



Welcome to the Benedictine Catholic Community of

Saint Raphael Parish

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Amber Byron, Judy Costigan, Erin McCahon, Caresse Mailloux, Melanie Noonan, Cantors

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 9am to 12 pm; 1:30 to 4pm

DAILY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12 noon

Thursday: 8:30am

Friday: 6pm

WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 5pm

RECONCILIATION

'CONFESSION ON THE PORCH'

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 — 5pm.

Ring bell of front door rectory and take a seat on the bench to the left.

Founded in 1888, Saint Raphael is a Roman Catholic parish, confided to the care of the Benedictine monks of Saint Anselm Abbey, in the Diocese of Manchester. The first Benedictine foundation in New England, the parish is a tithing community, endeavoring to return to the Lord in time, treasure and talent some of the blessings He bestows upon us. The parish strives to return 10 percent, the biblical standard, of gifts it receives to outside charities.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAST WEEK *Collection***Weekend of June 28, 2020**

Regular Offertory	\$2,587.00
Loose Offertory	323.00
Online Offertory Prev Week	579.00
Mailed Envelopes	481.00
Total Offertory	\$3,970.00

Stewardship Make Up	\$ 82.50
Holy Day Make Up	\$ 5.00

Food Pantry	\$1,500.00
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Weekend of July 5, 2020

Regular Offertory	\$1,602.00
Loose Offertory	289.00
Online Offertory Prev Week	1,434.00
Mailed Envelopes	785.00
Total Offertory	\$4,110.00

Stewardship Make Up	\$ 85.00
Holy Day Make Up	\$ 20.00

Food Pantry	\$ 0.00
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Thank you to all who have continued to send in offertories and donations to support our parish expenses. We are very grateful.

LAST YEAR *Collection***Last Year Weekend of June 30, 2019**

Total Regular Offertory \$ 4,275.30

Last Year Weekend of July 7, 2019

Total Regular Offertory \$ 3,785.95



On Monday, June 29, the food pantry served **15** families and gave out **31** bags. On July 6, **18** families were served and **32** bags

were given out. **At this time, we are unable to take clothing donations. We are in need of: bar soap, Tuna Helper, laundry detergent, canned fruit, jar of marshmallow fluff, baked beans.**



The sanctuary candle burns this week for **✠Evangeline Breault by Florine Breault.**

Masses For The Week

Saturday	July 11	Saint Benedict
4:00 PM	✠The community of Saint Anselm Abbey	
Sunday	July 12	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	✠Henry Roy by Lionel & Lillian Coulon	
9:30 AM	Irene Tullgren (90th birthday) by Colleen Byrne	
5:00 PM	✠Our Parish Family	
Monday	July 13	Saint Henry
12:00 PM	✠Katherine Day Corriveau by P. Jerome	
Tuesday	July 14	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
12:00 PM	✠Claire Nicolas White by P. Jerome	
Wednesday	July 15	Saint Bonaventure
12:00 PM	✠Bill Fraser by Linda Beland	
Thursday	July 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
8:30 AM	✠Alfred K. Hobbs, Jr. by Cynthia Hobbs	
Friday	July 17	
6:00 PM	✠Eleanor B. Gagnon by Margaret-Ann Moran	
Saturday	July 18	Saint Camillus de Lellis
4:00 PM	✠Francis B. Kenney, Sr. (74th annivj) & ✠Mary C. Kenney by Anne Kenney	
Sunday	July 19	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	✠Donald J. Leclerc by Charlie & Esther Leclerc	
9:30 AM	Phil Beland (7th anniv) by Linda Beland	
5:00 PM	✠Our Parish Family	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of July 12, 2020

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



SUMMER HOURS The parish office will be closed on Fridays during the months of July and August.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Saint Benedict Academy (Pre-K—6): Brandy Houle, principal

Saint Joseph Regional Catholic School (7—8): Dawn Florino, principal

Holy Family Academy (7-12): Mark Gillis, head of school

Trinity High School (9-12): Steven F. Gadecki, principal

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July 12, 2020

NEWS & Events



WSRP News in Granite Square! Check out

WSRP News on our YouTube channel. Reaching Rome! Ireland and the U.K.! California! Chicago! Boynton Street! Pinardville! All segments of the show can be found on our YouTube channel, including edition #5.

The power of prayer!

