

The Most Holy Trinity



Sat., May 21 Saint Christopher Magallanes

Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

3:35 pm ... Rosary

4 pm ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., May 22 The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

7:30 am ... ☩ Charles Richard by Tom & Alice Benard

9:30 am ... ☩ Edward Heroux by Bridget Heroux

4:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ☩ Robert Murphy by Tom & Alice Benard

Mon., May 23

1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27

12 pm ... Our Parish Family

Tue., May 24

1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

12 pm ... ☩ Robert "Doc" Reel by his friends and family

Wed., May 25 Saint Bede the Venerable

1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

11:30 am ... Penance & Reconciliation / Rosary

12 pm ... ☩ Larry Cote by Jeannine Cote

Thur., May 26 Saint Philip Neri

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2-5; Mk 10:46-52

8:30 am ... ☩ Joseph A. Levasseur by Robert & Carmelle Laroche

Fri., May 27 Saint Augustine of Canterbury

1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26

5:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

6 pm ... ☩ Romain & ☩ Louise Marcoux by Diane Gallant

Sat., May 28

Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33

3:35 pm ... Rosary

4 pm ... ☩ Leo & ☩ Doris Moreau by her family

Sun., May 29 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

7:30 am ... ☩ Mary Marszal by Richard Bienvenue

9:30 am ... ☩ Deceased members of the Linehan and Tullgren families by Irene Tullgren

4:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Theresa Chabot (living) by Anne Clark



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Our Parish Family**.

The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue

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

Center. Tickets are just \$12 and are available following all weekend Masses or during the week at the rectory. Check out this week's insert for more details.



Save the date! VBS... Saint Raphael's ever popular Vacation Bible School is coming! This year, VBS will be **July 18—22 from 9 am—12 pm**. This year's theme is "Cave Quest—Following Jesus, the Light of the Word". We are enlisting volunteers and participants and applications will be available soon!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., May 23

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., May 24

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse

Thur., May 26

7:30 pm ... Choir Practice



Sign up to host Vocation Chalice and Pilgrim Virgin statue Parishioners and friends of the parish are

encouraged to sign up for either or both of these opportunities for two-week intervals. Find out more by reading about it on our website, www.saint-raphael-parish.com. Please call the office at 623.2604 to make arrangements.

This is a great opportunity to develop prayer in your home and heart, to honor Mary and to ask God for the gift of new vocations!



Catholic Charities

The 2016 Annual Campaign has begun. Our goal this year is \$26,000. Thank

you to those who have supported Catholic Charities. To date, your gift has helped us raise **\$3,625** towards our goal. Giving to Catholic Charities improves our community, strengthens families and moves lives forward. Your gift supports lives with the programs that feed the hungry, heal the sick, strengthen families, and welcome the stranger. Through you, people find the way to self-sufficiency, independence and a new life. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities New



Congratulations to Andrew Podziewski, son of Daniel and Lucy (Bernard) Podziewski, who graduated on May 13 from the Montserrat

College of Art, and to **Conor Michael Cashin,** son of Suzanne (Venne) and Joseph Cashin, who received a B.S. degree in computer game design with a minor in mathematics from Southern NH University on May 14.



Respect Life Committee The Saint Raphael Respect Life Committee is sponsoring it's **Annual Baby Bottle fundraiser** to benefit CareNet Pregnancy Center. There are still bottles available for you to take from the basket at the back of the church. Please limit bottles to one per family and **return your bottle on Father's Day weekend June 18/19**. Thank you for your help!



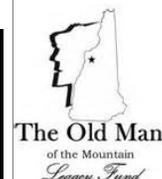
Annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated **Monday, May 30 at 9 am** at Old Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Donald Street,

it rains, Mass will be in Saint Joseph Cathedral. Please bring a lawn chair for seating at the cemetery. Note that there will be **NO MASS at Saint Raphael Parish on Memorial Day and the office will be closed.**



Lynne Hartshorn Memorial Blood Drive

Mark your calendar for **Monday, June 20, 1-6 pm**, in the Parish Hall. Lynne was a longtime volunteer and receptionist at the American Red Cross Center, Manchester. Her son, Peter Hartshorn and his wife, Melissa, and their three children are parishioners of Saint Raphael. All blood donations would be



He's a Legacy! Congratulations to **Fr. Bernard Campbell, OFM Cap.**, a 2016 Granite State Legacy Award winner. The award honors the accomplishments of distinguished citizens who give to NH through business, philanthropy, politics and career. Fr. Bernie often assists here.

Change can prompt a new song to God in our hearts!

