

Mass Intentions

Sat., January 14

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

4 pm ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., January 15

II Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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

9:30 am ... ☩ Jane & ☩ Walter Hebert by Dorene Turner

5 pm ... ❖ Our Parish Family

Mon., January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

The office will be closed in observance of MLK Day.

9 am ... ☩ Carolina Lopez (1st Anniv.) by the Lopez family

Tue., January 17

Saint Anthony of the Desert

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

12 pm ... ☩ Mary Louise Clark by P. Jerome

Wed., January 18

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

12 pm ... ☩ John Narkey by Teresa Greene

Thur., January 19

Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

8:30 am ... ☩ Frank Kenney, Jr. (49th Anniv.) by Anne Kenney

Fri., January 20

Saints Fabian & Sebastian

Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19

6 pm ... ☩ Theresa A. Britton by Tom & Hyekyong Collins

Sat., January 21

Saint Agnes

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

4 pm ... ☩ Ronald Robichaud by Mary Robichaud

Sun., January 22

III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 (12-17)

7:30 am ... ☩ Sylvia Hobbs (38th Anniv.) by Cynthia Hobbs

9:30 am ... ☩ Jack Healy by Linda Beland

5 pm ... ☩ Deceased members of Clement & Lively families by Ray & Pat Clement



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Ronald Robichaud** by Mary Robichaud.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017

The 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) will take place **January 18-25** under the banner of the theme: *"Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us."* (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

Weekly Collection

Weekend of January 8, 2017

Regular Offertory	
\$2,877.00 Make-Up Offertory	
399.00 Loose Offertory	
617.70 Online Parish Giving	
420.00 Total Offertory	
\$4,313.70	
Stewardship	\$1,596.00
Loose Stewardship	298.00
Total Stewardship	\$ 1,894.00

Solemnity of Mary \$ 127.00

Christmas \$ 362.00
Total Christmas \$14,036.00

Food Pantry \$ 590.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., January 15

9:15 am ... Religious Ed—Parish Hall
 10:30 am ... Coffee & Donuts

Tue., January 17

12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse—Church Conf Rm

Wed., January 18

6 pm ... Respect Life Committee Mtg Church Conf Room

Thur., January 19

7 pm ... Book Group Discussion—Church Conf Rm

Fri., January 20

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



Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, January 9, the food pantry served 13 families and gave out 21 bags. We need fruit, peanut butter, and cereal. We can always use plastic and brown paper bags. Thank you!

Parish Giving eGiving ...
 —SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING— Now you can use your credit card or electronic check to support the mission of Saint Raphael Parish. Using electronic giving is easy to do. Go to our website (www.saint-raphael-parish.com) and click on the Giving button. In a few minutes, you can be sure that your gift will work every day of the year to help your parish.



Save the Date! Our annual **Saint Patrick's Dinner** will be **Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 5 pm.**

Watch for more info in the coming month. We'd love to receive your donations, items or funds towards the event for the raffle prizes. Please drop contributions off at the rectory M-F between 9 am-4 pm. Always an exciting event. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun!

Holy League Chapter Attention Catholic men: You are invited to attend a men's group that meets once a month to enjoy some fraternal fellowship. Our next Holy Hour will be **Friday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 pm.** All men of the parish and friends of Saint Raphael are invited. For more information, feel free to contact Sean Thomas at holyleague03102@yahoo.com or Tom Larson at tlarson@anselm.edu, or visit the Holy League website at www.holyleague.com.



"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." - Martin Luther King, Jr.



Open House **Open House at Holy Family Academy.** Holy Family Academy, an affordable Catholic school educating grades 7-12 in the classical tradition, is holding an Open House on Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017 from 7-8:15pm. Holy Family Academy recently moved to the Hervey School building at 281 Cartier Street, Manchester. For more info, visit the website at www.holyfamilyacademy.org



WINTER WEATHER POLICY If the Manchester Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all parish facilities are closed. Classes and practices are also canceled. Check WMUR and our Facebook page to see if Masses are canceled.

50th World Day of Peace message promotes politics of non-violence



I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our “deepest dignity,” and make active nonviolence our way of life.

