

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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— LUKE 2:32 —

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

February 2, 2025 | The Presentation of the Lord

Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00am to Noon

And in the afternoons by appointment

Pastor: Father Anselm Smedile, OSB

Parish Phone: (603) 623-2604

E-Mail: SRP@st-raphael-parish.org

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



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 noontime Mass. Also, you may check WMUR for closing updates.



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.



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.



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

January 25-26, 2025

Regular Offertory	\$	3,308.00
Stewardship	\$	7.00
Holy Days	\$	35.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	882.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00

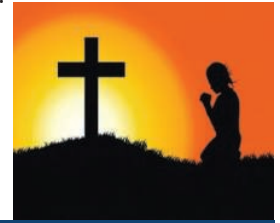


Our food pantry served **51** families on January 27th .

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Monday Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6
Thursday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 6:7-13
Friday Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Mk 6:14-29
Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Nelson Duquette** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on January 31st. For his soul and the soul of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 1~The Presentation of the Lord (Vigil)

4:00pm: Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 2~The Presentation of the Lord

7:30am: +Margaret & Edward Powers by Kevin & Chris Powers
9:30am: +John Kilroy (33rd Anniversary) by Diane Bolton
5:00pm: +Shane Gill by the family

Monday, February 3~Weekday

12:00pm: +Monica Celeste Morin (10th Anniversary) by Irene Morin

Tuesday, February 4~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Edna Desjardins by Dottie DeCotis

Wednesday, February 5~ St. Agatha, Virgin

12:00pm: +The Souls in Purgatory by the Pereira family

Thursday, February 6~ St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

12:00pm: +Deceased of the Nucefora family by the family

Friday, February 7~ Weekday

12:00pm +Deceased Benedictines

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: +Carololyn Root by Jay & Ann Cormier

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 1

5:15pm **SBA Spaghetti Supper (Parish Hall)**

Sunday, February 2

World Day for Consecrated Life

Monday, February 3

5:30am Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, February 4

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

Wednesday, February 5

Thursday, February 6

7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

Considering a Vocation?

"Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org.



The sanctuary candle burns this week for the protection of the unborn

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2025 Special Occasion Flower Memorials for the Altar

There are several dates throughout the year where we adorn the altar with flowers to celebrate a special liturgical Mass. 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. This is much like booking a mass intention, where one memorial will be intended for the flowers and does not include Easter and Christmas flowers where all parishioners are invited to dedicate Easter lilies and Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. The remaining dates available for 2025 are listed below.

April 17-Holy Thursday

November 1-All Saints/All Souls

May 29-Ascension of the Lord

November 23-Christ the King

June 22-Corpus Christi

Candlemas Day

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary and is observed 40 days after Christmas. The carrying of candles is a reminder that Jesus is near, that he is the light of the world.



Sanctuary Candle

Have you noticed that the **Sanctuary Candle** burns each week for deceased loved ones or for parishioners intentions? If you would like the candle to burn for someone special, please contact the parish office. There is an offering of \$10 suggested for each request.



Child Abuse Awareness

How to Report Suspected Abuse

If you know of or suspect abuse or neglect of a minor (a person under 18), you must report it to the NH Division for Children Youth and Families at 800-894-5533 or 603-271-6556.

If you are an employee or volunteer in the Catholic Church in New Hampshire, in addition to reporting to DCYF, if you know of or suspect sexual abuse of a minor by Church personnel you must also report it to:

- Local law enforcement and the Delegate for Ministerial Conduct if the abuse involves a minor
 - Delegate for Ministerial Conduct if the abuse involves a person who is no longer a minor
- Delegate for Ministerial Conduct 603-669-3100

St Benedict Academy

Saint Benedict Academy (Pre-K-6)

85 Third Street, Manchester, NH

Principal: Tanya Paiva

Contact: (603) 669-3932

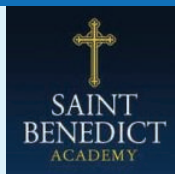
Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

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.**

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ASSISTED SUICIDE IS BACK

PLEASE ACT NOW!

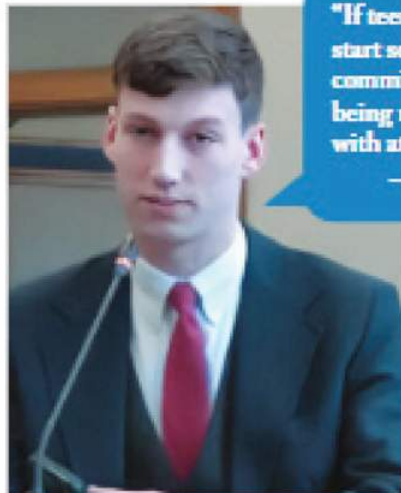
HB 254 is a bill pending before the NH Legislature that would legalize assisted suicide.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Call or write to the House Judiciary Committee to urge them to oppose this bill:
www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?id=5

Call or send letters to your own House members, regardless of whether they are on the Judiciary Committee. You can find out who they are by going to this link:
www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members

See the testimony of Granite Staters about the danger of legalizing assisted suicide



"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."
— *Pear Hogan, NH High School Student*

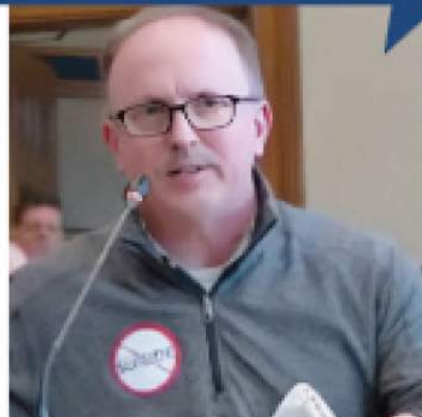
"Our residents often state that they do not want to be a burden on their families. This will influence their decision without a doubt."
— *Brenda Buttrick, NH Nursing Home Administrator*

"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*



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

— *Parrest Boudoin,
NH Resident and Advocate*



"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 Grady, NH State
Veterans Advisory Committee*

From NH House Judiciary Committee Hearing, February 7, 2024

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

For more information, visit: catholicnh.org/noassuicide



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