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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

Dedication of Saint Raphael Church



"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

August 3, 2025 | Eighteenth 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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Address

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



Summer Garden Crops

We welcome produce from your gardens to give to clients of the Saint Raphael Food Pantry on Monday evenings. If you have vegetables to share, please drop them off at the rectory on Monday mornings. Thank you!



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.



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.

Mass Attendance

July 14th 7:30am-40 Souls, 9:30am-60 Souls, 5pm -75 Souls

July 19-20th 4pm—40 Souls, 7:30am -38 Souls, 9:30am -43 Souls, 5pm-106 Souls

July 21-25th Mon 30 Souls, Tues 54 Souls, Wed 44 Souls, Thur 33 Souls, Fri 34 Souls

July 26-27th 4pm-56 Souls, 7:30am-36 Souls, 9:30am-48 Souls, 5pm 120 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.

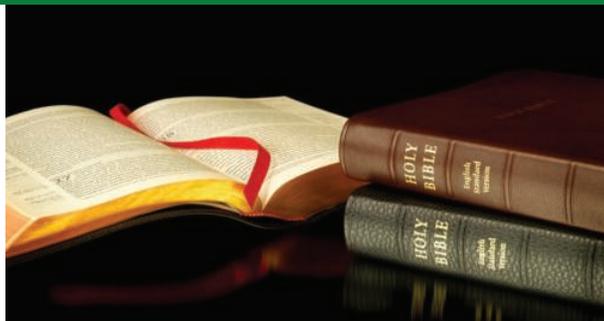
The food pantry is always looking for volunteers throughout the year to help out on Monday nights from **5:00 to 6:30pm**. Here is the link to sign up to be a food pantry volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/TH4PL>



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 Nm 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36
Thursday Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 16:13-23
Friday Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 Mt 16:24-28
Saturday Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51 Mt 17:14-20
Sunday Wis 18:6-9 Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40



Mass Schedule & Intentions

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

Monday, August 4 ~ St. John Vianney, Priest

12:00pm: +Zachary Keohan by Margaret-Ann Moran

Tuesday, August 5 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Constance Nuzzo by Margaret-Ann Moran

Wednesday, August 6 ~ The Transfiguration of the Lord

12:00pm: +Joseph Gabriel by Kate McGrath

Thursday, August 7 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Irene Couture by Margaret-Ann Moran

Friday, August 8 ~ St. Dominic, Priest

12:00pm: +Mary Paul by Jeanne Chamberland

Saturday, August 9 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Carmeline Healy by her daughters

Sunday, August 10 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Catherine Schunemann by Connie Raymond
9:30am: +Edward & Mary Byrne by Eileen Smith
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Our Parish Facebook Page

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

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, August 2

Sunday, August 3

Monday, August 4

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, August 5

(Our Parish Nurse Program will resume in the Fall)

Wednesday, August 6

Thursday, August 7

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

Friday, August 8

Saturday, August 9

9am Benedictine Oblates (Rectorry)

Sunday, August 10

Considering a Vocation?

"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." If simplicity of life and the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience especially attract you, discover that life 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
+Wally Schlender
by Ronnie Schlender*

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SRP Contributions & Expenses

June 2025	
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Weekly Offerings	\$16,014.00
Stewardship	\$2,053.00
Holy Day	\$1,329.00
On-line offerings (total)	\$5,341.8
Other Offerings - candles, flowers, food pantry, Mass intentions, stole fees, etc.	\$2,129.87
Shared services (SBA)/Rent	\$14,537.15
Total	\$41,404.82
Deposits/interest to reserve/future account	\$2.82
EXPENSES	
June 2025	\$25,965.92
Fiscal Year to date monthly average	\$34,698.10

The Transfiguration

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master “began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed, and on the third day be raised.” Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking “of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.” A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter’s confession. He also reveals that he will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to “enter into his glory”. Moses and Elijah had seen God’s glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah’s sufferings. Christ’s passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit. “The whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice; the Son in the man; the Spirit in the shining cloud.” - CCC 554-555

You were transfigured on the mountain, and your disciples, as much as they were capable of it, beheld your glory, O Christ our God, so that when they should see you crucified they would understand that your Passion was voluntary, and proclaim to the world that you truly are the splendor of the Father. *-(Byzantine Liturgy)*



St Benedict Academy

Saint Benedict Academy (Pre-K-6)

85 Third Street, Manchester, NH

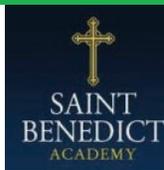
Principal: Tanya Paiva

Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

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

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



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.



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.**



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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