



**Saturday, 14 November**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... ✠Shaun M. Keane by Jack & Colleen Byrne

**Sunday, 15 November**

**XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... ✠James Harnden by Denise & Stuart Harnden

9:30 am ... ✠Lucille M. Kelley by the Kelley family

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

**Monday, 16 November**

**Saints Margaret & Gertrude**

12 pm ... ✠Dot, ✠Ray, ✠Roger Larochelle by Lillian Larochelle

**Tuesday, 17 November**

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**

12 pm ... ✠Eileen Audet by Joan Bissonnette

**Wednesday, 18 November**

**Saint Rose Philippine**

9 am ... ✠Betty Bourque by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

**Thursday, 19 November**

8:30 am ... ✠Simone Beaudoin by a friend

**Friday, 20 November**

5:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

6 pm ... ✠Sr. Margaret Ahern, R.S.M. by Jane Kearns

**Saturday, 21 November**

**Presentation of the B.V.M.**

3:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

4 pm ... ✠Charles Richard by Simone Richard

**Sunday, 22 November**

**Solemnity of Christ the King**

7:30 am ... ✠Marion Lefebvre by Dottie DeCotis

9:30 am ... Our Parish Family

4:30 pm ... Confession & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ✠Francis T. O'Brien by Virginia Kelly

**The Saint Anselm College Euro Choir—Thank you** to everyone who attended the concert and dinner last Saturday to support the Euro Choir and their trip to Ireland in March. We collected about \$830 which will go towards the choir's trip



**Christ the King Brunch**

**Sunday, November 22** is the Solemnity of Christ the King. During the 9:30am Mass, which will include "the Procession of the Nations," we will mark the 50th anniversary of the church building.

Afterwards, we will have a brunch in the parish hall. Please join us for brunch, conversation and fellowship!



The Parish Book of Remembrance is available in the chapel underneath the statue of Saint Joseph, patron of a happy

death, during this month. Please feel free to enter the name of your **recently deceased loved ones** and friends whom you would like to have remembered in prayer. If you have entered a name already, you do not need to re-enter it.



**DON'T BE ALONE THIS THANKSGIVING!**

Come and share in a community Thanksgiving Dinner! All are welcome! A wonderful, traditional Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament is served in our Church Hall. There is no cost for the dinner; however, we do request that you RSVP by November 24<sup>th</sup>. The hall is handicapped accessible. Dinner will be served 12—2pm at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 14 Elm St., Manchester. RSVP by Nov.



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for **The Coulon and Doucet families** by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, 15 November**

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

10:30 am ... Altar Server Training

**Monday, 16 November**

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

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

**Tuesday, 17 November**

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

12:30 pm ... Homeschoolers Lunch—Parish Hall

**Wednesday, 18 November**

6 pm ... Respect Life Meeting—Church Conf Room

**Thursday, 12 November**

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

7:30 pm ... Choir Practice—Choir Loft



**Altar Server Investiture**—will take place on **Sunday, Nov. 22 at the 9:30 am Mass**. We will welcome our new altar servers and recognize those who are celebrating their second and fourth anniversaries.



**Save the Date!** Our annual **Women's Advent Retreat** will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015 from 9am-3pm.**

Cost of the retreat is \$15, which includes coffee, snacks and a full lunch. Please contact Anna Wallich ([associate@saint-raphael-parish.com](mailto:associate@saint-raphael-parish.com)) if you are interested in attending! There are only a few spots left, so please register soon.



Our **goal** this year is to raise **\$30,000 and we have raised \$15,711 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 and brings hope.** Envelopes are at the back of the church. Thank you! Saint Raphael will end its active campaign next week.



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



## Pilgrimages can combine prayer and a little play, well, providentially!

When you go on pilgrimage, as a group of 30 of us did last month, all you do is pray, fast and whip yourself into a religious frenzy, right? That's the view of some folks. But, in fact, nothing could be further from the truth of the experience of our **Routes/Roots of Faith** pilgrims, who traveled with from Oct. 7-18 to **Greece, the Aegean isles and the Turkish coast** "in the footsteps of Saint Paul." We had a splendid time discovering local cuisine, seeing magnificent ruins, exploring vibrant cities, scanning beautiful vistas, meeting interesting people and even sipping a glass or two of wine.

Certainly, we had **spiritual moments**. We had Mass almost every other day in charming churches, many with historic connections. In Istanbul, Turkey's largest city (and the former imperial capital of the ancient Byzantine Empire, Constantinople), I celebrated the Eucharist and preached from the pulpit in **Saint Anthony of Padua Church**, the same church where Pope John XXIII stood, when he was papal nuncio to Turkey during World War II. **Pope John XXIII**, elected pontiff in 1958, spent the war years assisting thousands of Jews escape the Holocaust through Turkey.

