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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

May 12, 2024 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

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



Altar Flowers

The altar flower display for Ascension Thursday was the gift of William Paris in memory of Linda Paris.



SRP Book Group

May Book Club Please join the parish book group on **May 18th** for a discussion of Deb Spera's book **Call Your Daughter Home**. This extraordinary historical debut novel follows three fierce Southern women in an unforgettable story of motherhood and womanhood. To register and to receive discussion materials, please contact Ann -Maria Contarino at acontari@anselm.edu.



Mother's Day



The altar flower display for Mother's Day is the gift of the Cashin & Venne Families wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day!



Food Pantry

Our current food pantry needs are for **canned goods and cereal** for our neighbors. Please drop off donations either in the entryway of the Church or at the Rectory during office hours. **Please do not donate expired food items. Thank you!**



Parish Offertory

May 4-5, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	4,501.00
Stewardship	\$	240.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	857.00
Holy Day	\$	105.00
Food Pantry	\$	50.00



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.



The food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, May 6th** and served **36 families**, including **6 new families, 57 children, 82 adults, 9 senior, and 9 volunteers.**

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Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5, 7 Jn 21:20-25
Sunday Vigil Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39
Sunday Day Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Charlene Zinis whose
Funeral Mass was
celebrated at Saint
Raphael on Satur-
day May 4th.



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, May 11 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00pm: +Frank Connolly by the Family

Sunday, May 12 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30am: Our Parish Family
9:30am: Mothers & Grandmothers of St. Raphael Parish
5:00pm: +Cornelia Callahan by Margaret-Ann Moran

Monday, May 13 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Wally Schlender by Ronnie Schlender

Tuesday, May 14 ~ Saint Matthias, Apostle

12:00pm: +Margie Kirby by Kathy Toomey

Wednesday, May 15 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Michael Lavoie by Bob LaRochelle

Thursday, May 16 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Jack Byrne by Colleen Byrne

Friday, May 17 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Deceased Benedictines

Saturday, May 18 ~ Pentecost Vigil

4:00pm: +Bob McGrail by Sue McGrail

Sunday, May 19 ~ Pentecost Sunday

7:30am: The Intentions of Lori Savariase by Kathy Gunther
9:30am: +James (Skip) Boselli by Diane Bolton
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, May 11

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Chapel)

Sunday, May 12

Monday, May 13

5:30pm Food Pantry

Tuesday, May 14

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)

Wednesday, May 15

12:30pm Month of May Rosary after the Noon Mass
6:00pm Young Peoples AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, May 16

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

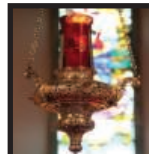
Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

10:30am SRP Book Group (Parish Hall)
3:30pm Month of May Rosary

Considering a Vocation?

"As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, 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 the
Tardif, O'Donnell & Dupere Mothers
by Judy & Bill Dupere

May 12, 2024 | Seventh Sunday of Easter

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**. As of today, we have raised \$1,600 towards our parish goal of **\$46,105**. 100% 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 you can 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 in order to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.



Thinking about the Ascension

Our own lived experience can perhaps help us to understand the mystery of the feast which we celebrate...by allowing us to empathize with the bereft and confused disciples, who had just begun to get used to the change brought by the resurrection and now were thrown yet another change: a painful yet necessary one. For to really grasp the full meaning of the **resurrection** of Jesus, the **ascension** is necessary. Though to “rise from the dead” was a stupendous event, in itself Jesus was not the only one who experienced it — so did the daughter of Jairus, so did Lazarus and so did the son of the widow of Naim — but they still walked this earth. The ascension is the moment of passage from this earth to heaven. The enthronement of Jesus at the right hand of the Father is the final step in the glorification process that began with the resurrection from the dead on Easter morning.

This new event stretches the minds of the disciples (as well as our own minds) from preoccupation with the kingdom of this world to that of heavenly glory.... The disciples were still expecting Jesus to bring about the earthly kingdom. By being taken up from among them, he made clear by His actions the words he had spoken several weeks earlier in answer to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world.”

The real wonder we celebrate ... is that not only is Christ lifted up into glory but that we too are lifted up into glory — not to a **place**, but to a **presence**. We don't know what heaven is like or even where it is — only that it is beyond the reach of our imagination. Furthermore, we don't need to know, for heaven isn't about “what” or “where”; it's about “**with whom**.” It's about presence.... Jesus comes to you now, swiftly and silently as you unite in fervent prayer, in expectation of His Spirit whose presence gives life and whose gift is **peace**.

— Abbot Matthew Leavy OSB

Baby Bottle Drive

SRP Respect Life Committee

The St. Raphael Respect Life Committee is sponsoring it's **13th Annual Baby Bottle fundraiser** to benefit **Real Options a Pregnancy Help Services— A Care Net Center**.

Bottles will be available for distribution at the entrance of the church.

Fill the bottle with loose change—

Your change will change lives.

Please limit bottles to one per family & return your bottle on or before

Father's Day Weekend

June 16/17, 2024

Please make any checks out to “Real Options”



Our Parish Facebook Page

Be sure to check out all the parish information posted

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, 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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LET US CELEBRATE

“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

All are welcome to attend the celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion of four of our Faith Formation students! All are welcome to this celebration, which will take place on:

Friday, May 24th, 2024 at 6:00pm
Saint Raphael Parish Church

Please join us for this special celebration!

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