

June 13, 2021...Eleventh Sunday of the Year



Saint Raphael's Parish

Poultney, Vermont

"I am Raphael, One of the Seven Angels who stand and serve before the Glory of the Lord."

Tobit 12:15

Saint Anne's Parish

Middletown Springs, Vermont

Saint Anne,
Teach me to Love
Thy Daughter
Mary



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Parish Website

straphael.vermontcatholic.org

St. Raphael's and St. Anne's Rectory and Parish Office

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday...12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. HOWEVER, PHONE or Email THE RECTORY AT ANYTIME.

Parish Secretary, Bookkeeper, Faith Formation Coordinator

Michelle Davenport

Week-End Mass and Confession Schedule

Saturday	Confession, St. Raphael	3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Saturday	Vigil Mass, St. Raphael	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	Mass, St. Anne	8:00 a.m.
Sunday	Mass, St. Raphael	10:00 a.m.

St. Raphael's Weekday Masses...8:30 a.m.,...Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

ONLINE GIVING...straphael.vermontcatholic.org

SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
St. Raphael Offertory	June 6
Received	\$ 1287.00
Projected	\$ 1,347.00
Excess of Projection	
Deficit of Projection	\$ 60.00
YTD Cumulative Excess	
YTD Cumulative Deficit	- \$ 12,973.50

St. Anne's Offertory	June 6
Received	\$ 445.00
Projected	\$ 318.00
Excess of Projection	\$ 127.00
Deficit of Projection	
YTD Cumulative Excess	
YTD Cumulative Deficit	\$ 2,613.00

St. Raphael's	0
St. Anne's	0

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White Elephant Tag Sale

Please bring your items...call for delivery

We will take: Dishes, glassware, furniture of all kinds, pictures, art, frames, bric-a-brac, costume jewelry, collectables, kitchen items, art/craft/sewing supplies, tools, etc. Items should be clean and usable. Clothing/blankets must be washed/dry and folded. No Toys at this time.

Please Support this effort so that it becomes an ongoing project in support of our Parish.

THE LADIES GUILD MEETING

Wednesday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.,
St. Raphael's Parish Hall

Call the Rectory to Arrange a Mass

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	June 12
Mark Brayton, by the Ladies Guild	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 13
Francis Pellicci, by Helen & Tom Jaeger	
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	June 13
Pro Populo	
Monday 8:30 a.m.	June 14
Bill Williams, by Family	
Tuesday	June 15
No Announced Mass Scheduled	
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	June 16
The LaBate Family	
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	June 17
Larry & Lynne Gorman, by Irene DeMatties	
Friday 8:30 a.m.	June 18
Eileen F. Holleran, by John Holleran	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	June 19
Mary Mazur, by The Ladies Guild	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 20
Francis Pellicci, by Helen and Tom Jaeger	
Sunday 10: a.m.	June 20
Pro Populo	

Call Father Steven at the rectory to arrange a Mass.
The donation can be mailed to the rectory.

IF A MASS NEEDS TO BE CANCELLED FOR ANY REASON, THE INTENTION WILL BE TRANSFERRED OR FULFILLED PRIVATELY

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ORGAN

The work on the Organ has been completed. Monies Collected in excess of our Goal will be dedicated to ongoing and yearly maintenance. I express my gratitude for the parishioners who donated and to the Ladies Guild who have committed the funds raised from the raffle to the refurbishment. the amount placed in reserve.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS TO RESUME

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC the parish office hours were suspended, and telephone calls and email communications have been coming directly to me. During this time, Michelle has been working remotely. Also, during this time, Michelle's level of availability has changed by her own election and circumstances. Michelle has provided to the parish sincere and loyal service for which I am truly grateful. She is reliable and dedicated to me and the parishioners of our Parish. She continues in a modified capacity.

However, I do recognize that some changes need to be formally set in place for the efficiency of Parish Life. Through most of the Pandemic, I was able to manage myself to meet the needs of our community. While it was difficult for me, there were reasons why I did not replace Michelle when her availability lessened. One was a hope that her level of availability would increase to our favor, and she would return full steam. Another was a financial concern. I needed to test how much I could take on myself to save funds for the parish. In normal circumstances, the parish has a weakened financial position. I had to ask myself if I was able to go above my responsibilities to provide more services for the people while saving some monies in order to allocate them to so many of our growing needs. You know how dedicated I am to both the maintaining and beautification of our buildings in order that we have pride and esteem for parish in building a welcoming community.

But, further with Covid, the collection has dropped significantly. Mass attendance has dropped and the collection figures with it. Part is due to those who still come offering less, and part due to those who do not come and not giving at all. I realize there are reasons for this. Those who have remained home have also suffered personal financial challenges and we understand, and our prayers are with them. In the beginning of the Pandemic, we received many many mail in donations which kept the numbers reasonable. However, those monies all but stopped coming in by last summer with only a very very few who are remembering us. And, while, as I said, I do realize that many at home do struggle and cannot help at this time. I am also aware, to be sure, that there are those no longer present who have plainly forgotten us. But, whatever the reasons, the fact remains that I did not see my way clear to acquire remunerated services at this time.

With the addition of the West Rutland/Proctor responsibilities, which I have recently begun, I still maintained that I could manage sufficiently. However, with the acquisition of four new parishes, it is altogether impossible for me to manage without help.

My Hope is that with more people returning to Holy Mass there will be a proportionate and sufficient increase in offerings and donations. We will talk more about this during the month of July when we reflect on both the old and new budget.

I realize that many are still financially challenged at this time. I realize that we just came off the Capital Campaign. I realize that we are now beginning the Annual appeal. But I realized that parish life has to go on and I have a responsibility to secure and provide services to our people. To that end, Emily Skovira, who is now the secretary to the 4 parishes I am assuming with the office in Castleton, will divide her time each week to also work here for both our parishes. She will be here twice per week and the new office hours will be as follows.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Saturday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

She is available to receive people in a newly set up office at the Parish Center. She will be able to provide Mass Cards, certificates of any kind, receive donations should people wish to drop them off, etc.

Michelle will continue to function remotely as our Bookkeeper and is in charge of ALL THINGS CEMETERY related. Michelle and Emily will work together on Faith Formation. Requests of ANY KIND outside of the Cemetery and Faith Formation are no longer to be addressed to Michelle...even financial. In her limited hours and capacity, averaging 4 hours per week, she is now exclusively my assistant and not the parish's. All requests will go through Emily and Emily and I will forward the information to Michelle if needed. More to come...

I will continue to do my part. If I can do something myself, it will be done...if not, I will direct the request to either Michelle or Emily. Individuals are free to always reach out to me as in the past. Most have my cell number. For those who don't: 518-542-1879. Many priests are reluctant to offer their cell numbers. I feel I have to call you back anyway, so it's better to receive your call upon first outreach. I have not found that people abuse the privilege of having my number and use it reasonably. I DO ASK THAT PARISHIONERS **NOT TEXT ME**, but phone me.

This arrangement will begin next week, though many details and kinks need to be worked through. There is currently no phone or internet in the center. I will have to review the initial and recurring costs of such service within our budget limitations. Other options include a joined cellphone and ipad with cellular service. Such may be more cost efficient as well as provide for mobility and greater efficiency. More to come...Regarding the Bishop's Appeal, I ask that you please be generous. More to come...

Peace, Fr. Steven

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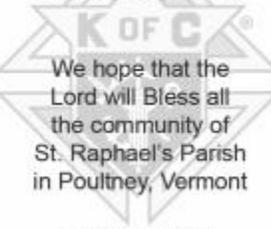


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