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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

March 3, 2024 | Third 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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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 Flower Memorials

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



Mother Cabrini Movie

A movie depicting the life of **Saint Frances Cabrini** will be showed in theaters for **one day only** on Friday, **March 8th**. It is a stirring story of a catholic sister determined to fight for the equality, health and happiness of immigrant orphans. AMC Classic in Londonderry and Regal in Concord are the theaters where the movie will be shown. Tickets must be purchased in advance of the showing.

March Book Please join the parish book group for a discussion of Kristin Hannah's new release, **The Women**. This novel traces the coming of age story of a young protagonist while celebrating the heroism of the nurses who served in Vietnam. To register and to receive discussion materials, please contact Ann-Maria Contarino at acon-tari@anselm.edu.



Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) offered every Tuesday during Lent from 12:45 to 1:15pm February 20-March 26th in the Chapel.

SAVE THE DATE!! SRP Parish Clean Up Day

March 23rd from 8am to 9:30am
Coffee & Donuts starting at 7:40am

Correction

The Mass Intention for Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 4:00pm was requested by Brent Maynard. (It was mistaken listed as by Frank Maynard.) The Mass was for the late Ursula Plückhahn.

Parish Offertory

February 24-25, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	3,424.00
Stewardship	\$	2.00
Holy Day	\$	115.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	2,217.00
Food Pantry	\$	155.00



Food Pantry

Our current food pantry needs are for **canned goods** for our neighbors. Please drop off donations either in the entryway of the Church or at the Rectory during office hours.



The food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, February 26th** and served **36** families, including **41** children, **73** adults, and **8** new families.

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Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14
Sunday 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Dufour** whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on March 4th. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Estelle Wilcox** whose Funeral Service was celebrated last week. May they rest in peace.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, March 2 ~ Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Francis B. Kenney Jr (59th Anniversary) & his wife Joan
by Anne Kenney

Sunday, March 3 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Our Parish Family
9:30am: +Christine McMillan by John & Shauna Ryan
5:00pm: +Deceased members of the Boisvert Family by Jaye Soderberg

Monday, March 4 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Frank Giacoumis by Eileen Smith

Tuesday, March 5 ~ Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, March 6 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Edna Desjardins by Dottie DeCotis

Thursday, March 7 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: Vocations

Friday, March 8 ~ Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Gloria Murphy by Chris & Kevin Powers

Saturday, March 9 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Dorothy & Robert Collins by Chris & Kevin Powers

Sunday, March 10 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30am: +Arlene Ackerson by Dottie DeCotis
9:30am: +Margaret McGettign (7th Anniversary) by Diane Bolton
5:00pm: +Gerard & Madeleine Morin by the Family

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, March 2

9:00am Women's Fellowship (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 3

Monday, March 4

5:30pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, March 5

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)
12:45pm Lectio Divina—Sacred Reading (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

12:45pm The Chosen (Church Conference Room)
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 8

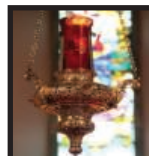
12:30pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 9

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Chapel)

Considering a Vocation?

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. 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
+Jack McGrath*

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Saint Benedict Academy

Catholic Schools

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March 15th-No School Professional Development

Day

March 29th-April 1 Easter Break



The Benedictine Corner - Lectio Divina

Directly translated, Lectio Divina means divine or **sacred reading**. It includes reading, reflecting, responding to and resting in the Word of God - not in a scholarly way, but simply to nourish and deepen our own relationship with the Divine.

Lectio Divina is an important element of Benedictine life. St. Benedict considered lectio so vital to his spirituality and the monastic life that he wrote it into his Rule as something to be practiced several hours daily. Through lectio we can meet God in his word if we are present to God and deeply listening. In lectio God can speak to us directly, one-to-one, as a friend, as one who loves us. (Reaching for God, The Benedictine Oblate Way of Life by Roberta Werner, OSB).

The text can serve "as a mirror that brings inner realities to consciousness....In lectio the intention is affective not cognitive, it is a work of heart that desires to make contact with God and, thereby; to reform our lives." (Michael Casey, "The Art of Lectio Divina," *The Benedictine Handbook*, ed. Anthony Marietta-Crosby).

We read in the Letter to the Hebrews, "The Word of God is living and active" (Heb 4:12). This brief affirmation contains the basic convictions with which we should place ourselves before and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures. In the first place, the Word of God is living. It is not a dead letter. Quite the contrary. It is a living Word addressed to us today. Our task is above all to allow the Word to speak to us, to permit it to make us ever more open and sensitive to its message, to learn the "art of hearing"...Second, along with being living, the Word of God is active. Active in the fullest sense of the word: transformative. The Word of God is not satisfied with communicating information, insight, feelings, or even religious experiences to us - although it does communicate all of these. Its intention is to recreate us. ...I think this is what Jesus wishes to convey when he says that his words are "spirit and life." They infuse God's being and love and holiness into us and little by little turn us into new creatures. ...The name of this approach - *lectio divina* - has become fairly well known in recent years. It is how monks describe their meditation of the Scriptures. It means "divine reading" - both in the sense that the content of what is read is divine and in the sense that the activity itself is divine. God speaking and I listening to him, God acting within my hearing so that I can grasp and assimilate and in a certain way become what I am reading. (Truly Seeking God, Bernard Bonowitz, OCSO)

More on how to pray *Lectio Divina* next week.



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:

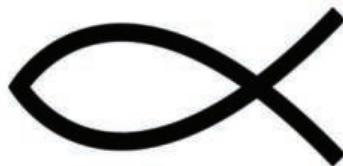
Saint Raphael Church

The next episode is **Thursday, March 7th** after the noon Mass.

We will be showing "**The CHOSEN**," Season One There will be time for reflection and discussion each week based on the episode watched.

There is no fee for attending, though a free will offering is welcome to offset the cost of a light lunch.

To register call the parish office :603-623-2604



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.



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.**

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Parish Pancake Breakfast

*Please join us for a
Pancake Breakfast
On Sunday, March 17th
Following the 9:30am Mass
Saint Raphael Parish Hall*

*The IHOP breakfast includes
buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs,
potatoes, and
a choice of bacon or sausage .*

*The cost is \$10 per person and tickets will be on
sale after the weekend Masses on
March 2-3rd & March 10-11th*

*Tickets must be purchased by
March 11th. No tickets will
be sold at the door.*



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