

# X Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Mass Intentions

### Sat., June 4 Immaculate Heart of the BVM

2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

4 pm ... ✠ Jack North by Mary Dery

### Sun., June 5 X Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

7:30

am ... ✠ Joan Foley by Connie Raymond

9:30 am ... Our Parish Family

4:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ✠ Jeannette Magarian by Charles Magarian

### Mon., June 6 Saint Norbert

1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12

12 pm ... ✠ Deceased members of the LaRochelle & Duhaime families by Robert & Carmelle Larochelle

### Tue., June 7

1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

12 pm ... ✠ Mary Marszal by Lena Krager

### Wed., June 8

1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

11:30 am ... Penance & Reconciliation

12 pm ... ✠ Joseph Dambach by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

### Thur., June 9 Saint Ephrem

1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

8:30 am ... ✠ Eugene Mackie by Barbara Mackie

### Fri., June 10

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

6 pm ... ✠ Claire Bond by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

### Sat., June 11 Saint Barnabas

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

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

### Sun., June 12 XI Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]

7:30 am ... Our Parish Family

9:30 am ... ✠ Omer & ✠ Jeannette Beaudoin by Tom & Alice Benard

4:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

5 pm ... ✠ Lucille M. Kelley by the Kelley family

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for ✠ **Cecile D. Moore** by a friend.

## Weekly Collection

### Weekend of May 29, 2016

Regular Offertory	\$3,031.00
Make-Up Offertory	166.00
Loose Offertory	
492.65	Online Parish
Giving	250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,939.00</b>

Food Pantry \$  
30.00 **Last Year:**



**Altar Servers Needed!** The Altar Server's Ministry is a unique one in the Catholic Church. Other than priests and deacons, no one else is allowed to play so closely a part in the preparation of the Eucharist. Your participation as an Altar Server is special. When you serve the priests and deacons, you serve the people of God, and above all, you serve Christ. Servers should have received their First Eucharist before they start serving. If you are interested, please call Kerri in the office at 623.2604.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Mon., June 5

7-8 pm ... Food Pantry

### Tue., June 6

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse

### Wed., June 7

7 pm ... K of C Meeting

### Thur., May 26

7:30 pm ... Choir Practice



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### 2016 Annual Campaign

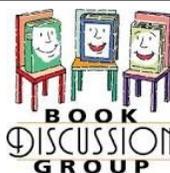
Our goal this year is \$26,000. Thank you to

those who have supported Catholic Charities. To date, your gift has helped us raise **\$3,826** towards our goal. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities New Hampshire. Please help us reach our goal!



**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 greatly appreciated!



This summer the parish Book Discussion Group is going to jump into a big, sweeping, emotional novel: Gustave Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*. When the novel first appeared in 1856 it was criticized as "immoral," although it's certainly tame by today's standards. In *Emma Bovary*, the main character, we find an ordinary woman who dreams of an extraordinary life. When her desires confront reality, Emma struggles to find genuine

happiness -- perhaps because she will not allow herself to recalibrate her expectations. Books are available at the parish office and are priced at \$9 each. We'll meet **Thursday, July 21**, in our regular room at the back of the church. Discussion will begin at **7pm**, but please come early for some refreshments and socializing. Please join us!



### 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



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

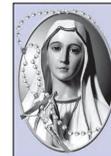
✠ **John "Jack" Healy,**

who died May 24 and whose funeral Mass was celebrated last week by P. Jerome.



### Sign up to host Vocation Chalice or 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](http://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!



### The New Saint Raphael Follies &

**Revue** Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our show Friday night. We are grateful to all who participated, attended, and donated to the event.

God uses the encouragement we give to stir the heart! That's a fact!

With the permission of Abbot Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B., abbot of Saint Anselm Abbey, Father Stephen Brian Lawson, O.S.B., will serve this summer as a deacon here at Saint Raphael. Ordained earlier this spring to the diaconate, Father Stephen is preparing for ordination to the Roman Catholic priesthood at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Seminary in Indiana. He is scheduled to be ordained a priest next spring. As a deacon, Father Stephen — it is the custom at Saint Anselm to use the title "Father" for monks ordained as deacons — will preach at various weekday and weekend Masses, assist in the Food Pantry and Vacation Bible School as directed by Father Jerome, O.S.B., pastor. Welcome, Father Stephen!