We visited the **House of Mary in Ephesus**, a shrine sacred to both Christians and Muslims, and had Mass in a nearby chapel with sisters who care for the shrine. Tradition teaches that Mary, the holy mother of God, came with Saint John, the Beloved Disciple, from Jerusalem. We had Mass in lovely churches in **Izmir**, near **ancient Smyrna**, one of the seven churches listed in Revelation, and likewise had Mass in **Rhodes**, the Greek island that once hosted the Knights Templar.

We prayed in the twilight and read from John's Gospel in **Patmos**. Our pilgrims gathered around a **broken column in Corinth** as I celebrated Mass. We shared the Eucharist in the **Catholic Cathedral of Athens**, named after **Dionysius the Areopagite**, who is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as the first Christian in the city.

Like everyone else, I found places to pray privately, places that mattered to me in special ways. **Hagia Sophia**, the great cathedral of Constantinople, later a mosque and now a museum, was one. Another was the **Areopagus**, the rocky hill near the **Acropolis** where Saint Paul preached to the Athenians.



To think we only prayed, however, would be a mistake. Even a pilgrimage can make room for some playtime, and we found ourselves sharing a lot of laughter and maybe even a few songs. It's worth remembering that the Greek language connects the words for **games, childhood and education**. Homer in *The Odyssey* describes the admiration Odysseus has for the "sparkling feet" of dancers in Book VIII. So, even on pilgrimage, it's good to recall that David danced before the Ark of the



Covenant on its way into Jerusalem!

We had an opportunity in Turkey to visit a government-funded **school for carpet making**. Turks are quick to tell you that their carpets are every bit as beautiful and maybe a little more durable than the ones from Iran (Persia), India, Pakistan and even China. It was fascinating to see the ancient skill practiced by young women who are being trained in the art of carpet-weaving (*photos at top*). Turkish carpets have a **unique knotting pattern**, and the designs are beautiful, ranging from Christian religious scenes to Islamic calligraphy and patterns, including the ubiquitous "**tree of life**" design. The director of the school provided us with a high-energy display, with refreshments, of carpet after carpet, unrolled and spread out before us. He even urged us to take off our shoes and feel the soft quality of the school's products.

In another place, we were invited to visit an **Italian-Turkish leather company**, which makes beautiful lambskin coats, vests, hats and other attire. We were treated to a fashion show, not quite Milan, London, Paris or New York, but still pretty impressive –

and amusing. Two of our pilgrims were selected to help model the latest fashions!

In Athens, we visited a lovely restaurant in the mountains overlooking the city. Here we had the chance to see **how extra virgin olive oil is made**, following each step of the process from the original pressing to the final straining and purification. The evening concluded with traditional **Greek feasting and dancing** (*photo below*). It is possible that the pastor and spiritual director of the pilgrimage may have been unwittingly recruited and dressed with other guests to join the troupe for some lessons in fancy Hellenic footwork. Clearly aware of the classical appreciation of "sparkling feet," they had heard of Best Foot Forward and its show-stopping Lady Gaga routine in June's New Saint Raphael Follies!

Some of us even found time to **swim, or at least paddle our tired feet, in the Aegean!** (*Photos below, Anne Kenney and Jay Soderberg at left*)

The Roman poet **Ovid** observes, "In our play we reveal what kind of people we are." More contemporary writers and thinkers support his view. **Pablo Neruda** observes, "A child who does not play is not a child, but the man who does not play has lost forever the

child who lived in him." Meanwhile, **G.K. Chesterton** writes, "The true object of all human life is play." His point is that mankind ultimately seeks union with God in heaven, and that is surely delight — and so is play.

What a wonderful and blessed experience our pilgrimage to Greece, the Aegean isles and Turkey was! And what a great group of travelers! Our appreciation of Saint Paul and Saint John has deepened, enriching our **Catholic faith and Christian identity**. We enjoyed more than a **glimpse of classical, Byzantine and Islamic culture**. Some of us contributed a little too much to the local economies. And all of us, I hope, returned a little tired but very much renewed by the **wonderful surprises and surprising wonders** we encountered each day!

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# November 15, 2015

## Readings for the week of November 15, 2015

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43; **Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10; **Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44; **Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48; **Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40; **Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

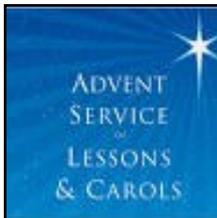


We always seek to increase our group of altar servers **especially for the 4 pm Saturday Vigil, 7:30 am, and 5 pm Sunday Masses.** Typically, candidates are considered as soon as they reach third grade and have made their First Communion. **Now is a great time to join!** Older children are encouraged and welcome, too! **If you are interested in training to be a server, please contact Kerri Stanley in the rectory at 623.2604. We will have a training session on Sunday, November 15, following the 9:30am Mass.**



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.



