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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

March 17, 2024 | Fifth 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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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



Easter Flowers

There are envelopes at the Church entrances for Easter Flower donations. You may make donations in memory or in honor of loved ones. As donation of \$25 per intention is suggested.



Altar Flowers

The shamrocks are a gift of Diane Bolton in memory of **Ed Bolton**.

The St. Patrick's Day arrangement is a gift of John Vinson in memory of **Becky Vinson** on the first anniversary of her passing.



Stations of the Cross

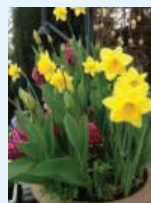
Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent following our noon time Mass. The last date for noon time Stations will be March 22nd. Good Friday Stations will be at 3pm.

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

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.



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.



Parish Offertory

March 9-10, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	8,349.00
Stewardship	\$	2,341.00
Holy Day	\$	2.00
Easter	\$	60.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,257.00
Flower Donation	\$	185.00



The food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, March 11th** and served **28 families, 1 new family, including 42 children, 30 adults, 13 seniors, and 11 volunteers.**

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Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 16 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Thomas Pitman Sr by his daughter Maureen

Sunday, March 17 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: +Ron Johnson (14th Anniversary) by Armand & Kathy Carignan

5:00pm: +Becky Vinson (1st Anniversary) by the Parish Family

Monday, March 18 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Carmelle LaRochelle by her Family

Tuesday, March 19 ~ St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday, March 20 ~ Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, March 21 ~ Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 22 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Edward Wade by the Family

Saturday, March 23 ~ Sixth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Fred Rees by the Rees Family

Sunday, March 24 ~ Sixth Sunday of Lent

7:30am: +Fr. Simon O'Donnell

9:30am: Our Parish Family

5:00pm: +Peggy Dubois by Linda Beland

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, March 16

10:30am SRP Book Club (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 17

10:30am Pancake Breakfast (Parish Hall)

Monday, March 18

5:30pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, March 19

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

12:45pm Lectio Divina—Sacred Reading (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

12:45pm The Chosen (Church Conference Room)

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 22

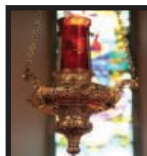
12:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 23

8:00am Church Clean Up Day

Considering a Vocation?

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? 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
+Fred & Mary Raymond
By the Family

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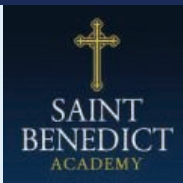
Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

March 21st-Feast of Saint Benedict

March 29th-April 1st Easter Break

April 13th-SBA Auction

May 31st-SBA Annual Golf Tour



The Benedictine Corner

The Spiritual Practice of Listening

I've often marveled that the first word of *The Rule of St. Benedict* isn't pray, worship, or even love. It's listen. This small, unobtrusive word speaks in a whisper. To anyone who studies Benedictine spirituality, the phrase Listen carefully, my child, to the instructions of your master, and incline the ear of your heart becomes so familiar we can easily lose sight of how revolutionary it is. Listening in the Benedictine sense is not a passive mission. Benedict tells us we must attend to listening. In some translations of *The Rule*, we are to actively incline ourselves toward it, and nurture it in our everyday activities. Listening is an act of will.

The Chosen

See Jesus through the eyes of those who met him!

Join us for Thursday afternoons from 12:30pm —2pm at the Conference Room:

Saint Raphael Church

The next episode is **Thursday, March 21st** after the noon Mass. We are showing "**The CHOSEN,**" Season One To register call the parish office :603-623-2604



The Benedictine Rule calls us to not only listen, but to actually hear. Obedience is a blessing to be shown by all, not only to the prioress or abbot, but also to one another, since we know that it is by way of this obedience that we go to God. (Chapter 71, Mutual Obedience).

Listening cracks open the door to another Benedictine concept from which most of us would rather run, - that of obedience...Obedience comes from the Latin, *oboedire*, to give ear, to harken, to listen. The Benedictine writer, Esther de Waal says that obedience moves us from our "contemporary obsession with the self," and inclines us toward others. St. Benedict stresses mutual obedience, a horizontal relationship where careful listening and consideration is due to each member of the community from each member, as brothers and sisters. It is by this way of obedience, he says, that we go to God.

Let us open our eyes to the light that comes from God and open our ears to the voice from the heavens that everyday calls out this charge: If you hear God's voice today, harden not your hearts (Ps 95:8). And again, You that have ears to hear, listen to what the Spirit says. (Rv 2:7). (From the Prologue of the Rule of St. Benedict).



(How to Live: What the Rule of St. Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning and Community by Judith Valente)

Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday Saturday, March 23rd at 4pm
Sunday, March 24th 7:30am, 9:30 & 5pm

Holy Thursday Thursday, March 27th at 7pm
Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday Friday, March 28th at 3pm
Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 28th at 7pm
The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30th at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday Sunday, March 31st at 9:30am
(Please note: No Mass at 7:30am or 5pm)

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.**

The vote on this bill will take place on March 21st.

ZERO HOUR ON ASSISTED SUICIDE YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR HOUSE VOTE

HB 1283 is a bill pending before the NH Legislature that would legalize assisted suicide. The House of Representatives will vote on this bill as early as March 14. Please call or write to your representatives now to urge them to oppose this bill: <https://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members>

From House Judiciary Committee Hearing, February 7, 2024

"The data we have shows that in states that have allowed medical aid in dying, we see the needle tick towards more suicide. I want to avoid that."

— Dr. Jonathan Eddinger, NH Cardiologist



"This bill scares our members right down to their socks...while veterans are a relatively small portion of our population, we have a really, really outsized number when it comes to suicides."

— Kevin Crady, NH State Veterans Advisory Committee



"Our residents often state that they do not want to be a burden on their families. This will influence their decision without a doubt."

— Brenda Buttrick, NH Nursing Home Administrator



"If teens with depression and suicidal thoughts start seeing family members and friends...committing suicide...and they see that this is being morally accepted...they will see no issue with attempting suicide."

— Peter Hogan, NHH High School Student



"Disability is not a fate worse than death. All of the national disability organizations oppose assisted suicide laws."

— Forrest Beaudoin, NH Resident and Advocate



ACT TODAY TO STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE FROM BECOMING LAW IN NEW HAMPSHIRE!

For more information, visit: catholicnh.org/nosulcide



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