PRAY FOR HEALING

Paul Barnes, Sue Beauchemin, Jeannine Cote, Lillie Duquette, Kathleen & Harold Eagan, Eric Featherman, Bertha Ladieu, Lou Marcello, Christine McMillan, Max Mendez, Kathy St. Pierre, Marcia Santos, Marie Sullivan, Vincent & Maddie Traynor.

If you or a loved one would like your name on the prayer list, please call Kerri Stanley at 623.2604, or email admin@st-raphael-parish.org. Please call each month to have the name put back on the list. Thank you!



Class of 2020! Congratulations from all of us at Saint Raphael to our graduates.

Do you have a college or high school graduate? We want to hear about them! Email info to admin@st-raphael-parish.org, so we can acknowledge them.



Per diocesan directive, all parishioners **MUST** wear a face mask in order to attend mass. We regret the inconvenience this may cause some people. If you are unable to comply, we are still live streaming our Sunday 9:30am Mass, which can be accessed via our YouTube channel and Facebook page. The face mask is an act of prudence and charity!



If you attend one of the weekend Masses and do so on a regular basis, please call Kerri at 623.2604 if you can assist with the disinfecting of pews following each Mass. **We especially need assistance at the 4pm masses.** Many hands make light work. We will provide the supplies and instructions for safe volunteering. Thank you!



Save the date! In light of the Corona Virus public health situation, it was necessary to postpone our Confirmation scheduled to take place on March 25.

The bishop is granting the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to pastors. Here at Saint Raphael, the **Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist** will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020 at 10am**. Families of candidates will be receiving further information.



Congratulations to **Ryan and Brooke (Walker)**

Rothhaus, who were married by P. Jerome, O.S.B., our pastor, last Saturday, July 4, at Saint Patrick Parish in Milford, NH.



eGiving ... Did you know you can use your credit card or electronic check to support the mission of Saint Raphael Parish? **This is especially helpful during this period**

and for anyone who is unable to resume attending mass in person due to health restrictions. Go to our website (www.st-raphael-parish.org) and click on the Giving button. In a few minutes, you can be sure that your gift will work every day of the year to help your parish.

COVID-19 SAFETY For health authority recommendations, we have removed the hymnals, missalettes and prayer cards from the church pews. If you would like to access the mass readings both during the week and weekend -- please go to the home page of the **National Conference of Catholic Bishops** at <http://www.usccb.org/about/> Then follow the prompts to **Bible**, then to **Daily Readings**. If you would like to purchase a Missalette, for \$2 please call the office. You would be asked to keep this and bring it with you to and from mass.



Suicide Prevention Lifeline

If you or someone you know struggles with suicidal thoughts, you can call the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **800-273-TALK (8255)** any time of day or night.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 10-11

This passage, which closes the so-called "Book of Comfort," finds us hearing the Lord make a proclamation about how His Word operates. It never fails in attaining His purpose(s).

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23

Through the Holy Spirit, we as Christians become God's children, destined for eternal glory living with Him.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23, or 13:1-9

Jesus makes a definite appeal to a rural audience of workers. His parable of the sower contains an invitation to all His past and present hearers to reflect on it and make a self-application.

"...the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word". Ask in prayer to know your vocation! If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Matthew Mason 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.

Please note that the **Sunday masses on July 19 and 26 will not be livestreamed here at Saint Raphael.** You can access the Saint Anselm Abbey streamed masses at www.saintanselmabbey.org and click on the Abbey's Livestream Mass link. Or, check the diocesan list of live streams at www.catholicnh.org.

"THIRSTING FOR GOD?" Do you know someone not baptized? ...or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting to know what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but who has not yet received Confirmation and/or Communion who feels they are being called to do so now? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Please call the rectory at 623.2604 or email admin@st-raphael-parish.org



Catholic Charities NH: Supporting Our Neighbors in Crisis 75 Years

Whether isolated seniors, homeless and struggling veterans, families facing chronic hardship or individuals searching for ways to cope in the "new norm" of life, Catholic Charities NH remains steadfast in our commitment to be there for those who need us most – especially in times of crisis like these. Our programs remain fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Saint Raphael's goal is **\$30,000**. We prayerfully ask for your support to continue to help your neighbors facing difficulties, we encourage you to make a gift today: cc-nh.org/everything. You may also mail your gift to CCNH, PO Box 9510, Manchester, NH 03108-9510. Envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church.

