

Mass Intentions

Sat., August 27 **Saint Monica**

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

4 pm ... ☩ Charles Richard (2nd Anniv.) by Simone Richard

Sun., August 28 **XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14 **7:30**

am ... ☩ Lorraine Martel by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

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

5 pm ... Our Parish Family

Mon., August 29 **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Mk 6:17-29

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

Tue., August 30

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

12 pm ... ☩ Charles Bureau by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

Wed., August 31

1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

12 pm ... ☩ Kathleen McNamara Cunningham by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

Thur., September 1

1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

8:30 am ... Mary Boccoli (living) by Anne Clark

Fri., September 2

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

6 pm ... ☩ Kathleen McNamara Cunningham by the Norton and Newton Families

Sat., September 3 **Saint Gregory the Great**

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

4 pm ... ☩ Yvon Brunette (2nd Anniv.) by the Brunette family

Sun., August 28 **XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

7:30 am ... ☩ Charlie Young by Dottie DeCotis

9:30 am ... ☩ Heather Cashin (25th Anniv.) by Joe & Sue Cashin

5 pm ... ☩ Arthur Smet (39th Anniv.) by Cynthia Hobbs

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

 **Saint Raphael Food Pantry** On Monday, August 15, the food pantry served **24** families and gave out **35** bags of groceries. The food pantry served **35** families and gave out **53** bags of groceries on August 22. We need Mac 'n Cheese and can always use brown paper bags!

 Parishioners, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers...please remember to dress with care and consideration for our weekly worship.

Weekly Collection

Weekend of August 21, 2016

Regular Offertory \$3,007.00
Make-Up Offertory 457.00
Loose Offertory 571.80
Online Parish Giving 245.00
Total

\$4,280.80

Stewardship \$ 232.00

Assumption of B.V.M. \$ 830.00

Assumption Loose 142.20

Assumption Online Giving 10.00

Total Assumption \$ 982.10



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 **\$14,605** towards our goal. **We are more than 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!



It's harvest time! If you have an abundance of produce from your garden, the food pantry will gratefully accept it for distribution. Please drop off such produce before 4 p.m. on Mondays (excluding Labor Day). Likewise, if you would like to donate cut flowers from your garden for our altar, please call the rectory at 623.2604 and let us know. Thank you!



Welcome back SBA Family! We welcome back

our Saint Benedict students and staff next week, new and returning members. The students attend weekly Mass once a week and in past years, they joined us at the

Tuesday noon Mass. This year, they will be joining us at the Thursday 8:30am Masses instead. Note that the Tuesday Masses will now be held in the chapel, and Thursday morning Masses will be held in the church whenever school is in



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health

screenings at Saint Raphael Parish on **Sep. 14, 2016**. See the flyers at the back of the church for details and registration info.



Pew hymnals In an effort to assist parishioners, we will leave four hymnals in each of the pews. These hymnals are labeled to remain at opposite ends of the pews. Please remember to return hymnals taken from the carte at the back of the church. Thank you!



September training We will be having a training opportunity for Sacristans, EMs, and Lectors on **Sep 18 at 3pm**. This will be a refresher for current parishioners in these roles. All sacristans, EMs and lectors are strongly encouraged to attend. Further information will follow via



Routes / Roots of Faith Pilgrimage—Fall, 2016 As we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we will embark on a 3-day pilgrimage in the Berkshires. The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy, The National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, The Norman Rockwell Museum, and Yankee Candle Village are among the stops on the itinerary on or about Oct. 9—11th. Full details are included in this week's bulletin flyer.

Serving at the altar, an honor and privilege

Altar servers are an important part of the liturgy of Mass. Their presence is as common as that of the presider. Saint Raphael Parish is fortunate to have a



core group of servers who we have watched grow into this reverent role throughout the years.

But with time, altar servers age out and go off to college and if they serve for us when they're home on break, we are fortunate and grateful. This year, two of our long time servers are going off to college. Still others have gotten busy with other obligations and the number of our younger generation of eligible servers is not growing as we would hope it would. Where are our young families? It is a privilege to get to serve alongside the priest at Masses, but for our core group of servers, which is a small number, it can become a burden when they are being asked to serve every single week. Everybody needs a break now and then and may want to just attend Mass with family and, well, they have other obligations that come up, too.

When I began working here, my duties were exclusive to the tasks in the rectory. Gradually, they have expanded and I took on more of the tasks related to liturgy.

Naturally, the best way to learn these tasks is to actually do them, and so I started to assist at funerals. I am grateful to Lionel Coulon for guiding and teaching me. The things I thought I knew were far from what was reality once I was in the act of serving and I was in awe of not only the duties



I serve.

When I was younger, I always admired the altar servers for getting to be up at the altar serving alongside the priests. I would observe their actions closely and thought, "I could probably do that." But the opportunity never presented itself and when I became a parent and needed to enroll my children in the religious education program, I took the opportunity to become more involved as a Catechist and eventually as an Extraordinary Minister at our church. There is a personal satisfaction to participating in these ministries, at least for me, and I found that I enjoyed attending church even more than usual.

Our youth have the opportunity to be role models and young leaders for both young and old to follow. They serve in the name of Jesus. They assist in the liturgy, in essentially all of the elements of the Catholic Mass. Parents can be proud to see their children serving their pastor, and Him.

Likewise, the number of our sacristans, extraordinary ministers and Lectors are thinning and is noticeable at some Masses more than others. Yes, it is a sacrifice anyone makes when serving at Mass, whether as an extraordinary minister, lector, altar server or usher, but it is one that is so appreciated, as well as necessary.

This is your parish. *You* are our parish. Many hands make light

work, as the saying goes. It runs much more smoothly when we have an adequate resource of people involved. Our lives are constantly changing, and we are presented with different demands at different times in our lives. One thing that should always remain constant is our weekly obligation to attend church. It is in fact, the fifth of our 10

commandments: Remember the Sabbath day. Surely, through the constant changes in our lives, we can find our way back to our Church, to serve Him as we were taught in catechism. In the words of Julio Aramini, who was instrumental in the training of our altar servers for many years, "discipline, hard work, perseverance, responsibility, commitment, paying attention to detail, being a good listener, reverence, respect, loyalty, being on time, showing good manners and being a decent human being are words and actions that will define (altar servers) as young leaders in tomorrow's world as we journey through life in our Catholic faith." This would easily apply to anyone who serves in the other ministries we have and where there is a great need. Now who wouldn't want to embrace this great opportunity?



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