

 *Mass Intentions*

Sat., November 18 **Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne**
4 PM ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

Sun., November 19 **XXXIII in Ordinary Time**
7:30 AM ... ☩ Ernest Bienvenue by Elaine Wood
9:30 AM ... ❖ Our Parish Family
5 PM ... ☩ Francis Thomas O'Brien by Virginia Kelly

Mon. November 20
12 PM ... ☩ Jim McGhee by Erin Brown

Tue., November 21 **The Presentation of the B.V.M.**
12 PM ... ☩ Deceased members of the Pictrowski family by Diane Pictrowski

Wed., November 22 **Saint Cecilia**
6:30 PM ... ☩ Deceased members of the Moran and Lally families by Margaret-Ann Moran

Thur., November 23
11 AM ... Thanksgiving Mass at Saint Anselm Abbey

Fri., November 24 **St Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions**
6 PM ... ☩ Mary Kenney (47th Anniv.) by Anne Kenney

Sat., November 25 **Saint Catherine of Alexandria**
4 PM ... ☩ Celia Mayhew by Margaret-Ann Moran

Sun., November 26 **Christ the King**
7:30 AM ... ☩ Mary Marszal by Elaine Wood
9:30 AM ... ☩ Edward Bolton by Diane Bolton
5 PM ... ❖ Our Parish Family

Weekly Collection

Weekend of November 12, 2017

Regular Offertory	\$8,058.00
Make-Up Offertory	317.00
Loose Offertory	462.00
Online Offertory	380.00
Total Offertory	\$9,217.00
Stewardship	\$1,802.00
Stewardship Online	60.00
Stewardship Loose	202.00
Stewardship Total	\$2,064.00
All Saints Make Up	\$ 11.00

Last Year: Wknd of Nov. 13, 2016
Total Offertory \$5,973.85

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat., November 18
9 AM—2 PM ... Christmas Fair

Sunday, November 19
9:30 AM ... Religious Education

Mon., November 20
7 PM ... Food Pantry

Tue., November 21
12:45 PM ... Parish Nurse

 **Catholic Charities**

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

 **Food Pantry**

Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, November 13, the Food Pantry served 26 families and gave out 53 bags of food.



Thanksgiving Vigil Mass Recognizing that most families travel on Thanksgiving morning or prepare to welcome family into their home, **Saint Raphael will celebrate a Community Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 pm.** There will be **NO NOON MASS.** As we give thanks to God for our many blessings, please **bring food** (boxed or canned goods) to Mass for the poor and needy in our community. Our Food Pantry and Hope Chest helps anyone living on the West Side, regardless of religious affiliation.



Sanctuary candle The sanctuary candle burns this week for ☩ **Wanda Pike** by Mikki Margaritis.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of November 19, 2017

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

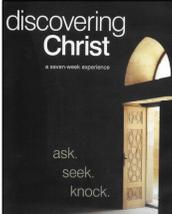
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12



Mark your calendars for this parish-wide opportunity! **Discovering Christ** is scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018!** There will be seven Tuesday evening sessions and a one-day retreat which will be held on a Saturday. **Watch this space** for little *glimpses* of what each week will look like. The theme of the first session will be **“What is the Meaning of Life?”** We know that God created us for relationship with Himself. *“It’s in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, He had his eyes on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose He is working out in everything and everyone.”* Ephesians 1:11-12, (The Message translation)



Thanksgiving Dinner at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall

Don't be alone, come and share in a community Thanksgiving Dinner on **Thur., Nov. 23 from 12-2pm!** All are welcome! A wonderful, traditional Thanksgiving Dinner prepared by the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament is served in our Church Hall. There is no cost for the dinner; however, we do request that you RSVP by Nov. 20 at 622.5445. The hall is handicapped accessible. Blessed

 **Christ the King**
Brunch Sunday, November 26 is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Following the 9:30 AM Mass, we will have a brunch in the parish hall. Please join us for brunch, conversation and fellowship!

Calling all high school youth! Check out the things we are doing in November and December!

- **Sunday, Nov. 19 - Hayride** at Charmingfare Farm. We will leave Saint 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 jlphotiades@comcast.net.

ENTER THE YOUTH CORNER

With a little help, you can take a risk and break out of your shell!