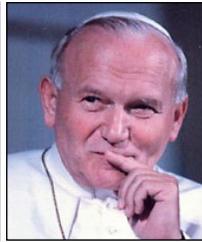
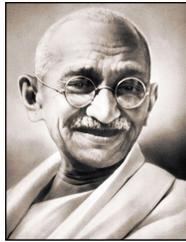
This is the 50th Message for the World Day of Peace. In the first, ... Pope Paul VI addressed all peoples, not simply Catholics: ... “Peace is the only true direction of human progress – and not the tensions caused by ambitious nationalisms, nor conquests by violence, nor repressions which serve as mainstay for a false civil order”. He warned of “the danger of believing that international controversies cannot be resolved by the ways of reason, that is, by negotiations founded on law, justice, and equity, but only by means of deterrent and murderous forces.” Instead, citing *Pacem in Terris* [by] ... John XXIII, he extolled “the sense and love of peace founded upon truth, justice, freedom and love”. ... These words have lost none of their significance or urgency.

I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace. I ask God to help all of us to cultivate nonviolence in our most personal thoughts and values. ... When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, relationships and actions, and indeed of political life. ...

We [are] engaged in a horrifying world war fought piecemeal. It is not easy to know if our world is ... more or less violent than in the past, or to know whether modern ... communications and greater mobility have made us more aware of violence, or ... increasingly injured to it. ...

Violence is not the cure for our broken world. Countering violence with violence leads at best to forced migrations and enormous suffering, because vast amounts of resources are diverted to military ends and away from the everyday needs of young people, families experiencing hardship, the elderly, the infirm and the great majority of people. At worst, it can lead to the death, physical and spiritual, of many people, if not of all.

Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where



violence and peace meet, is the human heart: for “it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come” (*Mk* 7:21). But Christ’s message in this regard offers a radically positive approach. He ... preached God’s unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. *Mt* 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. *Mt* 5:39). When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery (cf. *Jn* 8:1-11), and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword (cf. *Mt* 26:52), Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. ...

To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence. ... Benedict XVI observed, that teaching “is realistic because it takes into account that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness. This ‘more’ comes from God.” He went on ...: “For Christians, nonviolence is not merely tactical behavior but a person’s way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God’s love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone. Love of one’s enemy constitutes the nucleus of the ‘Christian revolution.’”

The Gospel command to love your enemies (cf. *Lk* 6:27) “is rightly considered the magna carta of Christian nonviolence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil..., but in responding to evil with good (cf. *Rom* 12:17-21), and thereby breaking the chain of injustice.”

Nonviolence is sometimes taken to mean surrender, lack of involvement and passivity, but this is not the case. [Here, the Holy Father discusses the nonviolent strategies of figures such as Mahatma Gandhi (India), Mother Teresa (India), Pope John Paul II (Poland), the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (U.S.) and Leemah Gbowee (Liberia). Their photos, in this order, are above.] ... The Church has been involved in nonviolent peace-building strategies in many countries, engaging even the most violent parties in efforts to build a just and lasting

peace.

Such efforts on behalf of the victims of injustice and violence are not the legacy of the Catholic Church alone, but are typical of many religious traditions, for which “compassion and nonviolence are essential elements pointing to the way of life.” I emphatically reaffirm that “no religion is terrorist.” Violence profanes the name of God. Let us never tire of repeating: “The name of God cannot be used to justify violence. Peace alone is holy. Peace alone is holy, not war!”

If violence has its source in the human heart, then it is fundamental that nonviolence be practiced before all else within families. ... The family is the indispensable crucible in which spouses, parents and children, brothers and sisters, learn to communicate and to show generous concern for one another, and in which frictions and even conflicts have to be resolved not by force but by dialogue, respect, concern for the good of the other, mercy and forgiveness. ...

Peace-building through active nonviolence is the natural and necessary complement to the Church’s continuing efforts to limit the use of force by the application of moral norms; she does so by her participation in the work of international institutions and through the competent contribution made by so many Christians to ... legislation at all levels.

Jesus himself offers a “manual” for this strategy of peacemaking in the Sermon on the Mount. The eight Beatitudes (cf. *Mt* 5:3-10) provide a portrait of the person we could describe as blessed, good and authentic. ... This is also a program and a challenge for political and religious leaders, the heads of international institutions, and business and media executives: to apply the Beatitudes in the exercise of their respective responsibilities. It is a challenge to build up society, communities and businesses by acting as peacemakers. It is to show mercy by refusing to discard people, harm the environment, or seek to win at any cost.

