

## Mass Intentions

**Sat., January 13** **Saint Hilary of Poitiers**

4 PM ... ☩ Charles Richard by Simone Richard

**Sun., January 14** **II Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM ... ☩ David Foley (60th Anniv.) by Connie Raymond

9:30 AM ... ♦ Our Parish Family

5 PM ... ☩ Theresa Manseau by Sylvia Grady

**Mon. January 15** **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

9 AM ... Presider's Intentions

**Tue., January 16**

12 PM ... ☩ Dot, ☩ Ray, ☩ Roger LaRochelle by Lil LaRochelle

**Wed., January 17** **Saint Anthony of the Desert**

12 PM ... Presider's Intentions

**Thur., January 18**

8:30 AM ... Presider's Intentions

**Fri., January 19**

6 PM ... ☩ Frank Kenney, Jr. (50th Anniv.) by Anne Kenney

**Sat., January 20** **Saints Fabian and Sebastian**

4 PM ... ☩ Scott Joubert by Jack & Colleen Byrne

**Sun., January 21** **III Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM ... ☩ Mary Marszal, Ernest, Carl, & Joanne Bienvenue by Richard Bienvenue

9:30 AM ... ☩ John Shea by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Greece

5 PM ... ♦ Our Parish Family

 **Sanctuary candle** The sanctuary candle burns this week for the shooting victims of Las Vegas by Mikki Margaritis. Last week, the candle burned for ☩ Mary Eileen Carney by Mary Ellen Biser.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK of January 14, 2018

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



Special thanks to parishioner Stu Mills for maintaining the poinsettias that adorn the sanctuary! Lookin' good!



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Please note that the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance

## Weekly Collection

**Weekend of January 7, 2018**

Regular Offertory \$3,105.00

Make-Up Offertory 286.00

Loose Offertory 732.00

Online Offertory 475.00

**Total Offertory \$4,598.00**

Stewardship Make Up \$ 35.00

Solemnity Make Up \$ 81.00

Christmas Make Up \$ 45.00

**Total Christmas \$14,443.00**

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**Last Year: Wknd of Jan. 8, 2017**

**Total Offertory \$6,698.70**

**Food Pantry \$ 470.00**



**Saint Raphael Food Pantry** On Monday, Jan. 8, the food pantry served 26 families and

gave out 65 bags of groceries.



**Save the Date!** Our annual **Saint Patrick's Dinner** will be **Saturday, March 10, 2018**

at 5 pm. Watch for more info in the coming month. We'd love to receive your donations, items or funds towards the event for the raffle prizes. Please drop contributions off at the rectory M-F between 9 AM-4 PM. Always an exciting event. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun!



### The Pastor's Reception

Thank you to all who braved the cold and attended this year's reception and especially to those who helped prepare and clean up. We appreciate all volunteers whose efforts help make our parish run faithfully, joyfully and effectively. Photos, mostly taken by altar server Charlotte Bamberger, have been posted on our website.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tue., January 16**

12:45 PM ... Parish Nurse

6:30 PM ... Discovering Christ



**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](http://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.



### SPECIAL EXHIBITION

If you have any artifacts from the World War I-era—war

front or home front—that you're willing to loan for an exhibit in February, please call the rectory at 603.623.2604 or drop off items during regular hours, M—F between 9 AM and 4 PM. Thank you!

### In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of ☩ Cecile "Sis" Watson, who died Jan. 1 and whose funeral was celebrated by P. Jerome, O.S.B., last week. Please keep her and her family in prayer.



*"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." - Martin Luther King, Jr.*



**Wanted: Lectors & altar servers** Have you ever considered serving God and your fellow parishioners as a sacristan, lector or usher? Service in these important roles is by appointment, but you can help Saint Raphael expand our roster by volunteering. We especially have a need at our 4 PM and 9:30 AM Masses for lectors, and at the 4 PM and 5 PM Masses for altar servers. **We welcome adult altar servers!** If interested or if you have questions, please contact Kerri at 603.623.2604. Thank you!

## New window, special events to mark a poignant parish anniversary



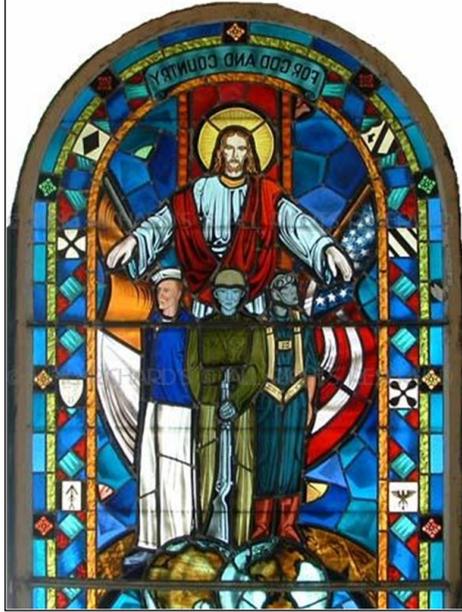
Henry J. Sweeney

A long time ago, I learned that **history surrounds us, structures us and stimulates us.** We would not be the people we are today without the experience of the past which has **constituted and shaped** us. While we ought not be slaves