Saint Raphael Parish will celebrate its annual Advent Evening of Music and Reflection on **Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 pm.** We will have a variety of musical selections from various groups and individuals, interspersed with reflective readings related to the Advent season. Parishioners and members of the wider community are invited to a **candlelight evening of prayer and beauty as we open the Jubilee Year of Mercy in our parish.** Come and **bring your friends** to this beautiful tradition of Saint Raphael. All welcome!

**INTERFAITH WOMEN OF NH** is a Manchester area group of women of diverse faiths who gather to share our religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and with our community. We invite all women to join us at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 669 Union St., in Manchester on **Thursday, Dec. 3,** for our next event, "SHARING THE JOY." Check-in begins at 6:30pm and the program will start at 7pm. We will explore the Jewish celebration of Simchat Torah, a Christian look at the gifts of God in our lives, the Muslim celebration of Noah's Pudding, and the Polish Christmas Eve Wigilia with opiatek. Plan to join us for holiday refreshments following the program. Please RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or all 623.7461.

## Weekly Collection

**November 8, 2015**

Regular Offertory	\$ 5,487.00
Make-Up Offertory	172.00
Loose Offertory	776.70
Online Parish Giving Offertory	335.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,794.00</b>

Stewardship Offertory	\$ 2,049.00
Stewardship Loose	560.00
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 2,609.00</b>
All Saints Day	\$ 134.00

*"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, November 9, the food pantry served **13** families and gave out **19** bags of groceries. We can always use brown paper bags! Be sure to **LIKE** us on our new Facebook Page—**Saint Raphael Food Pantry / Hope Chest** to get news and updates!



### Thanksgiving Vigil Mass

Recognizing that most families travel on Thanksgiving morning or prepare to welcome family into their home, Saint Raphael will celebrate a Community Thanksgiving Mass on **Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 6:30 pm.** As we give thanks to God for our many blessings, please **bring food** (boxed or canned goods) to Mass for the poor and needy in our community. Our Food Pantry helps anyone living on the West Side with food, regardless of religious affiliation.



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

<b>BYRON BOISVERT</b>	<b>NICHOLAS DOHERTY</b>
<b>KENNETH BREUDER</b>	<b>DANIELLE WELLS</b>
<b>PHILIP BREUDER</b>	<b>JUSTIN WEBB</b>
<b>CAPT. MIKE BUTLER</b>	<b>SGT. JASON MATEO</b>

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



## 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*



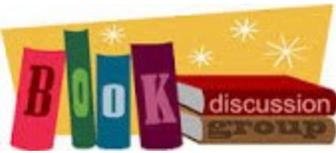
On Nov. 1, **Audrey Halina Johnson**, daughter of Dana and Lisa (Johnson) Johnson was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church and on Nov. 8, **Jacob Patrick Mark Paris**, son of Christopher and Heidi (Harmon)

Paris, was baptized by P. Jerome O.S.B. . **Let us strive, by our word and example, to create an environment for them to come to know the love of God and the meaning of "being church."**

## Holiday Craft Fair

Saint Marie's Craft Fair—please join us on **Dec. 5, from 9am—4pm**, 378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester.

There will be over 40 crafters ranging from baking to sewing, jewelry, American Doll clothes, hand-made baskets, and more. Lunch will be served and children can have their photos taken with Santa. We will have raffles, too. Bring a friend and join us!



## Book Discussion Group

—please join the Book Discussion Group in commemorating the 500th

birthday of St. Teresa of Avila, the first woman to become a Doctor of the Church. We'll be reading St. Teresa's masterwork *The Interior Castle*, a beautiful treatment of the soul's journey to union with God. Copies are available at the parish office for \$15. We'll meet on **Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7pm** in the conference room at the back of the church. Please come early to enjoy some refreshments!



## 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.

## Parish Giving

**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.**



**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. Order forms can be found at the back of the church and are also available on our website, [www.saint-raphael-parish.com](http://www.saint-raphael-parish.com). Thank you for your support of our parish!



## Homeschoolers...

On **Wednesday, Nov. 18**, 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!

Birthright of Manchester, a crisis pregnancy center, is pleased to announce that it has a new address. The doors to its new location are now open at the Bishop Odore Gendron Center, 247 South Main Street, Manchester, NH 03012, between Sacred Heart Church and Walgreen's. Parking is available. It is also on Manchester City Bus Route 13. Hours will be 11 AM to 3 PM on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Office: 668-3443; Hotline: [800-550-4900](tel:800-550-4900). Please note - we currently have an urgent need for new or gently used clothing for sizes 12 months to 2T.



**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!