

Mass Intentions

Sat., June 24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

4 pm ... ☩ Robert Breault by Diane Bolton

Sun., June 25 XII Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am ... ♦ Our Parish Family

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

5 pm ... ☩ Yvie Livernois (7th Anniv.) by Kerri Stanley

Mon. June 26

12 pm ... ☩ Pauline Roukey by Talley, Joyce & P.J. Guill

Tue., June 27 Saint Cyril of Alexandria

12 pm ... ☩ Sylvia Hobbs by Cynthia Hobbs

Wed., June 28 Saint Irenaeus

12 pm ... ☩ Frank Fraitzl by Talley, Joyce & P.J. Guill

Thur., June 29 Saints Peter and Paul

8:30 am ... ☩ Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. by Cynthia Hobbs

Fri., June 30

6 pm ... ☩ Deceased members of the Hobbs & Smet families by Cynthia Hobbs

Sat., July 1 Saint Junipero Serra

8:30 am ... Maria Moser (living) by P. Jerome

4 pm ... ☩ Mr. & Mrs. Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. by Cynthia Hobbs

Sun., July 2 XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 am ... ☩ Yvette Kilroy by Diane Bolton

5 pm ... ♦ Our Parish Family

Weekly Collection

Weekend of June 18, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$3,316.00
Make-Up Offertory	899.00
Loose Offertory	507.50
Regular Offertory Online	330.00
Total Offertory	\$5,052.50

Stewardship Make up \$ 238.00

Food Pantry \$ 10.00

Last Year: Weekend of June 19, 2016
Total Offertory \$ 6,651.40

Thank you for your generosity!



Saint Raphael Food Pantry

On Monday, June 12, the food pantry served 18 families and gave out 40 bags of groceries.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., June 26

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

7 pm ... Parish Council Meeting

Tue., June 27

12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse

Wed., June 28

7 pm ... Respect Life Committee Meeting



2017 Annual Campaign for Catholic Charities

update. Our goal this year is **\$27,500.**

We are now \$21,105 away from our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed to date.

Envelopes are at the back of the church and in the pews. Please consider donating to this worthy charity and helping us reach



It's All About Love! Soprano concert

If you attended Masses here June 10-11, you heard Marie-Line Morin's beautiful voice! She will be in concert on Sun., June 25 at 3 pm at St. John the Baptist, 10 School St., Suncook. All welcome.



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Marie Holt** by her mom.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 25, 2017

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Wanted: Sacristans, lectors & altar servers

Have you ever considered serving God and your fellow parishioners as a sacristan, lector or usher? Service in these important roles is by appointment, but you can help Saint Raphael expand our roster by volunteering. **We especially have a need at our 7:30 am and 9:30 am Masses for lectors, and at the 4 pm and 5 pm Masses for altar servers.** If interested or if you have questions, please contact Kerri at 603.623.2604. Thank you!



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.



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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



July Book Discussion: Looking for some summer reading? Why not join the book group in reading **The Hare With Amber Eyes** by Edmund DeWaal. Here is a wonderful family history, spread over five generations, with a bit of something for everyone: genealogy, art, finance, travel, mystery...come take a look! We'll meet **Thursday, July 20, at 7 pm** in the conference room at the back of the church. Please come early for refreshments and fellowship. Books are available at the parish office for \$12.

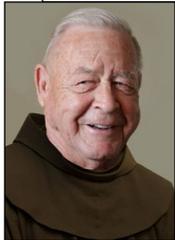


Reminder—The "Mary: Virgin, Mother and Queen" Scripture sharing for July will take place in the parish hall classroom following the 8:30 am Mass on Saturday, July 1. The Annunciation, the Visitation to Elizabeth, and the Annunciation to St Joseph will be discussed. Celebrate Mary's promise with us! Everyone is welcome!



Thank you to all those who participated in the Eucharistic Adoration last Sunday, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Special thanks to **Nathan and Kathy Campbell** for coordinating and overseeing the Children's Adoration.

Manchester padre completes long service defending Ashaninkas



Sometimes, when no one shows up for confession, I use the time for prayer and *lectio divina*, the Benedictine practice of spiritual reading. I have to admit that I have a generous definition of what might constitute such reading material, but in the end they all resolve themselves into some kind of **reflection on the goodness of God and man's need for Christ**. One of the most fascinating books ever to make my "confessional" library was an account of a Franciscan missionary serving the native peoples in the **interior of Peru** – a man born right here in Manchester.

The spiritual, political and wartime adventures of **Father Mariano Gagnon, O.F.M.** (photo above), are recounted in his book *Warriors in Eden* (William Morrow & Co., 1993), loaned to me by a parishioner who knew the author and had the book signed by him and inscribed to her. *Warriors in Eden*, despite some violent moments, was **one of the most uplifting and exciting works** I've read in many years. William and Marilyn Hoffer, who collaborated with Father Mariano on the book, created an engaging account of **drama, high stakes and spiritual commitment**. I was saddened this past week to see **Father Mariano's obituary** in The Union Leader and to realize that **he had died back on April 28** at the Franciscan monastery of Los Descalzos in Lima, Peru's capital, where he had been living since his retirement. He was 86.

