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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

February 9, 2025 | Fifth 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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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



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, please check WMUR for closing updates.



During the month of February the Saint Raphael Food Pantry has been selected again as a non-profit partner in the **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program**. The food pantry will receive \$1 for each reusable Fight Hunger bag sold in **February** at the **605 Mast Road Hannaford** store.



SRP Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Group will be **Saturday, February 15 at 10:30am** in the Parish Hall. The book we will be reading is **Finding Dorothy** by **Elizabeth Letts**. This carefully-researched fictional novel tells the story of L. Frank Baum as he writes *The Wizard of Oz* and sees it develop into a Broadway play and an MGM film. Readers are asked to obtain their own copies of the novel. Please contact Ann-Maria Contarino at acon-tari@anselm.edu with questions.



2024 Tax Statements

Please call or email the parish office if you would like to receive a contribution statement for your **2024 taxes**. If you are an online contributor you will receive a copy of your 2024 statement directly from Parish Soft.

The parish office phone number is **603-623-2604**

The parish email is srp@st-raphael-parish.org



Food Pantry

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!



Parish Offertory

February 1-2, 2025

Regular Offertory	\$	3,220.00
Stewardship	\$	100.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,132.00
Food Pantry	\$	50.00



Our food pantry served **23** families on February 3rd .

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Monday Gen 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gen 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13

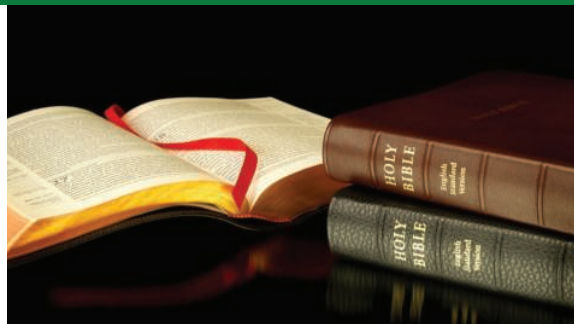
Wednesday Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gen 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30

Friday Gen 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gen 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 8~Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

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

Sunday, February 9~Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: +Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote

5:00pm: +Carolyn Root by Jay & Ann Cormier

Monday, February 10~St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:00pm: +Joyceann Fitzgerald-Guill by Ronnie Schlender

Tuesday, February 11~ Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00pm: The Intentions of Rev Jeffrey Statz by Sue & Rich

Wednesday, February 12~ Weekday

12:00pm: +David Connare by his wife Donna

Thursday, February 13~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Claudette Leclerc by Marge Gosselin

Friday, February 14~ Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

12:00pm +Elmer Soderberg by Jay Soderberg

Saturday, February 15~Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Souls in Purgatory by the Pereira family

Sunday, February 16~Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Pauline Silveri by Dottie DeCotis

9:30am: +Joyceann Fitzgerald-Guill by Diane Bolton

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass Choir is seeking new members. Please consider joining our Choir. We rehearse Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm in the choir loft.

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, February 8

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Rectory)

Sunday, February 9

Monday, February 10

5:30am Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, February 11

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

12:30pm Sacrament of the Sick (Church)

Wednesday, February 12

7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

6:30pm Parish Council (Chapel)

6:30pm Knitting Group (Rectory)

Thursday, February 13

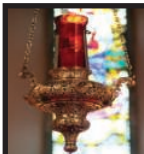
7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

Considering a Vocation?

"They left everything and followed Jesus." If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmar-tel@rcbm.org.



*The sanctuary candle burns
this week for
+Nelson Duquette*

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Saint Scholastica

Saint Scholastica, the sister of Saint Benedict of Nursia, is the patron saint of Benedictine Nuns and of learning and reading. She is invoked against storms and torrential rains and considered the mother of Western monasticism as her brother Benedict is considered the father of Western monasticism. Her feast day is **February 10th**. Her famous quote is, “If men knew the peace good Religious enjoy, the whole world would become a monastery.”



Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday’s Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected.

Disordered Eating Recovery Group—Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Ste. Marie’s Church, Manchester

General Recovery Group –Thursdays at 1:00pm at St. Patrick’s, 29 Spring Street, Nashua

St Benedict Academy

Saint Benedict Academy (Pre-K-6)

85 Third Street, Manchester, NH

Principal: Tanya Paiva

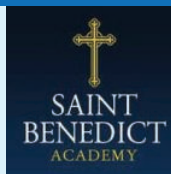
Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

February 19-No School President’s Day

February 24-28-SBA School Vacation Week

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



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, 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.**

World Day of the Sick

February 11th is **World Day of the Sick**, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of **Our Lady of Lourdes**.

We are celebrating the 33rd World Day of the Sick in the Jubilee Year 2025, in which the Church invites us to become “pilgrims of hope”. The word of God accompanies us and offers us, in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message: “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5); indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial.—from Pope Francis message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick.

These are comforting words, but they can also prove perplexing, especially for those who are suffering. How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us? In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God’s help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1808).

Saint Camillo de Lellis is the patron saint of the sick, nurses, and hospitals.



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WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

"Hope does not disappoint (Romans 5:5); indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial."

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

12 Noon Mass

Saint Raphael Parish

This celebration of the Eucharist will include sacramental Anointing of the Sick and blessing of caregivers.

For questions, contact:

Parish Office at 603.623.2604

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