

Mass Intentions

Sat., November 12

3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

4 pm ... Our Parish Family

Sun., November 13 XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

7:30 am ... ✠James Harnden by Stu & Denise Harnden

9:30 am ... ✠Lucille M. Kelley by the Kelley family

5 pm ... ✠Joan De Guglielmo by Betty Breuder

Mon., November 14

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

12 pm ... ✠Shaun M. Keane by Jack & Colleen Byrne

Tue., November 15 Saint Albert the Great

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

12 pm ... ✠Cecile D. Moore by a friend

Wed., November 16 Sts. Margaret of Scotland; Gertrude

Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

12 pm ... ✠Shaun M. Keane by Brenda Annan

Thur., November 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

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

Fri., November 18 Saints Peter & Paul

Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

6 pm ... ✠Don Gosselin by Lucille Aubert

Sat., November 19

Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

4 pm ... ✠Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., November 20 Solemnity of Christ the King

2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

7:30 am ... Our Parish Family

9:30 am ... ✠Robert F. Lucci by Jack & Colleen Byrne

5 pm ... ✠Francis Thomas O'Brien by Virginia Kelly

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



Please join us on **Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9am—4pm.** We will have more than a dozen vendors, as well as several crafters for you to peruse and shop! We will also have

authentic Polish food to eat and/or take home! We have something for almost everyone on your list! Join us and bring a friend.

 **Saint Raphael Food Pantry** On Monday, Nov. 7, the food pantry served 22 families and gave out 34 bags of groceries. We need fruit, peanut butter, and cereal. We can always use brown paper bags, too. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Dinner at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall Don't be alone, come and share in a community Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thur., Nov. 24 from 12-2pm!** All are welcome! A wonderful, traditional Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament is served in our Church Hall. There is no cost for the dinner; however, we do request that you RSVP by November 21st at 622.5445. The hall is handicapped accessible. Blessed Sacrament, 14 Elm St., Manchester.

Weekly Collection

Weekend of November 6, 2016

Regular Offertory \$3,552.00
Make-Up Offertory 378.00
Loose Offertory 812.75
Online Parish Giving 340.00
Total

\$5,082.75

Stewardship 40.00 \$

All Saints Day \$1,094

.00 All Saints Day Loose
245.00 All Saints Day Online
10.00 Total All Saints Day
\$1,349.00

Last Year: Weekend of Nov. 8, 2015

SRP Respect Life Committee

would like to thank all those who donated towards its drive this year. Your support is a true blessing and goes a long way to help those in need.



Catholic Charities

The 2016 Annual Campaign has ended

but as in past years, **our anonymous donor has stepped forward** to offer once again a dollar-for-dollar match for any donations between Nov. 6 and the end of the year. We have received \$2,000 in donations which will be matched so we only need to receive \$152.50 in order to reach our goal of \$26,000. Please consider donating, so that we can meet our goal! Envelopes at the back of the church.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., November 13

9:15 am ... Religious Education—Parish Hall

Mon., November 14

6:30pm ... **Mission Week:** *Soul Surfer* movie

7—8:30 pm ... Youth Ministry

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., November 15

12:30 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conf. Room

6:30 pm ... **Mission Week:** Evening Prayer, Benediction, special homily

Wed., November 16

5:30 pm ... **Mission Week:** Parish-Wide Supper

6:30 pm ... **Mission Week:** Evening Prayer, Benediction, special homily

Thur., November 17

9:30 am ... Scripture study—Church Conf. Room

6:30 pm ... **Mission Week:** Evening Prayer, Benediction, special homily

Fri., November 18

7 pm ... **Mission Week:** *The Flowers of War* movie

7:30 pm ... Holy League—Church Conf Room

Sat., November 19

6:30 pm ... **Mission Week:** *The Way* movie

Sun., November 20

9:15 am ... Religious Education—Parish Hall

9:30 am ... Christ the King flag procession

10:30 am ... Christ the King brunch

 **Christ the King Brunch**
Sunday, November 20 is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Following the 9:30am Mass, we will have a brunch in the parish hall. Please join us for brunch, conversation, and fellowship!



Nursing Home and

Homebound greetings Please remember our SRP parishioners and friends in nursing homes or homebound by sending them a Thanksgiving greeting card. Pamphlets with names and addresses are in the Information Nook at

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Lessons from a play and moving on from the election

Earlier this month, the theater group at Saint Anselm College presented a deeply moving production of *The Laramie Project – Ten Years Later* by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, New York. The fall show of the **Anselmian Abbey Players** follows its 2012 production of *The Laramie Project*, the first work on the subject by Kaufman and Tectonic.

