

 *Mass Intentions*

Sat., July 15

4 pm ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., July 16 **XV Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... ☩ Agnes Patti by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

9:30 am ... ☩ Phillip Beland (4th Anniv.) by Linda Beland

5 pm ... ❖ Our Parish Family

Mon. July 17

12 pm ... ☩ Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote

Tue., July 18 **Saint Camilus de Lellis**

12 pm ... ☩ Mike Sroda by Talley, Joyce, and P.J. Guill

Wed., July 19

12 pm ... Teresa Chabot (living) by Anne Clark

Thur., July 20 **Saint Apolinaris**

8:30 am ... ☩ Frank Kenney, Sr. (71st Anniv.) by Anne Kenney

Fri., July 21 **Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**

6 pm ... ☩ Patricia Lencki by Don & Esther Leclerc

Sat., July 22 **Saint Mary Magdalene**

4 pm ... ☩ Donald Van Den Berghe by Al & Barbara Heidenreich

Sun., July 23 **XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... ☩ Donald J. Leclerc by Don & Esther Leclerc

9:30 am ... ☩ Donat Carignan (28th Anniv.) by Armand & Kathy Carignan

5 pm ... ❖ Our Parish Family



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ Mary & ☩ Frank Kenney, Sr. by Anne Kenney.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 16, 2017

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 (24-30)

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!



SUMMER HOURS The parish office will be closed on Fridays during the months of July and August.

Weekly Collection

Offertory reports for the weekend of July 9 will be posted in next week's bulletin.



Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, July 10, the food pantry served 32 families and gave out 60 bags of food.

Holy Hour/Men's Social, Friday, July 21, 7 pm

The St Raphael Chapter of the Holy League will come together for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by a men's social hour. All men of the parish are invited to this social hour (BYO beverages) If you can't make this month, consider joining us Aug 25, Sep 22 and Oct 20.



Congratulations to **Mason Real Joubert** and to **Amelia Rose Arnold** who were baptized last week by P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor. *Let us strive, by our word and example, to create an environment for them to come to know the love of God and the meaning of "being church."*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., July 17

9am—12 pm ... VBS

7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., July 18

9am—12 pm ... VBS

12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse

Wed., July 19

9am—12 pm ... VBS

Thur., July 20

9am—12 pm ... VBS

7 pm ... Book Discussion Group

Fri., July 21

9am—12 pm ... VBS



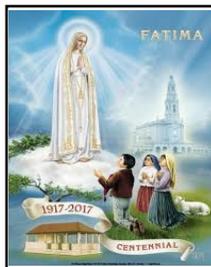
Catholic Charities 2017 Annual Campaign for Catholic Charities

update. Our goal this year is \$27,500. We are now \$19,920 away from our goal, having raised \$7,580. 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

eGiving ... Did you know you can use your credit card or electronic check to support the mission of Saint Raphael Parish? This is especially helpful when you are on vacation. 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.

Catholic Charities NH 2nd Annual Lip Sync Battle

Get ready to rock Manchester! Join us for another terrific night of music, dancing and fun on **Tuesday, Aug 8 at 7pm** at the Shashkeen Irish Pub and Restaurant, 909 Elm St., Manchester. Contestants had a blast at last year's competition as they lip synced tunes by their favorite artists. This year's event promises to be even better. Grand prize goes to the contestant who raises the most money from crowd funding or online. Become a contestant or buy tickets (\$10) at www.cc-nh.org/lipsync.



Save the date! We continue to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady...

Join Saint Raphael for Vespers and a special blessing at the beach. We will depart around **1:30pm on Tuesday, Aug. 15 to Rye, NH**, with supper and evening return to the parish. Information about registering will follow in the coming weeks.

When clouds, darkness seem to overcome life, turn to Christ's light

Here is a translation from Zenit, a Catholic news organization based in Rome, of the address Pope Francis gave July 9 before and after praying the midday Angelus with those gathered in Saint Peter's Square in the Vatican in Rome.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: **"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"** (Matthew 11:28). The Lord does not reserve this phrase for some of His friends, no, He addresses to "all" those that are tired and oppressed by life. And who can feel excluded from this invitation? **The Lord knows what a burden life can be.** He knows that many things weary the heart: past disappointments and wounds, burdens to carry and wrongs to be endured in the present, uncertainties and worries for the future.

In face of all this, **Jesus' first word is an invitation**, an invitation to move and react: "Come." The mistake, when things go badly, is to stay where one is, lying there. It seems evident, but **how difficult it is to react and open oneself!** It's not easy. In dark moments it is

natural to stay with oneself, to brood over how unjust life is, over how ungrateful others are and how evil the world is, and so on. We all know it. We have suffered this awful experience sometimes. But thus, closed in on ourselves, we see everything black. **Then we even become familiar with sadness, which becomes as home: that sadness that prostrates us;** this sadness is an awful thing. Instead, Jesus wants to extricate us from this "quicksand" and therefore He says to each one: "Come!" – "Who?" – You, you, you . . ." The way out is in relation, in **extending the hand and raising one's eyes towards the One who really loves us.**

In fact, to come out of oneself isn't enough, it is necessary to know where to go, because so many aims are illusory: they promise rest and distract somewhat, assuring peace and giving amusement, then leaving one in the solitude of before; they are "fireworks." Therefore **Jesus points out where to go: "Come to Me."** Often, in face of a burden of



life or a situation that pains us, we try to talk about it with someone who listen to us, with a friend, with an expert . . . It is a great good to do this, but let us not forget Jesus! **Let us not forget to open ourselves to Him and to tell Him about our life, to entrust people and situations to Him.** Perhaps there are "areas" of our life that we have never opened to Him and that have remained dark, because they have never seen the Lord's light. Each one of us has his/her own story. And if someone has

this dark area, seek Jesus, go to a missionary of mercy, go to a priest, go . . . **But go to Jesus,** and tell this to Jesus. Today He says to each one of us: "Courage, do not give in to the burdens of life, do not close yourself in face of fears and sins, but come to Me!"

He waits for us, He always waits for us, not to resolve our problems magically, but to make us strong in our problems. **Jesus does not remove the burdens of life, but the anguish of heart; He does not take the**

cross away from us, but carries it with us. And with Him, every burden becomes light (Cf. v. 30), because He is the rest that we seek. When Jesus enters our life, peace comes, that peace that remains even in trials, in sufferings. Let us go to Jesus, let us give Him our time, let us meet Him every day in prayer, in a confident and personal dialogue; let us familiarize ourselves with His Word, **let us rediscover His forgiveness without fear,** let us be satiated with His Bread of life: we will feel loved and consoled by Him.

It is He Himself who asks this of us, almost insisting. He repeats it again at the end of today's Gospel: "Learn from Me [. . .] and you will find rest for your souls" (v.29). And thus we learn to go to Jesus and, while in the summer months we will seek a bit of rest from what wears the body, **let us not forget to find true rest in the Lord.** May the **Virgin Mary our Mother,** who always takes care of us when we are tired and oppressed, help us in this and take us to Jesus.

Original text in Italian; translation by Virginia M. Forrester.

