Infant Jesus School, Nashua, and earlier was principal at the former Villa Augustina, Goffstown, will assume the position of principal at the school. Welcome, Mrs. Broomhall!



Baby Bottle Fundraiser Reminder—Bottles should be returned this weekend. Checks can be made payable to CareNet Pregnancy Center.. Thank you for helping to make this fundraising effort a success again this year!



Lifeline Screening will be at Saint Raphael Parish on **Monday, July 6.** This preventative health screening

can detect your risk for serious disease and help to save your life and the lives of your loved ones through simple, painless, preventive health screenings. More information is available in the pink fliers at the back of the church.

Laudato Si', invoking Saint Francis, seeks protection of the Earth

Papal **encyclicals**, certainly for the past half century, have attracted a fair bit of attention. The press, commentators, governments and social and educational institutions often react to them and consult them and sometimes adopt part of their teaching, especially when their message is directed in part to the world beyond the Church herself.

The attention the encyclical by **Pope Francis** issued this past week, **Laudato Si'**, not only exemplifies this phenomenon but exceeds it. At least two reasons account for this reaction: the Holy Father is asking that men and women substantially **change their behavior** and he has **taken sides with science** in the political disputes over climate change – and human impact on such change.

Although they are often long, every encyclical is a letter, rooted in the pope's ordinary **magisterium, or teaching authority**, sent to the bishops of the world for distribution to the Catholic faithful. Often an encyclical also addresses other communities as well – but it is primarily a message to the brothers and sisters of Christ in his Mystical Body. As such, each of us owes such a papal message **a careful reading and a generous response of the heart, mind and will**. An encyclical may not have the highest status of infallible teaching, but it is a serious, well-considered reflection on an issue of faith, ecclesial life and responsibility in the world.

Pope Francis this week issued **Laudato Si'**, a title meaning "Praised Be"

and **drawn from the early vernacular Italian poetry of his beloved namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi** (1181-1226), the patron saint of environmental and ecological concerns. I would like to discuss the background a proper concern over the environment has in Christian life and Catholic identity. That concern begins with the praise due God for the gift and bounty of his Creation. Sometimes politicians and business and industry leaders **dismiss** Church initiatives on public policy, the economy or the environment with the **derisive sneer**, "Why don't they stick to what they know about. Lighting candles or something."



Let me propose a metaphor, the inevitable strategy of preachers, English teachers and newspaper editors. **Imagine we were in an open boat in rough seas**. Looking down at sides and bottom of the boat, we saw water seeping in and getting our feet increasingly wet. Imagine too that there were a couple of guys in the boat with us who were horsing around for their own amusement and thus causing the boat to tilt dangerously back and forth.



causing the boat to tilt and spin?

Most of us, I believe, would want the captain to **exert some authority** to control the situation because the leaks need to be plugged and the misbehaving guys need to be controlled. Moreover, I think most of us would recognize **the right and responsibility of anyone else in the boat to raise her or her voice to support the captain's initiatives**. And if the captain – here, we might understand world governments – was asleep at the switch, we would recognize the need for other passengers in the boat to raise their voices to bring about appropriate action. The lives of everyone in the boat depend on the quick and appropriate

resolution of the concerns about leakage and capsizing.

In many ways, **Planet Earth is that little boat**. We're still floating along, and, true, a great many things affecting our circumstances are beyond our control. But if the seas get any rougher, we will have some immediate problems. A giant white shark could come along and chomp through the back of the boat. While we are in the boat, we need to recognize that **our behavior – both our action and our inaction – has a definite, immediate and lasting effect** on the prospects of our survival. The way we organize our economy to consume resources and produce waste, the way we alter landscape and water supplies, the way we emit carbon into the atmosphere with its impact on the air we breathe, the way we destroy the ozone layer in the atmosphere, the way we fuel our cars, heat and cool our homes, schools and offices, even the way we control our fertility and thus our populations have consequences on our lives and the lives of everyone around us. Indeed, **human behavior occurs within a system of integrated, inter-related actions**.

Everything I do affects, on some level, everyone else. That is one area where science and faith can find obvious agreement. Consequently, the fate of our environment, whether it is greenhouse gas emissions, ozone depletion, fossil fuel reliance, alternate energy reliance, huge income-level inequalities, glacial melting, rising temperatures or higher sea levels – all of it is our mutual business.

As a society, the U.S. may not be able to solve all environmental problems around the world. **We are not to blame for every issue, but we do have large responsibilities** and a great tradition of technological innovation. Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Russia and her former Soviet client-states all have roles to play, as do the new, powerful economies of China, India and Brazil.

Our Holy Father is reminding us all of our obligations to each other and to our mother, the Earth. God, our Eternal Father, has given us one beautiful blue and green planet, a home that reflects the light of the sun and stars and nurtures the life of us all in his grace. Pope Francis, summoning the spirit of the Francis of Assisi in **Laudato Si'**, is calling us to confront our environmental and climate challenges with intelligence, resolve and love for each other.

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June 21, 2015

Readings for the week of June 21, 2015

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5; **Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14; **Wednesday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17. Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80; **Thursday:** Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29; **Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4; **Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17; **Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]



**Roots/Routes of Faith!
Following in the Footsteps of
Saint Paul—Saint Raphael's 2015
pilgrimage to Greece and
Turkey is moving forward!** The

trip **Oct. 7-18** will include **three nights at sea** as we **cruise key Greek isles in the Aegean!** Interested? Flyers are on our website and at back of church. **Still time to sign up! Deadline for deposit is June 30!** Invite your family and friends to join us! Please call the rectory at 623.2604 if you are interested or have questions. Forms are available on our website, www.saint-raphael-parish.com.

Weekly Collection

June 14, 2015

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| Offertory Regular | \$ 2,913.00 |
| Offertory Make-Up | 234.00 |
| Offertory Loose | 746.10 |
| Offertory Online Giving | 210.00 |
| Total: | \$ 4,103.10 |
| Stewardship | \$ 1,772.00 |
| Stewardship Online Giving | 60.00 |
| Stewardship Loose | 338.50 |
| Total Stewardship: | \$ 2,170.50 |
| Food Pantry | \$ 559.00 |



Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, June 15, the food served **28** families and gave out **60** bags of groceries. We are in need of 28 oz. cans of baked beans and soup.

In Sympathy

Please pray for parishioner **†Eugene Mackie**, who passed

away June 4 in Florida.

The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue

A TALENT SHOW FOR THE NOT-SO-FAINT-OF-HEART!



Tickets are just \$10 each. Checks can be made payable to Saint Raphael Parish.

THURS., 25 JUNE OR FRI., 26 JUNE 2015, 7:30 PM
KOONZ THEATER, DANA CENTER, SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE
SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH
MANCHESTER, NH 03102

There will be door prizes and raffles totaling in value of over \$1,000 and the entertainment will be, of course, priceless.

Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the event, after all of our weekend Masses (Sat, 4pm, Sun 7:30am, 9:30am, 5pm) or M-F 9am-4pm at the rectory, 103 Walker Street, Manchester. Please go to www.saint-raphael-parish.com or call 603 623-2604 for further info.