

 *Mass Intentions*

Sat., November 4 **Saint Charles Borromeo**
4 PM ... ✠Harold & ✠Anne Magarian by Charles Magarian

Sun., November 5 **XXXI in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM ... ✠James Harnden (7th An..) by Stu & Denise Harnden 9:30 AM
... ✠Jane & ✠Walter Hebert by Dorene Turner
5 PM ... ❖Our Parish Family

Mon. November 6
12 PM ... ✠Jim McGhee by Lionel & Lillian Coulon

Tue., November 7
12 PM ... ✠Brian Banks by Jack & Colleen Byrne

Wed., November 8
12 PM ... ✠Lois Trebino McKinley by Kristine O'Sullivan

Thur., November 9 **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
8:30 AM ... ✠Leo "Frank" Garrahan by Anne Kenney

Fri., November 10 **Saint Leo the Great**
6 PM ... ✠Phyllis Orrey by Linda Beland

Sat., November 11 **Saint Martin of Tours**
4 PM ... ✠Robert "Bob" Breault by Margaret-Ann Moran

Sun., November 12 **XXXII in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM ... ✠David & ✠Theresa Foley by Connie Raymond
9:30 AM ... ✠Margaret McGettigan by Diane Bolton
5 PM ... ❖Our Parish Family

Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ✠**Colleen Grady** by Sylvia Grady.

Weekly Collection

Weekend of October 29, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$2,825.00
Make-Up Offertory	438.00
Loose Offertory	388.10
Online Offertory	230.00
Total Offertory	\$3,966.10
Stewardship Make Up	\$ 85.00

Food Pantry	\$ 75.00

Last Year: Wknd of Oct. 30, 2016	
Total Offertory	\$4,390.50

 **Saint Raphael Food Pantry** On Monday, October 30, the Food Pantry served **25** families and gave out **58** bags of food.

In Sympathy Please pray for the repose of the souls of ✠**Clifford Clark**, who died Sep.20, ✠**Robert Boettcher**, who died Oct. 24, and ✠**Roland Dionne** who died Oct. 30, whose funerals were celebrated by P. Jerome last week. Please keep them and their families in prayer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 5
9:30 AM ... Religious Education

Mon., November 6
6:30 PM ... Youth Ministry
7 PM ... Food Pantry

Tue., November 7
12:45 PM ... Parish Nurse

 **Catholic Charities** **Goal: \$27,500**
Raised: \$21,600
Balance: \$ 5,900

Please help us bridge the gap and reach our goal! We are so close! Thank you, donors! Please consider helping extend Christ's compassion!

 **Book Discussion Group** Please join the parish book discussion group on **Thursday, November 16 at 7 PM** in the upstairs conference room. for a discussion of Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*. This beautiful novel, so simple on its surface, is ultimately a testament to the power of the human imagination and a moving study of the psychology of trauma. Books are available at the parish office for \$10.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of November 5, 2017

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 (13-14); Mt 25:1-13
Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b



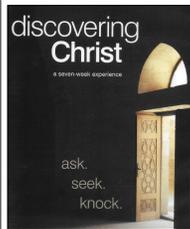
CELEBRATING NOVEMBER TRADITIONS

During November, we display our **Book of Remembrance** in the chapel by Saint Joseph. You are invited to write in the name of a deceased loved one who have died in the last year. We also invite parishioners to **BRING PHOTOS OF DECEASED LOVED ONES TO BE DISPLAYED ON THE STEPS OF THE MAIN ALTAR** as one of the ways in which we will honor and pray for the dead throughout the month.

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Thursday, Nov. 9, 5 PM at Saint Anselm College. Celebrate Mass at 5:15 PM with the Benedictine monastic community, followed by supper and talk with guest speaker Msgr. John McLaughlin, Archdiocese of Boston. We will conclude with Vespers at 7 PM, coffee and fellowship, with departure following 8 PM Compline. Call 603.623.2604 to register.



Something's Coming, Something Good – If I Can Wait!

Borrowing a line from Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's *West Side Story* (how ironic is this?) Something good is coming to our West Side parish of Saint Raphael. A **parish-wide opportunity** will begin early in the new year of 2018! Our parish will host a free course one evening a week for seven consecutive weeks. *Discovering Christ* is an exciting initiative designed to help men and women encounter the person of Jesus Christ and accept his invitation to know him in a new or deeper personal relationship. "In Christ [God] has given himself entirely to us and has called us to a personal and profound relationship with him." Pope Benedict XVI

- **Calling all high school youth!** Check out the things we are doing in November and December!
- **Monday, Nov. 6 (6:30-8) \$1 Night** - Any youth wanting to join us this night please do not have any food or drinks after noon time or your lunch period and bring a \$1. Water only please until you arrive for Youth Group.
- **Monday, Nov. 13** - No class
- **Sunday, Nov. 19 - Hayride** at Charmingfare Farm. We will leave St. Raphael at 4:15 pm and return at 7:15 pm. Please dress warmly as we will be outside for an hour and a half.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 21 (6:00 - 7:30/8)** Distribute Thanksgiving baskets.
- **Monday, Dec. 4 (6:30-8)** Discussion/Project on Advent.
- **Monday, Dec. 11 (6:30-8)** Making Christmas cards for seniors.
- **Monday, Dec. 18 (6:30-8)** Youth Group Christmas party with a Yankee Swap. Please bring a miscellaneous wrapped gift with a value of \$5 if you want to join the Yankee Swap.
- Questions? Please call Lynne at 603.533.4574 or email jlpotia-des@comcast.net.

ENTER THE YOUTH CORNER

Having faith is like having God step off the bus with me each day!

