

Mass Intentions

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

Mon., July 11 **Saint Benedict**

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

12 pm ... Saint Benedict students and faculty

Tue., July 12

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

12 pm ...  Mike Buckley (2nd Anniv.) by Ronnie Schlender

Wed., July 13 **Saint Henry**

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

12 pm ...  Katherine Day Corriveau by P. Jerome

Thur., July 14 **Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30

8:30 am ...  Joseph M. Dambach by Anne-Maria Contarino

Fri., July 15 **Saint Bonaventure**

~ OFFICE CLOSED ~

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

6 pm ...  Phil Beland (3rd Anniv.) by Linda Beland

Sat., July 16 **Our Lady of Mount Carmel; BVM**

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

4 pm ...  Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., July 17 **XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

7:30 am ...  Charles Young by Dottie DeCotis

9:30 am ... Our Parish Family

5 pm ...  Robert J. Kirby (1st Anniv.) by Margaret-Ann Moran



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



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



CONGRATULATIONS! We are happy to welcome Heather Silvera as Saint Benedict Academy's new principal. Heather taught first grade at SBA and will be taking on the role of principal for the upcoming school year.

Weekly Collection

Weekend of July 3, 2016

Regular Offertory \$2,818.00
Make-Up Offertory 425.00
Loose Offertory 496.00
Online Parish Giving 150.00
Total

\$3,889.00

Stewardship

\$ 35.00

Last Year: Weekend of July 5, 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!

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!



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.

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LIFE LINE SCREENING  **Life Line Community Healthcare is offering NEW, additional screenings at no cost!**
The Power of Prevention

With recent changes in Medicare benefits, **eligible** beneficiaries can now receive an Annual Wellness Visit with **NO out-of-pocket cost!**

On 9/14/2016, St. Raphael Parish is pleased to offer a potentially life-saving health event with **Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings. In addition to the many low-cost health tests being offered (details for those available at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners), our sister company, Life Line Community Healthcare is now also proud to be offering screenings to all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries. Watch for the insert in the bulletin in the coming weeks.



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!

SRP Choir: a neighborhood singing group looking for new members

When I was ten years old, I received for Christmas from *ma Tante Janet* a quintessentially 1980s gift, a polyphonic keyboard. This remarkable device, which was powered by air, three D batteries, and my endless curiosity, helped me to learn **basic note-reading**. The following year, my parents, either eager for me to formally pursue music or wishing for me to progress beyond playing *Alouette*, clipped a coupon from the paper offering three professional lessons for the low, low price of \$19.99.

After a few years, the previous pastor of St. Raphael Church, Rev. Bede Gary Camera, O.S.B., offered to give me personal lessons on the Church organ in order to learn how to play **music appropriate for Holy Mass**. Father Bede, who earned his master's degree in music education from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J., asked that for payment for his time and effort, I should perform some sort of **volunteer service for the parish**. My first task was to wash the parish car. After spending an hour spraying, scrubbing, and buffing, I was pleased with my work. I thought I had done a decent enough job; however, Father Bede thought otherwise and still reminds my parents of that fact to this day!

Since my nascent career in car care was coming to a screeching halt, I was given a new assignment. By this time in 1996, I was a sophomore at Trinity High School and had learned a couple of hymns and regularly played them at the beginning of Mass before scurrying away to put on an altar server's cassock in time to hold the lectionary for the collect. This new job involved me going to Saint Anselm to spend time with and read to the retired second abbot of the abbey, **Right Rev. Abbot Gerald Francis McCarthy, O.S.B.**, (*photo right*) who was visually impaired. I would chat with him for a few minutes and then read aloud his mail, Father Bede's homilies, and usually another text that Abbot Gerald had selected as part of his monastic practice of *lectio divina*. This **quiet and holy time** quickly became a highlight of my week. I began to appreciate his beaming smile, thoughtful wisdom, and genuine kindness even more than the warm cookies and milk with which he would greet me!

In 2000 when I was a freshman at Saint Anselm College,

Abbot Gerald was called home to the Lord at the age of 87. I had the pleasure of playing the organ at his funeral while the college choir, under the direction of Father Bede, sang. I had just recently learned how to play the hymn, *Soul of My Savior*, which we sang during the funeral. I still tear up when I hear the third verse sung:

*Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments makes me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.*

While the lyrics may initially seem melancholy, they speak to the **great hope of salvation and eternity with God on high**. I still have Abbot Gerald's memorial card on my bureau in a box where I keep my wristwatches, and so I find myself frequently thinking of him and the mystery of God's love.

From the beginning of my music career, I have always been involved with the choir here at St. Raphael Church. I sang as a tenor in my younger days and then as a bass through college. After I graduated from Saint Anselm, I became the regular accompanist for the choir under the direction of the late Dennis Delay. This is now the 20th year that I have been involved in our **parish's music ministry**. This past year, I have been given the privilege and responsibility to serve the



parish both as accompanist and director of the choir. This has been an incredible experience for me, especially in helping to coordinate service music for the high holy days of the Sacred Triduum.

Our volunteer group sings beautifully at the 9:30am Masses on Sundays and for many Holy Days of Obligation. I am proud of the work that we have accomplished over the years. However, due to retirements and relocations, our numbers are thinning out, and

we have a couple of **gaps in vocal parts, especially in the male sections**. I am personally asking you, *all of you*, to consider joining our group to **render service to our community and to the Lord**.

There are no special requirements for joining. Most of our members are not trained musicians; all that is necessary is the ability to **carry a tune!** If you can sing in the shower or in your car, you have been blessed by God Himself with the prerequisites for singing in a church choir. At practices each week, the part that you would be singing is played for you, so there are **no prior skills needed**. One current member, Robert Clark, explained to me that you can "learn to read music just by osmosis if you come to choir every week. That skill is on a lot of people's bucket list. Also, many people mistakenly think we are all highly trained vocalists with whom the average churchgoer could not hope to fit in. Ours is a **neighborhood singing group**. The average churchgoer needs to know that, so they will not be intimidated."

I would most encourage you to think about joining our neighborhood singing group. We typically rehearse during the academic year on Thursday evenings in the loft at 7:30pm for an hour, and we gather at 9:00am Sundays before Mass for a final run through. Please feel free to speak with me after Mass or with any of our choir members, who would all welcome the opportunity to talk to you about the **joy and peace in service that singing in the choir has given them**. Please also e-mail me at lyle03102@yahoo.com if you have any questions as I would enjoy hearing from any of you who may be feeling God's call to **worship the Lord with the "sound of music" (Ps. 98:5)**. Although I may not have Abbot Gerald's warm cookies and milk to share with you, I can certainly greet you with his warm smile!

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