

XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Monday, 5 October

12 pm ... †Msgr. John Regan by Joe & Kelly Spoerl

Tuesday, 6 October **Saint Bruno; Blessed Marie-rose Durocher**

12 pm ... †Cecile D. Moore by a friend

Wednesday, 7 October **Our Lady of the Rosary**

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation
12 pm ... †Lawrence Walter Frisoli by Andrew & Betty Breuder

Thursday, 8 October

8:30 am ... †Betty Bourque by Lillian Larochelle

Friday, 9 October **Saint Denis; Saint John-Leonardi**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
6 pm ... †Robert Hughes by Estella Hughes

Saturday, 10 October

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

Sunday, 11 October **XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †John & †Theresa Grady by Fred & Marie Melvin
9:30 am ... Our Parish Family
4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation
5 pm ... †Andrew B. Breuder by Andrew & Betty Breuder

Sunday, 4 October

3:30 pm ... Blessing of the Animals—Main Church Entrance — In honor of Saint Francis of Assisi

Monday, 5 October

6:30—8 pm ... Youth Ministry/Gr. 6-12 —Parish Hall
7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tuesday, 6 October

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

Wednesday, 7 October

6:45 pm ... Parishioners depart for Routes / Roots of Faith pilgrimage

Solemnity of the Archangels Breakfast—



Thank you! Thanks to everyone who helped at last Sunday's breakfast. Mark your calendars for our Christ the King Breakfast that will take place on **Sunday, Nov. 29** following the 9:30 am Mass.

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 our **Routes/Roots of Faith** travelers on our **Greece and Turkey** pilgrimage.



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 if you plan to attend! We'd love to see you!



This year, the annual **Men's Evening of Prayer and Reflection** is scheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6-9 p.m. at Saint Anselm Abbey**. We will meet for supper and fellowship, then join the Benedictine community for Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church, followed by a talk and discussion. The speaker this year is Mario Enzler, headmaster of New England Catholic Academy, Claremont. Mario will discuss his transition from a member of the **Pontifical Swiss Guard**, where he helped protect Pope John Paul II, to his leadership of a NH Catholic school. **Please call the office at 603.623.2604 to register. Come and bring a friend!**

Pilgrimage in footsteps of Saint Paul still asks of us faith, hope and love

Later this week, it will be my privilege to lead a group of nearly 30 parishioners and friends of Saint Raphael Parish on a pilgrimage “in the footsteps of Saint Paul” to **Greece, the Aegean isles and the western coast of Turkey**. We head out on Wednesday, Oct. 7, and we are scheduled to return home to Manchester on Sunday, Oct. 18 – and in between we will have a pretty comprehensive exposure to two quite different Mediterranean societies, as well as in introduction to the rich and complex history of classical, Christian and Islamic civilization.

While I am eager to set off on this rare experience, I do ask the **prayers of everyone** in our parish for “each and all” of us on this journey. We are confident that we will be in good hands, but we are certainly **conscious of the challenges** reported by the news media over the past several months. The Greek economy has been in danger of collapse, and its government has been arguing with almost everybody. Turkey’s current leadership is from a religious party that has cracked down on dissent. Islamic militants have been active in areas not far from Turkey’s border with Syria. Refugees have spilled into Turkey and the Greek isles as they struggle gain entry into the European Union. It’s all enough to make a pastor a little edgy.

These concerns, of course, need to be balanced by a recognition of **dangers right here at home**. One could be walking the dog in the North End of Manchester, as was Denise Robert, and suddenly confront one’s Maker. One could be watching the Boston Marathon, and suddenly shudder from the impact of an explosion. One could be in class in an Oregon community college.

This past Thursday, I had a wonderful chat with **Professor Nihal Çelik**, a new faculty member at Saint Anselm in our Department of Sociology. She is a native of Turkey, grew up and was educated there, receiving her Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland, College Park. Just hearing her speak about her native land and her life here reassured me that **good, generous and gracious people abound** even though the world, at home and abroad, has become a dangerous place. She told me that her in-laws are Irish-American and have developed an enthusiasm for visiting Turkey.

“They even drive on our roads!” she quipped, making me smile.

We might think this world is too dangerous for pilgrimage – and yet, when we consider



once the cathedral of the city and the greatest church in Christendom.

Among the classical sites we are due to explore are the remains of **ancient Troy**, the setting for Homer’s epic, *The Iliad*, which generations of Saint Anselm freshmen were

what pilgrimage is, we realize that it is a **journey of faith**. We physically move toward the goal or the destination of the trip, but, in fact, the journey itself is the act of faith. For Catholics, **the Lord**

Jesus whom we hope to encounter at the destination is already with us as we move forward. Already he is in each man or woman we meet along the way, and he is in our fellow pilgrims in a particular way.

Faith is both the content of belief and, in a more dynamic sense, the act of trust that enables us to believe. As Christians, we believe in a **loving and Living**

God who abides with us, who acts in history and who will call us home at the end of our days. That means that any pilgrimage, undertaken with a good heart, replicates our journey through life, which is the ultimate movement in faith.

