



*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Saturday, 26 September **Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**

**3:30 pm** ... Confession & Reconciliation

**4 pm** ... †Connie Gagne & †Richard O'Dowd by Claire O'Dowd

### Sunday, 27 September **Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels**

**7:30 am** ... †Eileen Audet by Raymond & Diane Francoeur

**9:30 am** ... †Edward Bolton by Diane Bolton

**4:30 pm** ... Confession & Reconciliation

**5 pm** ... Our Parish Family

### Monday, 28 September **Sts Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz**

**12 pm** ... †Joyce Cash by Connie Raymond

### Tuesday, 29 September **Archangels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael**

**12 pm** ... †Dominik Martin by SBA Students & Staff

### Wednesday, 30 September **Saint Jerome**

**11:30 am** ... Confession & Reconciliation

**12 pm** ... †Gerald P. Fitzgerald by Pat Morrissey

### Thursday, 1 October **Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus**

**8:30 am** ... Theresa Chabot (living) by Anne Clarke

### Friday, 2 October **The Holy Guardian Angels**

**5:30 pm** ... Confession & Reconciliation

**6 pm** ... †Mary & †Tom Kilrain, Sr., by Peggy Kilrain

**6:35 pm** ... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday, 3 October

**3:30 pm** ... Confession & Reconciliation

**4 pm** ... †Leo & †Doris Moreau by her family

### Sunday, 4 October **XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:30 am** ... Our Parish Family

**9:30 am** ... †Edward Heroux by Irene & Claude Morin

**4:30 pm** ... Confession & Reconciliation

**5 pm** ... †Sylvia Hobbs by Cynthia Hobbs

### Sunday, 27 September

**10:30 am** ... Solemnity of the Archangels Breakfast—Parish Hall

### Monday, 28 September

**6:30—8 pm** ... Youth Ministry/Gr. 6-12 —Parish Hall

**7—8 pm** ... Food Pantry

### Tuesday, 29 September

**12:30 pm** ... Parish Nurse—Church Conference Room

### Sunday, 4 October

**3:30 pm** ... Blessing of the Pets—Main Church Entrance

### **Solemnity of the Archangels Breakfast.**



Help us celebrate our patronal feast, of the Solemnity of the Archangels on **Sunday, Sept. 27, following the 9:30 am Mass.** The menu will feature homemade pancakes, home baked beans, breakfast sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, muffins, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Suggested minimum offering of \$5 for adults, \$2 for children age 10 and under; children under 2 eat FREE! All proceeds will go towards the purchase of (gasp!) new hymnals. Father Jerome, O.S.B., pastor, finally has approved the project! More information will follow about the hymnals.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Raphael Parish will celebrate this great saint's love "for all creatures great and small" Bring your family pets to the parish, where P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor, will bless the animals during a short service on **Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3:30pm** at the church entrance. Please have your animals on a leash or in a restrainer. Crocodiles permitted but only with explicit permission!



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for †**Connor James Laveille** by Uncle Nick & Auntie Brenda.



Save the dates! **The Pastor's Class**, fall session, will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 20 and 27, and Nov. 3 and 10 at 7pm.** To mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the new church at Saint Raphael Parish, Fr. Jerome will facilitate a discussion of the meaning of sacred space and church architecture. We will explore the biblical roots of worship space, Church teaching, history of ecclesiastical architecture, design and construction of the churches at Saint Raphael and Saint Anselm and at least one new church project under way now in NH. We expect to have a guest speaker or two. The class will be in The Pastor's Classroom in the parish hall. Please call the parish office at 623-2604 or email [secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com](mailto:secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com) if you plan to attend! We'd love to see you!



**Our Lady of Fatima** We are privileged to have the blessed statue of Our Lady of Fatima displayed in our sanctuary for October to promote devotion to Her Immaculate Heart and the Rosary. If you would like to bring Our Lady of Fatima into your home for one or two weeks after the church visit, please fill out the form on the table at the back of the church and the coordinator of visits will contact you.

## Junipero Serra, our newest saint, struggled 'always forward' for Christ

When Pope Francis proclaimed a **little Franciscan friar** to be a saint of the Church this past week, he thrilled a lot of people – the worldwide Franciscan family of priests, brothers and sisters; many Hispanic Americans; a lot of folks in California, which his work essentially established; many native Americans, whose ancestors he assisted; and, well, me.

