



**Sat., April 8**  
4 pm ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

**Sun., April 9 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
7:30 am ... ❖ Our Parish Family  
9:30 am ... ☩ Bob Kohler (11th Anniv.) by Armand & Kathy Carignan  
5 pm ... ☩ Agnes M. Patti by Margaret-Ann Moran

**Mon. April 10**  
12 pm ... ☩ William Wisner III by Teresa Greene

**Tue., April 11**  
12 pm ... ☩ John Boutselis by P. Jerome

**Wed., April 12**  
12 pm ... ☩ Br. Odo Nyanjanje, O.S.B. by P. Jerome

**Thur., April 13 Holy Thursday**  
~ NO MORNING EUCHARIST ~  
7 pm ... Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Fri., April 14 Friday of the Passion of the Lord**  
3 pm ... Stations of the Cross  
3:30 pm ... Reconciliation & Confession  
7 pm ... Communion & Veneration of the Cross

**Sat., April 15**  
7:30 pm ... Easter Vigil Mass

**Sun., April 16 Easter Sunday**  
8 am ... Easter Sunday Mass  
10 am ... Easter Sunday Mass

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Lauren Rae Doherty** by Kerri Stanley.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 9, 2017**  
**Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
**Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25  
**Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15  
**Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42  
**Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;  
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;  
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;  
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;  
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;  
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10  
**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

**Weekly Collection**

**Weekend of April 2, 2017**

Regular Offertory	\$3,238.00
Make-Up Offertory	305.00
Loose Offertory	552.35
Online Parish Giving	230.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$4,325.35</b>

Online Parish Giving \$ 230.00  
Online Giving Steward \$ 15.00

**Last Year: Weekend of April 3, 2016**  
**Total Offertory \$5,386.35**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Mon., April 10**  
~ No Youth Ministry Class tonight ~  
11:30 am ... Diocesan wide day of reconciliation  
7:00 pm ... Food Pantry

**Tue., April 11**  
12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse

**Wed., April 12**  
7:30 pm ... Knit & Crochet group

 **Saint Raphael Food Pantry**  
On Monday, April 3, the food pantry served 15 families and gave out 25 bags of groceries.

 The Rectory will be **CLOSED Monday, April 17, Easter Monday**, and will reopen Tuesday, April 18. There will be **NO NOON Mass Monday**. You are invited to attend the 8:30 am Mass at Saint Anselm Abbey.

**Paschal Triduum 2017**

**Masses:** Sat., April 8 at 4pm; Sun., April 9 at 9:30am, 5pm

**Chrism Mass:** Tue., April 11 at 6 pm, St. Joseph Cathedral

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Thur, April 13 at 7pm

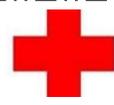
**Good Friday:** Fri., April 14, Stations of the Cross at 3pm; Communion & Veneration of the Cross at 7pm

**Easter Vigil:** Sat., April 15 at 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday Masses:** Sun., April 16 at 8am and 10am

**Palm Sunday** 7:30am 

The Cathedral Chamber Singers will lead the *Office of Tenebrae* (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness") on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.**, Cathedral of St Joseph's Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 145 Lowell Street (corner of Pine and Lowell Streets), Manchester, NH. For additional information, please contact Mr. Eric Bermani, Diocesan and Cathedral Director of Music, [603-622-6404, x31](tel:603-622-6404).

 **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive** Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 29, 9am—3pm**, in Saint Raphael Parish Hall. The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive. For appointments, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS. All blood donations appreciated!

**Wanted: Sacristans, lectors & altar servers** Have you ever considered serving God and your fellow parishioners as a sacristan, lector or altar server? Service in these important roles is by appointment, but you can help Saint Raphael expand our roster by volunteering. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Kerri at the office 603.623.2604. Thank you!

 **The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue** Save the date! **Monday and Tuesday, June 5 and 6, 2017**, at Saint Anselm College's Dana Center. These are the working dates for our third annual show! More details will follow. In the meantime, who's going to perform this year? We already have some groups — and we need you!

 **We have an App!** Download our free app for info and updates. Enter "Saint Raphael Parish" to find us in the app store.

# Century after U.S. entry into ‘the Great War,’ it’s clear war isn’t great

More than 50 years ago, I remember being fascinated as a kid by the cover story in a particular issue of *Life* magazine. *Life*, in those days, was a weekly window on the world and its color photography was remarkable. The particular issue that fascinated me did involve some old historical photos, but mostly they were lavish illustrations depicting the funeral on May 20, 1910, for **King Edward VII** of Britain.

The colorful uniforms, the shining helmets, the fluttering capes and feathers, the skirling pipes and the marching bands, the powerful horses **could turn a lad’s head**. The pomp and ceremony of the king’s death brought together, perhaps, more imperial, royal, princely, ducal, presidential and prime ministerial heads than had ever been assembled in one place. That’s probably still true. But the point of the article was to set readers up for what would be a series of *Life* articles over the next few years on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World War. I still find it hard to believe that we are now marking the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “war to end all wars”** and that as much time has elapsed since that magazine on King Edward VII appeared as had passed since the start of the Great War and *Life*’s commemorative publication.

