

 *Mass Intentions*

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

Mon., June 13 **Saint Anthony of Padua**

1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

12 pm ... Barbara Bennett (living) by Anne Clark

Tue., June 14

1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

12 pm ... ✠Marguerite Bedard by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

Wed., June 15

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

11:30 am ... Penance & Reconciliation

12 pm ... ✠Prof. William Farrell by P. Jerome

Thur., June 16

Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

8:30 am ... ✠Sylvia Hobbs by Cynthia Hobbs

Fri., June 17

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

6 pm ... Pope Francis by Mikki Margaritis

Sat., June 18

2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

4 pm ... ✠Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., June 19 **XX Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

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

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

4:30 pm ... Penance & Reconciliation

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

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



Catholic Charities

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!



VBS 2016: Cave Quest!

... 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. Applications can be accessed from our website, www.saint-raphael-



The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue

Pictures and videos will be posted soon on our website. Thanks to you, we raised nearly \$4,500! Again, we thank you everyone who were a part of the show!



CLASS OF 2016 Congratulations to the following youth

on their graduations: From Trinity High School: **Bethany Boulanger**, who will be attending Boston University, **Gabrielle Fitzgerald**, who will be attending Ave Maria College in Florida. From Manchester West: **Abigail Desrochers**, who will be attending Simmons College; **Ian Hill**; **Nathan Podziewski**, who will be attending HARTT School of Actor Training at the University of Hartford, CT. From Manchester Central High: **Danielle Lemire** who will be attending Plymouth State University. From Manchester Memorial High: **Katelyn Duquette**, who will be attending Manchester Community College. From Bedford High: **Emily Peach**, who will be attending Keene State University and **AnneMarie Pratte**, who will be attending Massachusetts College of Art & Design. From Nashua High: **Mikaela Aherrera**, who will be attending Rivier University. From Londonderry High School: **Thomas Stanley**, who will be attending the Peter T. Paul School of Business at UNH in Durham in the fall. Congratulations, grads!



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ✠Dot, ✠Ray and ✠Roger LaRochelle by Lillian LaRochelle.

Weekly Collection

Weekend of June 5, 2016

Regular Offertory \$3,532.00
Make-Up Offertory 1,063.00
Loose Offertory 723.00
Online Parish Giving 295.00
Total

\$5,613.00
Food Pantry
\$2,990.00

Last Year: Weekend of June 4, 2015



Food Pantry

Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, May 23, the food pantry served **23** families and gave out **38** bags of groceries We need Mac 'n Cheese and can always use brown paper bags! Thank you!



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 next**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Take a bow, SBA Performing Arts Club! Students put on a wonderful performance last week at the Dana Center. We are grateful to them for giving us a sneak peek preview at our Follies & Revue last week as

Could God use an eviction notice from the dean? I think He just did!

Sometimes **God speaks to us** in e-mails, tweets and letters we wish we'd never opened. The other day, I delivered a short homily at daily Mass on the "**grace of discontinuity**." It was meant to be a nosegay of good thoughts that sometime somehow might be of spiritual help to somebody. Little did I expect it to be **a homily for me!**

That said, let's back track to my college office. I have what once was a **large broom closet**, I think, on the top floor of **Gadbois Hall at Saint Anselm College** (*photo below*). The office has a interesting history, but that's another story. Suffice to say that I've made it, with the help of the guys in the Physical Plant Department, into a wonderful little place to meet with my students and to do some academic reading, writing and research.

I'm surrounded by books, mostly in **Irish literature and drama**; classical, medieval and contemporary rhetoric; political communication; American and British **journalism**; **communication theory** and, in particular, discourse analysis – all topics I teach.

I have some great things on the wall – at least, they're great to me: a signed copy of the comic strip character "Robotman" by **cartoonist Jim Meddick**, received back in the days when I was managing editor of our newspaper at home in North Adams, MA. My framed poster of the **Milton 400 conference** hangs next to it. I helped organize and run on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the birth of the great English poet and essayist John Milton in 2009. Over the credenza, I have framed maps of **New England and Ireland** and a framed page from an 1847 issue of the London Illustrated News showing the impact of the **Great Famine** in Ireland, the topic of my doctoral dissertation.

