

 *Mass Intentions*

Sat., August 26
4 pm ... ✠ Charles Richard (3rd Anniv.) by Simone Richard

Sun., August 27 **XXI in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am ... ✠ Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote
9:30 am ... ✠ Leo Bedard by Diane Bolton
5 pm ... ❖ Our Parish Family

Mon. August 28 **Saint Augustine**
12 pm ... ✠ Dr. John & Helen (Donovan) Flaherty by P. Jerome

Tue., August 29 **The Passion of St John the Baptist**
12 pm ... ✠ Rocco Ricci, Srr by the family

Wed., August 30
12 pm ... ✠ Julie Caron Duquette by Denny & Eileen Smith

Thur., August 31
8:30 am ... ✠ Stanley G. Shepherded by P. Jerome

Fri., September 1
6 pm ... ✠ Joseph Handy by Gregory Handy

Sat., September 2
8:30 am ... Fatima at 100: First Saturday Mass
4 pm ... ✠ Bob Gagne by Pat Tremblay

Sun., September 3 **XXII in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am ... ✠ Mary Marszal by Elaine Wood
9:30 am ... ✠ Alice Carignan by Armand & Kathy Carignan
5 pm ... ❖ Our Parish Family

Weekly Collection

Weekend of August 20, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$3,312.00
Make-Up Offertory	620.00
Loose Offertory	312.00
Online Offertory	645.00
Total Offertory	\$4,889.00
Stewardship Make Up	\$ 387.00
Holy Day	\$ 855.00
Holy Day Loose	177.00
Holy Day Online	10.00
Total Holy Day	\$1,042.00
Last Year: Wknd of Aug. 21, 2016	
Total Offertory	\$4,512.80
Total Holy Day	\$ 985.20
Food Pantry	\$ 100.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., August 28
7—8 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., August 29
12:45 pm ... Parish Nurse

Fri., September 1
6:45 pm ... Adoration

Sat., September 2
8:30 am ... Celebrating First Saturday Mass followed by fellowship / scripture study

Saint Raphael Food Pantry
On Monday, August 21, the food pantry served 32 families and gave out 69 bags of food.

 **Food Pantry**

Goal:	\$27,500
Raised:	\$10,925
Balance:	\$16,575

 **Catholic Charities**

We are still quite a bit away from reaching our goal. Please consider donating!

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for ✠ **Patricia Proulx** by her family.



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.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 27, 2017

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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 Nazi-occupied Poland during WWII. Books are available at the rectory for \$10. Please join us!

 **100 YEARS**

Reminder—The "Mary: Virgin, Mother and Queen" Scripture sharing for September will take place in the parish hall classroom following the 8:30 am Mass on Saturday, Sep. 2. Celebrate Mary's promise with us! Everyone is welcome!

Thank you Sylvia Grady and Irene Morin for helping to cover the office this summer. We regret having omitted their names last week!

 **FATIMA 100 YEARS**

Thank you to Lyle Hamel, Caresse Mailloux, and Erin McCahon for putting on a beautiful Marian concert last weekend. We had a small, but appreciative audience and all of us enjoyed the mu-

 **BANNS of MARRIAGE**

II
Kenneth Penn & Irene Lemire

I
Mark Fahey & Ashley Vannasse

 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!

 **NEW Website** **We've moved! We are now at www.st-raphael-parish.org.**

Robert Todd Lincoln, Pullman porters ... and remembering our past



The controversies this month over **race, violence and monuments** have been enough to make the head spin. Whom do we remember? What part of our society chooses what to recall? How does the

meaning of a memorial change over time? Can one group build it for hidden reasons, then have the mask torn off by another group? Can people commandeer a monument? Who gets to speak and tell his or her story?

Such questions have fascinated me for a long time, and I've delivered a few academic papers at national and international conferences about those very issues, usually within the context of Irish Studies. Fact is, however, **every country and every group must wrestle with such concerns** – and this month those questions have been on the minds of many Americans.

When I was home in the Berkshires to visit family and friends, I spent one day traveling to Manchester – not our Manchester, but the one in Vermont. A friend and I knocked around **Hildene** (photo at bottom), the home of **Robert Todd Lincoln** (1843-1926), the eldest son of President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln (photo above). Robert would have been a significant figure in U.S. history even if his father had never occupied the White House during the Civil War (1861-1865).

