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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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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
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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



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 March 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 **7 Kilton Road Bedford** store.



Parish Offertory

February 22-23, 2025

Regular Offertory	\$	2,804.00
Stewardship	\$	72.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,082.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$	25.00

February 15-16, 2025

Regular Offertory	\$	2,295.00
Stewardship	\$	148.00
Holy Day	\$	10.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,082.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00



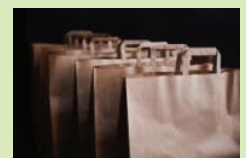
SRP Book Club

Please join the parish book group on March 15 at 10:30 for a discussion of Maggie O'Farrell's ***The Marriage Portrait***. Part historical fiction, part mystery, the novel takes us to Renaissance Italy to delve into the story of Lucrezia di Cosimo de' Medici, who marries at 15 and ends up dead within a year. Readers are asked to acquire their own copies of the novel. For assistance please contact Ann-Maria Contarino at acontari@anselm.edu.



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!



Our food pantry served **42** families on Monday, February 24th.

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Monday Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25
Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Richard Fudala** whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, February 19th. And please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Trottier** whose Funeral Service was celebrated on February 20th. For their souls and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen..



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 1~Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 2~Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Jim Untiet by Lillian & Lionel Coulon

9:30am: +Claude Morin by Diane Bolton

5:00pm: +Wally Schlender by Ronnie Schlender

Monday, March 3~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Souls in Purgatory by Marge Gosselin

Tuesday, March 4~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Kevin O'Connor by the family

Wednesday, March 5~ Ash Wednesday

12:00pm: +Deceased members of the Lally family by Margaret-Ann Moran

6:30pm : Our Parish Family

Thursday, March 6~ Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12:00pm: +Deceased members of the Handy & Brunelle family by Greg Handy

Friday, March 7~ Friday after Ash Wednesday

12:00pm +Irene M. Proulx by Margaret-Ann Moran

Saturday, March 8~First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: Past Grand Marshall Parishioners by the St. Patrick's Parade Committee

Sunday, March 9~First Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: +Margaret McGettigan (8th Anniversary) by Diane Bolton

5:00pm: +Claude Morin by Eileen Smith

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, March 1

10:00am Women's Fellowship (Church Conference Room)

Sunday, March 2

Monday, March 3

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, March 4

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

Wednesday, March 5

Thursday, March 6

12:40pm St. Luke Book Group (Church Conference Room)

7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

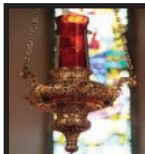
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Sunday, March 9

Considering a Vocation?

"Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life." Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org.



*The sanctuary candle burns
this week for
+Sue Griffin
By Linda Beland*

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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.



Dear & Glorious Physician

A Novel About Saint Luke

During the six weeks of Lent, we will meet once each week to discuss an assigned section of Taylor Caldwell's novel



about the life and ministry of Saint Luke: *Dear & Glorious Physician*. Books are available online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Soup, bread and a light dessert will be available.

Please note: Participants are asked to read Chapters 1-7 before the first session on March 6th.

Thursdays at 12:30pm
March 6th—April 10th
Church Conference Room
Questions and to RSVP
contact the Parish Office
603.623.2604

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9th.



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

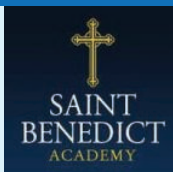
Principal: Tanya Paiva

Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

March 20-21—No School—Professional Development Days

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



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



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, 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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Living the Faith

JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS: BISHOP RICKEN OFFERS 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hot dogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends, and coworkers."

5. It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but

it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering, or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on the Cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



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