The obligatory computer, plus some plaques college crests, my doctoral diploma from McGill and a bunch of family, friend and Benedictine community photos, plus little images of **Saints Benedict, Jerome and Joseph**, along with the *bric à brac* that one accumulates over the years round out the contents. I took over the office in 2001 from **P. William Sullivan, O.S.B.**, who was teaching history and serving as prior at the time. I even have a very comfortable office chair that looks and feels more like an easy chair when you put your feet up! Plus, I have **the best view in the college**. My window, surrounded by ivy, overlooks the Lower Common, the Dana Center and beyond that the skyline of Manchester, which can look pretty nice in the setting sun.

As offices go, mine is far from the jazziest or snazziest on campus, but it's cozy, attractive and pleasant. When I'm running



late for class, it is **right where it needs to be**. There is a parking lot right outside Gadbois. I race up the walk, enter the lower level door and push the elevator for the third floor, drop my things in the office and, if I'm teaching in Gadbois, arrive in class just in the nick of time. What more can you ask of an office?! It even **weathered construction of the new elevator shaft** a few years ago.

But back to the e-mail. It was an **eviction notice from the dean of the college**, politely expressed, open to discussion but still an eviction notice. Yes, even monks of Saint Anselm, even trustees, get moved around from place to place and time to time. Gadbois is the center of our nursing education program, and the nursing faculty needs more space. I was going to Bradley 219, the principal faculty office building (*photo above*). Eviction was described as better real estate, with your own department and easy access to secretarial help. But it was still a notice to vacate. Bradley actually is a charming building, one that has served as a convent, dormitory and now faculty office building.

Ironically, only the day before I had given a homily at Mass, as I mentioned, on "the grace of discontinuity." The phrase and the theological reflection belong to **Dom Michael Casey**, a Trappist priest from Australia and one of the foremost contemporary writers on Christian spirituality. We were blessed with his presence last month for **our annual community retreat** at the abbey, and his conferences were organized around the specific graces to be found in times,



events and people in our lives that we might not immediately find so helpful, edifying or inspiring. Certainly, the moments of discontinuity when our work, lifestyle, friendships, health, routines and attitudes are interrupted, disrupted or destroyed can be painful and disorienting.

Dom Michael made sure to remind us that such events are **inevitable, a natural part of life**. Monks in particular, and Christians generally, need to remember that **God is to be found in all aspects of our lives**, even those that we find troubling, burdensome, unjust or even sinful. God desires neither suffering nor injustice, neither pain nor sin for us, but he may very well use moments of discontinuity to give us a **new perspective**, provide us **new relationships** or challenge us in **new ways**. It's not always easy; most of us like the tried and true. But experiencing something new and different is a central way we grow.

When I look back on my own life, I realize that a great many of my experiences came over objections from **the little guy in my head** who never wants to see his routine changed, who develops attachments to people, places and things and who virtually never goes to a party willingly. Happily, the little guy pounds around for a while, but does not rule my mental roost. In a world of changes, discontinuities and disruptions, moving up the hill to Bradley House from my office in Gadbois is a **minor change**. Troops are still being assigned to duty in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. A priest friend is preparing to spend five years as a missionary in Peru. Millions of Mideast refugees are fleeing their homelands. Going to Bradley House is not part of the same discussion.

Still, I shall miss Gadbois 204, the ivy-shrouded window and the lovely views, but I'll keep some wonderful memories of students and colleagues, plus some rather amusing stories. And, yes, I'll even wish the new occupant the same good fortune I've had. Who knows what the Lord has in store in Bradley 219?! Good things, I hope. But if the nurses ever get more space, the little guy in my head says he's lobbying to get my old office back! © Rev. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.