Not only did “Abbeys” do a **phenomenal job on the stage** but they provided an insightful approach to the issues surrounding the play – issues that touch on life at the college as it endeavors to become ever more truly a place that **respects the increasing diversity** among its students even as it strives to remain **faithful to its identity** as a Catholic and Benedictine college. In retrospect, however, the play also speaks to our nation as we come out of a presidential campaign filled with rancor and division and endeavor to build a common vision of the future in the face of deeply divided nation.

Real estate developer and reality TV show personality **Donald Trump**, Republican nominee and now president-elect, swept away the “Democratic firewall” on which Democratic nominee **Hillary Clinton**, former First Lady, U.S. senator from New York and U.S. secretary of state, was relying to secure the White House. In so doing, **Trump picked up 306 electoral votes to Clinton’s 232**. However, **Clinton won the popular vote 59,943,017 to 59,705,048**. Trump’s rhetoric alienated many traditional GOP leaders and rank-and-file, while his insistence on new trade deals and a revival of Rust Belt jobs won him supporters. Meanwhile Clinton’s e-mail controversies and support for Obamacare and other new and expanded government-funded programs worried many voters, including Democrats, who nonetheless liked her inclusive “stronger together” theme.

Back to the play. Both *Laramie* shows tell the story of **Matthew Shepard**, a 21-year-old University of Wyoming student who was gay. On Oct. 6, 1998, Matthew was severely beaten and tied to fence on the hilly plains outside Laramie. He was found a day later and died six days later. Two young men, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, were arrested and tried for the murder, and both are serving life sentences for the homicide. Shepard had been pistol whipped so severely that the police officer who found him initially thought he was scarecrow until the blood was seen. During police questioning and in testimony at the trial, the assailants admitted that Shepard was **killed in large part because of his homosexuality**, although drugs and robbery were factors in the case as well.



Matthew Shepard

The first play, which debuted in 2000 and was followed two years later by a film, documents the Shepard case largely through press and court records. What is right and wrong in the Shepard case is clear. In the second play, premiering in 2009, **the question of memory arises** and things become much more ambiguous and ambivalent but no less important. Through interviews with fellow students, faculty members, Shepard’s parents, his friends, the university chaplain, townspeople and the two criminals, questions arise. **What do we remember?** How do we remember it – and why? What purpose do we have, conscious or unconscious, behind telling the story of an experience in a particular way? What inconvenient truths do we suppress? What lies do we come to believe? How do our lies protect or harm us? How does truth change or free us?

As *The Laramie Project – Ten Years Later* unfolds, **at least two “truths” emerge**. To many, “one truth” is that the town is a “nice” community and not everyone wants to kill gays, minorities and others. But townspeople do want to move on; they do not like being seen by the outside world as a place where the murder of those who do not quite fit in is countenanced. Moreover, they think that repeated references to the murder and the homophobia behind it, keep **opening up the wounds** and prevent personal and social healing. The “other truth” is that among gays and those who support them, the town nonetheless is a place where Matthew Shepard was brutally murdered and where discrimination, however subtle or institutionalized, occurs. Among many supporters of Shepard, as the drama presents them, is the conviction that **“fitting in” should not cost them their identity**. They already are part of the community and their days of hiding are over. They are not looking

for “tolerance” but respect and, minimally, recognition. Attempts to describe the murder as a drug deal gone bad or a botched robbery simply hide a festering wound; they do not heal it. In their view, refusal to see Matthew Shepard’s murder as a **“hate crime”** fueled by contempt for homosexuals only invites its repetition.

Many Americans correctly saw the **2016 presidential election** as a pivotal moment for our country. The election may be the fulcrum. How we move forward, how we tell the story of who we are as a people and as a nation, is the real lever, the determining factor. How we play our part as citizens will shape the future of America. Certainly both candidates delivered strong calls for unity in the wake of the election. Trump, neither boastful nor gloating, paid tribute to Clinton, who called upon her supporters to keep an “open mind” on the incoming presidency. In a powerful moment in the play, the chaplain,

a Benedictine priest from Conception Abbey in Missouri emphasizes the importance of **listening to each other**, then working for the

common good – the practice for monks and their abbot that Saint Benedict teaches in the *Holy Rule*.

The chaplain goes on to recount a shooting – a real event – at his monastery. A deranged gunman entered the building and **shot down two monks and two lay people** before racing to the church, where he shot himself. After police and ambulances arrived, the priest relates, an officer told the abbot not to worry. The police would make certain that the four murder victims were transported separately from the assailant.

Abbot Gregory Polen, O.S.B., of Conception, replied that there was no need. Let them go together, the abbot said. **The killer, whoever he is, is our brother too**. Abbot Gregory, by the way, now serves as abbot primate of our order worldwide.

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President-elect Donald Trump



Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton