

 *Mass Intentions*

Sat., September 9 **Saint Peter Claver**
4 pm ... ✠Katherine Jaskolka by Al & Barbara Heidenreich

Sun., September 10 **XXIII in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am ... ❖Our Parish Family
9:30 am ... ✠Carrie Kohler (18th Anniv.) by Armand & Kathy Carignan
5 pm ... ✠Frank Connelly by his family

Mon. September 11
12 pm ... ✠Dot, ✠Ray, ✠Roger LaRochelle by Lill LaRochelle

Tue., September 12
12 pm ... ✠Kay Cochran by P. Jerome

Wed., September 13 **Saint John Chrysostom**
12 pm ... ❖Fr. David Harris (newly ordained) by P. Jerome

Thur., September 14 **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
8:30 am ... ❖Dennis & Eileen Smith (50th wedding anniv., living) by P. Jerome

Fri., September 15 **Our Lady of Sorrows**
6 pm ... ✠Frederick H. Mitchell by P. Jerome

Sat., September 16 **Saints Cornelius and Cyprian**
4 pm ... ✠Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., September 17 **XXIV in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am ... ✠Mary Marszal by Richard Bienvenue
9:30 am ... ✠Edward Bolton (4th Anniv.) by Diane Bolton

Weekly Collection

Weekend of September 3, 2017
Regular Offertory \$2,793.40
Make-Up Offertory 550.00
Loose Offertory 441.60
Online Offertory 230.00
Total Offertory \$4,015.00

Stewardship Make Up \$ 77.00

Food Pantry \$ 150.00

Last Year: Wknd of Aug. 28, 2016
Total Offertory \$4,400.75

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., September 11
7 pm ... Food Pantry

Tue., September 12
12:45 pm Parish Nurse

Wed., September 13
7 pm ... Knit & Crochet



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

We have yet to reach the half-way point to our goal. Please consider helping extend Christ's compassion!



RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Got a question? Have an interest? Want to 'come home'? We'd love to have you back! Our Saint Raphael programs for the Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults (RCIA) & Catholics Come Home plan a Night of Inquiry on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 pm. Often, people in our lives seek a closer relationship with Jesus and we are unsure how or when to explain what we believe or why we believe what the Catholic Church teaches. On behalf of Father Jerome, O.S.B., and the staff, I invite you to attend **a Night of Inquiry at Saint Raphael on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.** with someone you know who might be interested in learning more about our Catholic faith. This is an opportunity to help you to present information and answer questions that may seem difficult. The Lord makes it easy! You can contact me, Therese Dame, director of religious education, at 603.647.2283 or at therese.dame@saint-raphael-parish.com.



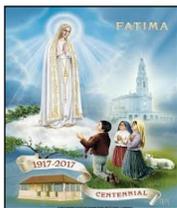
Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ❖Our Parish Family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 10, 2017

Monday: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Voluntary Special Collection: Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked dioceses across the country to take up an emergency collection to assist victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Bishop Libasci has invited all NH parishes to participate in this voluntary special relief collection. **Saint Raphael will take up this collection during next weekend's Sept. 16-17 Masses.** Funds raised by the collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support. Please keep those suffering from the hurricane and its flooding in your prayers.



We continue to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima ... Save the date for our movie night, followed by discussion. We will watch the movie **Mary of Nazareth**, an epic two-part film on the mother of Christ, on **Tuesday, Oct 3 and 10 at 6:30 pm** in the parish hall classroom.



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.**



III
Kenneth Penn & Irene Lemire

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Mark Fahey & Ashley Vannasse

NH Right to Life will have its **Annual Benefit Banquet Thursday, Oct. 12 at 5:30 pm** at the Executive Court Banquet Facility, Manchester. Tickets are **\$60 per person**. This year's speaker is Janet Morana, executive director of "Priests for Life" and co-founder of the "Silent No More" Awareness Campaign. If you would like to attend and sit at Saint Raphael's table, please call Kerri at the office at 623.2604. Thank you.

Wherever he went, Jim McGhee lived to create ‘communion’

Jim McGhee, 80, professor emeritus of theology at Saint Anselm College for more than three decades, died as a result of injuries sustained in a fall at his home last month. He was a cherished friend of mine and a good friend to Saint Raphael Parish. He spoke here in several Christian formation programs and often came to Saint Raphael for Mass. He was a **parishioner at Transfiguration** from its foundation from Saint Jean Baptiste and Saint Edmond parishes. And, of course, he was very well known to generations Saint Anselm faculty and alumni.

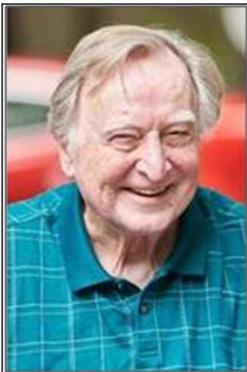
Jim specialized in areas of theology where our faith engages human experience in clear, real and sometimes perplexing ways – **Christian marriage, medical ethics and moral reasoning**. The love he shared with his family – **his wife Mary and his three children** – helped give him the grounding not only to teach **confused freshmen and perplexed nursing students** but to assist diocesan bishops, college presidents and hospital CEOs in shaping policy and making decisions. Jim’s scholarship was impressive, but it was his wisdom, gleaned from experience and insight, that dazzled most people who knew him.