A graduate of Harvard and Union College of Law, the young Lincoln served as a captain on the staff of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant toward the end of the war. He married **Mary Eunice Harlan**, daughter of a U.S. senator from Iowa, in 1863, and the couple had three children. Lincoln eventually served as **U.S. secretary of war**, American **ambassador** to the United Kingdom, and **president of the Pullman Palace Car Co.**, Chicago, from 1897-1922.

Strangely, it wasn't his role in the Cabinet under Presidents James A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur, and it wasn't his time in London in the waning years of the Victorian era, and it wasn't his policies as a captain of industry in this country during the age of robber barons in the Gilded Age that caught my attention. It was the fact that throughout the estate, particularly in the exhibition of one of the Pullman sleepers, the trustees of Robert Todd Lincoln's home, have allowed **different voices to be heard and different stories to be told** under the broad arch of Lincoln's life and times.

The way Hildene displays the artifacts and elements of Lincoln's life seems so easy and right. The voices of servants, cooks, chauffeurs and especially the **Pullman porters** who helped Lincoln's commercial empire succeed come through clearly and with dignity – just as they did in their actual historical moment. So often, only the winners, only the dominant class, only the rich and powerful have their story told – and yet their stories often would never have unfolded without **the help and insight of those several rungs down on the ladder of social**

status. We saw the extensive kitchen that the cook and serving staff had to maintain. We saw the outfit one of the front parlor and dining room maids wore. We saw the little boxes of thread in the sewing room that Mrs. Lincoln used, and we learned that one time, while in New York, she sent her driver up to Manchester to **retrieve a spool of a particular thread** that she wanted for some special sewing project. Maybe the rich *are* different, and they certainly get others to do their bidding!

At one point during our visit, the clouds opened up for a torrential downpour. Despite the weather, our visit down the hill from Lincoln's lovely **neo-Georgian home** overlooking the Battenkill Range was especially engaging. Here, at the **Sunbeam** (photo above), a restored Pullman sleeper, we heard a fuller story about the **Pullman porters, mostly black men** hired to staff the elegant railroad sleepers that carried people of wealth, status and position around the U.S. (photo at top).

A man might hire a Pullman car for his family, friends, business colleagues or office staff to travel across the country, it would become part of a scheduled train and the porters would be on board to tend to their every whim. Usually, **two porters worked each sleeper**, which included a salon and game room that could be turned into a dining room, as well as sleeping berths and restrooms. A small kitchen and porter chamber were provided as well. We discovered that the porters had to cook, present and serve breakfast, lunch and supper to their traveling guests each day of the trip – and a cross-country jaunt took five or six days. They had to **make repairs, keep bathroom facilities clean and make any necessary repairs**. Porters were expected to be available whenever their guests called upon them, and they had sleep in rotation, so life in a Pullman sleeper was a **juggling act par excellence**.

As black men in the world of the white elite, Pullman porters had a strange status. They



were **regarded as privileged** by many African-Americans, still trying to establish themselves in the U.S. economy in the Reconstruction era. The porters had demanding jobs, but they also were able to travel easily around the country and see sights

that were beyond the reach of most Americans, black or white. They worked long hours, sometimes more than 100 per week, and they were paid only \$30 a month, according to Hildene guides. The Pullman Co. charged them for food, supplies and accommodation! **Porters often owed the company \$35 or more** by the time their pay envelope arrived! Lincoln knew that and permitted it. However, he also knew that the porters were free to keep their tips – and often their guests tipped quite handsomely. Another of the contradictions of history!



Not only did porters receive **monetary tips**, but they also picked up **tips from business leaders** and their wives about how to stretch a buck, how to invest and ways to save. Not

without good reason have the Pullman porters, ubiquitous to an earlier generation of train travelers, been called the foundation of the African-American middle class. In a quiet, steady way, the estate at Hildene not only allows, but encourages, visitors to **hear and reflect on the stories of the porters and the servants**, along with those of the captains of industry, the players in politics and the leaders of government.

As we wrestle with ways to remember our history and respect the diverse heritages within the U.S. – from the many peoples of the Native American tradition to the newest immigrants from Iraq and Afghanistan, perhaps the gentle and respectful approach of Hildene, which is both complete and clear, can enlighten us. There should be no place for violence, racism, neo-Nazism, stridency and intimidation. We need to **listen to each other, respect the freedom of each other and learn to disagree agreeably**. © Rev. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.

