



**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

**Monday, 26 October**

12 pm ... ☩Mikola Sroda (1st Anniv.) by Mary Schehl and family

**Tuesday, 27 October**

12 pm ... ☩William R. Wisner by Teresa Greene

**Wednesday, 28 October** **Saints Simone and Jude, Apostles**

11:30 am ... Confession & Reconciliation  
12 pm ... In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude by a friend

**Thursday, 29 October**

8:30 am ... ☩Betty Bourque by Sue Audy

**Friday, 30 October**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
6 pm ... ☩Lucille M. Kelley (1st Anniv.) by the Kelley family

**Saturday, 31 October**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
4 pm ... ☩Muriel Toutain Sullivan by Margaret-Ann Moran

**Sunday, 1 November** **All Saints**

7:30 am ... ☩Ronald Hebert by Pat Tremblay  
9:30 am ... ☩Edward Heroux by Lionel & Lillian Coulon  
4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation  
5 pm ... Our Parish Family

**Sunday, 25 October**

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

**Monday, 26 October**

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

**Tuesday, 27 October**

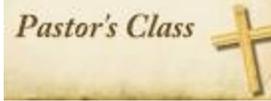
12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conference Room  
7 pm ... Pastor's Class—Parish Hall Classroom

**Thursday, 29 October**

6:15 pm ... Handchime Choir Practice—Choir Loft  
7:30 pm ... Choir Practice—Choir Loft

*All Soul's Day* We will have a Mass to honor the deceased members of our parish and those of our parishioners on **Monday, Nov. 2 at 7pm.**

Parishioners are invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones to be placed on the steps of the altar for the Mass. Please contact the office by Friday, Oct. 30 if you wish to have a photo



Please join us on **Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 7pm** in the Pastor's Classroom for the second class in the 4-week series. This week, Fr. Jerome will describe the efforts of the monastic and parish communities to construct a new church on the eve of Vatican II and what Rome said about it.



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Lucille M. Kelley** by the Kelley family.



**Men's Evening of Prayer and Reflection** is scheduled for **Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5.15-8.30 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. **Pontifical Swiss Guard**, where he helped Mario will discuss his transition from a member of the protect Pope John Paul II, to his leadership of a NH Catholic school. **There's still time to sign up! Please call the office at 603.623.2604 to register. Come and bring a friend!**

*In Sympathy*

Please pray for parishioner **☩William H. Trott**, who passed away Oct. 15 and whose funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr. Patrick Sullivan, O.S.B., last week.



Our sincere thanks and appreciation go out to **Fr. Anselm, O.S.B., and Fr. Patrick, O.S.B.,** for covering the Masses in Fr. Jerome's absence while he was on pilgrimage in our Routes/Roots of Faith journey to Greece and Turkey Oct. 7-18. Thank you also to **Lionel and Lillian Coulon** for helping in Anne Kenney's absence as sacristans, to **Jane Daly** for covering the office, and to everyone who prayed for us, especially our Pilgrimage Prayer Partners. We will post photos from the pilgrimage on our website very soon.



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## The surprising wonders of our pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul

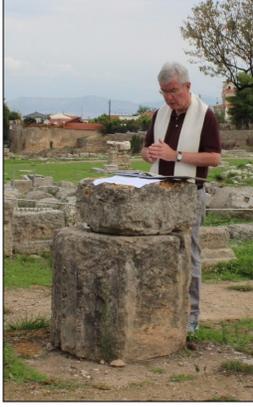
Reflecting on our Saint Raphael Parish **Routes/Roots of Faith journey** “in the footsteps of Saint Paul” earlier this month occasions a constellation of thoughts. We prayed, hiked, trudged, laughed, wept, gasped and smiled as we encountered more than **3,000 years of human civilization and two millennia of Christian experience**. If our 2012 pilgrimage to Italy was marked by a series of “small gifts,” perhaps we could say that our Oct. 7-18, 2015, pilgrimage to Greece, the Aegean isles and Turkey was characterized by a sequence of “**wonderful surprises**.”

