

III Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Sat., April 9

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

4 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sun., April 10

III Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

7:30 am ... ✠David & ✠Anne Foley by Connie Raymond

9:30 am ... ✠Linda Simmons by Rita Montpelier

4:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ✠Monica Celeste Morin by Tom & Alice Benard

Mon., April 11

Saint Stanislaus

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

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

Tue., April 12

Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

12 pm ... ✠Barbara Wade by Don & Esther Leclerc

Wed., April 13

Saint Martin I

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

11:30 am ... Penance & Reconciliation

12 pm ... ✠Joanie McCullough by Ronnie Schlender

Thur., April 14

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

8:30 am ... ✠Veronica Buckley by Ronnie Schlender

Fri., April 15

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

5:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

6 pm ... ✠John Grant by Diane Bolton

Sat., April 16

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

4 pm ... ✠Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., April 10

IV Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

7:30 am ... Our Parish Family

9:30 am ... ✠Harvey Clement (3rd Anniv.) by his family

4:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ✠Dorothy Evelyn O'Brien by Virginia Murphy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., April 11

6:30—8 pm ... Youth Ministry/Gr 6-12

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., April 12

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse

7 pm ... Confirmation

Thur., April 13

6 pm ... Knights of Columbus Mtg

7 pm ... Knitting & Crochet Group

7:30 pm ... Choir Practice

Confirmation Class



Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit

Congratulations to our youth who were confirmed on Tuesday, April 5, by the Most Rev. John B. McCormack, Bishop

Emeritus of Manchester: *Madeline Capodilupo Griffin Cowles, MacGregor Gay, Anders Larson, Benjamin Larson, Cierra Mailloux, Karasira Mawo, Carl Mills, Elena Mills, Seamus Othot, AnneMarie Pratte, Nicholas Pratte, Gannon Ryan, Christopher Stanley, Thomas Stanley and Nathan Tetrault.* We thank the catechists who worked tirelessly in preparing them for this special sacrament, all those who served, as well as the choir and the volunteers who assisted with the reception following the Mass. We are truly grateful!



Catholic Charities

The 2016 Annual Campaign begins this weekend. Our goal this year is

\$26,000. Pledge envelopes are included in your bulletin and we hope you will consider donating towards this very worthy charity which strives to provide continued support to those in



Irish Talks—Saint Raphael parishioners and friends are invited to attend two talks next week at Saint Anselm

College's New Hampshire Institute of Politics. Both events will be in the West Wing. On **Monday, April 11, at 7:30 pm**, Bro. Colmán Ó Clabaigh, an Irish Benedictine historian from Glenstal Abbey, will speak on "Fifty Ways to Cleave Your Brother: Misfits, Mayhem and Madness in Medieval Irish Monasteries." Bro. Colman is the Burns Library Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies at Boston College this semester. On Thursday, **April 14, also at 7:30pm** in the same venue, Fr. Jerome will be part of a panel discussing the famous **Easter Rising of 1916** on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Collectively, the panelists will aspects of the Rising in poetry, drama and history, as well as theology, in an effort to deepen our understanding of this crucial moment in Irish history and culture. Come to either or both! A hundred thousand welcomes!



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ✠**Linda Paris** by Bill Paris.



Saint Raphael Food Pantry

On Monday, April 4, the food pantry served **12** families and gave out **20** bags of groceries We need Spaghetti's, fruit, macaroni, and can always use brown paper bags!



The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue

Save the date! **Friday, June 3, 2016**, at Saint Anselm College's Dana Center.

WEST SIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Did you know that Saint **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** Benedict Academy is the last

standing Catholic School on the West Side of Manchester? We hope to create an alumni association of individuals who attended west side Catholic schools who would like to be a part of this committee. Please contact SBA principal Bev Broomhall at 603.669.3932 / principal@saint-benedict-academy.org.

Weekly Collection

Weekend of April 2-3, 2016

Regular Offertory	\$4,093.00
Make-Up Offertory	280.00
Loose Offertory	
503.35 Online Parish Giving	
150.00 Total	\$5,026.35

Stewardship	\$
60.00	
Easter	\$ 280.00

Mother Angelica: Joyful, determined voice of the New Evangelization

Mel Brooks, the wonderfully funny American humorist, has a routine in his film *The History of the World, Part I*, called “The Inquisition,” with the tune “Send in the Nuns.” It’s a spoof, of course, on the religious sisters who built and shaped so



much of the American Catholic for **more than two centuries**. They turn into Esther Williams-style synchronized

swimmers!

