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SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

# 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

## July 20, 2025 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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**



### NFP Awareness Week July 20-26th

**Natural Family Planning Awareness Week** is a national educational campaign. The Natural Family Planning Program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops develops a poster each year with basic supportive materials. It is the individual dioceses, however, that offer a variety of educational formats in the local church to focus attention on Natural Family Planning methods and Church teachings that support their use in marriage.

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of **Saints Joachim and Anne** (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. Pope Francis had designated that feast as World Grandparents Day, a fitting commemoration during National NFP Awareness Week! For further information, contact [nfp@uscgb.org](mailto:nfp@uscgb.org).

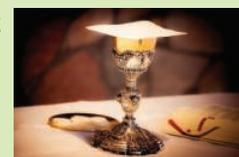


Our food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, July 14th** and we served **61 families** including **17 new households**.

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

### 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 **\$22,927** 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](http://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.

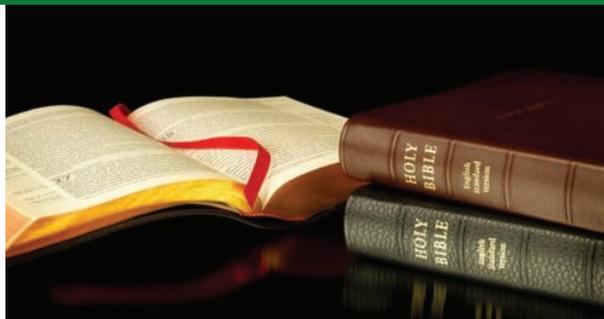
The food pantry is always looking for volunteers throughout the year to help out on Monday nights from **5:00 to 6:30pm**. Here is the link to sign up to be a food pantry volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/TH4PL>



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!

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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



### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### 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

#### Monday, July 21 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Kenny Arbeeney by the Walsh family

#### Tuesday, July 22 ~ St. Mary Magdalene

12:00pm: Vocations

#### Wednesday, July 23 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Carmelle LaRoche by the family

#### Thursday, July 24 ~ Weekday

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

#### Friday, July 25 ~ St. James, Apostle

12:00pm: +Theresa Maynard by the family

#### Saturday, July 26 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Ethel Connolly by the family

#### Sunday, July 27 ~ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: +Claude Morin by Irene Morin

5:00pm: +James Brunette (5th Anniversary) by the family

### Parish Event Calendar

#### Saturday, July 19

10:30am SRP Book Group (Parish Hall)

#### Sunday, July 20

#### Monday, July 21

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

#### Tuesday, July 22

#### Wednesday, July 23

#### Thursday, July 24

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

#### Friday, July 25

#### Saturday, July 26

#### Sunday, July 27

### Considering a Vocation?

"Mary has chosen the better part." Does a life of prayer and service as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life attract you? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: [cmartel@rcbm.org](mailto:cmartel@rcbm.org).



*The sanctuary candle burns  
this week for  
+Lucille Baldoumas  
by the family*

### Our Parish Facebook Page

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

## July 20, 2025 | Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *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.

### *The Need for Priests*

Jesus summons apostles whom he shapes and sends on mission. Priests through the centuries—from Augustine and Aquinas to John Paul II and Leo XIV—are all descendants of those first friends and apprentices of the Lord. Spiritual fathers are required especially in our time, when a rising tide of secularism threatens to overwhelm the religious impulse. We are **wired for God**; we will never satisfy the deepest longing of our heart apart from God. Who will remind us that our lives are not about us? Who will break open the words of the Gospel and spread out the banquet table of Christ's Body and Blood? This is why we need priests. Let us all pray for vocations.

### *St Benedict Academy*

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

**Principal:** Tanya Paiva

**Contact:** (603) 669-3932

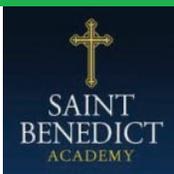
**Website:** [www.stbenedictacademy.org](http://www.stbenedictacademy.org)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cc-nh.org/bereavement), call Shannon at 603-448-5151, or email [shannon.popescu@nh-cc.org](mailto: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](http://www.masstimes.org).

## Sunday Mass Times

Here's another way to think about Sunday Mass times. How many liturgies do other churches and synagogues have on Sunday or Saturday?

Why are we different in this regard? Most of them have a tradition of one service. The synagogue has something on Friday night and something Saturday morning, but they aren't the same thing. The same people come (ideally) to both. Both are for the whole congregation. Likewise in some Pentecostal churches, the Sunday morning service is not the Sunday night service; you go to both. But most congregations gather just once each Sunday and the time is set and everybody comes to the one service.

That was certainly the Catholic way for centuries. It changed for lots of reasons:

- Some thought the more Masses, the better.
- Some thought that since we were required to go to Mass on Sunday (a commandment of the church), the least the priests could do was have lots of Masses at convenient times: early morning for morning people, late morning for the night people (and once that was done, God help the pastor who suggested a change!)
- Not everybody in a parish would fit in the church's building at the same time.

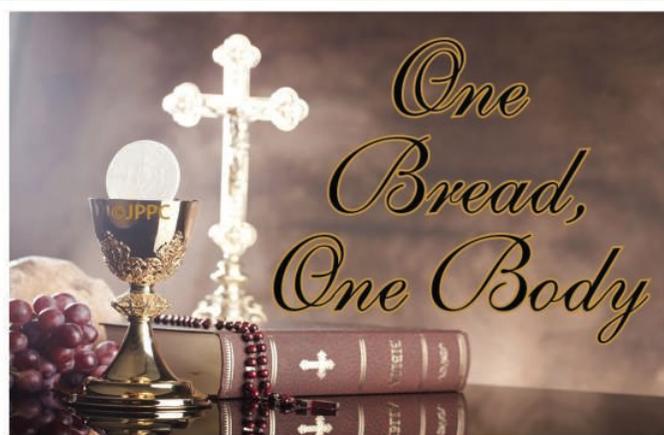
But maybe being at Sunday Mass isn't about convenience. Maybe the number of Sunday Masses ought to be determined by only one thing: the size of the room and the number of people who come on Sundays. But why?

Because Catholics aren't customers and this parish is anything but a service station where you can drive in and fill up any time. Sure there are inconveniences about a full church: too hot, too long, too messy too...full!

But when church is full isn't there just something wonderful in that room? All those faces, all those ages, all those voices!

Should it be about individual convenience or about the great gathering of this wonderful church? Should we be challenged to build our individual and family Sundays around liturgy? Not easy, but centuries of Catholics did it.

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