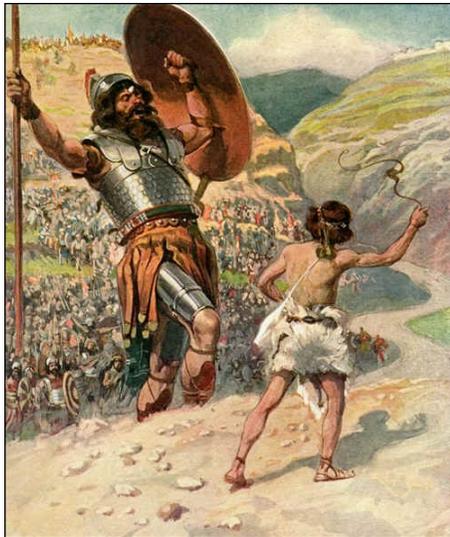
Hola! My name is Justin Scott with two t's and I am a 17-year old junior at Goffstown High. I'm **junior class vice president** while also running/jumping track. When I am not being involved with school or sports, I can be found at Maple Avenue Elementary working for the YMCA doing the **after-school program** every day.

This has been a good experience for me as I want to go to Fitchburg (MA) State University majoring in secondary education with a focus on English and a minor in communications, so I can **go back to GHS**, where I will start a communications class and teach at the place that has presented me with so much happiness. (*Just in case you couldn't reach this conclusion, I kind of know what I want to do with my life.*) Now I'm not trying to brag or anything, but I was one of two brilliant masterminds who originated the idea of an **"I believe" retreat**. I knew what I wanted to talk about before I even knew if the topic was confirmed or not.

Now I don't believe in skateboards or afro gods or that the earth is flat or that Red Bull actually gives you wings. I believe in ... wait for it ... God! Big shocker, I know. Now that was pretty obvious as everyone here believes in Him. ... For me **it's the influences he has put in my life** that make me believe in him so much. To put it all in a thesis statement, "I believe in God as he makes me self confident, and helps me to look at the bright side of life and give me courage.

The biggest thing he does is make me self-confident. A **conflict** within the lives of a lot of high schoolers is whether or not they fit in. I'm not sure how obvious this one is but I don't quite fit in, even though **I'm just a casual white boy with an afro**. I know that some people here can say that **I've always been talkative**, and they wouldn't be wrong, but that would be the side of me that I would show off at religious ed.

When I was in public school, I would be **the quiet kid in the corner** until I became fully comfortable with the kids around me, and then I could talk their ear off. But this process of becoming comfortable would take a lot of time and effort. This went on until the summer going into Grade 6. I went from an awkward kid with a buzz cut to an awkward afro-headed kid. **This is where I started to stand out in**



the crowd. And if I'm being honest, I don't think I would have been able to get off the bus and step out to face all of the other 7th and 8th graders if it wasn't for God. Because in my young mind, it was **as if we were stepping off the bus together**. That really gave me confidence. I wasn't alone; God was with me to help me through it. If it weren't for the self-confidence God gave me to go to school with this new hairdo, I never would have started to receive compliments on my hair. That would help me grow into **a kid who learned to disregard the negative opinions of those around me and truly accept myself**. If this had never happened, my life wouldn't be nearly as amazing as it is now.

Another influence he had on me was **to look at the bright side of life**. If I ever have a point during my past where I thought something was unfair or something didn't go the way it should have, and I got very upset, I would just think about all the suffering he had put himself through for us. I would realize that my problems are like the size of a subatomic particle that is within an atom of a hydrogen molecule.

God sacrificed so much for me to even be where I am. That pushes me to look for the bright side of every situation. This was hard for me at first but as time went on it gets easier and easier to look at the bright side, and it's **a habit that I recommend for everyone as it becomes a part of your mentality**. You stop seeing the negatives in a lot of situations, which lets you live a really happy life where you're always smiling. Not only will this help make your life positive and full of a

lot of happiness, but that aura that you are giving off will be transferred to those around you. And then you just have one big community of happy citizens.

Let's do a little throw-back to last school year when I was at Goffstown High in my button-up shirt, khakis, tie and crocs. I then stand in front of my entire class and "go on a date" with every single one of them. Next thing you know, I am unbuttoning my shirt and then

my pants **just to reveal my track uniform underneath**. This took a lot of courage and I was only able to do it because of God. I was able to show this courage because I knew that as long as I stayed faithful, God would be there to make sure it went right. And even though **my principal was shaking his head and all the teachers thought I was stripping down into my birthday suit**, it worked out. And I gained the trust of my classmates to vote me as their vice

president which would take me down a path that I loved. It allowed me to become a part of a new family where we would all work very hard to **accomplish our class goals** and be a part of a senior upset that hasn't happened since 2004.

Take David and the Goliath for example, David had faith in God that allowed him to take on the giant, and since his faith was so strong, the giant was defeated. This can act as a metaphor for any obstacle you face, you (David) have an obstacle (the giant) and **as long as you have 100 percent faith in God**, you'll be able to overcome those obstacles. This was my case with my VP speech when I stripped in front of 328 kids.

One of my favorite Bible verses is **"Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.** (Isaiah 54:4) I love this because it's essentially the Bible's way of saying YOLO (You Only Live Once!). You only live once, so take these risks.

When you get older, you'll wish that you at least attempted them since if it doesn't turn out the way you wanted, no one will remember, not even yourself. If you take life on with **a YOLO mentality with faith in God**, you will be able to accomplish every single one of your goals and live such a happier life. No matter how small or how large, when the going gets tough, the tough get going!



Annual Saint Raphael Youth Ministry Retreat: Talks by Teens' - 1 of 3