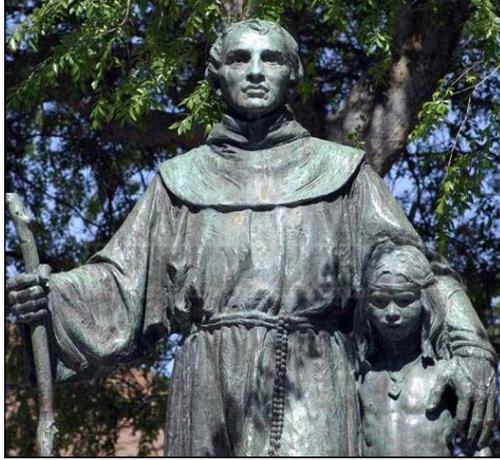
The pope's decision to move the canonization of **Blessed Junipero Serra (1717-1784)** forward precipitated some controversy. Not everyone was happy about making Padre Junipero a saint. Sadly, some critics associate his missionary efforts in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in Alta California with the **worst consequences of Spanish colonialism**. The critics, including some vocal Native Americans, make some important points, but I believe they are taking aim at the wrong target.

When I was in grade school, the sisters taught us that much of the impetus behind the exploration of the New World was "**gold, glory and God**." Often, the spiritual dimension trailed the glitter of this world. The great colonial powers – **Spain, Portugal, France and England** – saw the Americas, Africa and Asia as areas that would enhance their power and fatten their coffers. Natural resources could be exploited, trade developed and personal ambition realized. In time, Europeans saw that the New World offered refuge, colonies and new beginnings.

Had they found powerful civilizations wherever they went, things might have turned out quite differently, but, in fact, they found **relatively simple societies** across the Atlantic. True, Native Americans had refined social systems, complex legal structures and governments and fascinating belief systems, but they were no match for the technology, weaponry and economics of the white Europeans. Throughout the 16-18<sup>th</sup> centuries, this encounter between civilizations and cultures went badly for Native Americans, who lost huge numbers to **violence, disease, slavery and dislocations**. Critics of colonialism have a just, even compelling case.

To some large extent, the Church was complicit in much of the colonial enterprise. As Catholics and Protestants competed in the wake of the Reformation, the Church wanted to replenish her numbers. But such an attitude pays little mind to the **genuine effort** many Catholics undertook to **share the Gospel of Christ** for the sole good of the red, black and yellow nations they would encounter. A strict understanding of the necessity of membership in the Church through Baptism undergirded the efforts of all missionaries. Salvation required Baptism, and Baptism meant living the Christian life, and Catholic missionaries took Christ's command to "**go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, even unto the consummation of the world." (Mt. 28:19-20)

As Spanish *conquistadors* moved up the Pacific



coast from Baja, or Lower, California, they **extended their empire** – and made sure Russian explorers did not venture south. With them came Franciscan friars, led by Junipero Serra, a scholarly priest from Majorca, an island off the coast of Spain, who first came to Mexico in 1749. He intended to establish missions, each one a day's journey from the next, to create "el Camino Real," "the Royal Highway," along the coast.

Eventually, **21 missions** would emerge as centers for the spiritual needs of Spanish troops and settlers but also as centers of evangelization for the native peoples. **Padre Junipero established nine such missions**, beginning with San Diego. The Indians would be invited to come and discover Christ, his Church and Spanish civilization.

Padre Junipero's approach was gentle but firm, employing the teaching methods of his time. Yet colonial records still extant make it clear that **he defended the rights of the Indians over and over again** in the face of military authorities who sought to exploit, manipulate and hurt them. He could be tough, but he was just as tough on himself. Troubled by a leg infection and serious limp, he generally refused to ride horse or donkey on his journeys. He would burden no living creature – as Saint Francis of Assisi taught.

The worst effects of colonialism – collapse of native culture, eradication of native peoples – were **consequences of Spanish, Mexican and, we ought not forget, American incursions** into California. Padre Junipero, far from being the evil genie orchestrating the demise of Indian life in California, was well known in his own time as the man who sought to **open the doors of Christ's Church and to welcome the Indian people** as brothers and sisters and improve their lot. Yes, he knew of serious violations, as his critics charge, but he fought against them whenever possible. In that, he was perhaps ahead of many of us who live quiescently with abortion, capital punishment, collateral damage and other offenses.

