

Mass Intentions

Sat., June 10

4 pm ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., June 11

The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 am ... ☩ Mary Marszal by Elaine Wood

9:30 am ... ❖ Our Parish Family

5 pm ... ☩ Jack North & ☩ Dot Dery by Paul & Mary Dery

Mon. June 12

12 pm ... ☩ Edmund M. "Mickey" Finn by Margaret-Ann Moran

Tue., June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua

12 pm ... ☩ Dot, ☩ Ray, ☩ Roger LaRoche by Lil LaRoche

Wed., June 14

12 pm ... ☩ Patricia Lencki by Talley, Joyce, and P.J. Guill

Thur., June 15

8:30 am ... ☩ Frank Fraitzl by Margaret-Ann Moran

Fri., June 16

6 pm ... ☩ Patricia Lencki by Christine Leclerc

Sat., June 17

4 pm ... ☩ Ashlee Glazeski by Jack & Colleen Byrne

Sun., June 18

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7:30 am ... ☩ Mary Marszal by Elaine Wood

9:30 am ... ☩ Brian McGorry by Margaret-Ann Moran

5 pm ... ❖ Our Parish Family



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Stephanie Schehl** by Florine Breault.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 11, 2017

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58



In Sympathy Please pray for the repose of the soul of ☩ **Henry St. Laurent**, who died June 6 and whose funeral was celebrated here on June 9 by Fr. Patrick Sullivan, O.S.B. Please keep him and his family in prayer.



Have you downloaded our app yet? It's free and full of info and updates. Enter "Saint Raphael Parish" to find us in the app store.



Pentecost Mass and breakfast thanks!

Shout out to the Gillooly family and those who helped out at our breakfast last weekend! Congratulations again to all our celebrants: the little ones who made their First Holy Communion and our youth who received their Confirmation.

Weekly Collection

Weekend of June 4, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$3,362.00
Make-Up Offertory	102.00
Loose Offertory	587.35
Regular Offertory Online	375.00
Total Offertory	\$4,426.35

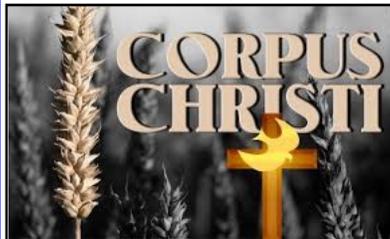
Stewardship Make up \$ 35.00

Ascension Make Up \$ 77.00

Last Year: Weekend of May 29, 2016

Total Offertory \$ 5,643.00

Food Pantry \$ 725.00



Next Sunday, parishioners and friends will have the opportunity for silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as we mark the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 11 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. Sunday in the chapel. We need adorers to sign up for each hour. Please call the rectory at 623.2604, or email secretary@saint-raphael-parish.com to take an hour in honor of Jesus in the



Wanted: Lawn Mower

Do you have an old lawn mower you could donate to our church? We are in need of a lawn mower to use to cut the grass around the church, rectory and school. Please call Kerri at the rectory at 603.623.2604 if you can donate one. Thank you!



Congratulations to **Fr. David A. Harris** and **Fr. Matthew J. Schultz** who were ordained into the priesthood of the Manchester Diocese on Saturday, June 3rd. Fr. Matthew has been assigned to St. Michael's Church in Exeter and Fr. Harris will be serving at St. Elizabeth Seton in Bedford.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., June 12

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., June 13

12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse

7 pm ... Fatima: Meaning & Message

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Catholic Charities

2017 Annual Campaign for Catholic Charities has begun. Our

goal this year is **\$27,500.** We are now **\$23,655 away from our goal.** Thank you to those who have contributed to date. Envelopes at the back of the church. Please consider donating to this worthy charity.



Saint Raphael Food Pantry

On Monday, June 5, the food pantry served **23 families** and gave out **41 bags** of groceries.



The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue—it's a wrap!

Another event is in the books for 2017. What will 2018 bring? Thank you to each and every person who contributed to this year's show, whether it was performing, watching, helping out, contributing or praying for a successful show! Photos and performance clips will be posted on our website and Facebook page soon. We raised more than \$5,500! CDs will be available upon request, for a small donation to cover production costs. Contact Kerri Stanley in the rectory office if you would like to reserve one.



Save the date! VBS...

Saint Raphael's ever popular Vacation Bible School will be **July 17—21 from**

9 am—12 pm. This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory." We are enlisting volunteers and participants and applications can be found on our website: www.saint-raphael-parish.com

What makes Follies & Revue work? Self-forgetfulness and generosity!

Some of us are massaging our feet, putting various unguents on our backs and gargling to relieve our vocal chords, but the **New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue, 3rd edition**, was a **smashing success!** People who know show business better than I could probably explain how it happens that, despite whining over schedule conflicts, practice times and spaces, costume and prop availability, advertising costs and promotional materials, **something clicks** at the dress rehearsal and something catches fire – in a good way! – **when the curtain finally goes up.** All our entertainers reported being energized and ready for a new show, the Follies & Revue, 4th edition, **next year!** We'll make that decision right after Christmas – but the chances are good, I'm happy to say.

