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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

February 25, 2024 | Second Sunday of Lent

Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

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

And 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



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 your parish office by April 12, 2024. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all couples will receive a mailed invitation to this special celebration. To those celebrating the indicated anniversary years, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at the Cathedral this spring! To register please contact the parish office: 603-623-2604, email srp@st-raphael-parish.org

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.

March Book Please join the parish book group for a discussion of Kristin Hannah's new release, *The Women*. This novel traces the coming of age story of a young protagonist while celebrating the heroism of the nurses who served in Vietnam. To register and to receive discussion materials, please contact Ann-Maria Contarino at acon-tari@anselm.edu.



Lectio Divina & Stations of the Cross

Lectio Divina offered every Tuesday during Lent from 12:45 to 1:15pm February 20-March 26th in the Chapel.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent following our noon time Mass. The upcoming dates are March 8th, March 15th and March 22nd.

Parish Offertory

February 17-18, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	3,462.00
Stewardship	\$	15.00
Holy Day	\$	925.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,017.00
Food Pantry	\$	30.00



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.

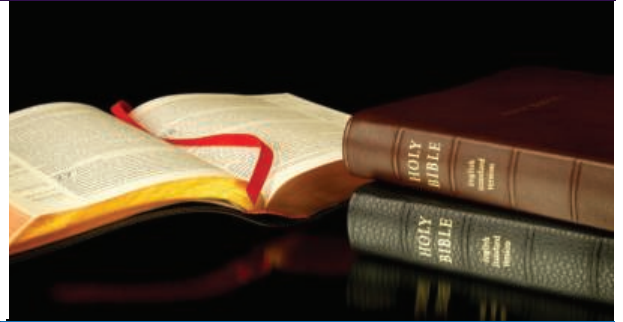


The Food Pantry was closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of the President's Day holiday.

The food pantry will be open again on Monday, February 26th.

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Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, February 24 ~ Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Ursula Pluckhahn by Frank Maynard

Sunday, February 25 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am: +Arlene Ackerson by Dottie DeCotis

9:30am: +Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Monday, February 26 ~ Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, February 27 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Elinor Koechley by her daughter

Wednesday, February 28 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Edward Wade by the Family

Thursday, February 29 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Don & Rita DeCotis by the Family

Friday, March 1 ~ Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 2 ~ Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Francis B. Kenney Jr (59th Anniversary) & his wife Joan
by Anne Kenney

Sunday, March 3 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: +Christine McMillan by John & Shauna Ryan

5:00pm: +Deceased members of the Boisvert Family by Jaye Soderberg

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, February 24

Sunday, February 25

Monday, February 26

5:30pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 27

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

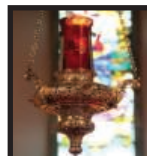
Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

9:00am Women's Fellowship (Parish Hall)

Considering a Vocation?

"I establish My covenant with you." If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, 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
+Carl Schlender
by Ronnie Schlender

Saint Benedict Academy

Catholic Schools

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Principal: Tanya Paiva

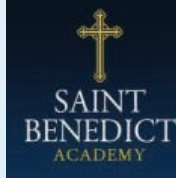
Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

February 26th-March 1st February Vacation Week

March 15th-No School Professional Development Day

March 29th-April 1 Easter Break



The Benedictine Corner

Humility - The Twelfth Step

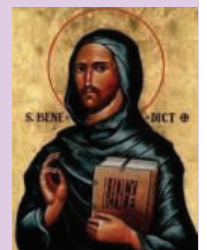
The twelfth stage of humility is to maintain not only humble thoughts, but also a humble demeanor, whether at work, on the road, at the market, in speaking or at rest.

We should constantly reinforce, through appearance and demeanor, the mien of humility.

By daily pursuing these intentions, we will begin to observe these goals as our natural manner. (*Always We Begin Again: The Benedictine Way of Living by John McQuiston II*)

Since the twelfth degree of humility is nothing but the reflection of humility lived and progressing to perfect charity, it follows that, like the monk, the oblate should apply himself to realizing it. Should not his outward countenance, his walk, his way of dressing be inspired by the humility of his heart? ... there is a good simplicity made of mildness and gravity, a simplicity which all the contortions of an affected piety will never stimulate. This simplicity makes one readily lower the eyes, that is to say, look on no one from above, but esteem oneself smaller beyond comparison than all whom one sees. It is the stamp and the charm of a soul truly humble. (Commentary for Benedictine Oblates on the Rule of St. Benedict by G. A. Simon)

Early monastic theology embraced the Stoic philosophical ideal of equilibrium. Nothing moves us from our centeredness, neither praise nor insult, neither glory or failure. In this state, we can be equally accepting of whatever comes along. We can be free to embrace the gifts we have been given because we know them to be gifts. Our talents hold a rightful place as we offer ourselves to God and to the world. At the same time, we can recognize and embrace our brokenness and dependence on God for mercy. Humility is accepting everything in its right perspective; its mantra is "By the grace of God, I am what I am." (*St. Benedict's Rule: An Inclusive Translation and Daily Commentary by Judith Suter, OSB*)



NH Assisted Suicide Legislation

Thank you for voicing your opposition – in person and online – to **HB 1283**, a bill pending before the New Hampshire Legislature that would legalize assisted suicide. Online opposition to the bill outnumbered support by 2 to 1 for the House Judiciary Committee Hearing on February 7. **Your help again is needed to defeat this measure.** Please to contact your representatives ASAP to urge them to oppose HB 1283. The Diocese is working alongside a broad coalition that includes health care providers, veterans, and organizations that advocate with and for people with disabilities and those who are at high risk of suicide. 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, please 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, Jacob Rivera and Joanne Chase. **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.**

Saint Raphael Parish

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 afternoons from
12:30pm – 2:00pm at the Conference Room:
Saint Raphael Church*

*We will be showing “the CHOSEN,” season one!
This event is not part of a 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 free will offering
is welcome to offset the cost of a light lunch!*

Join us for any or all of the following dates!

February 15 th	Episode 1: <i>I Have Called You by Name</i>
February 22 nd	Episode 2: <i>Shabbat</i>
February 29 th	Episode 3: <i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>
March 7 th	Episode 4: <i>The Rock on Which it is Built</i>
March 14 th	Episode 5: <i>The Wedding Gift</i>
March 21 st	Episode 6: <i>Indescribable Compassion</i>
April 4 th	Episode 7: <i>Invitations</i>
April 11 th	Episode 8: <i>I am He</i>

To Register for this event:
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