



SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00am to Noon

And in the afternoons by appointment

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103 Walker Street
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule Mon-Fri 12 Noon

Holy Days 12 Noon and 6:30 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm Sunday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm and by appointment



Spring/Easter Homebound Greetings

Do you have friends or relatives who are homebound or in nursing homes? Kindly notify us if you know of anyone who would like to receive mailed greetings from our community. Please let us know their name and address by calling 603.377.7426 or email cristina.valente@lycos.com.



SBA Girls Basketball

Joe & Stephanie Emmons would like to thank all parishioners who supported the girls' basketball team for their upcoming trip to the regionals by purchasing raffle tickets.



February Parish Offertory Summary

FEBRUARY 2025	
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Weekly Offerings	\$11,574.00
Stewardship	\$1,531.00
Holy Day	\$10.00
On-line offerings	\$4,300.49
Other Offerings - candles, flowers, food pantry, Mass intentions, stole fees, etc.	\$1,879.19
Shared services (SBA)/Rent	\$7,196.55
Total	\$26,491.23
Deposits to reserve account	\$2,314.27
EXPENSES	
February	\$27,561.54
Monthly average expenses year to date	\$34,098.68

St. Patrick's Day Shamrocks

The shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day are a gift of Diane Bolton in memory of Edward Bolton.



Food Pantry

The food pantry is always looking for volunteers to help out on Monday nights from 5:00 to 6:30pm. Here is the link to sign up to be a food pantry volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/TH4PL>

Orders also need to be picked up from the **Food Bank** on Mondays. Feel free to sign up for as often as you would like!



Our food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, March 3rd** and we served **52 families**.

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Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 15~Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Dorothy & Robert Collins by Kevin & Chris Powers

Sunday, March 16~Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am: +Dorothy & Robert Collins by Kevin & Chris Powers
9:30am: +Ronald Johnson (15th Anniversary) by Kathy & Armand Carignan
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Monday, March 17~Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Deceased members of the Moran Family by Margaret-Ann Moran

Tuesday, March 18~Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Mike Duquette by Lori Savarese

Wednesday, March 19~St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00pm: +Carl Silveri (4th Anniversary) by Dottie DeCotis

Thursday, March 20~Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Carmelle LaRochelle (3rd Anniversary) by the family

Friday, March 21~Lenten Weekday

12:00pm +Deceased Benedictines

Saturday, March 22~Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Fred Rees by the family

Sunday, March 23~Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am: +Linda Paris by Bill Paris
9:30am: +Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass Choir is seeking new members. Please consider joining our Choir. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the choir loft.

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, March 15

10:30am SRP Book Group (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 16

Monday, March 17

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, March 18

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

Wednesday, March 19

Thursday, March 20

12:40pm St. Luke Book Group (Church Conference Room)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, March 21

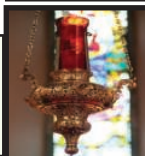
12:35pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 22

Sunday, March 23

Considering a Vocation?

"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org.



*The sanctuary candle burns
this week for
+Kevin O'Connor
by the family*

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Easter Flower Memorials

There are envelopes at the Church entrances for Easter Flower Memorial donations. You may make donations either in memory or in honor of loved ones. A donation of \$25 per intention is suggested.



Caring Well in the Church Conference

An in person & online conference on **Caring Well in the Church** will be held on Saturday, April 5th in West Lebanon NH. This one-day conference is for all Christians who want to care for others well. This conference aims to give Church members the basic biblical counseling skills necessary to respond with truth and love to the real struggles of people around them. For more information visit the website at www.ccefne.org or call 802.356.9065.



St Benedict Academy

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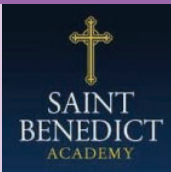
Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

March 20-21—No School—Professional Development

SBA Summer Camp Registration Open until April 11th

SBA is hiring! Saint Benedict Academy seeks a part time Grade Three through Six Classroom Aide and Afterschool Program Lead Teacher to work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please call the school for more information.

603.669.3932



Dear & Glorious Physician

A Novel About Saint Luke

During the six weeks of Lent, we will meet once each week to discuss an assigned section of Taylor Caldwell's novel

about the life and ministry of Saint Luke: *Dear &*

Glorious Physician. Books are available online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble.

Soup, bread and a light dessert will be available.

Please note: Participants are asked to read **Chapters 17 to 26** before the **second** session on **March 20th**.

Thursdays at 12:40pm
March 6th—April 10th
Church Conference Room
Questions and to RSVP
contact the Parish Office

603.623.2604



Tax Statements

Please call or email the parish office if you would like to receive a contribution statement for your **2024 taxes**. If you are an online contributor you will receive a copy of your 2024 statement directly from Parish Soft.

The parish office phone number is **603-623-2604**

The parish email is

srp@st-raphael-parish.org



PARISH PRAYER LIST All sick and/or medically fragile in our parish family and throughout our communities, our health care personnel, for first responders and essential workers: Sean O'Donnell, Paul Bedard, Jocelyn Ducharme, Jenna Harrington, Cindy Kenny, Amy Lesniak, Fr. Tom McGann, Jake Richards, Kitty B. Rene, Lillie Duquette, and Jacob Rivera. **If you would like a name placed on the prayer list or removed from the prayer list, please call the office at (603) 623-2604 or e-mail SRP@st-raphael-parish.org. Call each month to renew the listing.**

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HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025?

Participating in the **Jubilee Year 2025** is a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fruitful reflection. Here are some ways you can engage in this special year:

■ PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:

- If possible, consider making a pilgrimage to Rome, the heart of the Catholic Church. During the Jubilee Year, the city will be bustling with pilgrims from around the world.

■ PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL EVENTS:

- Even if you don't travel to Rome, many dioceses and parishes organize local events and activities to celebrate the Jubilee Year. This is what the NH Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage is all about. For more information, please go to www.catholicnh.org/nhjubilee
- Attend special Masses, prayer services, and retreats. Seek out opportunities for confession and spiritual direction.

■ LEARN ABOUT PLENARY INDULGENCES

- The Jubilee Year offers the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence, which remits all temporal punishment due to sin.
- To receive this grace, a person must fulfill the following conditions:
 - Make a sacramental confession (within a reasonable time before or after the jubilee event).
 - Receive Holy Communion.
 - Pray for the intentions of the Pope (usually an Our Father and a Hail Mary).
 - Visit a designated jubilee site (such as a cathedral or basilica) with a contrite heart.
 - Detach from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.
- For more information about indulgences, please go to: <https://thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com/plenary-indulgences-explained/>

■ REFLECT AND SET SPIRITUAL GOALS:

- Use this special year as an opportunity for introspection and growth.
- Reflect on your life, your relationship with God, and how you can enrich your spiritual life.
- Set spiritual goals—whether it's deepening your prayer life, practicing acts of charity, or seeking reconciliation with others.

Remember that the Jubilee Year is a time of grace, mercy, and renewal. May it be a transformative experience for you, wherever you are on your faith journey.



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