Music is considered one of those innately and exclusively human elements that helps to **define us** apart from other animals and to **express** who we are, as individuals, as members of a cultural community, and at times as members of the world as a whole.

Music plays a significant role in the Old Testament, starting with the Song of the Sea by Moses, the songs of Miriam and Hannah, and of course the **Psalms**. Music bookends the Gospel message, with Mary's **Magnificat** at the beginning and the songs of the angels at the end in the **Book of Revelation**. There are songs that God gives us to sing, and there are songs that we make up in our hearts to sing to God.

The Psalms teach that music expresses who we are in relation to God. *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture,"* says Psalm 100, while Psalm 137 tells us, *"On the willows [by the rivers of Babylon], there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!' How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?"* Music speaks of joy, sadness and everything in between.

Recently I was on my way home from Boston when Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto I* came on the radio. I've heard this piece umpteen times over my life and was prepared for yet another typical rendition of this famous piece when the music started to play.

"Bam!" went the first note, and the whole piece was transformed. Instead of playing this piece in a smooth or stately way, the orchestra emphasized the first beat of each measure and gave the concerto a liveliness and energy that I had never heard before.

This experience made me think of a talk

given by **George Lopez**, a talented concert pianist who for many years was the organist at my previous church and is now an Artist in Residence at Bowdoin College in Maine. George loved to give the occasional concert at Bethany and after he had moved to Maine, he came back to give us a talk on and a performance of Spanish music.

George began his talk by telling us about **Abu I-Hasan 'Ali Ibn Nafi' Ziryab**. Ziryab, a Moor from Baghdad who moved to Cordoba around 822 A.D. Ziryab was a charismatic and talented musician who started a music school at the court of Cordoba, where hundreds of Spanish as well as Moorish students learned from him. **He brought back the Phrygian scale** that had been used in Greece

several hundred years earlier, where the **half-step** occurs on the scale on the second note instead of further along in the octave as we typically hear it. Having the half-step occur so early allowed for a different expression of suffering and tragedy from major and minor keys in the more common musical scale.

Ziryab's teaching ultimately infused the Spanish music of his day, and when, centuries later, musicians from France, Germany and Italy travelled through Spain, they picked up on the beauty of this music, and it began to **infuse their own compositions**, such as Debussy's *La Puerta del Vino* and Liszt's *Spanish Rhapsody*.

How **transformative** it was for European classical music that a man from a far-off land came and brought a new way of creating music, a new way of expressing our heart's desires! (An echo of the wise men from the East, who saw that Someone new and transformative had come into the world?)

We aren't all musical, but all of us have hearts that sing in ways that are pleasing to God, and the **Holy Spirit is always longing to open our hearts in ways to better praise, reverence and serve God.**

But listening to the lively version of the concerto and thinking back on George's talk

about Ziryab made me wonder to what extent changing a note might make a difference in all of our lives.

Saint Paul writes to the Corinthian church, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good..... All these are activated by one and

the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses." (1 Cor. 12:4-7,11)

So **what notes might we change** in our lives to bring us closer to God? For some of us, it might be using a different daily

devotion while for others, it might be engaging in a new types of volunteer work. Sometimes we need to reflect on whether God is nudging us in new directions. God promises that we will find fulfilling ministries wherever we are. The saints teach us that ministries can change and grow.

All of us are given talents, and all of us are asked to use them to bring about God's Kingdom. Many of us can probably recall a moment where God brought something new into our lives that gave us an "ah-hah!" moment, **a moment where we could hear something new**, see that we had missed, and find the love in our hearts to move forward in **bringing the love of Christ into new situations**. And into those new situations, we bring along all of ourselves, everything that God has used during our lives to grow us in his faithful servants. New notes are meant to enrich and expand our repertoire, and for that we may be thankful!

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Enter His Gates
with Thanksgiving
And His Courts
With Praise
Psalm 100:4



Weekly Collection

Weekend of May 15, 2016

Regular Offertory	\$4,340.75	Stewardship	\$ 283.00
Make-Up Offertory	267.00	Online Stewardship	60.00
Loose Offertory		Total Stewardship	\$ 343.00
572.25 Online Parish Giving		Ascension of the Lord	\$ 789.25
300.00 Total	\$5,480.00		
Food Pantry	\$		



Saint Raphael Food

Pantry On Monday, May 16, the food pantry served **22** families and gave out **32** bags of groceries We need Spaghetios, fruit, macaroni,

and can always use brown paper bags! Thank you!
REMINDER: The food pantry will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.