

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sat., October 14</b>	<b>Saint Callistus</b>
4 pm ...	✠Jeannie Canty Barrett by Jack & Colleen Byrne
<b>Sun., October 15</b>	<b>XXVIII in Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 am ...	✠Mary Marszal by Richard Bienvenue
9:30 am ...	✠Alberta Sullivan by Al & Barbara Heidenreich
5 pm ...	✠Colette Roy by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Henault
<b>Mon. October 16</b>	<b>Saints Hedwig &amp; Mgt Mary Alacoque</b>
12 pm ...	✠Vicki Wolf by Lillian LaRoche
<b>Tue., October 17</b>	<b>Saint Ignatius of Antioch</b>
12 pm ...	✠James Gralton by Jack & Colleen Byrne
<b>Wed., October 18</b>	<b>Saint Luke</b>
12 pm ...	✠Margaret Snyder by Kristine O'Sullivan
<b>Thur., October 19</b>	<b>Sts John de Brebœuf &amp; Isaac Jogues</b>
8:30 am ...	✠Muriel Mackenzie by Kristine O'Sullivan
<b>Fri., October 20</b>	<b>Saint Paul of the Cross</b>
6 pm ...	✠Michael Joyce by Margaret-Ann Moran
<b>Sat., October 21</b>	
4 pm ...	✠Charles Richard by Simone Richard
<b>Sun., October 22</b>	<b>XXIX in Ordinary Time</b>
7:30 am ...	✠Albert P. Bauer, Jr. (37th Anniv.) by his family
9:30 am ...	✠Donald J. Leclerc by Donald & Esther Leclerc
5 pm ...	✠Our Parish Family

## Weekly Collection

<b>Weekend of October 8, 2017</b>	
Regular Offertory	\$2,808.00
Make-Up Offertory	275.00
Loose Offertory	437.00
Online Offertory	475.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,995.00</b>
Stewardship	\$1,814.00
Stewardship Loose	258.00
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>\$2,072.00</b>
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Food Pantry	\$ 195.00
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<b>Last Year: Wknd of Oct. 2, 2016</b>	
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$3,711.90</b>
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>\$2,057.85</b>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, October 15</b>	10:30 PM ... AOH Breakfast
<b>Mon., October 16</b>	6:30 PM ... Youth Ministry
	7 PM ... Food Pantry
<b>Tue., October 17</b>	12:45 PM ... Parish Nurse
	7 PM ... Night of Inquiry
<b>Wed., October 18</b>	7 PM... Respect Life Committee Meeting
<b>Thursday, October 19</b>	7 PM ... Book Discussion Group
<b>Friday, October 20</b>	7:30 PM... Holy League



<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$27,500</b>
<b>Raised:</b>	<b>\$16,600</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$10,900</b>

We are close to reaching our goal! Please consider helping extend Christ's compassion!



**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** On Monday, September October 9, the Food Pantry served 8

families and gave out 15 bags of food. We could use canned soup and canned baked beans. Thank you!

During the month of October, all are welcome to join in the public recitation of the Rosary just before Saturday's 4pm Vigil and Wednesday's noon Masses. Eucharistic Ministers scheduled on these dates are asked to lead the Rosary.



Saint Raphael Parish Christmas Fair: **Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 AM—2 p.m.** Have a craft you'd like to sell? Go to [www.st-raphael-parish.org](http://www.st-raphael-parish.org) for details on the event and how to register to have a table!

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Baby Shower sponsored by Saint Raphael Parish Respect Life Committee will be held **Sunday, November 5, 2017 following the 9:30 AM Mass**. This shower is to benefit the Our Place and BirthRight Pregnancy Centers of Manchester. Watch for flyer in next week's church bulletin for list of items most needed.



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for ✠**Lucy Kelley** by the Kelley family.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK of October 8, 2017

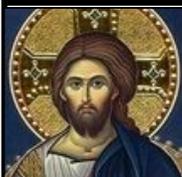
<b>Monday:</b> Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday:</b> Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday:</b> 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
<b>Thursday:</b> Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
<b>Friday:</b> Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
<b>Saturday:</b> Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
<b>Sunday:</b> Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



**Welcome to Oktoberfest at Saint Raphael Parish!** Oktoberfest at Saint Raphael will be **Saturday, Nov. 4, from 5-8 p.m.** There are no tickets, but a suggested donation of \$8 per person/\$16 per family would be appreciated. We will also be celebrating Fr. Stephen Lawson's first Mass of Thanksgiving at the 4 PM Mass prior to the event.

**Marie-Line Morin**, soprano, who sang at our parish last spring, is inviting you to her next concert: **It's All**

**Love**, that will be held at **St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester (145 Lowell St.)**, on **Saturday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.** Accompanied by pianists, Lucille Fortin and our own Lyle Hamel, she will sing sacred, classical and popular songs including French songs, while sharing her faith journey testimony as a French-Canadian immigrant. Professor Morin, from Laval University, Quebec, recently returned to New Hampshire, where her family resides since the 1970s, to care for two of her siblings who have a disability. She will also talk about a "Listening Ministry" project in the diocese associated with the Institute of Psychoreligious Counseling that she founded in Quebec. Suggested donations: \$15 per person, will benefit this project.



