A person wearing a white robe, likely a monk, is shown from the chest up. Their hands are held out in front of them, palms up, in a gesture of offering or prayer. The background is a soft, warm light, possibly from a window, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

February 11, 2024 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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



2024 Flower Memorials for the Altar

We are inviting parishioners to cover the cost of the flowers by dedicating them in a loved one's memory. The memorial will be listed in the bulletin for each particular occasion as it occurs. The cost of the flower arrangement is \$110. If you would like to dedicate any flower arrangement for any of the dates listed below, please call the parish office. The remaining day still available for 2024 is:

May 26 **Trinity Sunday**



Winter Weather Policy

Just a reminder that if the Manchester Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, all parish facilities are closed. The parish office is closed and there is no noon-time Mass. Also, you may check WMUR for closing updates.



Parish Offertory

February 3-4, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	4,469.00
Stewardship	\$	125.00
Holy Day	\$	10.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	607.00
Food Pantry	\$	100.00



Mother Cabrini Movie

A movie depicting the life of **Saint Frances Cabrini** will be shown in theaters for **one day only** on Friday, **March 8th**. It is a stirring story of a catholic sister determined to fight for the equality, health and happiness of immigrant orphans. AMC Classic in Londonderry and Regal in Concord are the theaters where the movie will be shown. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the showing.

February Book Discussion: Our next book will be *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Munity and Murder* by David Grann. The book recounts the true story of the HMS Wager Munity in 1741. We'll meet on **Saturday, February 17th** at 10:30 downstairs in the parish hall. To register and to receive discussion materials, please contact Ann-Maria

Contarino at

acontari@anselm.edu.



Food Pantry

Our current food pantry needs are for **canned goods** for our neighbors. Please drop off donations either in the entryway of the Church or at the Rectory during office hours.



The food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, February 5th** and served **39** families, including **42** children, **93** adults, **5** seniors, and **7** new families. **Ten** volunteers helped.



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Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23
Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30
Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37
Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10
Sunday Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 7:16

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Shane Gill** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, February 2nd. May his soul and the soul of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 10 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Sylvia Hobbs (45th Anniversary) by Cynthia Hobbs

Sunday, February 11 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Fr. Simon O'Donnell
9:30am: +Esther Leclerc by the members of the Choir
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Monday, February 12 ~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Joan Wade by Linda Beland

Tuesday, February 13 ~ Weekday

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

Wednesday, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday

12:00pm: +Elmer Soderberg by Jaye Soderberg
6:30pm: Our Parish Family

Thursday, February 15 ~ Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12:00pm: +Gerard & Madeline Morin by the Family

Friday, February 16 ~ Friday after Ash Wednesday

12:00pm: +Arlene Ackerson by Eileen Smith

Saturday, February 17 ~ First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Rose Ceriello Magarian by the Family

Sunday, February 18 ~ First Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Our Parish Family
9:30am: +Arlene Ackerson by Diane Bolton
5:00pm: +Esther Leclerc by Jaye Soderberg

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, February 10

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Chapel)

Sunday, February 11 World Marriage Day

Monday, February 12

5:30pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 13

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 14

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

Thursday, February 15

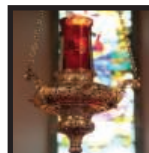
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

Considering a Vocation?

"Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven. 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
+Rev. Marcel Allard*

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Principal: Tanya Paiva

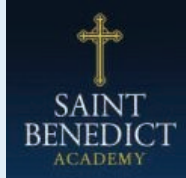
Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

February 14th Ash Wednesday

February 19th— No School—Presidents Day

February 26th-March 1st February Vacation Week



The Benedictine Corner

Rule of Saint Benedict on Humility - the Tenth Step

The tenth stage of humility is to have sincere empathy. We can never believe ourselves superior to one another, nor take pleasure in each other's shortcomings and misfortunes. (*Always We Begin Again: The Benedictine Way of Living* by John McQuiston II)

The tenth step of humility is that we "are not given to ready laughter for it is written, 'Only fools raise their voices in laughter.' (Sirach 21:23)"

Only fools. This one stopped me...

So now where does laughter lie on the scale of morality? What now for us and our generation and especially for our spirituality?

