



SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest."
- Lk 19:38

April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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



Good Friday—Way of the Cross

The “Living” Stations of the Cross at Mount Calvary Cemetery will begin at 10am on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. This will begin at the third gate of the cemetery by the rotatory. These “Living Stations” will be performed by the Ste. Marie Parish Youth Group. In case of rain or wet conditions the stations will be held in the Mausoleum Chapel.

NH Catholic Appeal 2024

Many, many thanks to all those who contributed to the 2024 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. We made our parish goal of \$36,295!!!



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2025

Next week begins the annual **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, One Bread, One Body (NHCA)**, an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, our parish along with the other 87 parishes raised more than \$3.8M. Thank you to all who donated to the appeal last year. The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through Parable magazine, the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH and more. Every registered parishioner will receive a letter from Bishop Libasci along with appeal materials in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. Our parish goal for this year is \$34,026. For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

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

SRP Book Group

Due to Holy Week coinciding with the usual meeting time, the Book Group will not meet in April. The next meeting will be **May 17th**. At that time the group will discuss Charles Fraiser's **Cold Mountain**. The author won the National Book Award for Fiction for this work.



Holy Week Altar Flowers

- The tulips for Holy Thursday are a gift of Cristina Valente & Matthew Kubik wishing everyone a Happy Easter!
- The Holy Thursday Arrangement is a gift of Armand & Kathy Carignan in memory of the deceased members of the Carignan and Gamelin families.
- The Easter Vigil Candle Arrangement is a gift of Ronnie Schlender in memory of Wally Schlender.
- The Paschal Candle is a gift of Armand & Kathy Carignan in memory of the deceased members of the Carignan, Bissonnette & Gamelin families.

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 31st** and we served **50 families**.



April 13, 2025 | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Christm Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

Thursday Night Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday Gen 1:1—2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22 Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Lk 24:1-12

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, April 12~Sixth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Johnathan Pratte by Sylvia Grady

Sunday, April 13~Monday of Holy Week

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: +Marguerite Gamelin (28th Anniversary)
by Kathy & Armand Carignan

5:00pm: +Chuck Herbert by the family

Monday, April 14~ Tuesday of Holy Week

12:00pm: +Nelson Duquette by Eileen Smith

Tuesday, April 15~ Wednesday of Holy Week

12:00pm: +MJ. Kumria by Ronnie Schlender

Wednesday, April 16~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Robert Gibson

Thursday, April 17~ Holy Thursday

7:00pm: Our Parish Family

Friday, April 18~ Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross

7:00pm: Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19~Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)

7:30pm: Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 20~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30am: +Claude Morin by Margaret-Ann Moran

On Easter Sunday there is only one Mass at 9:30am.

There is no 7:30am or 5pm Mass.

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, April 12

8am Church Clean Up Day (Church)

9am Benedictine Oblates (Rectory)

Sunday, April 13

Monday, April 14

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 15

No Parish Nurse from April 15th through April 29th

Wednesday, April 16

Thursday, April 17

7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, April 18

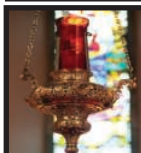
12:35pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, April 19

Sunday, April 13

Considering a Vocation?

"The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or 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*

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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.

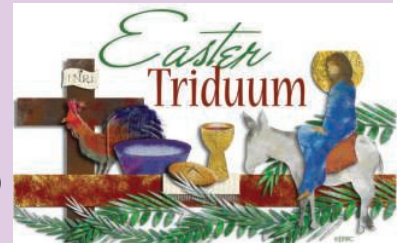


Easter Triduum & the Liturgy

Beginning with the **Easter Triduum** as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a “year of the Lord’s favor.” (Lk 4:19) The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the **Passover of Jesus** and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated “as a foretaste,” and kingdom of God enters into our time.

Therefore **Easter** is not simply one feast among others, but the “Feast of feasts,” the “Solemnity of solemnities,” just as the Eucharist is the “Sacrament of sacraments” (The Great Sacrament). St. Athanasius calls Easter “**the Great Sunday**” and the Eastern Churches all Holy Week “the Great Week.” The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him.

In the liturgical year the various aspects of the one Pascal mystery unfold. This is also the case with the cycle of feasts surrounding the mystery of the incarnation (Annunciation, Christmas, Epiphany). They commemorate the beginning of our salvation and communicate to us the first fruits of the Pascal mystery. (CCC 1168-1171)



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	Saturday, April 12th at 4pm Sunday, April 13th 7:30am, 9:30am & 5pm
Holy Thursday	Thursday, April 17th at 7pm Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday	Friday, April 18th at 3pm Stations of the Cross Friday, April 18th at 7pm The Passion of the Lord
Easter Vigil	Saturday, April 19th at 7:30pm
Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 20th at 9:30am (Please note: No Mass at 7:30am or 5pm)
Easter Monday	Monday, April 21st at Noon (Parish Office Closed)

St Benedict Academy

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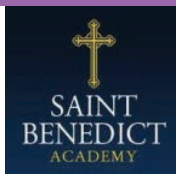
Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

April 28 to May 2—April Vacation

May 30th—SBA Golf Tournament Stonebridge Country Club

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



The Last Supper

By celebrating the **Last Supper** with his apostles in the course of the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus’ passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.



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.**

Palm Sunday

Each of us is drawn into the story of the Passion, particularly if the 3 parish lectors present it with clarity and realism in their voices. I believe this narrative does this like no other, because the Jesus story is ours as well. We know and believe that we are the indirect cause of Jesus' pain. It was our sins, big and little, that drove in the nails and made Him hang there on that cross of shame.

We find ourselves almost exactly 2 months from February 14. Valentine's day, when our attention was focused on warm romantic love, even as snow lay on the ground and may have canceled many a romantic dinner. The story of Our Lord's Passion drives home the facts about real love of neighbor. "Greater love than this no man has: that he lay down his life for his friend." That is the famous caption for the picture. That is what Jesus did for us even though we were and are still to a large extent: sinners.

Add to this the fact that Jesus is God, and the whole story heard on a higher level. How dare we say that God does not love us? Check out the nearest crucifix for the opposite truth.

Imagine, if you will, what you would do if someone were to harm you physically. Or hurt you with malicious untrue gossip. You would certainly have righteous indignation. And perhaps a handy fist. How different is our loving God!

What we blandly call "the Passion Narrative" is really a chronicle of the worst injustice ever done by man to a Man. A man who is also God Himself. Don't be too quick to insert yourself in the adoring crowd laying down palm for Jesus on a donkey to walk over. Instead, see yourself among those who picked up the nails for the soldiers to use. The confessional is the place for reconciliation with the Man on the donkey.

How better to end these thoughts than by praying together the traditional Act of Contrition which still says it best:

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins; do penance; and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

-Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord



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