

XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Monday, 12 October **RECTORY CLOSED**

9 am ... †Mike Buckley by Ronnie Schlender



Tuesday, 13 October

12 pm ... †Jeannie Canty Barnett by Jack & Colleen Byrne

Wednesday, 14 October **Saint Callistus I**

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation

12 pm ... †Lorraine Lacallaide by Pat Lacallaide

Thursday, 15 October **Saint Theresa of Jesus**

8:30 am ... †Eileen Audet by Jack & Colleen Byrne

Friday, 16 October **Sts Hedwig and Margaret Mary Alacoque**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... †Betty Bourque by Lillian Larochelle

Saturday, 17 October **Saint Ignatius of Antioch**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... †Dot, †Ray, †Roger Larochelle by Lillian Larochelle

Sunday, 18 October **XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... †Charles Young by Ray & Brenda Young

9:30 am ... †Alberta Eileen Sullivan and the Ancient Order of Hibernians by Al & Barbara Heidenreich

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sunday, 11 October

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

Monday, 12 October

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry—CLOSED

Tuesday, 13 October

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

Wednesday, 14 October

4—5:30 pm ... Grief Support Group—Church Conf Room

Thursday, 15 October

7:30 pm ... Choir Practice—Choir Loft

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!



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 **Journeysong** 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 on our website and at the back of the church.



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for **John Piazza** by Kerri Stanley.



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!**



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary Mass for all couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond for 2015. This special Mass will be celebrated at Saint Anselm Abbey on Sunday, October 18 at 2 pm. We extend every good wish to Saint Raphael Parishioners who have or are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversaries this year and who will be at this Mass:

- George & Linda D'Orazio
- Stuart and Denise Harnden
- Norman & Lucille Lesmerises
- Claude & Irene Morin

Simple Gifts Which Speak of God's Love

Sometime this past summer, I was catching up with an old friend when the subject of ages came up. I said something about what it felt like to turn sixty and she said, "When did that happen? How did I miss your birthday?" It turned out that she had been away on a trip with her husband, and I didn't really advertise the fact that I had hit another milestone year.

My friend decided that she needed to make up for this omission by planning a girls' day out on my half-birthday.

In the almost thirty years I have lived in New Hampshire, I had never been to Wentworth-by-the-Sea, and since the seacoast is one of her favorite places to go, this plan became a reality. Lovely weather, a lovely meal, and lovely company made for a very special day.

I thought that the celebration was just going to involve a delicious meal at a nice restaurant and walking along the shore as we caught up on life (along with the possibility of some ice cream at a roadside stand on the way home), but my friend chose to give me six gifts, one for each decade of my life. The gifts weren't meant to be symbolic, but I as I reflected on them, I thought of the meaning they might have for my life and the lives of all of us.

The first gift was the gift of companionship, given over a delicious lunch and a walk through the beautiful gardens. Companionship is what sustains us in life: companionship with family, with friends, and with the Lord. When God created us, God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner" (Gen 2:18) and Jesus, who himself always travelled with his faithful companions, sent the disciples out in pairs (Mt. 21:1, Mk 14:13, Lk. 10:1) when they were ministering to others.

This model was continued by the early church: Martha and Mary, Peter and James, Paul with Barnabas and then Silas and then Timothy, Barnabas and John Mark, Priscilla and Aquila. Companions are essential for sharing our joys when we are blessed, sustaining us through hardship, and providing us with a place where we can share our thoughts and receive a response that seeks only what is best for us.



My second gift was an ironstone pitcher decorated with blue flowers; it has strength, beauty and gracefulness all in one. This, of course, is what God wants for us: that we are strong in our faith in the face of challenges that confront us, that we deepen our sense of God's love through Creation and the love of others, and that we learn to live gracefully with those around us, extending the same compassion and mercy that Jesus showed to those he encountered. Pitchers are a means of receiving and giving, since there's no point

in being a pitcher if it's not filled up and poured out, over and over throughout the years!

The third gift was a big jar of delicious home-made peach jam. In a way, nothing is simpler than making jam – after all, it's just chopped fruit cooked with sugar. And yet, making jam requires a willingness to spend time measuring the ingredients, chopping the fruit so it's the right size for cooking, and then tending the pot so that the jam doesn't boil over or scorch.