For me, the connection with Padre Junipero stems from a wonderful book, Teri Martini's *Sandals on the Golden Highway* (Saint Anthony Guild Press, 1959), that I read as a kid. It many

ways, that biography of Serra helped fire my imagination and led me to envision the priesthood as something beautiful and desirable. Although the little Franciscan's journey is vastly different from my own, I prayed to him; his life underlines how the **enduring presence of God** leads each of us forth in life. When I was first told I would be ordained in 1995 on **July 1** as a Benedictine priest, I could not help but smile. I knew it was Padre Serra's feast day, so named when Pope John Paul II declared Junipero blessed in 1988. Family circumstances changed the date to June 3, but I took the first date to be a heavenly nod that the tough little Franciscan was still looking out for me.

At the Sept. 23 canonization, Pope Francis declared, "Today we remember one of those witnesses who testified to the joy of the Gospel in these lands, Father Junipero Serra. **He was the embodiment of "a Church which goes forth,"** a Church which sets out to bring everywhere the reconciling tenderness of God. Junipero Serra left his native land and its way of life. He was excited about blazing trails, going forth to meet many people, learning and valuing their particular customs and ways of life. He learned how to bring to birth and nurture God's life in the faces of everyone he met; **he made them his brothers and sisters**. Junipero sought to defend the dignity of the native community, to protect it from those who had mistreated and abused it. Mistreatment and wrongs which today still trouble us, especially because of the hurt which they cause in the lives of many people.

Father Serra had a motto which inspired his life and work, not just a saying, but above all a reality which shaped the way he lived: **siempre adelante!** Keep moving forward! For him, this was the way to continue experiencing the joy of the Gospel, to keep his heart from growing numb, from being anesthetized. He kept moving forward, because the Lord was waiting. **He kept going, because his brothers and sisters were waiting.** He kept going forward to the end of his life. Today, like him, may we be able to say: Forward! Let's keep moving forward!"

Among the many lessons that Saint Junipero Serra teaches us is the important insight that saints are not "perfect" men and women whose every word and action will suit the ever changing standards of the times, but rather that they are people whose love for God and his people lead them in the Spirit's grace to **pursue perfection even as they struggle** with faults, failures and sins, some of which they can see and some of which their world obscures. Ours is no different.

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# September 27, 2015

## Readings for the week of September 27, 2015

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50  
**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62  
**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12  
**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24  
**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]



**Free Flu Shot** The CMC Parish Nurse Program with Walgreen Pharmacists will be offering FREE flu shots for uninsured, under insured, or medicare clients on **Monday, Oct. 26 from 6—7pm** here at Saint Raphael Parish. No registration is needed.



**HELP WANTED:** Saint Raphael Parish is seeking an accomplished organist and/or pianist to accompany a cantor and play during the Saturday, 4:00 Mass. Please contact Susan Papinsick at [spapinsick@comcast.net](mailto:spapinsick@comcast.net) or the rectory at 623.2304 for further information.



We always seek 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. **Now is a great time to join!** Older children are encouraged and welcome, too! **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.**

## Wanted: Sacristans, lectors, & ushers

Have you ever considered serving God and your fellow parishioners as a sacristan, lector or usher? Service in these important roles is by appointment, but you can help Saint Raphael expand our roster by volunteering for consideration and indicating when and for how long you might be available. Please contact the office at 603.623.2604 if you are interested and would like more info. Thank you!

Called to *Serve*



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Thank you to Those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please keep them in your prayers, especially: **KENNETH BREUDER, PHILIP BREUDER, MIKE BUTLERNICHOLAS**

**DOHERTY AND DANIELLE WELLS.** If you have a family member serving and would like to add his or her name to our list, please let us know!

## Weekly Collection

September 20, 2015

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,596.00
Offertory Make-Up	205.00
Offertory Loose	776.30
Offertory Online Giving	150.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,727.00</b>
Stewardship	\$ 180.00
Food Pantry / Hope Chest	\$ 245.00

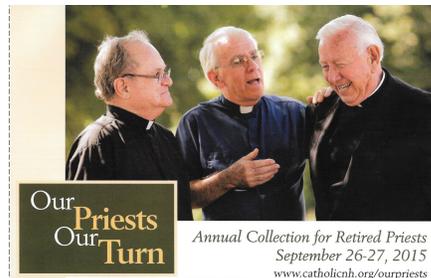
*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Saint Raphael Food Pantry

This past Monday, September 14, the Food Pantry served **38** families and gave out **68** bags of food. We are in need of canned fruit and vegetables. Be sure to