Even though we will have numerous opportunities to **celebrate Mass, some times for morning and evening prayer together, and some impromptu prayers**, we hope to have a good time too. Enjoyment and prayer are not mutually exclusive; they can reinforce each other! Nonetheless, I do hope that we travelers will take a little time for some meditation and self-denial. In addition, **Anna Wallich**, pastoral assistant at Saint Raphael, has prepared a fine set of biblical readings, mostly from Saint Paul, to help guide us in our travels and prayer.

Our journey, as Julius Caesar once wrote of ancient Gaul, is divided into three parts. We will see coastal Turkey, cruise the Aegean isles and then explore the Greek mainland.

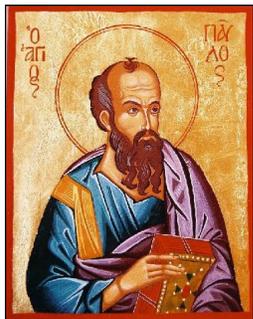
We arrive in **Istanbul, at 14 million the largest city in Turkey and the ancient capital of the former Byzantine Empire**. Known as **Constantinople** up until modern secular Turkey was established in 1923, the city is endowed with churches, monasteries, convents and palaces. Many religious structures have been appropriated as mosques, others are museum. The number of Christians in Turkey is tiny in country of more than 70 million people. For many years, I have imagined what it must be like to look up at the immense dome of **Hagia Sophia**,

required to read. Another is **Knossos** on the island of **Crete** and the center of Minoan civilization. Still another is **Ephesus**, on the Turkish coast, one of the classical world’s loveliest cities, where a community of early Christians received Saint Paul and one of his most important letters. On the Greek mainland, of course, we are due to see **Athens, the ancient city-state** that captivated the world with her philosophers, artists, dramatists and poets. Here, Paul spoke on the Areopagus, the famous hill where political and philosophical debates occurred, and introduced Athenians to the “unknown God,” whom they worshiped in their pantheon. Today, metropolitan Athens has **4 million** and is capital of a nation of 11 million.

How wonderful would it be if parishioners and friends of Saint Raphael **joined us in our journey of faith!** May I suggest that those interested in joining us in a spiritual way, take the enclosed sheet in the bulletin and read the appropriate passage from Sacred Scripture, meditate on it for a few minutes, apply it to their own lives, ask God to keep us all safe and bless the people we meet along the way, then conclude with the recommended prayers. Getting to confession and Mass and receiving Holy Communion at least once during the pilgrimage would be a special enrichment. Certainly, upon our return, we will find a way to share our experience with you. If you sign and return the form indicating that you will be a **pilgrimage prayer partner**, we will place them in a basket before a shrine to Saint Raphael, angel guardian of all travelers.

When I was a kid, and people were traveling far afield, I always used to hear, “**Pray us over and pray us back!** Lord guide us safely home.” It’s a pretty good practice, and it’s my request to each of my readers now.

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October 4, 2015

Readings for the week of October 4, 2015

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



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.

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*

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.**



Thank you to Those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please keep them in your prayers, especially: **BYRON BOISVERT, KENNETH BREUDER, PHILIP BREUDER, MIKE BUTLER, NICHOLAS DOHERTY, DANIELLE WELLS AND JUSTIN WEBB.** If you have a family member serving and would like to add his or her name to our list, please let us know!



On **Nov. 10, 2015**, Saint Raphael Parish is pleased to offer a potentially life-saving health event with Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. In addition to the many low-cost health tests being offered (details for those available at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners), their sister company, Life Line Community Healthcare is now also proud to be offering screenings to all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Flyers will be available in the next couple of weeks so watch for additional information about this.

Weekly Collection

September 27, 2015

Offertory Regular	\$ 3,944.00
Offertory Make-Up	563.00
Offertory Loose	778.00
Offertory Online Giving	200.00
Total:	\$ 5,485.00
Stewardship	\$ 255.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, September 21, the Food Pantry served **24** families and gave out **36** bags of food. They served **41** families and gave out **60** bags of food on September

28. 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!



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 for more info or come to a rehearsal and check us out.



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.

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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 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. 22 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.

Grief Support Group If you have lost a loved one in the last few months or even years, Saint Raphael Parish expects to begin another six- week Grief Support 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-raphael-parish.com. if you are interested in joining this understanding and



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



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.



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.

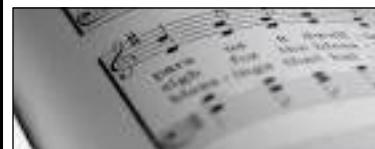
A university lecturer, Joshua Edmunds is a passionate proponent of PERSONHOOD, the key to pro-life victory.

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



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

Soon you will be seeing new **Journey** song hymnals in the pews! 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 information can be found in the green flyer inserted in this week's bulletin, on our website, and at the back of the church.



Trinity High School Open House If you want your son or daughter to have the very best environment to learn and grow in high school, invest some time at Trinity High School's Open House on **Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m.** Trinity combines a proven curriculum with dynamic teachers and innovative technologies in a caring Catholic learning community. Thanks to small classes that average 15 students, Trinity students receive the support they need to succeed. 85 of last year's 101 graduates were offered a total of \$14.3 million in academic scholarships. Students grow in faith, scholarship



and character at Trinity which is located at the intersection of Bridge Street and Mammoth Road in Manchester. To learn more, attend the open house or call 668-2910.