We may not all be good cooks or even enjoy cooking, but God gives all of us a place to use our individual talents. We use our talents by reflecting on and measuring our experiences and then transforming the bits and pieces of our lives into something beautiful and full of flavor that brings blessing to those around us. God rejoices over our willingness to spend the time tending those particular pots in our lives which require attention.



The fourth gift was a mug imprinted with the words, "Warm hands, sweet brew, glad soul, pure peace – may all these blessings be yours." I like the fact that the saying starts with hands, so important in almost all that we do. The Psalms are filled with reference to the works of God's hands, the hands of the faithful, the hands of the supplicants, and the hands of the evil-doers: the work of our hands helps define us. Finding sweetness is also important: *For the memory of [wisdom] is sweeter than*

honey, and the possession of [wisdom] sweeter than the honeycomb. Those who eat of [her] will hunger for more, and those who drink of [her] will thirst for more. (Sir. 24:21f)

The final two little gifts were inside the mug. There was a beautifully packaged small bar of garden soap which in the past I might have kept on my dresser completely unused, a memento of when it was given to me. But we need to be cleansed throughout our lives; through the Eucharist, through the Word, and through prayer, our hearts are cleansed and renewed to minister to others in God's world.

The sixth and final gift was a small ceramic circle decorated with flowers, on which are the words, "Live simply, speak kindly, care deeply, repeat....." What could be a clearer Gospel message? Jesus spent his ministry here on earth teaching about compassion, mercy and inclusivity through his words, through the way he



lived and died. He did his best to make simple what the Pharisees and others had made much more complicated than God intended.

The prophet Micah proclaimed, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Mic. 6:8)) Jesus told us to love God wholeheartedly and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Good companions are the boon that help us.

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October 11, 2015

Readings for the week of October 11, 2015

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45



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!



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.*



The Sisters of Holy Cross Fall Fair will be **Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9am—3:30 pm** at Holy Cross Center, 357 Island Pond Road, Manchester. There will be a Penny Sale, crafts, games and more!



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.

Blessing of the Animals

Thank you to everyone who brought their pets for our annual Blessing of the Animals. Photos can be found on our website.



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



Weekly Collection

October 4, 2015

Offertory Regular	\$ 2,742.25
Offertory Make-Up	1,403.75
Offertory Loose	814.75
Offertory Online Giving	315.00
Total:	\$ 5,274.00
Stewardship	\$ 82.00

Food Pantry \$ 25.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, October 5, the Food Pantry served **12** families and gave out **30** bags of food. We will closed this Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day. Be sure to **LIKE** us on our new Facebook Page—**Saint Raphael Food Pantry / Hope Chest** to get news and updates!



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!



Thank you to those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please keep them in your prayers, especially:

BYRON BOISVERT **NICHOLAS DOHERTY**
KENNETH BREUDER **DANIELLE WELLS**
PHILIP BREUDER **JUSTIN WEBB**
MIKE BUTLER

If you have a member serving and would like to add his or her name to our list, please let us know!

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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.

First-time visitor?

Welcome! Cards on the table at the entry invite you to fill out contact information should you want to register. We'd love to have you!

Cards may be placed in the collection basket during Mass or left on the table.



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.



**Penny Sale/Harvest Bazaar—
Saint John the Baptist, 10
School Street, Allenstown, NH**

**Friday, Oct. 23 from 6—9pm, Saturday, Oct. 24 from
10am—7pm, Sunday, Oct. 25 from 10am—4pm.**

\$1,000 raffle—Bruins Tickets—Door Prizes!

Drawing will take place Sunday, Oct. 25 at 4pm. Need not be present to win. Unclaimed prize winners will be posted on www.catholicsuncook.org.

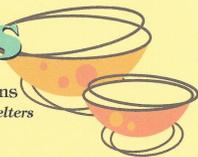


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Empty Bowls

a fundraiser for New Horizons
Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry & Shelters



Sunday,

October 18, 2015

**Brookside Congregational Church
2013 Elm Street, Manchester, NH**

11:30am - 1:30pm

Come join us to help fight hunger!
Tickets available at the door!

Buy a handmade ceramic bowl for \$20 filled with your choice of delicious soup donated by local restaurants.

Child bowls available for \$5.00
Quart-to-go \$10 (available last 1/2 hour of event)



**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.



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.