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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025**

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

# January 12, 2025 | The Baptism of the Lord

## 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 noontime Mass. Also, you may check WMUR for closing updates.



The annual **Mass for the Cause of Life** will be at St. Joseph Cathedral on January 17, 2025, at 12:10 p.m. Related resources, and information about additional prayer opportunities may be found at [www.catholienh.org/respect-life](http://www.catholienh.org/respect-life).

## Christmas Flowers

Additional contributions to our Christmas Flower display were received recently.

Donald Leclerc made a contribution in memory of Esther Leclerc.

Judy & Doug Mathison made a contribution in memory of Jeannie Goddard.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Donnell, Jr made a contribution in memory of Eleanor Guibone and Genghis Velez.

Colleen Lang made a contribution in memory of John & Rita Lydon, Janet Lydon, and John & Pat Early.



## Parish Offertory

### December 21-22, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	2,156.00
Stewardship	\$	742.00
Holy Days	\$	40.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,212.00
Food Pantry	\$	55.00

### December 28-29, 2024

Regular Offertory	\$	2,878.00
Stewardship	\$	100.00
Holy Days	\$	40.00
Christmas	\$	10,403.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	6,614.00
Food Pantry	\$	50.00

### January 4-5, 2025

Regular Offertory	\$	3,261.00
Stewardship	\$	100.00
Holy Days	\$	1,661.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,152.00
Food Pantry	\$	650.00



## Parish Groups

**Benedictine Oblates**-Fr. Anselm, OSB

**Book Group**-Ann-Maria Contarino

**Food Pantry**-Stephanie Emmons

**Knights of Columbus**-Lionel Coulon

**Knitting Group**-Lillian Coulon

**Liturgy Committee**-Eileen Smith

**Men's Group**-Darrell Royter

**Pastoral Care**-Kate McGrath

**Sanctuary Guild**-Judy O'Donnell

**Women's Fellowship**-Theresa Dame

In addition to these groups we also have the **Finance Council** and the **Pastoral Council**. All are welcome to join the parish groups or attend the council meetings. Please contact the parish office of more information at 603.623.2604

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**Monday** Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday** Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday** Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday** Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday** Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday** Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17  
**Sunday** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

#### Saturday, January 11~Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Joyceann Fitzgerald-Guill by Linda Beland

#### Sunday, January 12~Baptism of the Lord

7:30am: Our Parish Family  
9:30am: +Laurent Cote by Jeannine Cote  
5:00pm: +Dierdre Fitzpatrick by Tom & Yong Me Collins

#### Monday, January 13~Weekday

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

#### Tuesday, January 14~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Claire Duclos by the Gunther family

#### Wednesday, January 15~ Weekday

12:00pm: Vocations

#### Thursday, January 16~ Weekday

12:00pm: +Pauline St. Jean by Paul St. Jean

#### Friday, January 17~ St Anthony, Abbot

12:00pm +Robert Blais Jr by the Pereira family

#### Saturday, January 18~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)

4:00pm: +Martin Mehron by the family

#### Sunday, January 12~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am: +Jack Healy by the family  
9:30am: +Sister Catherine Poirier by Diane Bolton  
5:00pm: +Kevin O'Connor by Colleen Lang

#### Our Parish Facebook Page

Be sure to check out all the parish information posted there.

### Parish Event Calendar

#### Saturday, January 11

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Rectory)  
5:00pm Parish Open House (Rectory)

#### Sunday, January 12

#### Monday, January 13

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

#### Tuesday, January 14

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

#### Wednesday, January 15

#### Thursday, January 16

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

#### Friday, January 17

#### Saturday, January 18

#### Sunday, January 19

### Considering a Vocation?

"This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office (603) 663-0196 or email: [cmartel@rcbm.org](mailto:cmartel@rcbm.org).



The sanctuary candle burns  
this week for  
+Jim Untiet

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## 2025 Special Occasion Flower Memorials for the Altar

There are several dates throughout the year where we adorn the altar with flowers to celebrate a special liturgical Mass. We are inviting parishioners to cover the cost of the flowers by dedicating them in a loved one's memory. The memorial will be listed in the bulletin for each particular occasion as it occurs. The cost of the flower arrangement is \$110. If you would like to dedicate any flower arrangement for any of the dates listed below, please call the parish office. This is much like booking a mass intention, where one memorial will be intended for the flowers and does not include Easter and Christmas flowers where all parishioners are invited to dedicate Easter lilies and Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. The dates available for 2025 are listed below.

April 17-Holy Thursday  
June 15-Most Holy Trinity Sunday  
November 1-All Saints/All Souls  
December 8- The Immaculate Conception

April 19-Easter Vigil  
June 22-Corpus Christi  
November 23-Christ the King

May 29-Ascension of the Lord  
August 15-The Assumption

### 2025 Calendars

We have been notified by Catholic Extension, the company that produces our calendars, that there has been a delay in their production system and they are not able to inform us when to expect delivery of the 2025 calendars. Hopefully the calendars will be arriving soon!



### Mass Intentions 2025

The **2025 Mass Intention** book is open for requesting Masses for loved ones. It is a common practice among the faithful to arrange Masses to be said for deceased loved ones on the anniversary of their passing or on other significant anniversary dates. We encourage you to contact the parish office early so that any specific dates that you want may be reserved. The customary offering is \$10 for each request.

### 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](http://www.stbenedictacademy.org)

January 16 Snowball Dance

January 17 No School—Teacher Development Day

January 20 No School—Martin Luther King Jr Day

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



### 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!



The food pantry numbers for this week will be printed in a future bulletin.

**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.

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## A PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

The adventure begins with the initial call in Baptism, and lived out in one's vocation!  
Pray–Encourage–Celebrate Vocations!

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## HOW TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS?

**Prayer:** Offer Masses, Holy Hours, Novenas, and Rosaries for young people to listen to God's call for them.

**Encourage:** Young people to consider to pray and discern their vocation in the Church.

**Celebrate:** Those who are living their vocation. Write cards and notes to Religious and Consecrated men and women, clergy and married couples, especially on their anniversaries.

Learn more about vocations at [catholicnh.org/vocations](http://catholicnh.org/vocations)

## SAVE THE DATE 2025

High School Vocation Awareness Camps for Boys and Girls currently in Grades 8-12  
Each camp will give the young people a deeper understanding on what it means to discern their call from God. There will be opportunities for daily mass, confessions, adoration, prayer, speakers in different vocations, games, activities, and more.

**Fiat Days:** July 20-24 for Girls

**Quo Vadis Days:** August 4-8 for Boys

The location of the Camps is to be determined.  
Look out for more information at [catholicnh.org/vocations](http://catholicnh.org/vocations)

## WE NEED YOUR HELP:

We are currently compiling a database of men and women who spent their formative years in our diocese and are currently in formation or serving in a religious community, congregation, order, or diocese outside of NH. It is our intent to build vocation boards for our parishes and schools so that we can support those men and women who grow up in our communities and are serving the Church around the country and world. If you know someone, please fill out the Joifform that can be found at [catholicnh.org/vocations](http://catholicnh.org/vocations)



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