First, I want to thank all those who contributed in any way to the success of our parish minstrel show, updated to fit the standards of 2017! I had a ball, and I think everyone I spoke to during the Monday and Tuesday performances did too. The curtain went up at 7 p.m., and our audiences in the Koonz Theater of the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College seemed thrilled by the quality and diversity of the acts. **Kerri Stanley**, our parish secretary and director of liturgy, found herself **in the director's chair** – and we all discovered that she does a bang-up job in this dimension of Saint Raphael life too! Performances that were beautiful and elegant, acts that relied on the uproarious and silly, routines that caused the hips to sway and the feet to tap were rolled out.

Second, **Pat Smith**, our **inimitable master of ceremonies**, asked me to share a few words at the end of each show. At the end of the Monday performance, in thanking back stage help, entertainers and audience members, I mentioned how important "self-forgetfulness" is. Our Catholic faith summons us to maintain **an important balance between self-forgetfulness and self-reflection.** Self-reflection, rightly practiced, enables us to become aware of our weaknesses, faults, sins and needs. Such awareness becomes an important prompt for **repentance, reform and renewal.** Lest we think that self-reflection is only directed toward the

negatives in our lives, we should remember that it is **equally necessary to consider our blessings, gifts and skills** – so that we might thank God for them and apply them to do his

will. That means reflecting on how, for whom and in what circumstances we might help build up the Kingdom of God. All this depends upon divine grace, which God readily gives those who seek it. "Self-forgetfulness" is that willingness to overlook our own comfort and inconvenience to respond to the needs and opportunities around us. Both the **Gospel and the Holy Rule of Saint Benedict** commend this practice of taking ourselves out of the focus point of the picture.



Lea Francoeur and MC Pat Smith

Things are not always about us, despite what the contemporary advertising world tells us. **We live in a society that has become increasingly narcissistic,** consumed by questions such as: How do I look? What are my feelings? Is this comfortable? What's in it for me? What will get out of this project? What's the minimum energy and involvement level?

Saint Benedict, echoing Jesus himself, teaches us to be the first to show humility, to seek forgiveness, to offer assistance, to extend kindness and respect and to respond to the voice of authority. That kind of self-forgetfulness still cares properly for the individual, but it **reminds each individual that he or she has a role and a responsibility within the community of faith.** Such self-forgetfulness fulfills itself through generosity and love, compassion and service. Most of us are relatively modest, some even shy, so putting on a headdress full of feathers, tapping, kicking and leaping across the stage, working the backstage curtain pulleys, schlepping soda cans and organizing silent auctions, letting the lights



Sisters of Perpetual Motion bring 'Hail, Holy Queen' from the hit film *Sister Act* to a conclusion!

Third, Pat gave me an additional chance to speak at the end of the Tuesday night show. I wanted to emphasize another dimension of both our audience and our entertainers and their support crew. **The Lord is not stingy when he gives us his**

gifts. If we look into ourselves and consider our interests and skills, we can usually find some ability that enables us to serve others and gives satisfaction and fulfillment to us.

Stepping forward to offer our gifts is not always easy; they might not be recognized, appreciated or accepted. But most of the time, **people are happy and grateful to benefit from the gifts and talents of someone else.** We can sing a song, tell a story, kick up our heels, crack a joke, paint some scenery, sell ads, solicit door prizes, schedule two different, consecutive shows, design a program, take tickets, make change and count up the receipts. In my own case, I thought that my tap and line dance skills were fast receding into history, but the Follies & Revue summoned a little renovation. Fred Astaire I'm not, but I have to say participation in **Best Foot Forward**, the men's dance troupe, has been a hoot! We've been helped tremendously



Xlorl and Eric Bemazzani in *Vivir Mi Vida Latin*

by **Brandon Feliciano**, a young man who is a friend of Kerri Stanley's sons, but in the process of working with him, I discovered that even I can do **a little choreography.** Who knew?!

Throughout our lives, God gives us opportunities to forget our natural limits and fears and to step forward in faith. Likewise, he graces us with talents and skills that can be of tremendous value to those with whom we live and work. The New Saint Raphael Follies & Revue, 3rd Ed., demonstrated to me just how wide and deep those opportunities and talents can be – and how much we profited from the **self-forgetfulness and generosity** of audiences, entertainers and crew. To steal a line from the late **Ed Sullivan**, with whom I spent many a Sunday night as a kid, those are insights not just for a "really, really big show" in June, but for the whole of our lives!

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Members of **Best Foot Forward** provide their take on Justin Timberlake's *Can't Stop the Feeling*.

cause one's sequins to shimmer, singing one's heart out, sweating through a practice session – all of this can a manifest self-forgetfulness in the best sense of the term.