

 *Mass Intentions*

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
5 pm ... †Agnes M. Patti by Joan Bissonnette

Mon. July 31 **Saint Ignatius of Loyola**
12 pmLiving & deceased members of the Pictrowski family
 by Diane Pictrowski

Tue., August 1 **Saint Alphonsus Liguori**
12 pm ... †Emil J. Camuso by Margaret-Ann Moran

Wed., August 2 **Sts Eusebius and Peter Julian Eynard**
12 pm ... †Bob Breault by Flo Breault

Thur., August 3
8:30 am ... †Robert Kelly by Ronnie Schlender

Fri., August 4 **Saint John Vianney**
6 pm ... †Lauren Rae Doherty (7th Anniv.) by Kerri Stanley

Sat., August 5
8:30 am ... Fatima at 100: First Saturday Mass
4 pm ... †Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., August 6 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
7:30 am ... †Mary Marszal and †Ernest Bienvenue by family
9:30 am ... †Edward Heroux by Bridget Heroux
5 pm ... ♦Our Parish Family

Weekly Collection

Weekend of July 23, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$3,667.00
Make-Up Offertory	346.00
Loose Offertory	362.00
Online Offertory	485.00
Total Offertory	\$4,860.00
Stewardship Make Up	\$ 73.00
Stewardship Online	25.00
Total Stewardship	\$ 98.00
Last Year: Wknd of July 24, 2016	
Total Offertory	\$4,251.15
Food Pantry	\$ 50.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., July 31
7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., August 1
12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse

Sat., August 5
8:30 am ... Celebrating First Saturday Mass followed by fellowship / scripture study

Saint Raphael Food Pantry
On Monday, July 24, the food pantry served 26 families and gave out 57 bags of food.

 **Food Pantry**

Goal:	\$27,500
Raised:	\$ 8,960
Balance:	\$18,540

 **Catholic Charities**

 **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Bishop Peter A. Libasci of Manchester invites all couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or beyond Wedding Anniversary (anytime during 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.**

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for †**Salvatore Valente** by Cristina Valente and Mathew Kubik.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 30, 2017
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

 **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. Cost is \$25 to help defray the cost of transportation. The **deadline to register is by noon on August 3**. Space is limited! First come, first served! Save the date for our Musical Summer's Eve concert on **Sunday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 pm** at Saint

Did you know there are lots of programming options on **Boston Catholic TV**? You can access it in NH on cable channel 268. They have great coverage on Our Lady of Fatima this

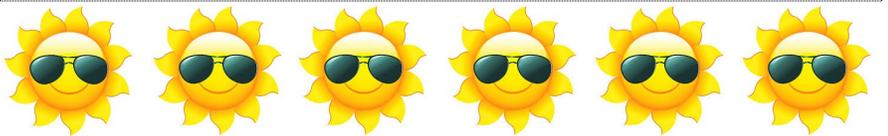
In Sympathy Please pray for the repose of the souls of †**Therese St. Laurent, and †Pauline C. Dionne**, who died July 20, and whose funerals were celebrated last week by P. Jerome, O.S.B. Please keep them and their families in prayer.

 **VBS... lots of fun was had!** Saint Raphael completed another great week of VBS July 17-21. We couldn't have pulled it off without the help of our staff and volunteers. Many thanks to **Therese Dame and her crew volunteers** for all you did to make VaCation Bible School the memorial and fun event it always is for our youngsters!

 Like us on Facebook and get updates, photos and information about Saint Raphael Parish!

 **Have you downloaded our app yet?**
It's free and full of info and updates!

 **Book Discussion Group** Save the date: Come help the Book Discussion Group celebrate its 13th anniversary on Thursday, Sept. 28. We'll have supper in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm, followed by a discussion of Diane Ackerman's *The Zoo Keeper's Wife*. Based on a true story, the novel tells of a woman who used her husband's profession to help Jewish people escape from Poland during World War II. Books are available at the rectory for \$10. Please join us!



New cathedral in NC reminds us all of the value of place and space

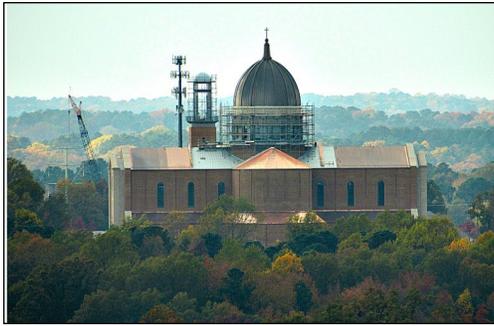


Some years ago, my summer reading included a novel about the construction of a medieval cathedral. *The Pillars of the Earth* (1989) by Ken Follett was one of the most engaging works filled with **technological challenges, ecclesiastical politics and memorable characters.**

These days, there is not a lot of cathedral and church-building under way. Most of the time, we hear to our sorrow and distress, about the **closing of a parish or the destruction of a noble old church.** Discovering the other day that a new cathedral is in the works, then, was a distinct surprise and a genuine delight. I was looking for information on one of our Benedictine abbeys down South, including a photo of its abbey church, on the internet, and one of the images that came up was construction of a new cathedral in North Carolina. Hmmm? What's this? Wow! Who knew!

