

 *Mass Intentions*

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

Mon. July 24 **Saint Sharbel Makhiuf**
12 pm ... ☩ Joan Foley by Connie Raymond

Tue., July 25 **Saint James**
12 pm ... ☩ Bette Lloyd by Jack & Colleen Byrne

Wed., July 26 **Saints Joachim and Anne**
12 pm ... Joanna Clemens (living) by Anne Clark

Thur., July 27
8:30 am ... ☩ Colette Roy by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Henault

Fri., July 28
6 pm ... ☩ Stephanie Schehl by Flo Breault

Sat., July 29 **Saint Martha, Mary and Lazarus**
4 pm ... ☩ Robert "Bob" Breault by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

Sun., July 30 **XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am ... ☩ Cecile Fournier by Steven Tremblay
9:30 am ... ❖ Our Parish Family

Weekly Collection

Weekend of July 9, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$2,855.00
Make-Up Offertory	378.00
Loose Offertory	409.00
Online Offertory	475.00
Total Offertory	\$4,117.00
Stewardship Offertory	\$1,851.00
Stewardship Loose	160.25
Total Stewardship	\$2,011.25

Last Year: Wknd of July 10, 2016

Total Offertory	\$6,909.90
Food Pantry	\$ 175.00

Weekend of July 16, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$2,536.00
Make-Up Offertory	140.00
Loose Offertory	498.00
Online Offertory	330.00
Total Offertory	\$3,504.00
Stewardship Make Up	\$ 175.00

Last Year: Wknd of July 17, 2016

Total Offertory	\$4,958.80
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., July 24
7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., July 25
12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse

 **2017 Annual Campaign for Catholic Charities update.**
Our goal this year is **\$27,500. We are now \$18,540 away from our goal, having raised \$8,960. 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 our goal!

 **Saint Raphael Food Pantry** On Monday, July 17, the food pantry served 7 families and gave out 11 bags of food.

Summertime livin' is easy! But we still need to attend Mass each week. If you are traveling, be sure to find the times of



Masses in the area. You can check out www.masstimes.org for such information. Likewise, please remember to return your weekly contribution envelopes for times when you will be away from Saint Raphael. Or make a contribution via the Online Giving link found on our website. The need to fulfill our obligation to support our parish is clear, and regular expenses occur whether we are in the pews or not. Your help in this effort will be greatly appreciated!

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Irene Tullgren**.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 23, 2017
Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 (44-46)



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during the year 2017), to attend a **Special Anniversary Mass**. This celebration will be **Oct. 15, 2017 at 2 p.m.**, at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. If you are celebrating one of these major anniversaries, please contact the Saint Raphael Parish office by **Sept. 22, 2017**. We will need your **last names, first names and mailing address**. Please also indicate your special anniversary year. By providing your name to your Parish Office you will be registered and receive an invitation. **There is no need for the couple to RSVP.**

Thank you, Connie! Constance A. Richard, a beloved parishioner who died last October, remembered Saint Raphael with a **bequest of \$5,000** received this past week. We are deeply grateful and continue to remember Connie in our Masses and prayers. P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor, has directed that the bequest be added to the **Saint Raphael Development**

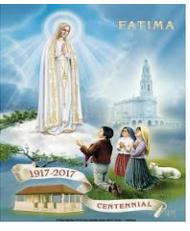


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In Sympathy Please pray for the repose of the soul of ☩ **Julie Caron Duquette**, who died July 10 and whose funeral was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church July 14 by P. Jerome, O.S.B. Please keep her and her family in prayer.

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



Save the dates! 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 **1:30 pm** on **Tuesday, Aug. 15 to Rye, NH**, with supper and evening return to the parish. All are welcome to join us for a Musical Summer's Eve concert on **Sunday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 pm** at Saint Raphael Church. See this week's insert about details for both events.

Church celebrates 25th anniversary of *Catechism*, a rich resource

Late this summer and during the fall, I have **four weddings** to celebrate, three at Saint Anselm Abbey for past students, and one here at Saint Raphael. That is the first time in a long while when so many nuptial Masses have been on my docket. Usually, when I am close to a couple I have prepared for the sacrament, I like to give them a small gift. Usually, it is a **Nativity set** for their first home together, although what I wrap up is the “starter set.” They can add the remaining pieces through the years. But this year, I’m thinking maybe I should take my own advice.

Often, I have suggested that every family should have a copy of the **Holy Bible, a copy of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and today’s newspaper**. Most Christians would agree that having Sacred Scripture in the house is a good idea – even if members of the household never read it. If, however, people **open up the Word of God**, the wonders they will discover are manifold and God’s blessings will abound in their lives.