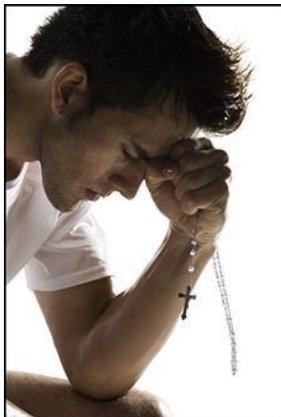
**Got a question? Have an interest? Want to 'come home'?** We'd love to have you back! Our Saint Raphael programs for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) & Catholics Come Home plan a **Night of Inquiry!** On behalf of Father Jerome, O.S.B., and the staff, we invite you to attend a **Night of Inquiry at Saint Raphael on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 PM** 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! Please contact Therese Dame, director of religious education, at 603.647.2283. or at [therese.dame@saint-raphael-parish.com](mailto:therese.dame@saint-raphael-parish.com) to register or if you have questions.

## At Fatima, Mary's insistence on the Rosary invites into the mystery

When I was growing up, and for a long time afterwards, **the television fare** at home was usually history, comedy, news and movies, with the requisite sports tossed in according to season. But at the top of the pecking order were **mysteries**, including crime shows, which are a species of mystery in most respects.

I think my mom had a crush on actor Raymond Burr, who starred in *Perry Mason* and, later, *Ironside*. We all loved Jessica Fletcher in *Murder, She Wrote*. And if anything were to be aired from Agatha Christie or starring Peter Sellers as Hercule Poirot, that show received top billing. Mystery, as a genre, **poses a problem and introduces a question**, then spends its time providing clues that invite the reader or the viewer to anticipate the resolution. Long before we started talking about "interactivity" in education and entertainment, mysteries were involving their fans into the analysis of dialogue, setting, costume and plot in an effort to solve the problem and answer the question.

As we come to the end of celebrations surrounding the centennial of the **apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima** in Portugal, there is another kind of mystery that merits some discussion. Our Lady of Fatima emphasized over the course of her apparitions from May to October in 1917 to the three children, **Jacinta and Francisco Martos and Lucia dos Santos**, the importance of the prayerful recitation of the Rosary.



The Rosary is not just a series of Hail Mary's, Our Father's and Glory Be's; each decade of the Rosary is dedicated to a "mystery," **a moment in time during the life of Jesus Christ and his mother, Mary of Nazareth, a moment that has meaning not just for history but our lives right now**. Such moments, however, are a little like the television mysteries I mentioned. They too pose a problem and introduce a question – and then provide the solution and the answer!

As most Catholics know well, the mysteries of the Rosary traditionally were organized in three types. **The Joyful Mysteries** include the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation in the Temple and the Finding in the Temple, often said on Mondays and Saturdays. **The Sorrowful Mysteries** count the Agony in the Garden, Scourging at the Pillar, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying on of the Cross and the Crucifixion, usually said on Tuesdays and Fridays. **The Glorious Mysteries** include the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the As-

sumption of Mary and the Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth, typically recited on Wednesdays and Sundays. Thursdays are dedicated to

**the Luminous Mysteries**, which include the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, the Miracle at the Wedding in Cana, the Preaching of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, the Institution of the Eucharist.

The Luminous Mysteries were added to the Rosary by **Pope John Paul II in 2002**. Some members of the faithful complained that by doing so, the Holy Father had complicated the traditional "**150 connection**" between the number of prayers in the Rosary and the number of Psalms in the Bible. They have a point – and yet, I think the Luminous Mysteries **enrich the Rosary** tremendously by giving us mysteries that have **particular meaning for our lives as Catholics today**. Like Jesus, we too are baptized – and our baptism animates the whole of our life in Christ and his Holy Spirit. We are still called to preach the Kingdom of God in our own time and place. We are invited to open our hearts to Christ in his Eucharistic Body and Blood.

Since **the time of Saint Dominic** in the Middle Ages, the Rosary has been one of the primary ways Catholics, and many other Christians, pray. The Hail Mary is drawn from the greeting of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation – the moment when the Incarnation is freely accepted by Mary. The Our Father comes from the extended Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus taught his disciples how to pray. The Glory Be echoes the many salutations and blessings given by Paul to the communities he had established, all recounted in his own letters and in the Acts of the Apostles. When critics of the Rosary claim the prayer is repetitious and non-Scriptural, we have only to show them that the fundamental prayers of the Rosary are **all rooted in the biblical Word of God**.

Even when a passage from the Bible refers to a time in the past, it still speaks to us. It opens up the truth of God's love for each of us, poured out in the blood of Christ. When, for example, Jesus is crowned with thorns just before his Crucifixion, the Roman soldiers intend to mock him. That moment of



pain is surely part of the mystery of the suffering and death of Jesus. This particular Rosary mystery, however, **also speaks to all those who have suffered**

**in, with or for Christ**, embracing and joining their pain to the Lord's. The Crowning with Thorns also reminds each believer that whenever we betray our Christian faith, we press one more thorn into the flesh of the Savior.

Each of the mysteries of the Rosary speaks of an even greater mystery – the love of God for mankind poured out in the blood of Jesus Christ. **The Paschal Mystery** is at the heart of the Rosary – and the dying and rising to new life of **Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Second Person of the Blessed Trinity**, is the way God reveals the ultimate mystery of his own identity – a mystery of life and love. Unlike Jessica Fletcher, Hercule Poirot and Perry Mason, **we are not called to solve the mystery of divine love**. Rather, **we are summoned to enter into it, to live it and let it transform and transfigure us with its majestic power, transcendent beauty and penetrating love**. As John Paul II, now a saint himself, observed in his 2002 apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, "Mary helps us to learn the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is above all 'evangelion' – good news – which has its center, indeed its very content, in the person of Christ." No human being ever entered into the mystery of God more fully or more joyfully than Mary. What better way to celebrate the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, sealed by the Miracle of the Sun, 100 years this month, than by rededicating ourselves to her Rosary, which **teaches us and helps us experience the encounter between the mystery of God and the mystery of the human person!**

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