



Mass Intentions

Sat., July 2
Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
4 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sun., July 3 **XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]
7:30 am ... ☩Anne Foley by Connie Raymond
9:30 am ... ☩Lucille M. Kelley by the Kelley family
5 pm ... ☩Marie Sylvia by Sean Thomas

Mon., July 4 **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**
Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
9 am ... ☩Andre & ☩Madeline Benard by Tom & Alice Benard

Tue., July 5 **Saints Anthony Zacaria and Elizabeth**
Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
12 pm ... ☩Yvette Kilroy by Diane Bolton

Wed., July 6 **Saint Maria Goretti**
Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
12 pm ... ☩Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. (48th Anniv.) by Cynthia Hobbs

Thur., July 7
Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
8:30 am ... ☩Mary Marszal (1st Anniv.) by Richard Bienvenue

Fri., July 8 ~ OFFICE CLOSED ~
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
6 pm ... ☩Henry Roy by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

Sat., July 9 **Saint Augustine Zhao Rong**
Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
4 pm ... ☩Leo & ☩Doris Moreau by their family

Sun., July 10 **XV Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
7:30 am ... Our Parish Family
9:30 am ... ☩Larry Cote by Jeannine Cote
5 pm ... ☩Edward & ☩Peg Moran by Margaret-Ann Moran



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩Mary Marszal by Richard Bienvenue.



SUMMER HOURS The office will be closed on Fridays during the months of July and August throughout the summer.



Saint Raphael Food Pantry
On Monday, June 27, the food pantry served **18** families and gave out **35** bags of groceries We need Mac 'n Cheese and can always use brown

paper bags! **The food pantry will be closed on Monday, July 4.**

Weekly Collection

Weekend of June 26, 2016

Regular Offertory \$3,368.00
Make-Up Offertory 460.00
Loose Offertory 631.85
Online Parish Giving 250.00
Total

\$4,709.85
Stewardship
\$ 78.00

Last Year: Weekend of June 28, 2015



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 **\$12,350** towards our goal. **We are almost halfway there!** Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities New Hampshire. Please help us reach our goal!



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 seek volunteers and participants. Applications via our website, www.saint-raphael-parish.com.

Sign up to host Vocation Chalice or Pilgrim Virgin statue

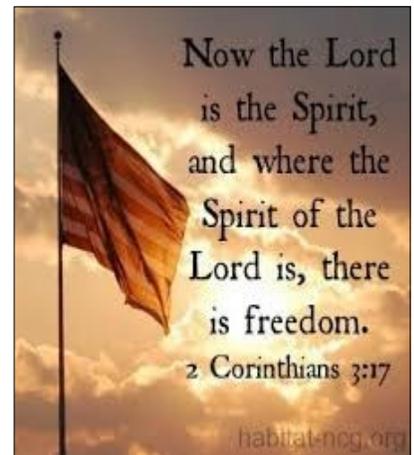


Parishioners and friends of the parish are encouraged to sign up for either or both of these opportunities for two-week intervals. Find out more by reading about it on our website, www.saint-raphael-parish.com. Please call the office at **623.2604** to make arrangements. This is a great opportunity to develop prayer in your home and heart, to honor Mary and to ask God for the gift of new vocations!



DIOCESAN NEWS

The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci has announced the appointment of **David A. Thibault** as the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Manchester. Mr. Thibault will replace **Fr. John Fortin, O.S.B.**, who has served as Superintendent since June of 2013 and who is being recalled by his religious superior to return to teaching at Saint Anselm College. "Fr. John's accomplishments in the three years he served as Superintendent are many, and his achievements will long be valued and remembered," said Bishop Libasci, "but most of all I am going to miss his enthusiasm, collegiality, and tremendous sense of humor." We wish both the best of luck in their future endeavors.



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. Thank you!

Deacons: Servant leaders following to lead

This past weekend I attended my cousin's wedding in Massachusetts. It was the first time that many of my relatives have seen me since I was ordained a deacon in April. Almost every time I spoke with a relative they had a question about what a deacon does. For instance, several relatives asked if I could say Mass on Sunday morning for the family. In other words, people often have lots of questions about the role of a

deacon in the Church. This short column will explain some of the duties and



responsibilities of deacons. Deacons first appear in Acts of the Apostles as assistants to the apostles. Acts tell us that the twelve apostles told the community of disciples to select "seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom" who could serve the community's needs. Deacons are again mentioned in the First Letter to Timothy, in which St. Paul describes the qualifications of a deacon. According to St. Paul, deacons "must be dignified, not deceitful, not addicted to drink, not greedy for sordid gain, holding fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience." These passages show that deacons are called to serve the Church and should be morally upright

men. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops carries on this aspect of service in their instruction to deacons. They explain, "Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to

be a servant in a servant -Church."

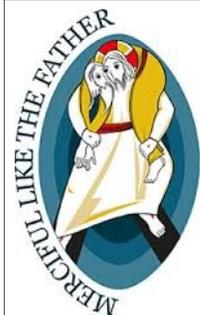
In the Catholic Church, there are

two types of deacons, permanent deacons, and transitional deacons. When searching for an explanation of the difference between the two I of course went to the website Wikipedia, which states, "In the Roman Catholic Church, a transitional deacon is a celibate man who has been ordained a deacon and who intends to become a priest. Transitional deacons are usually ordained to the diaconate after they complete their third year at the theological seminary." Thus, transitional deacons are on their way to becoming ordained priests, while permanent deacons are typically married and are not on the path to priesthood. I am studying to be a priest, so I am a

transitional deacon. One way that deacons serve the Church is through the role they play in the liturgy. During Mass, the deacon is traditionally associated with the chalice. For example, the deacon pours wine into the chalice, elevates the chalice at the Concluding Doxology, ministers the chalice to people during communion, and purifies the chalices used at Mass. Furthermore, deacons can also proclaim the Gospel, deliver the homily, read the Prayers of the Faithful, prepare the altar, and give the dismissal at the end of Mass. In other words, deacons play a vital part in the Church's liturgical life. Even though deacons have a liturgical role in the Church, it is always seen as a ministry of service.

In May, Pope Francis spoke to a group of deacons that were in Rome to celebrate the Year of Mercy. He told the group that with "meek of heart and in constant dialogue with Jesus, you will not be afraid to be servants of Christ, and to encounter and caress the flesh of the Lord in the poor of our time." While these words were aimed at deacons, every Christian is called to a life of service, which should be based on humility and prayer.

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Holy Year Pilgrimage Bishop Libasci is pleased to announce that as part of the observance of the Year of Mercy, he will be leading a diocesan-wide pilgrimage to Washington D.C. Central to this Pilgrimage will be our visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, America's Catholic Church. There we will have the opportunity to go through the National Holy Year Door! The pilgrimage is scheduled for September 26-28, 2016. For further information contact Canterbury Pilgrimages at [800-653-0017](tel:800-653-0017) or go to www.canterburypilgrimages.com.



Every Envelope Counts! Please remember to return your weekly contribution envelopes for the times when you will be away from Saint Raphael this summer. 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



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