

## Mass Intentions

### Sat., October 21

4 pm ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

### Sun., October 22 **XXIX in Ordinary Time**

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

### Mon. October 23 **Saint John of Capistrano**

12 pm ... ☩ Irene & ☩ John Narkey by Teresa Greene

### Tue., October 24 **Saint Anthony Mary Claret**

12 pm ... ☩ Ralph Simone by Kerri Stanley

### Wed., October 25

12 pm ... ☩ Ara Taylor by Jack & Colleen Byrne

### Thur., October 26

8:30 am ... ☩ Jim McGhee by Dennis & Eileen Smith

### Fri., October 27

6 pm ... ☩ William R. Wisner by Teresa Greene

### Sat., October 28 **Saints Simon & Jude**

4 pm ... ☩ Robert "Bob" Breault by Florine Breault

### Sun., October 29 **XXX in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am ... ☩ Mary Marszal by Elaine Wood

9:30 am ... ❖ Our Parish Family

5 pm ... ☩ Colleen Byrne (8th Anniv.) by Gerry & Sylvia Grady



**Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Victims of the Las Vegas shooting** by Mikki Margaritis.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK of October 22, 2017

**Monday:** Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

**Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

**Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

**Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

**Friday:** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

**Saturday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40 22:15-21

### RED MASS

Bishop Peter A. Libasci and the Catholic Lawyers Guild of New Hampshire cordially invite all members of the judicial, legal, law enforcement, and legislative communities to gather with those who administer canon law in the Church to the Red Mass on **Thursday, Oct. 26 at 6 PM at Saint Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester.** Please visit [www.catholicnh.org](http://www.catholicnh.org) for more info about the event.



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.

## Weekly Collection

### Weekend of October 15, 2017

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Regular Offertory      | \$2,514.00        |
| Make-Up Offertory      | 521.00            |
| Loose Offertory        | 596.75            |
| Online Offertory       | 280.00            |
| <b>Total Offertory</b> | <b>\$3,911.75</b> |

Stewardship Make Up \$ 281.00

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Food Pantry \$ 395.00

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### Last Year: Wknd of Oct. 16, 2016

Total Offertory \$4,895.00



### Saint Raphael Food Pantry

On Monday, September October 16, the Food Pantry served 28 families and gave out 68 bags of food. We

could use canned soup and canned baked beans. Thank you!



**FREE!** We are replacing our existing metal chairs and 8' wooden tables with

new ones; Please contact the rectory at 623.2604 if you would like any of the tables and chairs.



### SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Men's Evening of Reflection date has been postponed due to scheduling difficulties to **Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6 PM** and will be at Saint Anselm Abbey. Further info will be forthcoming.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 22

9:30 AM ... Religious Education

### Mon., October 23

6:30 PM ... Youth Ministry

7 PM ... Food Pantry

### Tue., October 24

12:45 PM ... Parish Nurse

### Thursday, October 26

6 PM ... Red Mass @ St. Jos Cathedral



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| <b>Goal:</b>    | <b>\$27,500</b> |
| <b>Raised:</b>  | <b>\$21,600</b> |
| <b>Balance:</b> | <b>\$ 5,900</b> |

We are *this close* to reaching our goal! Thank you, donors! Please consider helping extend Christ's compassion!



### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to our parishioners who celebrated their milestone anniversaries at the special Mass celebrated by Bishop Libasci last weekend: 63 years—**Robert & Carmelle LaRoche**; 60 years—**Francis & Frances Colby**; 50 years—**Claude J. & Jeanine Laroche, Dennis & Eileen Smith**; 35 years—**John and Eva McManus**; 30 years—**Stuart & Marilyn Mills**.



# 100 YEARS

### Thank you!

Much appreciation and gratitude to all those who attended the Five First Saturday Masses, Scripture sharing, rosaries, movie nights and luminary release, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun. Stay tuned for information and events on "Discovering Christ", coming soon!

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

# Abbot Mark and Fr. Stephen, our newest ordained, on priestly life

Next week, the Church in the U.S. will observe “**Priesthood Sunday**” for this year. It’s a time when Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the office of the priest and the ministry he serves for the Mystical Body of Christ. This commemoration is a relatively new event prompted by Serra International, and it is closely connected to the effort in every diocese to encourage new vocations.

While all the baptized share in the **Universal Priesthood of Jesus Christ**, some men are privileged to be called by the Lord to join him in **offering his Eucharistic sacrifice each day and ministering to his, and their, brothers and sisters.**

In light of this year’s Priesthood Sunday, I’d like to share with you two commentaries I’ve heard this month on the identity and mission of the Catholic priesthood. One is from **Abbot Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B.**, of Saint Anselm Abbey, speaking Oct. 10 to priests of the Diocese of Manchester, as well as religious order priests and priests who are alumni of our college, at the annual Clergy Day dinner at the abbey. The other is from **Father Stephen B. Lawson, O.S.B.**, who was ordained this past Saturday by the Most Rev. Peter A. Libasci, bishop of Manchester. Father Stephen spoke briefly after his First Mass Oct. 15 at the abbey to express his thanks to all those who had played a role in his priestly vocation.

**From Abbot Mark A. Cooper, O.S.B.**

This spring, a letter came out of Rome from the Congregation for Catholic Education. It was entitled *Educating to Fraternal Humanism*, with the somewhat busy sub-title, *Building a Civilization of Love, 50 Years after ‘Populorum progressio.’*

The document suggested that the encyclical [of Pope Paul VI] *Populorum progressio*, even at half-a-century old, should be considered the guiding policy for the Church’s mission, in this time of globalization. Why? Because, it argued, its wisdom still shapes present-day efforts at the social integration between individuals and groups, an integration so desperately needed and longed for among the peoples of our world. The document made the claim: this **integration of peoples** “expresses the aims of the ‘Church that goes forth,’ the Church which **bridges distances** and is willing to **abase itself if necessary** ... standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be.”