This past **Thursday, April 6**, marked the centennial of America’s entry into World War I, days after **President Woodrow Wilson** spoke to a joint session of Congress. The conflict that began in August of 1914, just four years after Edward’s final rites, and would drag into its bloody embrace most of the nations of the world. More than **11 million military personnel were killed** in the war, with some 8 million civilian fatalities. Another **20 million were**

**severely wounded**. American deaths exceeded **116,000** — and the U.S. was in the war only from April 1917 to November 1918. The war’s legacy



**President Wilson, King Edward VII**

politically, economically and socially still haunts us.

When King Edward died, most of Europe was at peace. There had been conflicts in the Balkans, but as many politicians would say, there are always conflicts in the Balkans. **The great empires – Germany, Russia and Austria-Hungary** – kept the peace on the continent, along with **France, the imperial republic**, while the **British Empire** maintained a kind of peace around the world with the Royal Navy. But **a series of alliances** committed one nation after another to defend its allies and clients. Incipient tensions suggested that many leaders were waiting for the right moment to launch war in order to **undo the delicate political balance and gain advantage** for themselves. Some seemed to think that war would be rather like King Edward’s funeral procession. Within months, they discovered the



Austrian heir to the throne, **Archduke Franz Ferdinand**, and his wife were murdered on June 28, 1914, became **the shot that undid the world** – and set the world up not only for World War I but, by some reckonings, almost every major conflict that has occurred since. Without question, the Great War and **the vengeful peace** the victorious Allies imposed upon defeated Germany established the economic and political conditions that made the rise of **Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany** almost inevitable. That, in turn, created the conditions that would lead to **World War II (1939-1945)**.

The Great War so destabilized Imperial Russia that the 300-year-old Romanov dynasty collapsed only to see the **rise of the Bolsheviks**, whose Communist ideology would infect many nations, including North Korea and North Vietnam – and the conflicts there bring us to 1975. Meanwhile, the fall of the Ottoman Empire led France and Britain to **carve up the Middle East** in ways that lay the seeds for the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, oil politics and national, religious and tribal rivalries.

Thursday morning, as the U.S. quietly noted the centennial of its entry into World War I, my homily dealt with **what the anniversary says to us a century later**. I could have mentioned Germany’s unrestricted submarine warfare and the sinking of the **Lusitania** in 1916 or the **Zimmerman cable** offering the U.S. Southwest to Mexico if it attacked the U.S. from the south. But most of the faces in my congregation belonged to the youngsters at **Saint Benedict Academy**, who attend Mass each week at Saint Raphael. Better to speak of peace, but it’s not so easy to decry war without mentioning its violence. I didn’t want to frighten the children, but still, they need to be introduced to both **the inspiring and the troubling**.

“How many of you have seen the **fireworks** so often on display over Manchester?” I asked. A bevy of hands went up and we agreed that our local pyrotechnics can compete with the best anywhere. “But what would it be like if those fireworks were really bombs **exploding over our**

city? Imagine how many people would be hurt badly, their skin burned, their flesh cut, their limbs crushed by collapsing buildings. Imagine the blood, the screams and the pain. That, tragically, is what happens in war – and even though some in our community know it well, perhaps even some in our school, most of us are lucky enough never to have experienced it. War, my friends, is neither something we should ignore nor something to which we can be indifferent.”

If Lexington and Concord provided “the shot heard round the world,” the shots that rang out in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina when the

brutality of the trenches, with their mud, vermin, disease and blood.

I asked them what they thought we should do about war, and we agreed that there are **some important steps to prevent war** – especially in a time when nuclear weapons, capable of destroying whole nations, eliminating civilization and perhaps even snuffing out human life altogether, still lurk in silos around the world. First, we said we have to **want peace and justice** not just for ourselves but for all people. We have to respect each individual and every group. We cannot expect to have genuine peace without real justice. We have to seek to provide them opportunities for success.



Second, we agreed that we need to **know about the situation of our world**. We cannot let ourselves be led complacently by our leaders or by forces seeking political or economic advantage. We must read, hear and view all manner of news so that we have many perspectives and genuine facts rooted in truth.

Third, we must **support political and social efforts to build up peace and justice** in our families, our communities, our nation and our world. Of course we should wave and salute the Stars and Stripes; so many men and women put their lives on the line to defend it – and us! But even before we wave a flag, we should remember that **we share a common humanity** with each and every other human being.

Fourth and finally, the students and I decided that, most important of all, we need to **pray for peace and justice**, asking God to bless us with the desire, the knowledge, the skill and the energy to work such a goal throughout our lives.

As we begin our entry into **the mysteries of Holy Week**, perhaps we might consider just how **Jesus of Nazareth**, the Christ, the Messiah, who redeemed us in the blood of his Cross and rose again on the third day to give us new life, summons us to be agents of his love, justice and peace. © Rev. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.