**LIKE us on our new Facebook Page—Saint Raphael Food Pantry / Hope Chest to get news and updates!**



Our Priests Our Turn

Annual Collection for Retired Priests  
September 26-27, 2015  
[www.catholicnh.org/ourpriests](http://www.catholicnh.org/ourpriests)

*Please consider contributing towards the Annual Collection for Retired Priests. Information is included in this week's bulletin.*



## Parish Pastoral Council

**update...** The Parish Council met last Monday. The next meeting will be **Monday, Nov. 9 at 7pm.** **Parishioners always welcome.**



The SRP Choir is looking for some singers for the 9:30 am Mass. The choir is made up of volunteers over the age of 13 that love to sing and have fun and are dedicated to serving our

Lord and parish through music. All levels of singers are welcome from those that just sing in the shower to those ready for their Carnegie Hall debut. Practice is held September through June on Thursday night from 7:30-8:45 with a warm up prior to 9:30 Mass. Please contact Susan at [spapinsick@comcast.net](mailto:spapinsick@comcast.net) for more info or come to a rehearsal and check us out.



We would like to thank **Angela Courchesne** and **Sharon Houle** for taking home all the altar server cassocks and laundering them!

# Solemnity of the Archangels TRANSFERRED FROM SEPT. 29



Saint Raphael Parish welcomes any parishioner who is considering becoming a Catholic through the RCIA program. Please call Therese Dame, at 647.2283 or email her at [youth@saint-raphael-parish.com](mailto:youth@saint-raphael-parish.com) if you are interested in learning more about it.

Can you count to 4? Do you love music? Do you know your right hand from your left? Are you between the ages of 12 and 102?



If you've answered "yes" to those questions, here's some fantastic news!

You've met the qualifications necessary to play in our new **SRP HANDCHIME CHOIR!**

Join us for our first rehearsal **Oct. 8 from 6:15-7:15**

We'll get started with learning the basics, and playing along to familiar hymns and songs. You'll have some fun and great fellowship, and find out how addicting playing the handchimes can be! If you would like more information or would like to join in the fun of playing hand chimes, please contact Susan Papinsick at [spapinsick@comcast.net](mailto:spapinsick@comcast.net).



## PRO-LIFE BANQUET

New Hampshire Right to Life

invites you to a fundraising banquet featuring

### JOSHUA EDMUNDS

Director of Education at Georgia Right to Life.

A university lecturer, Joshua Edmunds is a passionate proponent of PERSONHOOD, the key to pro-life victory.

**Oct. 8, 2015, Reception: 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:45-9 pm**

Executive Court, South Mammoth Road, Manchester.

Advance reservations only

More information on the website at [www.nhrtl.org](http://www.nhrtl.org)



**FOR SALE:** In the process of cleaning out closets and storage areas, we have accumulated some items that we would like to offer for sale to our parishioners. The items are located in the parish hall if you'd like to check them out before or after Mass. Please contact Kerri at 623.2304 if you would like to see the items, during the week.

Items include a beautiful cherry desk, various children's chairs, overhead projectors, and an organ.



## Bereavement Group

Saint Raphael Parish expects to begin another six-week Bereavement Group from **Oct. 14 — Nov. 18 on Wednesdays, from 4-5:30pm**. We need a minimum of six people to form a group.

Please contact Anna Wallich at 623.2604 or [associate@saint-](mailto:associate@saint-)



In October the parish book group will read Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. The novel follows a blind French girl and a talented German soldier as they come of age during World War II. When their stories intersect, the love and hope that permeate this novel shine brightest. Books and activity packets will be available at the parish office this week at a cost of \$16. Please join us at **7pm on Thursday, Oct. 22**, upstairs in the church conference room. Come early for some refreshments!



## The Saint Anselm College Euro Choir

will sing in concert here at Saint

Raphael on **Saturday, Nov. 7**. They will sing for parishioners, friends of the parish and visitors immediately following the 4 pm Mass. Parishioners, family and friends are invited to stay and join them in the parish hall for dinner immediately following the concert. A Goodwill Offering is suggested to help defray their costs to Ireland, where they will tour in March, 2016.



**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!** We plan to update our worship hymnals, which have served us well for 15 years!

We are reviewing texts and will determine the edition soon. We need your help to raise the funds (about \$5,400) to purchase the new books. Parishioners may dedicate books in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Each \$20 donation covers book purchase and a printed dedication inside the cover. Additional info next week!



**ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER OUTING** We had a great time at Canobie Lake last Saturday, Sep. 19. Thank you to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day with us. Highlights from the day are posted on our website under