



## SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH

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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

May 5, 2024 | Sixth 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



New Hampshire Catholic Appeal 2024

We thank all who made their gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at [www.catholicnh.org/nhca](http://www.catholicnh.org/nhca) or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.



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](mailto:acontari@anselm.edu).



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

April 27-28, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	4,460.00
Stewardship	\$	385.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,017.00



The food pantry numbers for Monday April 29th will be noted in the next bulletin.

## May 5, 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Monday** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a  
**Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11  
**Wednesday** Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15  
**Thursday** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20  
**Friday** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23  
**Saturday** Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:23b-28  
**Sunday** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11b-19



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Saturday, May 4 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00pm: Our Parish Family

#### Sunday, May 5 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30am: The Intentions of Amelia Benedict by Malachy McCarthy  
9:30am: +Deceased of the Lally Family by Margaret-Ann Moran  
5:00pm: +John Byrne by Sheila & Patrick O'Brien

#### Monday, May 6 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +John Byrne by Eileen Smith

#### Tuesday, May 7 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Estelle Wilcox by Linda Beland

#### Wednesday, May 8 ~ Easter Weekday

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

#### Thursday, May 9 ~ Ascension of the Lord

12:00pm: +Leda Rene (47th Anniversary) by Ron Rene  
6:30pm: Our Parish Family

#### Friday, May 10 ~ Easter Weekday

12:00pm: +Bert & Irene Coulon by Lillian & Lionel Coulon

#### Saturday, May 11 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00pm: +Frank Connolly by the Family

#### Sunday, May 5 ~ 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

### Parish Event Calendar

#### Saturday, May 4

#### Sunday, May 5

#### Monday, May 6

5:30pm Food Pantry

#### Tuesday, May 7

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church Conference Room)  
12:30pm Stroke Prevention Presentation (Chapel)

#### Wednesday, May 8

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

#### Thursday, May 9

7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

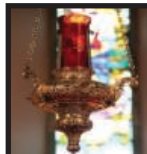
#### Friday, May 10

#### Saturday, May 11

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Chapel)

### Considering a Vocation?

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or [mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org).



The sanctuary candle burns this week  
for the

+Deceased of the Carignan & Bissonnette  
Families by Armand & Kathy Carignan

## May 5, 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Saint Benedict Academy

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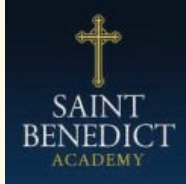
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May 27th—No School—Memorial Day

**May 31st-SBA Annual Golf Tour** Registration is now open for our 5th Annual Golf Tournament, taking place on May 31st! Last year we sold out early, so sign up soon! We are looking for both sponsors and golfers. More information and registration check the SBA website.



### The Mystery of the Ascension

The Ascension must always remain a mystery, for it attempts to put into words what is beyond words and to describe what is beyond description. But that something such should happen was essential. It was unthinkable that the appearances of Jesus should grow fewer and fewer until finally they petered out. That would have effectively wrecked the faith of men. There had to come a day of dividing when the Jesus of earth finally became the Christ of heaven. But to the disciples the ascension was obviously three things.

- (1) It was **an ending**. The days when their faith was faith in a flesh and blood person and depended on his flesh and blood presence were over. Now they were linked to someone who was forever independent of space and time.
- (2) Equally it was **a beginning**. The disciples did not leave the scene heart-broken; they left it with great joy, because now they knew that they had a Master from whom nothing could separate them any more....”I am sure,” said Paul, “that nothing-nothing in life or death— can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38,39.)
- (3) Further, the Ascension gave the disciples the certainty that they had **a friend, not only on earth, but in heaven**. Surely it is the most precious thing of all to know that in heaven there awaits us that self-same Jesus who on earth was wonderous kind. To die is not to go out into the dark; it is to go to him.

### Caring for Loved Ones

#### Catholic Charities of NH Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia Support Group

Are you navigating the challenges of caring for someone with dementia? Catholic Charities NH invites you to our upcoming online support group, "**Caring for Loved Ones with Dementia**," starting Tuesday, June 11. Join us each week from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a five-week series that provides a compassionate space to connect with others in similar situations. Gain valuable insights into dementia care and access practical tools to enhance the quality of life for your loved ones. Participation is free. For more details or to sign up, visit [www.cc-nh.org/dementia](http://www.cc-nh.org/dementia), call Louise at 603-752-1325, ext. 4573, or email [lmorneau@nh-cc.org](mailto:lmorneau@nh-cc.org).

### 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 for each request.



#### Our Parish Facebook Page

Be sure to check out all the parish information posted

So they went back to Jerusalem, and they were continually in the Temple praising God. It is not by accident that Luke’s gospel ends where it began—I the house of God.—William Barclay, *Daily Study Bible*



**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](mailto:SRP@st-raphael-parish.org). Call each month to renew the listing.**

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**Father's Day Weekend**

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