One surprise, at least for me, was the courage manifested by Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, and John, the Beloved Disciple and evangelist. Our pilgrimage grew out of the extensive program we had at Saint Raphael for the **Year of Saint Paul**, but, in fact, had nearly as many encounters with the legacy of **Saint John** as Paul. I was surprised to see the size of the ruins of the ancient cities of Ephesus in Turkey and Corinth in Greece.

These two cities associated with both early Christian figures were major metropolises of the ancient world. For 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jews from Israel to enter into such places meant **cultural, religious and linguistic change**. They had to learn to adapt and discover, which I suppose was not so different from our challenge, but we had the advantage of friendly, helpful and insightful tour guides who kept us pretty safe in the cocoon of our tourist bus.

Another feature of the pilgrimage that surprised me was how easy it is, if one lets oneself be lifted up into the **realm of prayer**, for the hurly-burly of the world to fall away. Many of us were deeply impressed by the magnificence and majesty of **Hagia Sophia** (*photo below*), the **6<sup>th</sup> century cathedral** of Constantinople, which served as the Byzantine Empire’s principal church for **nearly 1,000 years** until the fall of the city to the Ottoman Turks in 1453. Then, for **more than another 450 years**, Hagia Sophia was a **mosque**. With establishment of the Turkish republic after World War I, the cathedral-turned-mosque became a museum — and many of its mosaic treasures depicting Christ, Mary and the saints and angels were visible again. Islamic tradition forbids the representation of God and his holy ones, so what Christians regard as **sacred art** must be **whitewashed** for pious Muslims.

Hagia Sophia, which means “Holy Wisdom,” refers to Christ himself as the fullest expression of divine



wisdom. It is a remarkable place with a privileged history, the equal of **Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome**. It is also one of **Istanbul’s** — the Turkish name for **Constantinople** and the biggest city in the country with 18 million residents — most important tourist attractions. We visited during the off-season,

and even so, the museum was thronged. Yet reading a passage in our scriptural travel booklet from Wisdom 6:12-18a, then closing the eyes and offering a prayer for the abbot and monastic community at Saint Anselm, for our people at Saint Raphael and for my family and friends was all I needed to be transported back to the time of **John Chrysostom** and other saints and emperors. It is worth remembering that God always comes to us if we seek him.

Closely related to prayer is the impact of prayer on others who see and hear it. It is a form of witness in faith. While we were traveling, Turkey was struck **Oct. 10** by the **worst act of terror** it has experienced in recent decades. Two bombs detonated to **kill more than 100** and wound more than 400 during a peaceful demonstration in Ankara, the Turkish capital. While no group has taken responsibility for the bombing yet, security officials have said they believe it was the handiwork of ISIS, terrorist “state” emerging in parts of Iraq and Syria.

Our pilgrims were shocked and disturbed, although we were more than 500 miles away on the Aegean coast. **The next day, I celebrated Mass** and we prayed for the victims of the Ankara bombing and all those who suffer from oppression, injustice and violence. We prayed too for the Turkish people, that they would rise with new strength and hope, preserving their freedom and tolerance. To my surprise, **our guide was visibly moved** by our prayer. She told us about the current tension in her

homeland between the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and his ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), which wants to increase the Islamic footprint on the country and those who wish to preserve the open, secular heritage of the republic’s founder, **Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**. One simple example

of the government’s approach is its desire to return Hagia Sophia to a mosque, which would require the whitewashing, again, of the magnificent mosaics we saw. But the more important point is that prayer, in whatever tradition, respectfully voiced and filled with good heart, **unites people**.

Speaking of prayer, still another wonderful surprise I experienced was the **sense of history in Corinth**. We gathered in a little wooded grove at the end of an ancient square in the center of the city. To my right stood the Temple of Apollo, to my left the ruins of the marketplace. There, **atop a broken column**, with its Corinthian style capital nearby, I celebrated Mass (*photo, top*), using the same words Paul first records in 1 Cor. 11:23-26).

