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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

## **7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey**

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

## February 23, 2025 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
9:00am to Noon

And in the afternoons by appointment

**Pastor:** Father Anselm Smedile, OSB

**Parish Phone:** (603) 623-2604

**E-Mail:** [SRP@st-raphael-parish.org](mailto:SRP@st-raphael-parish.org)

#### Address

103 Walker Street  
Manchester, NH 03102

### 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 February** 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 **605 Mast Road Hannaford** store.



### 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 Con-tarino at [acontari@anselm.edu](mailto:acontari@anselm.edu).



### 2024 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](mailto:srp@st-raphael-parish.org)



### 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!

### Parish Offertory

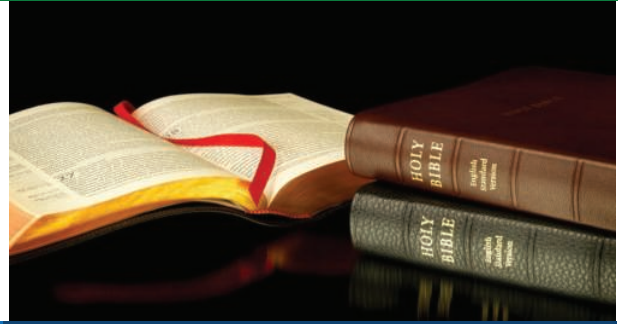
The Parish Offertory for the weekend of February 15-16 will be printed in the next bulletin.



Our food pantry was closed on Monday, February for the holiday. The pantry will be open again on Monday, February 24th.

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**Monday** Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday** Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday** Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday** Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday** Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday** Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mk 10:13-16  
**Sunday** Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45



### Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Parish Event Calendar

#### Saturday, February 22~Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Jay & Nancy Dufour by Talley & PJ Guill

#### Sunday, February 23~Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Bertrand & Irene Coulon by Lillian & Lionel Coulon

9:30am: Our Parish Family

5:00pm: +Elmer Soderberg by Jaye Soderberg

#### Monday, February 24~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Carmelle LaRoche by the family

#### Tuesday, February 25~ Weekday

12:00pm: The intentions of Rev. Jeffrey Statz by the parishioners of St. Francis

#### Wednesday, February 26~ Weekday

12:00pm: Vocations

#### Thursday, February 27~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Lucille Aubert by Marge Gosselin

#### Friday, February 28~ Weekday

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

#### 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

*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.*

#### Saturday, February 22

#### Sunday, February 23

#### Monday, February 24

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

#### Tuesday, February 25

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

#### Wednesday, February 26

#### Thursday, February 27

7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

#### Friday, February 28

#### Saturday, March 1

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

#### Sunday, March 2

### Considering a Vocation?

"I give you a new commandment says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you." Are you being called to strengthen His body through a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: [cmartel@rcbm.org](mailto:cmartel@rcbm.org).



*The sanctuary candle burns this week for +Kevin O'Connor by the family*

Sanctuary Candle

40 Days for Life

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.



A professor of theology, **Saint Gregory of Narek**, Abbot, wrote a mystical interpretation of the Song of Songs, and a long mystical poem called the **Book of Prayer or the Book of Lamentations**. He described his poem as “an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations.” This classic of Armenian literature has been translated into 30 languages. His feast day is February 27th.

**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

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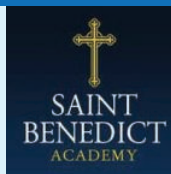
**Contact:** (603) 669-3932

**Website:** [www.stbenedictacademy.org](http://www.stbenedictacademy.org)

February 24-28-SBA School Vacation Week

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



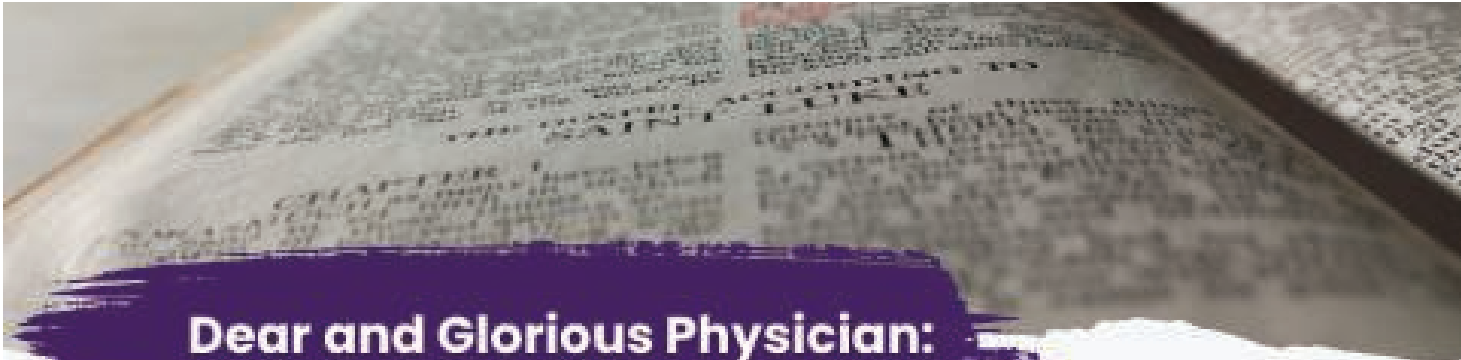
**Announcing the 40 Days for Life Spring 2025 Manchester Campaign**  
From Wednesday **March 5th through Sunday April 13** every day from 7am to 7pm, you are invited to join other Christians in more than 60 countries and 600 cities around the world for 40 Days for Life-seeking an end to abortion through prayer, fasting, and outreach to offer hope and options to anyone dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. Please join us as prayerful, peaceful, non-confrontational witnesses to the sanctity of all human life during the local 40-day vigil on the ALL victims of abortion—preborn children, parents, families, abortion workers, legislators... because it affects everyone in our society. Did you know there are many Pregnancy Resource centers throughout NH that are eager to provide alternatives to abortion, as well as caring support to the mother during pregnancy and after the baby is born, For free?

For more information, please visit our website at [40daysforlife.com/manchester](http://40daysforlife.com/manchester). You can sign up for vigil hours by creating an account on the website, or, if you prefer, just contact Manchester Leader, norm Thibault, at 603.289.0574 and he will do the signup steps for you.

You are invited to attend our kickoff event at 2pm Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Joseph Cathedral Hall in Manchester.



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



## Dear and Glorious Physician: A Novel About Saint Luke

**Thursdays at 12:30pm**  
**March 6th - April 10th**  
**Church Conference Room**

*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 and Glorious Physician." Books are available online through Amazon or Barnes and 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!



### Questions and to RSVP

Contact our Parish Office  
at: **603.623.2604**

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### *Our Facilitators*

**Ann-Maria Contarino** is Lecturer in the Department of English and Coordinator of the Writing Center at Saint Anselm College.

**Kelly Spoerl, PhD** is Professor Emerita of Theology at Saint Anselm College.

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