My name is **Zachary Miller** and I'm a **junior** at **Manchester Memorial High School**. This is my third year on retreat, my first as a team leader, and let me tell you, **they don't disappoint**. I've made many memories because of these weekends, and I'm sure you guys will as well. These retreats have helped me **break out of my shell** more than I could've ever imagined. Believe it or not, I was shy and wasn't the type of kid who would raise his hand to answer a question in class, or volunteer to read something, or want to present a project to the class, or anything like that for that matter.

I would usually sit there, listen to what the teacher had to say, then continue on with my day whether I understood the subject or not. I started to realize that **living in a shell was not how I wanted to be at all**. I wanted to be the kid everyone was excited to have in their class, the kid who you could goof around with, and the kid you'll definitely remember when you leave high school. I guess you could say **I just wanted to change myself**. At the rate I was going though, that didn't seem like it was happening. Not until two very important things that happened to me my freshmen year.

Freshmen year started like every other school year, me being quiet in pretty much all my classes, but this time I hardly had any of my close friends with me. To make it worse, **my best friend moved to Raymond** that year and started a new school. On the first day of school I remember not seeing anyone I knew in my lunch period, and ended up sitting by myself. It was a bit of a rough start, but I still felt excited to go to school because I still believed had the chance to break out of my shell.

Well, religious education classes were finally starting at Saint Raphael, and I couldn't wait because I knew it was the year I'd be going on retreat. I would remember back in the day when my **Memaw** (that's my grandmother), who was our teacher throughout

elementary school and middle school, talked about how fun retreat was to Justin and me. Ever since, we both couldn't wait to go. That year, I remember walking through the doors, excited for class to start, but something was different. **Two new teachers** would be there to teach with my Memaw.

To be honest, I wasn't that excited to hear about this because I was already comfortable when my Memaw taught it and I felt like I could be myself. I didn't want the change, because I felt like I would act the same way in my classes at school. I felt like I wouldn't answer many questions or say a lot in class anymore. Boy, was I wrong! **Those two teachers and that class were one of the two very important things that happened to me that year**. If you haven't guessed by now, those teachers are **Jeff and Lynne Photiades**.

Words can't describe how much they've helped me. Because of them, I was even more excited to go to class every Monday. I felt like each and every week, I would break out of my shell more and more because they would tell us to "try and do something new and different for the next week and see how it goes" and I would always try to accomplish it. As the year went on I felt like **I was able to be myself in that class**. I wasn't afraid to speak out, or act out a scene, or ask questions. Having great teachers like Jeff, Lynne, and my Memaw and a great friend like Justin really helped me personally – **and it also helped me become closer to God**. Getting closer to God helped me believe in myself even more, and it even made me realize that if I had faith in God and trusted him, His plan for me would eventually make sense.

Through the rest of freshmen year, I slowly put myself out there more and started to see progress. I was making more friends and talking to more people, but I still wasn't fully where I wanted to be. That is until after I attended **my uncle's and aunt's wedding in Arizona**. At the end of this wedding, one of my uncle's friends that I haven't seen in a while came up to me and asked how school was going. I noticed he was certainly having a good time and that his tie was wrapped around his forehead, while the only remaining things from his

suit were his vest and pants.

Anyways, I told him that I was in high school now and things were going well. That's when **he told me something that sticks with me to this very day**. He told me that high school is the best four years of your life, if you use that time correctly. For him high school wasn't the best and he told me how much he would give to go back and change everything. He told me to **make those upcoming**

years count because you'll never get them back and you don't want to live with that regret for the rest of your life. What he said hit me hard and was the second very important thing that happened to me.

After the wedding, when I went back to school in New Hampshire all I could focus on were his words. I didn't want my high school years to be boring, so **I put myself out there more than I ever did and now I'm where I want to be**. My freshmen year ended great and then sophomore year was even better! All because I believed in myself and trusted God's plan.

In Matthew 21:22, Jesus says that **"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer"** and because I believed, God answered. He didn't do it right away, but **he introduced certain people in my life at different times** like my Memaw, Justin, Jeff, Lynn, and my uncle's friend from the wedding. He put all those people in my life for a reason, that reason being that I didn't have to change myself to be able to "fit in," but I did need to put myself "out there," **to take a few risks**, so people could see who I really was. Believing in yourself and just being yourself can take you a long way. If any of you have felt or still do feel like how I used to feel, just know you don't need to change who you are, you just need to get out of your comfort zone a little bit and believe.



Annual Saint Raphael Youth Ministry Retreat: Talks by Teens' - 3 of 4