This letter from Rome calls for a renewed effort at **humanizing education**, by which it means “putting the person at the center of education, in a framework of relationships (that builds up) a living community ... bound to a common destiny.” This the document labels fraternal humanism. ...

The very heart of this six-page document is contained in just a few words, which, when I read them last week, turned my thoughts to tonight’s gathering, for those words remind me of the **day-in-day-out, year-in-year-out work of each one of you here**, our guests this evening. Please listen to a quote from the document which I believe describes well your lives, and the great work you are doing.

“One needs through the hope of salvation, to be living signs of the same. How can the message of salvation in Jesus Christ be spread in a globalized

world? ‘It is not science that redeems man. **Man is redeemed by love.**’ (This) love informs knowledge, and will accompany all in the search for meaning and truth in creation ... thus ... fraternal humanism must start from the certainty of the message of hope contained in the truth of Jesus Christ ... a message conveyed by reason and active life.”

Is that not the job description of the secular priest amidst a world burdened with troubles, and in desperate need of healing? Are not you, the priests of our Church, called to be **living signs of salvation**? Are you not **examples of a love that informs knowledge, and accompanies all in the search for meaning and truth**? You hold in your hearts the certainty of the message of hope contained in the truth of Jesus Christ. Your whole life’s effort has been to convey that message by the use of your intellect and by your presence, among the people of your flock, and especially by the example of your active lives, led by you **in the very midst of broken hearts, and broken homes, and broken souls.** You are the healers, and teachers, and companions of those in need. You are the face of the Church, the first responders to the many and varied crises of the People of God. You are indeed the “Church that goes forth,” you are bridges connecting across distances of space, and distances created by differences of understanding and ethnicity, you are the ones “standing by people (the People of God) at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be.”

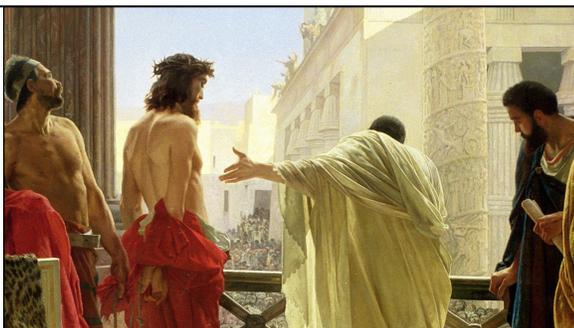
It is indeed the work of Saint Anselm College to offer an education in fraternal humanism ... but it seems to me that **it is the holy work of secular priests and religious priests serving in public ministries of our Church, to live the life of fraternal humanism.** That you all do this so well, amidst the troubles and difficulties you face, we marvel at, and we thank you. ...

**From Fr. Stephen B. Lawson, O.S.B.**

I would like to take this moment to offer a brief reflection and thank some people for this wonderful weekend.

Why such a stark image for a holy card? The painting “**Ecce Homo**” is an unusual image for an ordination holy card. The image of Christ is not a comforting one to look at and contemplate. The painting though is sending an important message to all of us. For the newly ordained, **the depiction of Christ is one of sacrifice.** The priest stands in

front of the community offering his whole life to bring people closer God. It is there in front of Pilate when Christ begins his final ministry. He is beginning his journey to the cross, which will ultimately result in our salvation. **For priests, Christ is the example of the sacrifice that we are called to imitate. Every day priests should be prepared to sacrifice themselves for the Peo-**



**Ecce Homo (‘Behold the Man’) by Antonio Ciseri, 1821-1891**

**ple of God.** For all of us, Christ is standing there on the portico stripped of his clothing waiting for us to respond to his message. Christ is waiting for us to accept the Gospel. Whether you are a priest, a monk, a professor, a college administrator, a stay-at-home mother, a college student,

a teacher, a plumber, a grandfather, a grandmother, a painter, a nurse, a lawyer, an accountant, an engineer ... Christ is waiting for us to make Him the center of our lives. Christ is calling each of one us to join him on the journey to Calvary. He is waiting for us to pick up our cross and follow Him. [*Father Stephen then thanked a number of specific individuals.*]

**Lastly, I would like to thank my family.** The start of every Christian journey begins at the baptism font and I am standing here today because of a decision my parents made 32 years ago. I would now like to **present my parents with two gifts.** To **my father Frank**, I give you a **stole that represents my first confession.** In the sacrament of penance we experience **God’s justice, mercy and love. It is through the father that the priest first learns these traits.** And so the purple stole used to hear confessions, where the priest reconciles the faithful to God’s love, is presented to my father. When the priest’s father dies, he is buried with the stole, and when he is raised from the dead, the father will present the stole to Jesus Christ and say, “My son, too, shared in your priesthood.” To **my mom Sue**, I present to you **the cloth that I used to clean my anointed hands.** The cloth represents the burial shroud of Christ that protected His body during the three days in the tomb. The cloth is given to my mother because **she was my first protector, during my time in the womb.** The cloth is a reminder of the love and protection that God has for all his people. When my mom dies, hopefully not anytime soon, she will be buried holding the cloth so that all in Heaven and on Earth will know she is the mother of a priest. When she is raised from the dead she also will present the cloth to Christ and say, “My son, too, shared in your priesthood.”

As a middle child, if eternal salvation does not now make me the favorite son [of the eight sons in the family] then nothing will. **Please continue to pray for me** that I may become worthy of the promises I have made and may always imitate **the High Priest Jesus Christ.**