Born along the Clyde River not far from the great industrial city of Glasgow, Jim relished his **Scots heritage** and his **American citizenship**. Trying to sum up Jim in a few words is like trying to describe the Highlands in a single phrase. As I reflect on Jim’s gifts to us all these days, **I keep returning to the word “communion.”**

Jim was all about the process of sharing life, making one – creating communion – in mind and heart. As a Catholic, Jim understood well that communion is the very purpose of **Christ’s Paschal Mystery**, his dying and rising to new life. We strive to open our lives to God’s redeeming grace in Christ so that we might be granted the life of heaven – not some kind of splendid isolation. Heavenly joy can only occur because we find ourselves in eternal communion with the God who made and loves us, and all those men and women he has called to himself. This side of eternity, we are called to respond to the communion that Christ offers us on so many levels. But Jim did not simply respond to the offer, **he embraced it so well that he helped create communion!** Simply, humbly and effectively!

Jim knew better than most that the most profound communion comes at the altar when Christ Jesus gives us himself in his Eucharistic Body and Blood. Not only was he faithful to the weekly Eucharist, but he enjoyed sharing in the Mass with the monastic community at Saint Anselm routinely. He knew that the Eucharist is the **most powerful and profound way to establish and enhance communion**.

For many years, he advocated for establishment of an annual Mass in November to remember **departed faculty, staff and administrators** of the college – and eventually the idea



**Professor James McGhee
1937-2017**

caught on – and it has become an important way we connect the current college community with the families and friends of those departed souls, as well a liturgical act that establishes communion between those in glory or purgation and those still living.

The Eucharistic Christ summons and empowers us to become **agents of the very communion we share with him**. Sent out

into the world, we speak of the communion the Lord desires and creates, we witness the communion that liberates us and we effect the communion that gives us hope through love, reconciliation, forgiveness, mercy, joy and encouragement. Jim McGhee was no Pollyanna and Mr. Goody-Two-Shoes. He was a **big-hearted Scotsman, shrewd, smart**

and sophisticated who believed in making communion happen. His vision of the Christ’s Mystical Body, the Church, was expansive and generous, very much rooted in the teachings of the

Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

It was my privilege, though a deeply sad one, to celebrate Jim’s funeral Mass at the abbey church last Saturday. **Kathleen, Jamie and Fiona**, the three children Mary and Jim had and whom the monks watched grow up, shared with me stories about their dad – and each of them speaks to Jim’s sense of “communion.”

Kathleen and Jamie had relatively simple stories. Once, when Kathleen accompanied Jim her dad and Mary’s mother to the hospital when Jamie was born, she began playing with her doll – **a rather beat-up, homemade rag doll**. Her grandmother, perhaps fearful that people think Kathleen had no other toys, was quick to observe aloud that she had fine quality dolls too. Jim treasured Mary Agnes Hollywood, his mother-in-law, but knowing that the offending toy actually was his daughter’s choice plaything, shot back, “No, it’s her only doll and it’s her favorite!” Communion, for Jim, depended upon **speaking the truth and recognizing what matters to people**.

Jamie’s story touches on forgiveness and tolerance. Some years after the doll incident, Jim juggled his teaching schedule at St. A’s so he would have time to volunteer in the school library at Saint Raphael, where Jamie and Kathleen were enrolled. Fiona, the youngest, was too little, but she was recruited to “help” her father. Jim was assigned by Sister Beatrice, the head librarian, to **stamp books and collect the fines** from scofflaw student patrons. Unfortunately, Jim had so much fun with the youngsters that he

couldn’t bring himself to collect fines, although he would **toss a few crumpled bills into the money box** to cover for them – no doubt actually boosting Sister Beatrice’s take on his volunteer days. Meanwhile, Fiona, much entranced by the rotating dates on the stamp, was busily marking each book that came in with a rich assortment of dates. Sister Beatrice, upon discovery of these flagrant violations of Saint Raphael law, felt compelled to fire Jim and his trusty assistant, although she did so gently. Jim simply was not invited to return the following year. Poor Jim took **plenty of ribbing** from his family about being fired as a library volunteer!

There are many descriptions of the way God’s love enters into human love and transforms it. Roses, yes. Violets, yes. **But peanut butter?!** Fiona’s story has her dad and peanut butter is at its center. As a little girl, Fiona would spend time with Jim while her mom was at work and Kathleen and Jamie in school. Jim, with Fiona in tow, would volunteer in the morning at the hospital or the school library, where he would try to outfox the aforementioned Sister Beatrice.

At lunchtime, Jim would make, at Fiona’s request, an open-faced peanut butter sandwich. This no doubt suited Jim’s culinary skills, but it also let show him his love creatively. On lathered bread, **Jim drew a heart and a smiley face**. “Fiona,” he would say, “the heart is to show you how much I love you, and the smiley face is to remind you to be kind.” Then, she would clamber into her father’s big brown chair, watch Mr. Rogers, and soon Fiona was sound asleep in Jim’s arms. Fast forward 20 years, and father and daughter are heading to western New York to drop Fiona off for her first year at **Saint Bonaventure University**. Tears, fears and cheers! Pulling into a diner for lunch, Jim said he’d order while Fiona excused herself. When she returned, there was Jim, knife in hand, sketching out a heart and a smiley face on two open-faced peanut butter sandwiches!

Jim McGhee always seemed to know what to do, what to say and how to touch the heart – and, in the doing, saying and touching, **he brought love, light and life – God’s and his own – into the moment**. And that, of course, is what communion with God is all about.

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