But the spoof gives tacit **acknowledgement to their critical importance** in the 19th and 20th centuries. It’s a truism among priests that when there’s a problem in the Church, you don’t send for the Marines, you send in a couple of Sisters of Saint Joseph, or a few Sisters of Mercy, or a small detachment of Holy Cross women, or the advance guard of the Presentation sisters.

The tributes and press attention this month for **Mother M. Angelica of the Annunciation**, the Poor Clare Franciscan nun and foundress of the Eternal Word Television Network, gives ample evidence that the nuns may be fewer in number but no less in character, determination, creativity and faith than their forebears. That **she died on Easter Sunday**, March 29, carries beautiful symbolism.

If there is a more successful and more faithful dimension to the **New Evangelization** in the Church than EWTN and its multiple services, I don’t know what it is. The network, which **began back in 1981**, broadcasts night and day in several languages at home and abroad. From 60,000 viewers at its beginning, it has grown to **more than 260 million homes**. Its programs reach millions more through on-line sources. It carries news, documentaries, biographies, interviews, talk shows, catechetical instruction, tips for evangelizing the family, book and movie reviews, music, classes in Catholic belief and moral teaching, public prayer, as well as the Mass and other religious services, every day. It publishes a newspaper, magazine and books. It has a global AM/FM radio service. It organizes courses, study tours and retreats. EWTN’s **on-line presence** is everywhere from Facebook to Twitter and beyond.

The first television transmission was in 1927 – and since then bishops, priests and lay men in the Church have been talking about the utility of a Catholic broadcasting system. But it took **a religious sister in Irondale, AL**,

to create a national, and now an international, system that rivals the best evangelical Protestant networks. The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) never lacks for content because it engages the rich, 2,000-years of Catholic tradition, Scripture and faith.

Born **Rita Antoinette Rizzo** on April 20, 1923, in Canton, OH, Mother Angelica was the daughter of John and Mae Helen (Gianfrancesco) Rizzo. Her father abandoned the family, her parents divorced and she was brought up by her mother. Her mother’s struggles with depression and poverty forced Rita to assume family responsibilities early.

Some of the most enthusiastic support for EWTN comes from the Church in Latin America, Africa and Asia, where connections undreamed of only a few years ago are being established. Amid contemporary cultures, the Church’s emphasis on the sanctity of life, marriage and family is given plenty of attention on EWTN. Indeed, the joy of Christian life and the mercy of an all-loving God are its hallmarks.

Americans depend upon their TV sets as a window to the world – and one of the great liabilities for men and women of faith is the fact that **so much of knowledge of that world is distilled and distorted in the media**. I’m a great defender of the **Fourth Estate**, the

professional journalists who strive to report the events, personalities, issues, trends and questions of our time in a balanced, objective and clear fashion. So much of the “media,” however, is now saturated with **an entertainment or polemical perspective, left and right**, that it is

hard to find good, old-fashioned, honest reporting. When the economic pressures of market fragmentation, declining readership and shareholder demands in a digitized environment are added to the mix, it is easy to see why **issues and positions that require time, clarity and nuance** are often steamrollered in the media environment. There were occasional bumps in the road: a



spat with a bishop somewhere, even a cardinal. Claims the network was too traditional, that its theology needed more depth, that it ignored some social issues. Anyone who has ever written a paragraph for public consumption knows how touchy things can become.

In the midst of all this, Mother Angelica, 92 at the time of her death, and her colleagues worked to **present the truth of Catholic teaching as a genuine light for our times**. Matters that required more than a sound bite received their due.

News from a Catholic perspective found air time. Philosophical and theological thinking were not consigned to the backroom. There was **no hesitation in articulating the name of Jesus**, nor any reluctance to speak of the **Rosary of his mother, Mary**. And Mother Angelica made sure that her television fare



was interesting and professional. For example, one show explored Mideast problems and the common radical Islamic cry that the U.S. and other Western nations are “**crusaders**” intent on the destruction of other countries. The jihadist outcry is not very different

from some in the media. Once the history of the crusades, and what prompted them, is explored, a very different perspective emerges.

Some of the most dramatic encounters between viewers, listeners and readers and EWTN’s work are **conversions** to the Catholic faith and discernment of **religious vocations**. In fact, “The Journey Home” tells the stories of those who have struggled with their beliefs and found the truth of Christ, and so have entered the Catholic Church. Wherever its broadcasts reach — our own country, mission areas, traditional Catholic regions now secularized, oppressed parts of the world — Mother Angelica’s work through EWTN is busy **planting the seeds** for a renewal of faith in Christ and life in his Mystical Body, the Church. May the Spirit make them sprout!

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