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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Don Provencher who just became a great grandfather to 5 lb. Theodore Barisow born on July 1st.



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.



Mass Attendance

Saturday, July 19th	4pm	40 souls
Sunday, July 20th	7:30am	38 souls
	9:30am	43 souls
	5pm	106 souls

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. 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.

SRP Book Group

The next meeting of the Saint Raphael Book Group will be **August 16th** meeting in the **parish hall at 10:30am**. At that time the group will discuss **Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon**, a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into history.



Our food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, July 21st** and we served **41 families**.

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

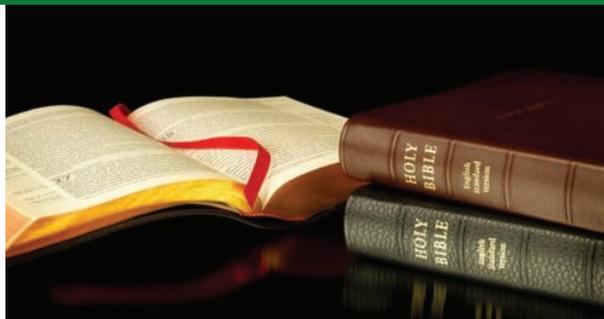
The food pantry is always looking for volunteers throughout the year to help out on **Monday nights from 5:00 to 6:30pm**. Here is the link to sign up to be a food pantry volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/TH4PL>



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 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46
Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53
Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58
Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12
Sunday Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, July 28~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Emer Claire Mezzetti by the Walsh family

Tuesday, July 29~ Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

12:00pm: +Henry Roy by Lillian & Lionel Coulon

Wednesday, July 30~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Peter Del Mastro by Kevin & Chris Powers

Thursday, July 31~ St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

12:00pm: +Pauline Nadeau (14th Anniversary) bay Dottie Decotis

Friday, August 1~ St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor

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

Saturday, August 2~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Wally Schlender (4th Anniversary) by Ronnie Schlender

Sunday, August 3~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Pat Clement by Ray Clement
9:30am: Our Parish Family
5:00pm: +Nelson Duquette by the family

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

Monday, July 28

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, July 29

Wednesday, July 30

Thursday, July 31

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

Friday, August 1

Saturday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

Considering a Vocation?

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? 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

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.

Martha, Mary & Lazarus—July 29th

Let us consider how here in our home the ordering of love assigns these three things: **service** to Martha, **contemplation** to Mary, **penance** to Lazarus. The soul that possesses all these at the same time is complete; however, each of them seems to pertain more to distinct individuals, so that some are free for holy contemplation, others give themselves to fraternal service, while still others ponder their years in the bitterness of their soul, like wounded individuals sleeping in graves. It is therefore plainly necessary that Mary think devoutly and sublimely about her God, Martha kindly and mercifully about her neighbor, Lazarus sadly and humbly about himself.

-St. Bernard, Abbot

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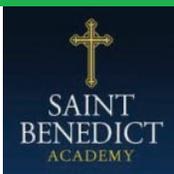
Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

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

July 28-August 1 No Summer Camp

SBA Office closed July 28th to August 1st

SBA is hiring! We are looking for a **Special Ed Teacher and Upper Elementary Aids** 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 to create a fulltime position. If you know of anyone who is interested in teaching either of these content areas. Please call the school for more information. 603.669.3932



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 is humming along - 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.

Q&A: Less Can be More? Isn't it better to have more Sunday Masses than fewer?

To celebrate Mass according to the vision described in the revised liturgical books requires much more energy than in the recent past. Today's celebration requires a coordination of the ministries of several people, including readers, musicians, eucharistic ministers, cantors and choir members. So many pastors and parish councils are faced with a choice between fewer Masses, which may be celebrated with more vibrancy and more participation, and more Masses, some of which may be sparsely attended and may lack even a minimum amount of music and the assistance of other ministers.

If "convenience" were to be an absolute religious value, one might argue that it would be much more convenient merely to permit Mass "attendance" by watching the liturgy on television and distributing communion via the postal service! But our gathering together is more than physical presence or hearing the right words it is fundamentally a personal and human celebration of love.

A very ancient tradition held as an ideal the celebration of only one Eucharist a day in any one community. This ideal is still prescribed by liturgical law for Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday only with special permission of the bishop can more than one Mass be celebrated on Holy Thursday. This tradition still is the one governing the scheduling of eucharistic liturgies in many Orthodox parishes.

Sunday liturgies should be evaluated based on the norms found in the current Missal, and those norms presuppose the presence of music, of readers, of communion ministers (if enough clerics are not present). If the number of Masses in a given parish means that several Masses are celebrated with very few people present, scattered throughout a cavernous church and without music or assisting ministers, then re-evaluation needs to take place. In some parishes, God may be better praised by scheduling fewer Masses that are well celebrated.

There will continue to be many challenges and changes facing parishes in the years ahead. Some of these challenges will be prompted by a reduced number of active priests available to preside at the Eucharist. But even in communities where there is an adequate number of priests, the mere presence of numerous priests should not imply that many Masses should be celebrated each Sunday as well. The only important thing is that each liturgy celebrated on the Lord's Day is prayer-filled, vibrant, reverent and alive with the presence of the risen Lord whose memory we celebrate.

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