to history, allowing it to prevent the good and necessary change that is part of both a healthy life and a vibrant society, we should recognize the power of history for both good and ill. To think that history is a mere frill, a pleasant little add-on, is to believe that the reality we have experienced is a minor affair of little or no consequence. **Progress, growth and development,** both personal and communal, require attention to history.

When I first came to **Saint Raphael** in 2002, it soon became obvious to me that this **wonderful old parish, founded in 1888, was steeped in history** – and that its history was important beyond the parish. It is, for example, impossible to tell the story of Saint Anselm Abbey, Saint Anselm College and much of Manchester without reference to this parish and **the many people who have called Saint Raphael their spiritual home.** We have had mayors, governors and state supreme court justices among our members. We have had business leaders, mill workers, bakers, bankers, meat packers, brewery workers, as well as artists and craftsmen in our pews. Dress-makers, housewives, nurses and doctors, teachers and professors, future monks, priests and abbots have called Saint Raphael home. We might even have had a couple of criminals among our number – but, then, **aren't we all sinners** in some way?

One name that stands out in our history is that of **Henry J. Sweeney (1898-1918).** I wish I knew more about young Henry, who was the first lad from Manchester to fall as American military units began to engage the enemy during World War I. Henry has bequeathed his name to **Post 2, American Legion,** located at 251 Maple St., Manchester, as well as to the lovely municipal **park located directly west of the new parish church.** I say “new” here, because if Henry were to return to the



New Veterans Memorial Window at Saint Raphael

West Side, he'd be looking for the main entrance to the Old Saint Raphael Church on Ferry Street.

This coming **Feb. 18** will mark the **centennial of Henry's death.** Although World War I **began in 1914,** the U.S. endeavored to remain neutral until **April of 1917.** The enormous task of building and training a military force that could function along the Western Front took months, and American forces did not see action with the Allies against Germany and the other Central Powers on any significant scale until 1918, the year the war ended. Henry was killed by **a shell that burst beside him** as he was in action in **Soissons, France, along the Chemin des Dames sector.**

To mark the centenary in the parish, we plan a **memorial Mass** for all veterans, with particular remembrance of Henry and all

those who have made the supreme sacrifice from Saint Raphael, at **the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 18.** In his final moments, I wonder if Henry had any inkling that far away, a century later, his home parish would remember him with love, gratitude and pride! We hope to have one, possibly two color guards, a unit from the Knights of Columbus, and representatives from the Catholic War Veterans and the CVA Auxiliary, the American Legion and other veterans' organizations. Following the Mass, we plan to have a **parish**

**brunch** – alas, there will be a modest fee for this one – with some entertainment. We also plan to reach out to Henry's descendants and invite them to join us. Who knows? Maybe we can get the choir to provide a **little concert** of World War I-era music! We also expect to open that Sunday a month-long exhibition of World War I memorabilia, some from the homes of our parishioners, some on loan and some from the Archives of Saint Anselm Abbey and College. The idea behind the exhibition is to remind parishioners and visitors of precisely the point that I made at the beginning of this article: **history surrounds us, and shaped by its forces,** we can learn from history and use such knowledge for good or for ill.

One of the highlights of our program remembering Henry will be **the unveiling and blessing of a new stained glass window** in the baptistery. The story behind the window, a gift to the parish from the **CWV, the CWV Auxiliary and the CWV Department of New Hampshire,** and how it arrived at Saint Raphael will be the subject of another column. The window, which is being framed and positioned now, promises to be a beautiful addition to our parish church – and will be a **fitting memorial to those who have given their lives to preserve our nation and its freedoms** – including the freedom of religion, the freedom to practice our Catholic faith through such public activities as the baptism of infants and those adults entering the Church. Flanked by stylized representations of the U.S. and Papal flags, the figure of Our Lord Jesus Christ reaches out to embrace the figures of **three young men representing soldiers, sailors and airmen.** Symbols of various military units surround the scene. The window is “new” only to us, but like the two we received after the closing of Saint Patrick Parish, Manchester, some years ago, **some restoration and cleaning** were in order. It certainly is my prayer that our parishioners, friends and visitors will like the window and find a measure of peace and consolation in it. © Rev. Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B.



Details from new Veterans Memorial Window In Saint Raphael baptistery: American airman (left), the Lord Jesus (right)