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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00am to Noon & 12:30 to 2:00 pm

And by appointment

Pastor: Father Anselm Smedile, OSB

Parish Phone: (603) 623-2604

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Address

103 Walker Street

Manchester, NH 03102

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



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2024

We are beginning 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. For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>



Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 5th, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Manchester.** To register please contact the parish office: 603-623-2604, email srp@st-raphael-parish.org



Food Pantry

Our current food pantry needs are for **canned goods and cereal** for our neighbors. Please drop off donations either in the entryway of the Church or at the Rectory during office hours. **At this time we do not need any more plastic bags.**



Parish Offertory

April 13-14, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	2,812.00
Stewardship	\$	1,234.00
Easter	\$	100.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	822.00
Food Pantry	\$	135.00



The food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, April 15th** and served **30 families**, including **8 new families, 35 children, 56 adults, 5 senior, and 5 volunteers.**

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Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14
Sunday Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00pm: +Bob McGrail by Sue McGrail

Sunday, April 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am: +Rita DeCotis by Dottie DeCotis
9:30am: Our Parish Family
5:00pm: +Gerard & Madeleine Morin by the Family

Monday, April 22 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +John & Helen Zygmunt by Kathy Gunther

Tuesday, April 23 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Carmelle LaRochelle by the Family

Wednesday, April 24 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Pauline St. Jean by Paul St. Jean

Thursday, April 25 ~ Saint Mark, Evangelist

12:00pm: +Deceased Knights of Columbus Council 5112 Members
And their Spouses by Lillian & Lionel Coulon

Friday, April 26 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Deceased Benedictines

Saturday, April 27 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00pm: +Esther B. Lally by Margaret-Ann Moran

Sunday, April 28 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am: +Linda Paris by Bill Paris
9:30am: +Jack McGrath by Diane Bolton
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, April 20

10:00am SRP Outdoor Clean Up Day (Church Parking Lot)
10:30am: SRP Book Group (Parish Hall)

Sunday, April 21

10:30am: Baptism (Church)

Monday, April 22

5:30pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 23

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 24

6:00pm Young Peoples AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, April 25

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

9:00am AA Service Workshop (Parish Hall)

Considering a Vocation?

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



The sanctuary candle burns this week for
+Linda Paris
by Bill Paris

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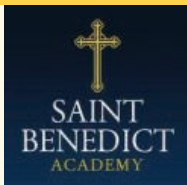
Principal: Tanya Paiva

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Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

April 22-26th April Vacation

May 31st-SBA Annual Golf Tour Registration is now open for our 5th Annual Golf Tournament, taking place on May 31st! Last year we sold out early, so sign up soon! We are looking for both sponsors and golfers. More information and registration check the SBA website.



Benedictine Corner

Obedient Listening to God, Self, Others — Obedience is a concept 21st-century souls don't generally like to consider. We prefer concepts like freedom and independence. Obedience is an act of letting go of the egotistic will. While submission is an act of youth, true obedience can only come as a response of maturity. We become obedient only after we know our own will. Only after we have come to understand our desires are we capable of relinquishing them in service to others. Therefore in Benedictine spirituality, "mutual obedience" is a habit to be shown by all to one another. As a Benedictine practice, obedience is intimately linked to being in right relationship, conversation, humility, and listening. Benedictine obedience is ultimately directed not to other humans or to ourselves, but through the agency of others and the deepest yearnings of our own hearts. (*23 Spiritual Practices Taught by the Rule of Benedict by Tracy Rittmueller*)

"We must, then, prepare our hearts and bodies for the battle of holy obedience to his instructions. What is not possible to us by nature, let us ask the Lord to supply by the help of his grace" (RB Prologue 40-41)

Benedict knows that if we want to become more like Christ we need to listen to the God within us, to the person who is (or can be) God's agent, to the daily experiences in which God manifests himself/herself, and to the Scriptures and *lectio where we meet God in the Word and prayer. In all of this, Benedict would want us to balance our needs with those of others on our way to transformation in Christ.*

Reflection:

1. Benedict's first words in the Prologue of his Rule are: "Listen carefully." He refers to attending with the ear of one's heart to the voice of our God. Sit in the quiet for a few moments. Choose an experience you had today and ponder how God spoke to you in that action, event, or person. *Listen. Then speak to God about it in any way you choose.*
2. God's love always and everywhere is a given or we would cease to be. *Begin your day by opening up and out to God, reminding yourself that God is with you now, in this present moment, and will be with you throughout your life. God is ready; always attentive and available to show love and support. Listen for and discern what God's will is for you as you lived today and project into the future. When you discover it, tell God "yes" and you cannot go wrong.*

God's love is unconditional. If we are to be Christlike we will strive for unconditional love. It is not easy for humans to reach that state because of our egos and selfish nature. If you can be a friend or find a friend who loves unconditionally, you are truly blessed and godlike. Try to love people as they are and not as you want them to be. Hard, isn't it? (*Reaching for God: The Benedictine Oblate Way of Life by Roberta Werner, OSB*)



SRP Baby Bottle Fund Raiser

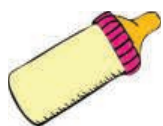
The **St. Raphael Respect Life Committee** is sponsoring it's

13th Annual Baby Bottle fundraiser to benefit **Real Options a**

Pregnancy Help Services - A Care Net Center.

Bottles will be available for distribution Mother's Day weekend May 11/12, 2024 at the entrance of the church.

Please limit bottles to one per family and return your bottle on/or before Father's Day weekend June 15/16, 2024.



We look forward to your help in making this project a success this year.

Stroke Prevention Presentation

On **Tuesday, April 23rd** following the noon Mass there will be a presentation on **Stroke Education** in the Church Conference Room. Please RSVP to the parish office if you plan to attend. 603-623-2604 or srp@st-raphael-parish.org Jessica Marchand of CMC's Stroke Prevention group will be the presenter.

Our Parish Facebook Page

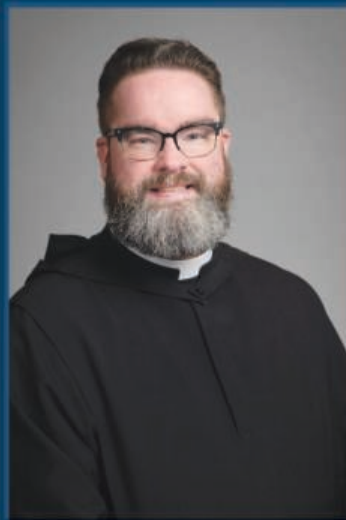
Be sure to check out all the parish information posted

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, Richard Fudala, Jenna Harrington, Al Heidenreich, Cindy Kenny, Amy Lesniak, Fr. Tom McGann, Claude Morin, 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.**



ELECTING THE SIXTH ABBOT OF SAINT ANSELM ABBEY

A Special Presentation by
Fr. Francis McCarty, O.S.B.
Abbatial Election Secretary



Wednesday, April 24

6:15 PM

Saint Raphael Chapel

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