In ancient times, Saint Paul had chastised the Corinthian Christians for their selfishness and elitism in excluding the poor from their common agape meals which preceded celebration of the Eucharist (1 Cor. 11:17-22). Moreover, he instructed them on the radical depth of Christ-like love (1 Cor. 13:1-10) To read his words and celebrate the same Eucharistic Christ in that place with our parishioners and pilgrims was deeply moving. **Perhaps Paul had rested himself** one warm day by leaning against this very column; certainly he saw the same pagan temple, the same nearby sea, the same mountains. Most important of all, he loved and worshiped the same Lord Jesus. To visit such sites underlines the truth of our Catholic understanding of the **Mystical Body of Christ** and the **Communion of the Saints**. We see and feel the connection between men and women of distant ages, the Lord Jesus and ourselves.

Our **10-day pilgrimage** was pretty short, but it managed to embrace far more than any single column could discuss. Future columns will feature other dimensions of the pilgrimage. But the **surprises** we had really were **filled with wonder** prompting me and my companions to join with **Psalms 145** in proclaiming, “*The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. / All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. / They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, / to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*” ©

**Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.**



# October 25, 2015

## Readings for the week of October 25, 2015

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35  
**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6  
**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
**Sunday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



**Catholic Charities**

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.*



**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



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 Papinsick 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

Regular Offertory	\$ 3,104.00
Make-Up Offertory	267.00
Loose Offertory	382.00
Online Parish Giving Offertory	90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,843.00</b>

Stewardship Offertory	\$ 1,899.00
Loose Stewardship	188.25
Online Parish Giving Stewardship	60.00
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 2,147.25</b>

**All Saints Day** \$ 5.00

**Food Pantry / Hope Chest** \$ 15.00

### October 18, 2015

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,814.00
Make-Up Offertory	760.00
Loose Offertory	883.75
Online Parish Giving Offertory	140.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,597.75</b>

**Stewardship Offertory** \$ 345.00

**Food Pantry / Hope Chest** \$

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinth 9:7*



### Saint Raphael Food Pantry

On Monday, October 19 the food pantry served 35 families and gave out 50 bags of groceries. Be sure to LIKE us on our new Facebook Page—

**Saint Raphael Food Pantry / Hope Chest** to get news and updates!



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!

# XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time



Shout out to Rick Dumont and R & D Construction for their great work in repairing our rectory front steps. The granite is beautiful!



We would like to extend our gratitude to parishioners **Mikki Margaritis** and **Warren Guptill** for helping to fund



**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!

## 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!



**Did you know??** Saint Raphael has implemented the online giving option for your convenience. You can access the link via our website,

[www.saint-raphael-parish.com](http://www.saint-raphael-parish.com) and follow the steps to register for automatic payments or just a one time donation. Have questions? Call the rectory at 623.2604 and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have. **Laminated cards are located on the table at the back of the church for you to drop into the collection basket during the offertory collections.**

## Saint Anne Society's 35th Annual Christmas Fair

**Saturday, Nov. 7 9 am—7pm**

Lunch 11:30 am—2:30; Dinner 4:30 pm—6:30 pm

**Sunday, Nov. 8 8 am—1 pm; Breakfast 8 am—11 am**



Fair to be held at **Saint Anthony Parish Community Center, 148 Belmont St., Manchester** Penny Sale, Kids Korner, Basket of Cheer, Jewelry, Crafts, White Elephant, Variety Baskets, Bake Sale, Ham & Turkey Raffle ... and so much more.



**The Saint Anselm College Euro Choir** will sing in concert here at Saint Raphael on

**Saturday, Nov. 7.** They will sing at the **4 pm Vigil Mass** and then perform for parishioners, friends of the parish and visitors immediately following the 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 for travel to Ireland, where they will have a performance tour in March of 2016.



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

**Did you know? October 25, 2015, is Priesthood Sunday**, a celebration of the priesthood organized by parish lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International. Catholic parishes throughout NH and the US will show support for their priests with prayer and special celebrations on the weekend of October 24 and 25. Let's show our support by honoring all our priests, especially those who have served us and our families over the years!



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

