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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Benedictine Monks of Saint Anselm Abbey

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

March 9, 2025 | First Sunday of Lent

Saint Raphael Parish Office Hours

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00am to Noon

And in the afternoons by appointment

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103 Walker Street
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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



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 March 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 **7 Kilton Road Bedford** 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 Conatarino at acontari@anselm.edu.



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!

Spring/Easter Homebound Greetings

Do you have friends or relatives who are homebound or in nursing homes? Kindly notify us if you know of anyone who 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 Offertory

March 1-2, 2025

Regular Offertory	\$	4,073.00
Stewardship	\$	133.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	55.00
On Line Giving Total	\$	1,132.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Easter Flowers	\$.00



Our food pantry was open for our neighbors on **Monday, March 3rd** and the numbers we served will be listed in next week's bulletin.

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Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12
Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26
Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sunday Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 8~First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

4:00pm: Past Grand Marshall Parishioners by the St. Patrick's Parade Committee

Sunday, March 9~First Sunday of Lent

7:30am: Our Parish Family
9:30am: +Margaret McGettigan (8th Anniversary) by Diane Bolton
5:00pm: +Claude Morin by Eileen Smith

Monday, March 10~Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, March 11~Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: +Mike Duquette by Lori Savarese

Wednesday, March 12~Lenten Weekday

12:00pm: Vocations

Thursday, March 13~Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 14~Lenten Weekday

12:00pm In thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Saturday, March 15~Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

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

Sunday, March 16~Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am: +Dorothy & Robert Collins by Kevin & Chris Powers
9:30am: +Ronald Johnson (15th Anniversary) by Kathy & Armand Carignan
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

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.

Parish Event Calendar

Saturday, March 8

9:00am Benedictine Oblates (Rectory)

Sunday, March 9

Monday, March 10

5:30pm Food Pantry (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, March 11

11:30am Parish Nurse (Church)

Wednesday, March 12

Thursday, March 13

12:40pm St. Luke Book Group (Church Conference Room)
7:30pm Choir Practice (Church)

Friday, March 14

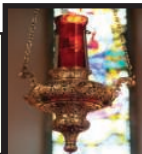
Saturday, March 15

10:30am SRP Book Group (Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 16

Considering a Vocation?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart." Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Contact the Vocation Office at (603) 663-0196 or email: cmartel@rcbm.org.



*The sanctuary candle burns
this week for
+Fran Lewis
by Linda Beland*

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Easter Flower Memorials

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



Nashua Lenten Mission

The Parish of the Resurrection in Nashua NH is offering a Lenten Mission on April 4th & 5th featuring Dr. Edward Sri a Theologian, Author & Catholic Speaker. He will be speaking on “Developing a Vibrant Faith” and “Sharing God’s Amazing Love”. Attendees can choose from one or both sessions. The cost is \$25 for one session or \$40 for both. For more information or to purchase tickets check the events page of the parish website at resurrection.org or contact the Resurrection Parish Office at 603.882.0924. The Parish of the Resurrection is at 449 Broad Street in Nashua.



St Benedict Academy

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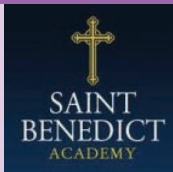
Principal: Tanya Paiva

Contact: (603) 669-3932

Website: www.stbenedictacademy.org

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



Dear & Glorious Physician

A Novel About Saint Luke

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 &*



Glorious Physician. Books are available online through Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Soup, bread and a light dessert will be available.

Please note: Participants are asked to read **Chapters 8 to 15** before the **second** session on **March 13th**.

Thursdays at 12:40pm
March 6th—April 10th
Church Conference Room
Questions and to RSVP
contact the Parish Office
603.623.2604

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



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, 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. Call each month to renew the listing.**

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WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR AND WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT?

■ ORIGIN AND SIGNIFICANCE:

- The concept of a jubilee year has ancient roots in the law of Moses. In the Book of Leviticus, it was prescribed that jubilee years should occur every 50 years. These years were marked by the return of lands to their owners and the forgiveness of debts – a manifestation of God’s justice and mercy.
- Pope Boniface VIII established a similar practice in the year 1300 for the Catholic Church.
- The 2025 Jubilee Year follows the Catholic custom of celebrating a Jubilee every 25 years.
- It begins on December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve) and concludes on January 6, 2026.
- Extraordinary jubilee years can also be proclaimed by the Holy Father as when Pope Francis decreed the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015.
- Additional information can be found at www.usccb.org/jubilee2025.

■ THEME AND MOTTO:

- The theme for this Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope.” These words encapsulate the essence of our journey in this life. Both “pilgrims” and “hope” resonate with key themes of Pope Francis’ pontificate.
- The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace to indicate the solidarity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross which will never abandon us. There are rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life’s pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. The lower part of the cross is elongated into the shape of an anchor let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. Adapted from www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025/logo.html



■ JUBILEE TRADITIONS:

- The Pope inaugurates the Jubilee Year by opening the Holy Door in St. Peter’s Basilica. This Door is opened only during Jubilee years.
- Subsequently, the Holy Doors of other papal basilicas— St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major—are opened and remain so until the end of the Jubilee Year.
- This Jubilee Year will not include Holy Doors in all the (arch)dioceses of the world, though a bishop may designate a place or activity in honor of the Jubilee Year for the faithful to obtain the graces they could receive as if they had traveled to Rome. Bishop Libasci has proclaimed that all those who participate in the NH Diocesan Eucharistic Pilgrimage May 18 – June 18, 2025, will have an opportunity for these special graces called Indulgences: [Decree-JubileeYearOfHope2024.12.14.pdf](#)
- Special Jubilee celebrations are held in Rome for many particular groups during this year. For example, the Jubilee of Artists is Feb. 15-18, the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers is April 5-8, and the Jubilee of Sports is June 14-15. And there are many, many more. Please go to www.usccb.org/jubilee-2025-calendar for more information.

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