

November 7, 2021, 32nd 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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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

Collections have been meeting Projection overall
Many thanks and please keep giving generously
In support of our Parishes

ONLINE GIVING...straphael.vermontcatholic.org

SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
St. Raphael Offertory	October 31
Received	\$ 1,492.00
Projected	\$ 1,347.00
Excess of Projection	\$ 145.00
Deficit of Projection	

St. Anne's Offertory	October 31
Received	\$ 443.00
Projected	\$ 318.00
Excess of Projection	\$ 125.00
Deficit of Projection	

	All Saints Day
St. Raphael's	\$ 80.00
St. Anne's	\$ 0

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Christ Our Hope **Campaign**

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Are available in the vestibule of the Church.
Please remember that a portion of your gift
returns to the Church for needs and
improvements.

Please Note:

We have resumed "Winter Hours"
For the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.
Confessions 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Raffle

We will raffle a Christmas Money Wreath
Worth \$ 100.00

\$ 5.00 each/3 for \$ 10.00

Volunteers Needed to Assist
Contact: Joyce Roberts
muffmeadows@comcast.net

Call Father Steven at the rectory to arrange a Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	November 6
The Holy Souls	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	November 7
The Holy Souls	
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	November 7
Pro Populo	
Monday 8:30 a.m.	November 8
Gloria LaBate	
Tuesday	November 9
No Announced Mass Scheduled	
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	November 10
The Holy Souls	
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	November 11
The Holy Souls, by Bridget Mount	
Friday 8:30 a.m.	November 12
The Holy Souls	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	November 13
The Holy Souls	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	November 14
Pro Populo	
Sunday 10: a.m.	November 14
The Holy Souls	

Call 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

Dear Friends:

OFFERTORY: Once again, I thank you for your continued generous giving. Throughout the first quarter and to this point, our projected goals for Sacrificial Offertory Giving have been met. Some weekly collections are lower than others which is because some choose to give monthly or bi-weekly. Therefore, each weekly amount is not an indicator of our progress inasmuch as is the overall cumulative totals **which have been positive**. In whichever way you choose to make your offering, it is noticed and appreciated. I encourage us to maintain this **positive trend** and thank you for your **consistent support**.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Pastoral Council recently met to discuss the needs of the Parish. We have not met in quite a while. As I have noted before, I have been very sensitive to the feelings of all of you with regard to Covid. I have held only the most necessary meetings so that the essential needs are met.

At this time, the Council wishes to resume its monthly meetings. I am grateful for their commitment and growing level of participation. The Pastoral Council is, foremost, a visioning body...that is, a forward-thinking group of parishioners, who, on behalf of and in consultation with the entire community, surface ideas and make recommendations to the Pastor in what best supports parish life. As the Finance Council makes recommendations on fiscal issues toward financial vibrancy, the Pastoral Council makes recommendations towards communal vibrancy. This vibrancy is achieved through a discernment of needs and wants and by articulating goals together with a commitment to their achievement by dedicated volunteers and the support of all.

Active and consistent participation in the parish, first at Holy Mass, and in events is crucial to our life. Further, we need to discern together outreach to our community...to the sick and homebound as well as to those in any form of material or spiritual need. These are all things that have been done in the past by individuals and groups. However, after these past months, we need to resume them with some new people and in new ways accommodated to the current situation in the world and in our parish.

All on the Council agree that nearly 20 months of uncertainty and accompanying fear together with a cycle of upward/downward infection trends have had a devastating impact on individuals and communities at large as well as our people and our parish community.

However, they feel it's time to move forward and reinvigorate parish life. I feel it best, and intend, to increase the number of members on the council to widen the conversation.

I did NOT call this Parish Council Meeting, but I am grateful for it. I waited until it was asked for. I have been very sensitive NOT to call people from their comfort zone and NOT to encourage or guilt people into resuming parish responsibilities or even attending Holy Mass...even when the obligation was reinstated. Whether this posture was/is right or wrong, I respect that people must make their own choices. As choices have consequences, my conscience would not permit me to encourage others out of their comfort zone or risk their health and well-being.

However, and I am happy, that at this time, individuals are coming forward to initiate change and growth. I encourage individuals to come to me, the council members, and one another with ideas and proposals. Also, if there are things I or we can be doing better, I encourage such honest conversation. Truth with love is never criticism...rather healthy dialogue toward a better end together. Criticism all too often is the pointing out of faults **without** intention or proper effort to make a circumstance better...far from productive, its end is wholly destructive.

There are many activities that can be put in place...book clubs, adult Catechism study, Scripture reflection, Devotions, etc. However, these must come from you or I risk simply loading up the calendar and filling it with things that "I THINK?" you may be interested in and spinning the wheels of volunteers who assist in organizing such. Better you tell me so I am certain of your interests and we move forward together with a rich participation in what we do.

Lastly, for now, I know that I must work harder on the bulletin and provide proper encouragement and spiritual promptings. My time has been so divided by so many responsibilities and temporal concerns that I have been prevented from attending to this forum properly. I receive calls, texts, and emails at all hours of day and evening, which is fine, however, I am still trying to manage and achieve a proper balance towards responding and fulfilling my duties. In this, I ask and need your understanding, patience, and charity.

Peace,
Fr. Steven

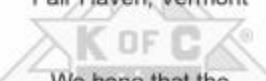
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