

# XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
4 pm ... ☩Dot, ☩Ray, ☩Roger LaRoche by Lillian LaRoche

### 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

### Monday, 19 October **Saint John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues**

12 pm ... ☩Dot, ☩Ray, ☩Roger LaRoche by Lillian LaRoche

### Tuesday, 20 October **Saint Paul of the Cross**

12 pm ... ☩Sean Patrick Buckley by Ronnie Schlender

### Wednesday, 21 October

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation  
12 pm ... ☩Romain & Louise ☩Marcoux by Diane Gallant

### Thursday, 22 October **Blessed John Paul II**

8:30 am ... ☩Michael Edward Scanlon by P. Jerome

### Friday, 23 October **Saint John of Capistrano**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
6 pm ... ☩Deceased and living members of the Pictrowski family by Diane Pictrowski

### Saturday, 24 October **Saint Anthony Mary Claret**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
4 pm ... ☩John & ☩Irene Narkey by Teresa Greene

### Sunday, 25 October **XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... Our Parish Family  
9:30 am ... ☩Donald Leclerc by Esther Leclerc  
4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
5 pm ... Patricia McCarthy by her family

### Sunday, 18 October

10:30 am ... Breakfast hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians

### Monday, 19 October

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

### Tuesday, 20 October

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conference Room  
7 pm ... Pastor's Class—Parish Hall Classroom

### Wednesday, 21 October

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

### Thursday, 22 October

7 pm ... Book Discussion Group—Church Conf Room  
6:15 pm ... Handchime Choir Practice—Choir Loft  
7:30 pm ... Choir Practice—Choir Loft



### **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!**



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Pope Francis** by Mikki Margaritis.

**Respect Life Committee** is holding its annual fundraiser the weekend of **November 6-8.** A playpen will be placed at the back of the church to collect clothing and other items for babies at Our Place and Birthright. Coffee and Donuts will be hosted on Sunday, November 8 by the Respect Life Committee following the Sunday 9:30 am Mass. Please donate generously to these wonderful ministries!



### **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!

**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.

## The Generosity of the Saint Raphael Community

*To provide for them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them **beauty for ashes**, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (Isaiah 61:3)*

A raging fire swept through two apartment buildings in the neighborhood of Saint Raphael Church. Because many in the neighborhood come to our Food Pantry, it seemed appropriate that we should try to rally the parish to help. Through the convenience and widespread usage of social media, we were able to get the word out and by Monday morning the office was inundated with calls and people who delivered

household items such as bedding, towels, dishes, pots and pans, lamps and furniture. In the next few days, we quickly filled the parish chapel with many household items.



In addition to the people who were delivering these things, we also had parishioners volunteering their lunch hour or their free morning to help organize and categorize the items. Then came the task of locating the now displaced families and assessing their individual needs.

There was quite a bit of time spent calling the Red Cross, the apartment owner and the Fire Marshall. While on hold with these organizations, there was plenty of time to say a **prayer** or two for the victims! So many who brought donations were praying as well and **grateful** for all that was being done!

When the furniture began to spill from the chapel into the church aisle and conference room, it was obvious that we would have to start accepting only money and gift cards. Still, there were many people who just dropped off things during the night or insisted they had things they



would like to bring.

We were able to find an organization called **Beauty 4 Ashes** and directed people to deliver items there. Their purpose and mission is to act as a conduit of donated goods and services to those experiencing disaster and loss.

We also directed extra things to **Families in Transition (FIT)**, a nonprofit organization located in Manchester, Concord and Dover, which was founded in 1991 in response to the

growing number of homeless individuals and families in the greater Manchester area and throughout the state.

We were able to help **twelve** of the seventeen occupants of the burned-out buildings. Many calls were made and messages left for two other victims but they never got back to us. Through all of these donations, we were able to supply funds for a security deposit and a month's rent and gift cards for those families. We collected over \$5,000 dollars in money and gift cards which went directly to the fire victims.

It was a big story in the



Manchester Union Leader and television stations WMUR and NH1 news. Reporters were on the scene at Saint Raphael early Monday and interviewed parish staff and volunteers and people arriving with donations.

But, the nicest words were written by a parishioner, **Senator Lou D'Allesandro** entitled "**Good news is hard to come by so when it comes, we should let people know.**" In it he

describes the fire as he witnessed it and then reports the following:

"Seventeen people were homeless and lost all of their belongings. They desperately needed help. A call went out to the community and the response was overwhelming. **Saint Raphael Church** was the drop off place for money, clothing, household items, furniture and anything a family could use. **The response was a true symbol of people helping people when there is need.**

This is a poor neighborhood yet the response was something we could be proud of. When there is need, people respond. **This is just one example of caring for your fellow man.** It is good to be able to report that, when the need came, the people responded. It was wonderful to be a witness to this and be able to report some positive news."

**I whole-heartedly agree!**

*He who sows in blessings, shall also reap blessings. Every one gives as he has determined in his heart, not with sadness, or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound in you; that you, always having every sufficiency in all things, may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Cor. 6b -8)*

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# October 18, 2015

## Readings for the week of October 18, 2015

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21  
**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38  
**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48  
**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53  
**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59  
**Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9  
**Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



We are getting there! Our **goal** this year is to raise **\$30,000 and we have raised \$9,645 to date!** You can give through a pledge, become a sustaining donor with a monthly gift or give once a year. **Every dollar is important. Every gift brings hope.** As you're considering your donation, please keep in mind that Catholic Charities serves 1-in-13 people throughout NH. To do that, we need your continued support. Thank you!



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.**



**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Bishop Peter A. Libasci will be celebrating a Wedding Anniversary Mass for all couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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**



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.

## Weekly Collection

October 11, 2015

We will have the reports for October 11 in next weekend's bulletin.



**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** The food pantry was closed on 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!



On November 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. To learn more about these screenings and to see if you are eligible for registration, please review pink flyers/registration sheets available at the back of the church.



### Homeschoolers...

On **Tuesday, 20 October**, homeschooling families from the area will host a lunch in the Saint Raphael Parish hall following the noon Mass. Parishioners and others attending the

Mass are cordially invited to join us!



Like us on Facebook and get updates and information about Saint Raphael! We tweet, too (sometimes)! Find us at **StRaphaelManch.**



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**         **SGT. JASON MATEO**

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](mailto:youth@saint-raphael-parish.com) if you are interested in learning more about it.



**Every Envelope Counts!** Please remember to **return your weekly contribution envelopes** for times when you have been away! Heating season is already upon us - the need to fulfill our obligation to support our parish is clear, and regular expenses occur even when we're not actually here in the pews. Your help in this effort will be greatly appreciated!

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](mailto:spapinsick@comcast.net).



**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



**Penny Sale/Harvest Bazaar— Saint John the Baptist, 10 School Street, Allentown, 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](http://www.catholicsuncook.org).

## 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.