The **Diocese of Raleigh in North Carolina** (*coat of arms above*) just this week dedicated its new Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral after several years of planning and construction. The Raleigh diocese, like many in the South, has **grown substantially in the past 20 years**, and the need for a newer, more spacious structure to accommodate people from throughout the eastern half of the Tarheel State. Holy Name will be "timeless and traditional," according to the cathedral web site, in design and ethos, but with contemporary engineering and modern amenities. The cathedral is **on a hill overlooking Raleigh** and has ample acreage for development, including relocation of Cathedral School in new facilities.

When the diocese was created in 1924, North Carolina had approximately 6,000 Catholics – in the entire state. Many of our New England parishes were bigger than the entire diocesan population in North Carolina. **Sacred Heart Church**, seating capacity 320, in Raleigh was elevated to be the cathedral, and has so served for nearly a century. However, the **Catholic population has burgeoned, with approximately 500,000 Catholics in the Raleigh diocese alone**, and its little cathedral, smallest in the continental U.S., was no longer able to handle the demands imposed on it as the mother church of the diocese. Projections estimate 1 million within 20 years. To the credit of **Bishop Michael F. Burbidge**, parishioners, clergy and religious from throughout the diocese were invited to provide feedback and suggestions at more than 400 receptions where initial renderings of the cathedral were presented. Because the diocese would turn to the people of the diocese for financial support of the new cathedral, they were given the opportunity to help shape its form and function.



Groundbreaking occurred on Jan. 3, 2015, and the **dedication was this past Wednesday.** If any of those medieval builders looked down from his cloud in heaven, he would have been stunned by the speed construction in the 21st century.

Designed by **James O'Brien of O'Brien and Keane Architecture in Arlington, VA**, the cathedral is impressive by any standard. The long nave and transepts provide seating for 2,000 and give Holy Name the traditional cruciform shape many churches have, including Saint Raphael. Its dimensions include a length of nearly 350-feet, a height of 80-feet inside the nave, and 160-feet to the cross atop the copper dome.



The **narthex**, or entrance chamber running across the front of the cathedral, will be a spacious place for community members to gather before Mass. Holy Name will have a special **adoration chapel**, shrines important in that community, a bride and family room for weddings, funerals and other liturgies and easily accessible space for Reconciliation. The building has been designed to be environmentally sensitive. It includes a substantial amount of natural light and relies on **rose-colored North Carolina brick.** Many come from churches now closed, including the Church of the Ascension of the Lord, which provided **40 windows of rich and beautiful stained glass**, a gift from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Crafted in the late 1920s, the windows have been restored. Stations of the Cross came from Saint Francis, Philadelphia.

Constructed in a **Romanesque Revival** fashion, the **40,000 square-foot, \$41 million cathedral**, one of the largest in the country, features white, gray, yellow and golden-colored marbles in the sanctuary for the **main altar of sacrifice**, the altar of reposition and tabernacle for the Eucharist, the ambo, or pulpit, and the cathedra, the throne of the bishop. In the baldacchino, or canopy, above the tabernacle, one can find a **remarkable blue sky** featuring the stars visible just before dawn in Jerusalem on the morning of Christ's resurrection, at least according to the best

determinations of astronomers at the state university.

Holy Name also will feature a new, purpose-built organ, constructed by **C.B. Fisk Inc. of Gloucester, MA.** The pipes will range in size from 32-feet to three-quarters of an inch. The organ will be installed in the fall, once construction dust has settled. If the organ is the cathedral's interior voice, the 50 bells, ranging in size from 18 pounds to a ton, in its tower provide the exterior voice, summoning believers to worship and prayer and reminding the wider community of the presence of **Christ's Mystical Body, the Church**, in their midst.

A cathedral project is very much the work of a community of faith, but it often depends upon the vision of its leaders. Certainly, for the Raleigh diocese that has come from Bishop Burbidge. And yet it has been well said, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans!" Likewise, another phrase that underlines the fact that God works his will both through and in spite of our efforts is "man proposes, God disposes." Just as the cathedral project was coming close to completion, and after years of work on planning and promoting the new building, Bishop Burbidge (*photo below*) was asked by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to take responsibility for the **Diocese of Arlington, VA**, just outside Washington. Arlington is where his cathedral architect is located. Bishop Burbidge did have the opportunity, however, to be the principal celebrant of the dedication Mass, however. He will be succeeded by **Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama**, a native of Colombia and an auxiliary bishop of Atlanta, who will serve as the sixth bishop of Raleigh. He will be installed at Holy Name on Aug. 29, 2017.

The new cathedral rests on nearly 40 acres purchased by the late **Thomas Frederick Price**, the first native North Carolinian ordained to the diocesan priesthood and a founder of the Maryknoll missionary order. **An orphanage, with a chapel** dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, once stood on that property. "We knew that had to be the name [of the new cathedral]," said Bishop Burbidge. Meanwhile, Sacred Heart, even though it lost its status as a cathedral, will be designated as the first church in the diocese to serve as a cathedral and will continue to serve the needy downtown.

What good news from North Carolina! May the Lord, in his mercy and love, bless this work at Holy Name – and little old Sacred Heart – with much success and joy!

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