



SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH

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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."

- Jn 13:33a, 34a

May 18, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00am to Noon

And in the afternoons by appointment

Pastor: Rev 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**



Catholic Charities Online Dementia Support Group

Are you caring for a loved one with dementia or memory loss? Catholic Charities NH is here to support you with our upcoming "Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia" online support group. This five-week series, starting on **Thursday, May 22**, offers a compassionate environment where you can gather valuable insights about dementia care, discover practical tools to improve your loved one's quality of life, and connect with others facing similar challenges. There is no cost to attend. For more details or to sign up, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia, call Louise at 603-752-1325, ext. 4573, or email lmorneau@nh-cc.org.

Food Pantry

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the **St Anselm students** who volunteered their time to our food pantry this academic year. We are now looking for volunteers to help throughout the summer on Monday evenings and hope you consider signing up: <https://volunteersignup.org/TH4PL>



We also want to thank those who continue to leave food donations in the back of the church. We welcome donations of non-perishable items, especially peanut butter, rice and cereal. Thank you!
Stephanie & the Food Pantry Team

And the food pantry is always looking for **volunteers throughout the year 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!



NH Catholic Appeal 2025

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of last week, our parishioners have raised **\$10,675** toward our goal of **\$34,026.00**. 90% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

The Joy of God's Creation is a young adult retreat offered at **St. Anselm Abbey** from **Friday, May 30th through Sunday, June 1st, 2025**. Financial assistance is available. For information email Fr. Rory at rtraynor@rcbm.org

The Parish Offertory will be listed once a month summarizing the previous month's offertory and expenses.



The Food Pantry numbers for this week will be printed in an upcoming bulletin.

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Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

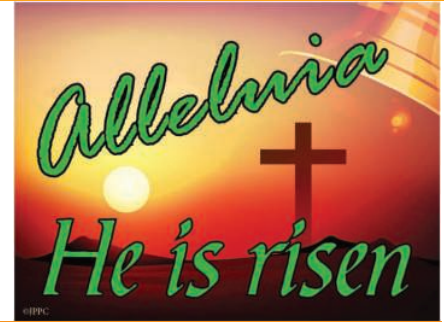
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, May 17~ Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Jack & Joanne North by Paul & Mary Dery

Sunday, May 18~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am: +Jack Healy by the family

9:30am: Our Parish Family

5:00pm: +Pope Francis

Monday, May 19~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Virginia Flens by Malachy McCarthy

Tuesday, May 20~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Amber Enright by Ronnie Schlender

Wednesday, May 21~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Pope Francis

Thursday, May 22~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: Vocations

Friday, May 23~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Carmelle LaRochelle

Saturday, May 24~ Sixth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)

4:00pm: Our Parish Family

Sunday, May 25~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am: +Jack Healy by the family

9:30am: +Donald Lagerquist by the family

5:00pm: +John Smedile

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18

Monday, May 19

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, May 20

11:30pm Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

Wednesday, May 21

9:40 to 12:40am Eucharistic Pilgrimage (Church)

Thursday, May 22

7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

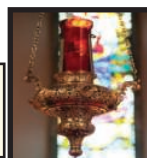
Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

Sunday, May 25

Considering a Vocation?

"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmar-tel@rcbm.org.



*The sanctuary candle burns
this week for
+The Bissonnette & Carignan Deceased
by Kathy & Armand Carignan*

Our Parish Facebook Page

Be sure to check out all the parish information posted there.

May 18, 2025 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

April Contributions & Expenses

Mass Intentions & Sanctuary Candle

APRIL 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS & EXPENSES	
CONTRIBUTIONS	
Weekly Offerings	\$15,482.78
Stewardship	\$2,613.00
Holy Day/Easter	\$9,060.00
On-line offerings (total)	\$7,891.81
Other Offerings - candles, flowers, food pantry, Mass intentions, stole fees, etc.	\$5,682.55
Shared services (SBA)	\$5,606.06
Total	\$46,336.20
Deposits to reserve/future account	\$10.17 (interest)
EXPENSES	
April 2025	\$36,170.07
Fiscal Year to date monthly average	\$36,385.15

Why do we have Mass intentions? When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so he asks God to apply special graces from God to that person or intention. The Mass Intention book is open for **2025 & 2026** Masses. There is an offering of \$10 for each Mass.

May Fight Hunger Bag Program

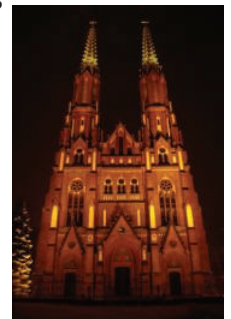
During the month of May the Saint Raphael Food Pantry has been selected again as a non-profit partner in the **Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program**. The food pantry will receive \$1 for each reusable Fight Hunger bag sold in **May** at the **201 John Devine Drive Manchester** store.



Raffle Supporting St. Gianna's Place

Take a chance on a raffle for you and a guest to join Fr. Volney DeRosia on a pilgrimage to the holy shrines of Poland! Travel dates are **September 29 thru October 8, 2025** and will include visits to Czestochowa, where the portrait of the Black Madonna resides, and Wadowice, the location of the church that Pope John Paul II attended as a child. Additionally, pilgrims will pray before the miraculous image of the Divine Mercy and in the chapel that holds St. Faustina's tomb. The trip also features a stop at Auschwitz, and visits to other religious and historical landmarks.

Tickets can be purchased for \$35 each or three tickets for \$100. **Please note that the tickets bought online will not be mailed to you.** We will fill out tickets on your behalf and they will be added to the raffle. The winning ticket will drawn on **May 22, 2025** at our [annual fund-raising banquet](#). You do not have to be present to win. For complete travel information, please call Celeste at St. Gianna's Place (603) 521-8440.



St Benedict Academy

Saint Benedict Academy (Pre-K-6)

85 Third Street, Manchester, NH

Principal: Tanya Paiva

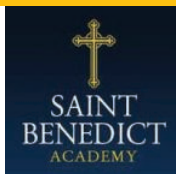
Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

May 26th No School Memorial Day

May 30th -SBA Golf Tournament Stonebridge Country Club

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, Jenna Harrington, Cindy Kenny, Amy Lesniak, Fr. Tom McGann, Jake Richards, Kitty B. Rene, 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.

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**BISHOP LIBASCI INVITES ALL THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL
TO PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL
JUBILEE YEAR 2025 NEW HAMPSHIRE
EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE!**

For 33 days, from May 18 through June 19, 2025, our Eucharistic Lord will be prayerfully processed throughout the Diocese – which encompasses the entire State of New Hampshire – stopping at every parish and Catholic school.

The NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage will stop here on:

May 21, 2025 @ 11:00am

Join us for Adoration at 11am, followed by Mass at noon and lunch at 12:40pm. All are invited and welcome! If you are able to volunteer & help, please call our parish office at 603.623.2604.

For more information about the New Hampshire Eucharistic Pilgrimage, including Bishop Libasci's decree promulgating the Jubilee Year of Hope and the plenary indulgence provided for participation in the pilgrimage, visit www.catholicnh.org/nhjubilee!

The NH Eucharistic Pilgrimage is generously sponsored by the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal and St. Thomas Aquinas High School.



Byron Igles, Treasurer



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