BISHOP'S CHARITABLE ASSISTANCE FUND AWARDS \$102,000 TO NH ORGANIZATIONS HELPING WITH THE COVID-19 CRISIS The Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund (BCAF) announced the distribution of \$102,000 in grants to twenty-seven not-for-profit organizations in New Hampshire, providing support for poor and disadvantaged people struggling to afford basic needs such as food, shelter, and health care during the current public health emergency. The \$102,000 total, approximately three times the amount awarded in a typical quarter, was given under temporary grant-making guidelines that directed funds to organizations directly involved in the response to COVID-19, an effort known as the Bishop's Crisis Relief Emergency Fund. "Many New Hampshire families are grappling right now with hardships caused by the COVID-19 crisis and we wanted to do what we could to help," said the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester. "These grants enable us to help meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged by providing assistance in the most basic needs of buying food, maintaining household expenses, and meeting the spiritual and psychological needs of individuals and families." The BCAF accepts applications from qualified 501 (c) 3 organizations in New Hampshire, without regard to religious affiliation, for projects that help people meet their basic needs. The BCAF is operated by a volunteer lay board of directors who make recommendations to the Bishop of Manchester for grants to organizations whose mission is consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and who meet the other grant guidelines. The Fund raises money through donations from individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations. During the past year, more than \$234,500 has been distributed to 62 organizations. "We have contributors from all over the state and from many different faiths all joining in this effort that enables the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to respond to calls for assistance to meet basic needs," said Thomas Farrelly, chair of the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund. "We are planning another fundraising campaign this summer so we can continue to help our neighbors in New Hampshire." If you would like to learn more, or to contribute to the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund, please visit www.catholicnh.org/bcaf. If you would like to mail a donation, please make the check out to the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund (BCAF), 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03014. For more information, contact the Diocese of Manchester, Office of Development, at 603-669-3100 ext. 166 or menglish@rcbm.org.

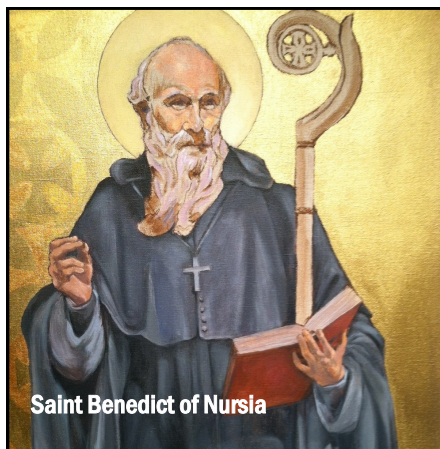
Saint Benedict's wisdom on discipline, forgiveness in a time of conflict

In every **human community** – a family, a classroom, a neighborhood, a business, a hospital ward or a military unit – some people **screw up**. Others defy, lie, bamboozle, forge, intimidate, disobey, disrespect, harm and hurt. Surprisingly, many of them are sorry, either immediately or soon after.

Offenders see the consequences of what they have done or failed to do. They responded out of emotion rather than reason. They simply may have had a bad day. A monastery is no different, because, of course, the human condition is no different. But a monastic community usually has mechanisms to handle problems, and happily they are **rooted in the wisdom, insight and compassion of Saint Benedict of Nursia (480-547)**. Our modern world, where so much conflict and confrontation occurs, could learn some valuable lessons – those of us who seek to be sons and daughters of Saint Benedict through profession of vows certainly would be happier if we remembered the importance of the approach Saint Benedict takes to the **humble acknowledgement of fault**.

In his *Holy Rule*, Benedict clearly pulls the veil back on any illusion that a monastic community is a perfect society. Whether its members are the sons of aristocrats or farmers, merchants or craftsmen, artists or academics, woodsmen or fishermen, they all enter the monastery to serve the King of Heaven under the *Rule* and an abbot. To guide both monastic superiors and members, the *Rule* makes clear that infractions of regulations, customs and traditions, disputes among brothers and defiance of those with responsibility require attention. In most cases, **simple admonitions** – the proverbial “word to the wise” – are sufficient. When necessary, however, the *Rule* can impose isolation and, most serious of all, expulsion. Upon inspection, **monastic discipline is rooted in love of God and the brothers such that every life, every soul matters – and matters eternally**.

