

XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions
for the Week

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, 27 June **Saint Cyril of Alexandria**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
4 pm ... †Norris Joyce by Bob & Carmelle Larochele

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

Monday, 29 June **Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

12:30 pm ... †Dot, †Ray and †Roger Larochele by Lil Larochele

Tuesday, 30 June

12:30 pm ... †Fr. Bob Couto by Kerri Stanley

Wednesday, 1 July

12:30 pm ... †Margaret McLaughlin by Virginia Murphy

Thursday, 2 July

12:30 pm ... †Dan Halpin Jr. by P. Jerome

Friday, 3 July **Saint Thomas, Apostle**

12:30 pm ... †Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. by Cynthia Hobbs
12:35 pm ... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, 4 July

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
4 pm ... †Ed & †Peggy Moran by Margaret-Ann Moran

Sunday, 5 July **XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †Pauline Nadeau by Jaye Soderberg
9:30 am ... †Yvette Kilroy by Diane Bolton
4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
5 pm ... †Mr. & Mrs. Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. by Cynthia Hobbs

Tuesday, 30 June

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



Please note that this coming week the daily Mass will be at 12.30 pm each day, Monday through Friday, June 29-July 3. Wednesday and Friday confessions will be suspended. The regular schedule of weekend Mass will be resumed Saturday, July 4. During July and August, the office will be closed Fridays. The rectory will be open Monday—Thursday between 9am and 4 pm.



Baby Bottle Fundraiser Thank you! Many thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event to support the CareNet Pregnancy Center. We are very grateful!

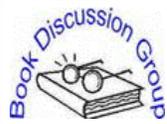


Save the date! VBS... Saint Raphael's ever popular Vacation Bible School is coming! This year, VBS will be **July 13-17 from 9 am—12 pm.** This year's theme is

"Everest—Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Registration forms 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! **Deadline to register is July 1, so hurry!**



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Our Parish Family.**



It's Movie Night! Come join the parish book discussion group for a screening of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the 1962 film starring Gregory Peck. We'll meet on **Thursday, July 16, at 7 pm** in The Pastor's Classroom. Please use the Ferry Street entrance. Hope to see you there!



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.



Ed Sullivan and Florenz Ziegfeld couldn't have been happier with a show than I with all the work, creativity and dedication invested in our the revival of our

parish minstrel shows with The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue. Everybody involved "broke a leg," and happily no one got hurt! A tremendous success and congratulations to all involved. We'll have a full report on the show next week.

40th reunion underlines truth: life, death happen but grace endures

This past month, my college classmates and I celebrated our **40th reunion at Saint Anselm College**. We were joined by hundreds of fellow alumni who were graduated either in a year ending in 5 or zero, although there were many on campus as well to celebrate completion of the college's 125th anniversary.

The weekend was wonderful in many respects, although I have to admit I find it **hard to get my head around** the four decade mark! Maybe that's the way it is with everyone, but I can remember my mom's 40th high school reunion and all the good-natured jesting she endured – and that event seems many years ago. For me to claim such a milestone on my own calendar just boggles the mind.

The Saint Anselm **Class of 1975** had an excellent turnout, so it was no surprise a lot of us showed up at the Friday evening class gathering in the pub. As the years continue to roll on, the college is having a difficult time finding places for each anniversary class to gather. We were lucky. Getting up in years, we finally managed to secure some prime real estate, the front end of the air-conditioned coffee shop.

It was great seeing old friends, some of whom I hadn't laid eyes on since **May 11, 1975, the day of our Commencement**. That was when **U.S. Sen. John Warner, R-VA**, spoke about plans to celebrate the nation's 200th birthday the coming year. Warner would depart from his text and wax poetic about the values that built Saint Anselm – and how much he wanted to embrace them.

Whether he internalized Benedictine and Catholic values I don't know, but he was able to go to embrace **actress Liz Taylor**, his future and later ex-wife. So it goes.

