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SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2024

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

“A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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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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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



The Good Samaritan

Luke's familiar parable of the good Samaritan emerges from a debate between Jesus and a scholar of Torah (the law). In contemporary terms we can call this man a lawyer. The debate is about attaining eternal life through the law. Such debates, contests really, were commonplace in first-century Judaism. They sought to help participants make advances in understanding the truth of Torah. In many places, the practice remains normative in Jewish education today.

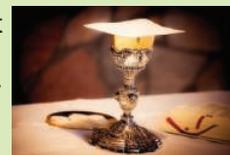
Returning our attention to the Gospel, it is clear the scholar knows that the heart of the law is the double-love commandment or golden rule: love God and love neighbor. In fact, he identifies these twin commandments by citing them exactly as they appear in the Torah. But such knowledge would have been fairly common for a scholar of scriptural law at the time (as it is today). The real question, as the scholar notes, is the scope of the law, especially when it is applied to other people. Loving God with our entire being makes clear, plain sense to him. His question draws attention to the second part of the law, as he asks, "**Who is my neighbor?**"

In response, Jesus demonstrates his masterful teaching capacity by telling a story and then turning the question back on his interlocutor. The story inverts cultural expectations and then bids the lawyer to apply Torah equitably. The lawyer recognizes that applying merciful love in any situation constitutes the double-love commandment.



Mass Intentions

The **2025 & 2026 Mass Intention** book is open for requesting Masses for loved ones. It is a common practice among the faithful to arrange Masses to be said for deceased loved ones on the anniversary of their passing or on other significant anniversary dates. We encourage you to contact the parish office early so that any specific dates that you want may be reserved. The customary offering is \$10 for each request.



NH Catholic Appeal 2025

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of last week, our parishioners have raised **\$21,222** toward our goal of **\$34,026.00**.

If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

The food pantry is always looking for volunteers throughout the year 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!



The food pantry numbers for this week will be listed in an upcoming bulletin.

The Parish Offertory will be listed once a month summarizing the previous month's offertory and expenses.

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Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 Mt 11:28-30

Friday Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 Mt 12:14-21

Sunday Gen 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Irene Couture**, the mother of Kathy Van Vliet, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on July 3rd. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, July 12 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Donat Carignan (36th Anniversary) by Kathy & Armand Carignan

Sunday, July 13 ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: +Joyceann Fitzgerald-Guill by Margaret-Ann Moran

5:00pm: +Doris Diemer by Cynthia Hobbs

Monday, July 14 ~ St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

12:00pm: +Kevin O'Connor by the family

Tuesday, July 15 ~ St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

12:00pm: +Peggy & Ed Moran by Margaret-Ann Moran

Wednesday, July 16 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Phil Beland (12th Anniversary) by Linda Beland

Thursday, July 17 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Francis B. Kenney by Anne Kenney

Friday, July 18 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +deceased of the Handy & Brunelle families by Greg Handy

Saturday, July 19 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Fred Rees by the family

Sunday, July 20 ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Joan Foley by Connie Raymond

9:30am: +Claude Morin by Roger Cloutier

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, July 12

10am Women's Fellowship (Church Conference Room)

Sunday, July 13

Monday, July 14

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, July 15

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

Wednesday, July 16

Thursday, July 17

12:45pm St Luke Study Group (Church Conference Room)
(No Choir practice during the summer)

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

Sunday, July 20

Considering a Vocation?

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be 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
+Rudolph Babineau (25th Anniversary)
by John & Karen Robichaud

Our Parish Facebook Page

Be sure to check out all the parish information posted there.

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Baby Bottle Fund Raiser

A message from Real Options to St. Raphael Parishioners

Thank you for your recent participation in **Real Options' Baby Bottle Benefit**. The total donation received is **\$2,142.12**. All of the funds raised will go directly to provide services to women and families in our communities who are facing the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy. They will be treated with honesty and compassion; the way we believe Jesus would treat them. Hearts are being changed and lives saved daily, and this is possible because of the generous support of friends like you.

Saint Raphael Book Group

The next meeting of the Saint Raphael Book Group will be **July 19th** meeting in the **parish hall** at **10:30am**. At that time the group will discuss Shelby Van Pelt's novel **Remarkably Bright Creatures**. It was published in 2022 and has been on the best seller list multiple times. The story is ultimately about creatures, both human and animal, saving each other.



St Benedict Academy

Saint Benedict Academy (Pre-K-6)
85 Third Street, Manchester, NH

Principal: Tanya Paiva

Contact: (603) 669-3932

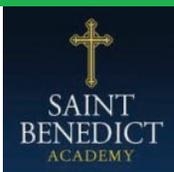
Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

Summer Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm

July 28-August 1 No Summer Camp

SBA is hiring! We are looking for a **gym teacher** for the fall.

These positions could be combined at Saint Benedicts or there is a possibility of sharing them with other Catholic schools in the area



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, 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.**

Bereavement Support Group

Summer Online Bereavement Support Group from Catholic Charities NH

Have you recently lost a spouse, family member, or friend and are struggling with grief? Catholic Charities NH invites you to join our upcoming online support group, "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again." This five-week program will help you better understand the grief process, discover healthy ways to cope, and connect with others on a similar journey.

Sessions take place Tuesdays (July 29–August 26) from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/bereavement, call Shannon at 603-448-5151, or email shannon.popescu@nh-cc.org.

A Journey with St. Luke

On Thursday afternoons from now through July 31st we will gather to discuss and reflect on what Saint Luke is saying to us in the Gospel using the **Little Rock Scripture Study** as our guide. Participants are invited to purchase the book (\$11) through our parish office. The group meets at **12:45pm on Thursdays** in the church conference room.

Summer Fun

Schools are out and the summer has begun - Please watch out for playing children.

Also while on vacation or just away from home... bring God along.

If you would like to know where a Catholic Church is located and what time their Masses are being celebrated, visit www.masstimes.org.



Opportunities at the Community Center

Community Events Coordinator

This position helps to manage the Community Center space and the requests from community organizations. Meeting space is limited in the Manchester area and the Community Center at Saint Raphael Parish continues to help meet this need. The volunteer will work with Saint Raphael Parish, Saint Benedict Academy, the International Institute, and the Meelia Center to manage a calendar of events. If interested, please sign up with Kate McGrath at kate.mcgrath@st-raphael-parish.org

ESOL Program Support

In partnership with the International Institute of New England, we are looking for volunteers to provide program support during ESOL classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. These volunteers will welcome students, provide support to the Saint Anselm students running the Kids Room, and provide support to the teachers in the ESOL classrooms. Volunteers will help where needed and will be an extra hand if something arises with a child and/or student. Time commitment: 2.5 hours per shift/week. (2:45pm - 5:15pm or 5:45pm - 8:15pm Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. If interested, please reach out to Maddie Friedman at mfriedman@anselm.edu.

ESOL Classroom Volunteer

In partnership with International Institute of New England, volunteers will support adult English learners in the classroom. Work with the teacher to support students with activities in the classroom and help students practice English. No teaching experience is necessary. Time commitment: 2 hours in class per week. Classes are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 3pm - 5pm and 6pm - 8pm. If interested, please reach out to Maddie Friedman at mfriedman@anselm.edu.

Learning Circle Facilitator

In partnership with International Institute of New England, work in a team of 2 or more to facilitate a once-a-week class where students learn and practice English. Students meet in person and their learning is also supported by an online platform called Burlington English. No teaching experience is necessary, and training is provided by the International Institute of New England. Time commitment: 1 hour prep time and 2 hours in class per week. If interested, please reach out to Maddie Friedman at mfriedman@anselm.edu.

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