Father Stephen, O.S.B., third from left, was ordained April 16 at Saint Anselm Abbey as a deacon. From left, he is flanked by Bro. David N'Djam, O.S.B., a seminary classmate from Monastere de l'Incarnation in Togo, Africa; the Most Rev. Peter A. Libasci, D.D., bishop of Manchester; and Abbot Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B., abbot of Saint Anselm.

Sergeant Joe Friday from the television show *Dragnet* is often linked with the phrase "Just the facts, ma'am." When Father Jerome asked me to write a column to introduce myself to the parish community, I thought that starting with the facts would be a good place to begin.

The facts are these: I was born in 1985 in Holyoke, Massachusetts. I am one of eight boys, which includes a twin brother. Don't worry! My twin and I will not be switching places anytime soon, though if we did, you would probably not notice. I graduated from Holyoke High School in 2004 and from Saint Anselm College in 2008. After leaving the Hilltop, I worked as a political journalist for the now defunct website *PolitickerNH.com* and as a website editor for the non-partisan civic engagement group Live Free or Die Alliance. I entered the monastery in January 2010, made solemn vows in July 2014, and was ordained a transitional deacon in April. Facts are helpful, but they do not tell the whole story.

When I started college, I was not active in the Church nor was faith a major part of my

life. However, shortly after arriving at Saint Anselm, I started going to daily Mass and became active in the Knights of Columbus chapter on campus. Gradually, my Catholic faith started to grow, and I started to discern whether or not I had a calling to the monastic way of life. The first experience I had with the Benedictine monastery on campus was my freshman year of college, when I participated in a weekend retreat. I thought at the time that other students would participate, and it would be a good opportunity to meet people.

When I showed up to meet with Father Anselm S. Smedile, O.S.B., I learned that I was the only one who signed-up! During that weekend, I fell in love with the simplicity of life and the structure of the monastic schedule. Furthermore, there have been providential moments when I was in the monastery that guided me to my vocation. For instance, I was scheduled to have dinner in the monastery the day Joseph Cardinal

Ratzinger was elected pope in 2005. Imagine my surprise when I found out that I was going to be spending time in a Benedictine monastery the day a newly elected pope took the name Benedict XVI. Sometimes God works in mysterious ways.

Looking back on life over the past 15 years, I realize that God was working through other people to bring me to where I am today. The reason why I considered going to Saint Anselm College was that a substitute teacher at my high school suggested I go there if I wanted to study politics. Then in college, I started going to daily Mass because a friend of mine said he was going and asked if I wanted to join him. I started to discern joining

the Benedictines because a monk asked me if I ever thought about joining the monastery. My life would be completely different if these people did not have the courage to ask me these questions.

As you go about your week you might ask yourself these two questions: When was

the last time you invited someone to Mass? Can you think of someone who might make a good priest or monk? Have you ever brought up that subject to him? Go about it gently so you don't frighten somebody, but broach the subject. The answers might not only change your life but also the life of the person you are questioning! The fact is we are called to encourage each other in our life in Christ.

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HELP WANTED

Grandmother with custody of her five grandchildren is seeking a mature, experienced adult (18+) to nanny five children, ages 4, 6, 8, 10 and 13. Starting the last week of June and the month of July, possibly August. The hours are 6:30am to 5:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The two oldest boys will be in summer school during the mornings as well as the 4 year old girl. All five will be home from lunch time until 5:00pm. Please contact Mary Ellen at 663-5660 or 533-7732.

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.

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Every Envelope Counts! Please remember to return your weekly contribution envelopes for the times when you have been away from Saint Raphael this winter. The need to fulfill our obligation to support our parish is clear, and regular expenses occur whether we are in the pews here or not. Your help in this effort will be greatly appreciated!