Among the pals were classmate **Jimmy Sullivan** and his wife **Ileen Forgarty Sullivan**, who's a 1976 St. A's grad, who's been taking radiation and chemical treatments for the past few months. She's holding her own – and, when Jimmy behaves, his head. To show his solidarity with Ileen, **Jim became a "baldie"** – and he has done his best to make

**KEEP CALM
THE CLASS
reunion is
coming 2015**

a tough situation a time of love, solidarity and encouragement peppered with good Irish humor.

We weren't so lucky with classmate **Mike Scanlon**. Mike was able to make Reunion 2015 on Saturday afternoon, and because of duties here at Saint Raphael, I missed him. Nonetheless, I was thrilled that he and his wife came up to Manchester from Mendon, MA. My crowd of classmates fell all over Mike, a low-key but quite popular fellow who's been battling **pancreatic cancer** this past year. Word came this past week, that he lost his battle and, as I write this column, a number of us hope to be at his funeral Mass Saturday morning.

While chatting with **Ken Beliveau**, who's just moved to the Portsmouth area with his wife, I learned that he's still interested in politics, national and local. He was telling me that he was chair of the board of selectmen in his town of **Greenland**, when **Police Chief Michael Maloney** was shot and killed and four other officers wounded while on a drug raid in 2012. Ken was telling me how wrenching it was to grieve the loss of friends and colleagues, console the families of the murdered police officer and other who were wounded and maintain public order and calm.

Saturday morning and afternoon were filled with activities for classes, families and children, then in the evening we gathered for **a formal dinner** with our classes. Again, 40 years gets you a few aches and pains, a wrinkle here and there and preferred seating. We were in Davison Hall and it was fun to table hop and catch up with kids, grandkids and retirements. I get the kids and grandkids bit, but the retirements seem way too early to me.

Somehow, the classmates heard that I'd marked **20 years as a Benedictine priest** this June, so even though some of them have marriages that are almost as long as our college graduation, they made a fuss about my ordination and **presented a lovely cake** to

me. Because I was busy talking to this one and the other one, my slice was a sliver, plus a lot of crumbs. But you know what? It's the fact that they wanted to do that that makes the gesture even sweeter than the frosting.

What a privilege it was to serve as principal **celebrant and homilist** for our Reunion Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. It told the story of how, as seniors, I had helped organize the election of a class speaker for the commencement exercises. I thought I'd engineered it pretty well, but my classmates chose **Bob Sullivan of Holyoke, MA**, another English major, to give the oration. Well, I thought, that didn't work out the way I planned!

Bob was great – and even came by that night to ask for some ideas and help in pulling his speech together. He was fine, in fact, and I remember he spoke about how, as freshmen, we all were quite sure that **we would change Saint Anselm** to fit our needs and perspectives, and how, four years later, we discovered that the college had, in fact, **changed us**.

I used Bob's idea and emphasized that one of the reasons we were changed was because we were fed – by the lives of monks, faculty and staff people, well as all those at home we loved, by the nature of a **Catholic liberal arts education in a Benedictine context** and by the **Eucharist**, which was and remains central to the life of every Catholic college, university and parish. We are fed by God's love, revealed in **Jesus Christ**.

Commencement speakers always tell you when you leave campus, you will **encounter life** in all its fullness. After 40 years, I'd say they're right. © Rev. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.

Readings for the week of June 28, 2015

Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19; Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19; **Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27; **Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34; **Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; **Friday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29; **Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891; **Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;



**Saint Raphael
Food Pantry**
On Monday, June
22, the food served

32 families and gave out 49 bags of groceries. We are in need of 28 oz. cans of baked beans and soup. Be sure to LIKE us on our new Facebook Page—Saint Raphael Food Pantry / Hope Chest to get news and updates!

Weekly Collection

We are in the process of switching our census database system in accordance with diocesan guidelines and will have the June 21 financial reports included in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your patience while we go through our