

Mass Intentions

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
Mon. November 27	
12 PM ...	✠Deceased members of the Pictrowski family by Diane Pictrowski
Tue., November 28	
12 PM ...	✠Michael Joyce by Kathy Toomey
Wed., November 29	
12 PM ...	✠Robert Boettcher by Eileen Smith
Thur., November 30	Saint Andrew
8:30 AM ...	✠Douglas Smith by Paul & Diane St. Amand
Fri., December 1	
6 PM ...	✠Joseph Handy by Gregory Handy
Sat., December 2	
4 PM ...	✠Dot Dery by Paul & Mary Dery
Sun., December 3	First Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM ...	✦Our Parish Family
9:30 AM ...	✠Luke Dambach (8th Anniv.) by Christine and Jack Dambach
5 PM ...	✠Jack North by Mary Dery

Weekly Collection

Weekend of November 19, 2017	
Regular Offertory	\$3,290.00
Make-Up Offertory	302.00
Loose Offertory	426.00
Online Offertory	645.00
Total Offertory	\$4,663.00
Stewardship Make Up	\$ 273.00
Holy Day Make Up	\$ 20.00

Food Pantry	\$ 520.00

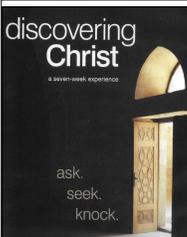
Last Year: Wknd of Nov. 20, 2016	
Total Offertory	\$6,663.00

SRP Respect Life Committee would like to thank everybody who contributed items or made donations to support *BirthRight & Our Place Pregnancy Centers*.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Sunday, November 26	9:30 AM ... Religious Education
Mon., November 27	7 PM ... Food Pantry
Tue., November 28	12:45 PM ... Parish Nurse

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

Saint Raphael Food Pantry On Monday, November 20, the Food Pantry served 25 families and gave out 51 bags of food. On Tuesday, Nov. 21, Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to more than 47 families. Thank you to all those who helped with the gathering and distribution of baskets, and to those who donated towards them!



Mark your calendars for this parish-wide opportunity! Discovering Christ is scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, Jan. 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)

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for **Family and friends of Rita McCarthy.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of November 26, 2017

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

 **Christ the King Brunch**
Join us following the 9:30 AM Mass this weekend, for brunch!



eGiving ... Did you know you can use your credit card or electronic check to support the mission of Saint Raphael Parish? This is especially helpful when you are on vacation. Go to our website (www.saint-raphael-parish.com) and click on the Giving button. In a few minutes, you can be sure that your gift will work every day of the year to help your parish.

Saint Raphael Parish will celebrate its annual candlelight **Advent Concert of Music and Reflection** on **Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 PM.** We will have a variety of musical selections from various groups and individuals, interspersed with reflective readings related to the Advent season. Parishioners and members of the wider community are invited to attend. Come and **bring your friends** to this beautiful tradition of Saint Raphael. All welcome!



Congratulations to **Henry Robert Archambault**, son of Brian & Samantha (Cheebok) Archambault, who was baptized Nov. 19 by P. Jerome, O.S.B., pastor. **Let us strive, by our word and example, to create an environment for them to come to know the love of God and the meaning of "being church."**



Thanks to all who came out to our 2nd Annual Craft Fair last weekend, especially those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to set it up, to those who donated crafts and baked goods, and those who helped out during the day.

- Calling all high school youth!** Check out the things we are doing in December!
 - 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 jphotiades@comcast.net.

Believing in God and yourself should lead us to believe in others too

“¹Stop judging, that you may not be judged. ²For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you”

Matthew 7:1-2

Believe in yourself, people tell me. Believe in God, believe in the Bible, believe this, believe that, but **what I almost never hear is believe in others.** I believe in God and I believe in myself through my faith in God. But what I want to make clear is you must also believe in others. People judge others without even realizing it, and I know I'm guilty of that as well. I have learned to believe in people through **one of my dearest friends.** We met in Grade 8 when I was seated next to her in choir. She was loud, rude and “popular”. She **talked** to me, but me being me, **I was terrified of her.**

Flash forward to freshman year. We became very close since we had an all-year class together. By the winter, she and I were very close friends, face-timing, chatting about school and all that goes with it, **you know, the usual friend stuff.** I was aware of her faults, including drugs and alcohol.

One day, she didn't come to school, and she wasn't answering my texts. Three days went by, and still there was no sign of her. I messaged one of her childhood friends, and she told me that she couldn't say anything at the moment. So naturally, I went into panic mode. Was she arrested again? Was she hurt? I get another message, “Hey, Beka, what's your number? Terry [*her name has been changed for this account*] wants to talk to you.” A few days later, **I received a call.**

“Hi, is this Beka? I'm calling from Anna Jacques Rehabilitation Center [in Newburyport, MA,] and I have Terry on the other

line wanting to talk to you.”

Terry gave me the lowdown on what had happened. **She had attempted suicide.** I was shocked. I told her, “If you need anything let me know, and **just know, I believe in you.**” I thought to myself I do believe in her. I believe she will be better, and she will be back in school. She wanted me to break the news to our support system, our choir teacher and our choir.

I really began believing more in people through this experience, because when our friends found out, they were as shocked as I was. And immediately, **we began planning a comeback for her.** Through it all I was there for her and so was our group of friends. We believed in her. And that made me realize that despite all of the hell that may be going on in our lives, no matter what your outside may be experi-

encing, you have to make poetry.

Because of my dear friend, who just achieved **17 months of sobriety,** I have a stronger faith in people. And I try not to judge. Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:1-2, “¹Stop

judging, that you may not be judged. ²For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.” **I believe in people, especially my friends.** I believe there is still

good in this world where we find so much hate, and I believe if people use their faith for the positive, people can begin to believe in each other rather than only in themselves as a solo act.

I believe in people because **I know people believe in me,** even in my darkest days. I hope this talk opens your eyes to see that although we may judge without knowing it, and people may +have a bad reputation, we can put that aside and find something and someone to believe in! **Be the “light of God”** to help others open their eyes – just by believing in them!



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



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DOUBLE CONGRATS! – Saint Raphael parishioner **Glenda L. McFadden**, principal of **Nashua Catholic Regional Junior High School**, received a National Blue Ribbon School designation for her school during ceremonies in Washington, D.C., Nov. 6. Nashua Catholic, with approximately 160 students, was honored for the quality of its academic program and performance. On the same day, however, Glenda also was named one of only eight recipients of **the Terrel H. Bell Award** for her own outstanding leadership in education. As a newly named principal, the U.S. Department of Education award notes, Mrs. McFadden recognized the need for higher teacher morale and collegiality among staff. Using a transformational leadership style designed to promote teacher and staff empowerment, she employed programs and practices to establish a clear mission, strengthen teacher practice, provide opportunities for growth, and foster collaboration. Having served at the school for 14 years as a mathematics and theology teacher, Glenda was named principal at Nashua Catholic in 2013. Glenda and her husband Jim live in Merrimack.