Born Oct. 7, 1929, **Joseph Theodore Gagnon** was the son of the late Joseph and Ida (Beaudette) Gagnon. His father was of mixed French Canadian and Native American blood, and his mother French Canadian. "Teddy" was gripped by a **passion for Christ and his Church** and decided to become a missionary. After completing studies at Saint George's School, he attended a Franciscan high school in New York. He worked in a local shoe factor and restaurant after high school.

Eventually, he heard a bishop speak about the Ashaninka people of Peru, had his spiritual imagination enflamed and soon made his way to Peru. There, he joined the **Order of Friars Minor**, founded by Saint Francis of Assisi, in the 13th century. Already a Francophone and Anglophone, Teddy in due course became **fluent not only in Spanish but also in several of the Native American languages** he needed to minister to the people in missions in the interior of the country. He was **ordained in 1957**.

Just as missionaries around the world have done over the centuries, Father Mariano taught, preached, administered the sacraments and counseled his parishioners, but he also helped them build chapels, establish schools and medical clinics, learn technical skills, develop agricultural cooperatives to market their crops and argue with government officials for better transportation, education and health care



Young Ashaninka warrior (top left), two Ashaninka boys in traditional paint and attire; Indigenous victims of guerrillas.

communist insurgency and a drug war – but fate and providence collided and the missionary priest put his faith in providence.

Padre Mariano, as he was called by those he served, began working with the Ashaninka people in the jungle not far from where the mighty Andes begin to rise up along the spine of South America. By 1969, he already had established two missions and was working on a third, **Cutivereni in the Ene River Valley**. Many of the Ashaninka were hard pressed by deforestation caused by white settlers. His mission compound, as it developed and prospered, was the hub for more than 5,000 indigenous Ashaninka, and the center's 91 buildings housed more than 700. The Cutivereni mission included a **plaza, generator building, a bilingual school and even a landing strip**, along with the more traditional features of mission life.

He observed that the people he served were "the most virtuous people I have ever met. They never lie and have great respect for personal property. Their language is very sharp. There is no word for 'maybe' in Campa [the Ashaninka language]." He added that the Ashaninka were "free from pretension, ostentation or calculation." They **farmed manioc and cocoa** and other foods, hunted in the rainforest, did not share food and drink in the same vessels, a cause of the spread of tuberculosis among native peoples, and did not chew addictive coca leaves, he recounted. Although he helped enhance the technical skills of the Ashaninka and **taught Spanish**, with the help of a Protestant-run summer linguistics institute, he did not change other features of indigenous life, including polygamy and women in topless attire.

Cutivereni eventually became a **target for two distinct groups: drug traffickers who processed cocaine for export and the Maoist insurgents known as the Sinderio Luminosa, or the "Shining Path" guerrillas**. Twice the

mission was burned to the ground, in 1983 and 1989. Violence erupted between the guerrillas and the Ashaninka. Native archers were lethal, but no match for modern weapons. Despite repeated appeals to Peruvian government, military and security authorities, and even U.S. officials, about both drug trade encroachments and Maoist guerrillas, Father Mariano realized **the Ashaninka were on their own**. He procured weapons for them – an act that caused **considerable concern and chastisement** from government and Church officials and Franciscan authorities. Yet to Father Mariano, his Ashaninka were **like children facing the evils of the 20th century**. The relentless pressure of the Marxist guerrillas, who looked to Mao Tse-Tung's brutal Cultural Revolution in China for inspiration, and the cold, callous calculations of the drug lords, **persuaded the Franciscan that the Ashaninka were compelled to take up arms to defend themselves, their families and their lands**.

By April of 1990, Padre Mariano organized a **five-day march** for some 300 Ashaninka to escape the warfare, and they eventually reached the central highlands in the Andes. Only months later, while the priest was in Lima **explaining his self-defense policy to his religious superiors**, the village they had constructed was **again attacked by Sinderio Luminosa guerrillas**. The Ashaninka escaped but the village was seized.

The Franciscan again organized an escape plan, through airlifts, taking the majority of his indigenous flock to a Dominican mission in a secure region, and he returned to Lima. He later worked in other missions and monasteries in Peru, and received an award from the Peruvian government for **heroic service to the native peoples** during a time of terrorism and crime. In recent years, Peru's truth and reconciliation commission has called the period an "**Ashaninka holocaust**." Of the 55,000 Ashaninka in Peru, 10,000 were forcibly displaced, 6,000 killed and another 5,000 forced to serve the guerrillas.

Father Mariano celebrated his 60th anniversary of ordination earlier this year, and was in his 66th year of religious life. However he answers questions from the Lord and Saint Peter about his alleged gun-packing, I pray Father Mariano will hear, **"Well done, my good and faithful servant. ... Come, share your master's joy."** (Mt 25:23)

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