The answer is a simple one: It all depends on what kind of laughter you're talking about. The laughter considered irrational that focused the first 15 centuries of this spirituality? Or the kind of laughter that has to do with scorn and derision, with disdain and disparagement, that is so much a part of our own?

If this step of humility teaches us anything, it is certainly that humor and laughter are not the same thing. Benedict does not forbid humor, he forbids the bawdy and the brutal. He makes the quality of our laughter a measure of our spiritual adulthood.

"Fools," he says quoting Scripture, "raise their voices in laughter." Fools: the dull and the unwise, the imprudent and the silly, the demeaning and sarcastic. The truth is that it's only when we face our own shortcomings and personal limitations that we stop laughing, sneering or snickering at anyone ever again.

From where I stand, humility frees us from the burden of insufferable pride and frees the world to think things through together. We know now that life is to be taken seriously. This is weighty stuff that we are about. There is no room for foolish laughter anymore. No regard for the kind of laughter that is mean and nasty, lewd and lascivious. (*St. Benedict's 10th Step of Humility: When is funny not funny?* By Joan Chittister, OSB, NCR, Nov 29-Dec 12, 2019)

*What kinds of things do I think are funny?
Do I ever joke in a way that masks other feelings?*

What kinds of humor from others do I find uncomfortable and why? (*St. Benedict's Rule: An Inclusive Translation* by Judith Suter, OSB)



NH House Bill Pending

Contact Your State Representatives to Voice Opposition to Assisted Suicide HB 1283 is a bill pending before the NH Legislature that would legalize assisted suicide. The public hearing on the bill was Feb. 7, and votes in committee and on the House floor will happen in the following weeks. Please contact your representatives ASAP to urge them to oppose this bill. The Church teaches that suicide is always a tragedy and that a caring community should respond with hospice and palliative care to better meet the needs of those facing the end of life. For more information about this bill and how to contact your representatives in the Legislature, visit: catholicnh.org/nosuicide

Spring/Easter Homebound Greetings

Do you have friends or relatives who are **home-bound** or in **nursing homes**? Kindly notify us if you know of anyone who is currently home-bound or in a nursing home and would like to receive mailed greetings from our community. Please let us know their name and address by calling 603-377-7426 or email

cristina.valente@lycos.com.



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.**



EVERYONE IS WELCOME

12:00PM & 6:30PM
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

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reflect & renew

*"Return to The Lord Your God, for he is gracious and
compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love."
- Joel 2:13*

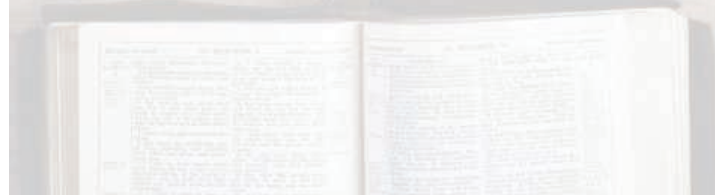
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Lectio Divina

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FEBRUARY 13 - MARCH 26

Saint Raphael Chapel

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Join Fr. Anselm, OSB, for a half hour of
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listening to, and looking at scripture with the
eyes and ears of the heart.



What does it mean to be CHOSEN?

Come and see Jesus through the eyes of those who met him!

Join us for the following Thursday afternoon from
12:30pm — 2pm at the Conference Room:
Saint Raphael Church

We will be showing “**The CHOSEN**,” season one!
This event is not part of the Bible study; however,
there will be time for reflection and discussion each
week based on the episode watched.

There is no fee for attending, though a free will offer-
ing is welcome to offset the cost of a light lunch.

Join us for any or all of the following dates

Feb 15 Episode 1: I Have Called You by Name

Feb 22 Episode 2: Shabbot

Feb 29 Episode 3: Jesus Loves the Little Children

Mar 7 Episode 4: The Rock on Which it is Built

Mar 14 Episode 5: The Wedding Gift

Mar 21 Episode 6: Indescribable Compassion

Apr 4 Episode 7: Invitations

Apr 11 Episode 8: I am He

To register contact the **Parish Office: 603-623-2604**

Saint Raphael Parish Stations of the Cross

Join us on Fridays during Lent
following our noon time Mass

- February 16th
- February 23rd
- March 8th
- March 15th
- March 22nd



By your Cross and Resurrection, You have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.

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