A good place to start is Chapter 19, when Saint Benedict reminds all monks that when they sing the psalms in praise of the Lord, as they are called to do throughout each day, they should remember, “We believe that **the divine presence is everywhere** and ‘that in every place the eyes of the Lord are watching the good and the wicked’ (Proverbs 15:3). ... Let us consider, then, how we ought to behave in the presence of God and his angels, and let us stand to sing the psalms in such a way that our minds are in harmony with our voices.” Most men and women find it easy to be **carried away by the moment**. We forget that God sees and knows, that we are accountable for our actions and that we



frequently run our mouths without much consideration for the impact of our words.

In Chapter 57, the *Rule* counsels the artisans of the monastery – and many abbeys to this day have highly talented and respected artists, craftsmen and laborers, as well as teachers, doctors, economists and lawyers, that “they are to practice their craft with all humility” and “only with the abbot’s permission.” Moreover, if “one of them becomes **puffed up by his skillfulness** in his craft, and feels he is conferring something on the monastery, he is to be removed from practicing his craft and not allowed to resume it unless, after manifesting his humility, he is so ordered by the abbot.” The **speed of reproof** is obvious, but we should note the possibility of a return to craftwork if the monk expresses sorrow for his pride and makes real a humble demeanor. In the **cutthroat world of 21st Century competition**, Benedict’s attitude toward work provides a necessary correction.

The monastery “cellarer” is akin to a quartermaster and treasurer. He has responsibility for the physical goods and other assets of the monastery. It is to the cellarer that monks go when they need something. In Chapter 31, Benedict cautions that a cellarer often receives “unreasonable demands” or requests for supplies that “are not available.” He “should not annoy the brothers,” but rather **greet every request with a “kind word.”**

Because the cellarer cuts a wide path in the monastery, he must be “wise, mature in conduct, temperate, not an excessive eater, not proud, excitable, offensive, dilatory or wasteful, but God-fearing, and **like a father to the whole community**.” He is to be humble, “do everything in moderation,” and keep to the abbot’s orders in a timely and proper fashion. Not only are the monks his concern, but also those who depend upon the monastery for assistance.

One of the *Rule*’s most stern sections, Chapter 23, deals with **excommunication for faults**. When a member of the commu-

nity is stubborn, disobedient or proud, if he foments discord, “despises the *Holy Rule* and defies the orders of his seniors,” he should be warned twice privately.” If he persists, he should be rebuked publicly before all. If he continues in his refractory ways, only then should he be dismissed from the common life – and that can only happen if he understands the nature of his punishment. Otherwise, he should be subject to corporal punishment, something common in the early centuries of the 1,500-year *Rule of Saint Benedict* but now normed by both **Church and civil law**, as well as developed psychological insights.

Chapters 24-30 continue the discussion of discipline for continued faults, but throughout repeatedly the abbot is advised to use reason, persuasion, appeals to Scripture and reminders of the presence of God to motivate change. “It is the abbot’s responsibility to have great concern and to act with all speed, discernment and diligence in order **not to lose any of the sheep entrusted to him**. He should realize that he has undertaken care of the sick, not tyranny over the healthy. ... He is to imitate the example of **the Good Shepherd**, who left the 99 sheep in the mountains and went in search of the one sheep that had strayed. So great was his compassion for its weakness that he mercifully placed it on his sacred shoulders and so carried it back to the flock.” Still if a brother is so disruptive that he begins to infect others, Saint Benedict, with great sorrow, acknowledges that the offender must depart. Yet Benedict adds a passage that even a monk who has left the monastery “following his own evil ways” **may be readmitted up to three times!** Over and over again, Saint Benedict, often thought to be so stern, opens his arms in welcome, forgiveness and fellowship.

Finally, Chapter 71 affords Saint Benedict to introduce **the concept of “mutual obedience.”** Certainly, the orders of the abbot and other superiors take precedence, but monks must endeavor to support each other. “In every other instance, younger monks should obey their seniors with all love and concern. Anyone found objecting to this should be reproofed.” Moreover, whenever a dispute arises, or the impression develops that a monk is disturbed one’s actions, words or attitudes, the *Rule* summons the younger monk to make **immediate and humble satisfaction** “until the disturbance is **calmed by a blessing**.”

What a difference our world and our lives would feel if each of us could adopt and adapt Saint Benedict’s insights from 15 centuries ago to our own mutual relations! How radiantly would Christ’s light shine! ◀ © Rev. Jerome J. Day, O.S.B.