Multiple guides exist to help people find their way through holy writ, because the Catholic Church always has taught that we should read the biblical text with the mind of the Christ as we find it in his Mystical Body, the Church.

Left to our own devices, the reading Bible can be a daunting, confusing and frustrating task. With a good guide, it can be the source of much insight and inspiration. Happily for Saint Raphael parishioners, friends and visitors, we have a well-established Scripture study program through **The Pastor’s Class, various Bible study and sharing seminars, annual retreats, etc.**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) usually does not appear on most bridal registries. Yet for a Catholic couple wishing to understand their faith, what a magnificent treasure the catechism is! Want to know how faith in God squares with reason? Want to understand why the Church



Image of the Good Shepherd from the catacombs in Rome, a visual sign of the approach to faith taken by the

what the Church’s thinking on such topics has been over the centuries, where it has evolved and how it has remained consistent.

The CCC is organized into four main sections, sometimes called the “**Four Pillars of the Faith**,” and each item carries a specific number, making it easy for both laymen and women and scholars to find and

treat various items. The sections are **the profession of faith** in the creeds, as in the doctrines of the faith; the **celebration of the Christian mystery**, as in the liturgy of the Mass and the sacraments; **life in Christ**, as in morality; and **Christian prayer**, as in private and communal prayer, contemplation, the Rosary and other devotions.

Most of us think of the catechisms we knew as children, primarily the ubiquitous *Baltimore Catechism* and the one I had as a first-grader, based on the *Baltimore Catechism, Sister Annunziata’s First Catechism*. Most catechisms in my youth were set up in Q&A format: Who is God? Why did God make

me? and so on. Such a basic approach has its utility, and if used in a religious education class with a good teacher who can present lessons in a lively manner, encourage questions and discussions and develop some activities to keep youngsters engaged, it can still be a great resource. For adults, however, a **thoughtful but clear and concise approach is necessary and the CCC does the job exceptionally well.**

One of the intentions of the Church after the

Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) was the preparation of a new catechism to reflect the conciliar degrees seeking to provide a pastoral approach to Catholic religious doctrine. Our teachings must always be grounded in the truth and proceed with charity, but in conveying them to young people and newcomers, we must recognize the needs of our audience. The CCC endeavors to do precisely this. **The efforts of many scholars, catechists and others, years in process, came together in 1992**, when Pope John Paul II authorized publication of the CCC in its preliminary French version. Two years later, the American bishops published the first English version. By 1997, the official Latin *editio typica* was available. Since then, various versions and adaptations according to age, language and national origin have appeared.

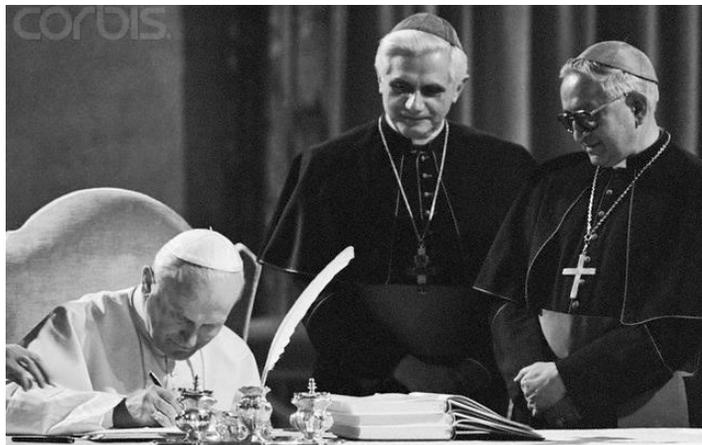
The *Catechism* is celebrating its silver anniversary this year – and earlier this month, religious educators, priests, bishops and others met in **Buenos Aires**, the Argentine capital, for **the first international conference**

on the role of the CCC in the New Evangelization efforts of the Church around the world. **Franciscan University** in Steubenville, OH, will sponsor a conference in October on American efforts.

Who knows? When it comes time to search out white wrapping paper and a big bow, I may very well be giving *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* to the brides and bridegrooms. The *Catechism* is available at any good bookstore,

including Cathedral Church Goods and Ste. Marie Bookstore in Manchester, as well as on -line in several sites, including those belonging to the Vatican and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. It’s not a keep-you-up-all-night, page-turning read. It’s more like a **user’s manual or owner’s guide**. When you need it, it’s right there waiting for you. Full of the truth, beauty and goodness of the God who made us and of the Church Jesus Christ established to embrace us in his love.

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Pope John Paul II, now a saint, signs document authorizing publication of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 1992, as Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, later Pope Benedict XVI, and an unidentified prelate look on

