

November 14, 2021, 33rd 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 Office

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

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	November 7
Received	\$ 1,466.00
Projected	\$ 1,347.00
Excess of Projection	\$ 119.00
Deficit of Projection	

St. Anne's Offertory	November 7
Received	\$ 565.00
Projected	\$ 318.00
Excess of Projection	\$ 247.00
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 13
The Holy Souls	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	November 14
Pro Populo	
Sunday 10:00 a.m.	November 14
The Holy Souls	
Monday 8:30 a.m.	November 15
The LaBate Family	
Tuesday	November 16
No Announced Mass Scheduled	
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.	November 17
The Holy Souls	
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	November 18
The Holy Souls	
Friday 8:30 a.m.	November 19
The Holy Souls	
Saturday 4:00 p.m.	November 20
Janice, J. William, Mabel Maynard	
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	November 21
The Holy Souls	
Sunday 10: a.m.	November 21
Pro Populo	

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

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 will be meeting Monday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Raphael Parish Center. I thank again the committed members of the Council for their time, energies, and ideas directed on behalf of the vitality of our community.

ANNOUNCEMENT

As all of you are aware, I am the Administrator of several parishes in the area and thus, the Spiritual Shepherd of each. It is both a unique and “not so unique” arrangement...unique in the sense that ordinarily, one man would shepherd one fold...“not so unique” in that in our day, new pastoral circumstances require new pastoral responses. In June, when I received the Administration of the Parishes in West Pawlet, Orwell, Fair Haven and Castleton, Mass in West Pawlet was suspended, and Fr. Kevin Chalifoux was assigned as the Sacramental Minister of the Churches with my oversight and residence in the rectory in Fair Haven. Father Chalifoux’s ministry is exemplary.

However, the communities would benefit more from a greater presence of their Shepherd and his personal and immediate attention. To that end, we are implementing a **Mass Rotation arrangement**. Going forward, and for the time being, and beginning the Solemnity of Christ the King, Fr. Chalifoux and I will rotate offering Mass in Poultney/Middletown Springs and Orwell/Fair Haven/Castleton. This will allow me regular and consistent presence to all the people in whose service I am committed as well as some variety for all the people in their liturgical and preaching experience. There will be no change in residences or responsibilities, and I continue to be your shepherd and committed to your needs and those of the Parishes.

Dear Friends:

The readings today guide the mind toward the end times. Indeed, as the Church approaches the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Church Herself directs our thoughts to the end times. This is so that as Advent approaches, our thoughts are directed at the two “comings” of Christ, the first and the last. Christ is to be our beginning and our end. But, what about the in between?

Today we hear in the Book of Daniel:

“But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

These, to be sure, are beautiful images. When we think of the “splendor of the firmament”, we think of those glorious evening skies...so readily visible here in Vermont. The “Wise” are like a celestial body within each constellation. Wisdom is knowledge of the truth and, therefore, of things Divine. God’s knowledge creates the “Wise”. We ought, therefore, to cultivate that in our own lives...to make it our life’s project to pursue and attain truth. At the end, with such truth, we are set within the pattern of Glory. Also, to be sure, in this world, the wise stand out as well. We know what it is like to have recourse to a wise man or woman...someone grounded in truth...they draw us because of their knowledge and assist us by sharing that gift with us.

This brings us to the second portion of the verse, “those who lead many to justice, shall be like the stars forever.” Not only ought we to attain such truth, be we are to share it to make others wise and bring them to a share in glory. Light always diffuses itself...God’s light to man in Christ...and Christ’s light in our minds to each other for the salvation of our neighbor.

As we progress to the end of the Church year, and the beginning of the Church New Year on the First Sunday of Advent. Let us recommit ourselves to this acquisition of Wisdom and collective vocation to spread such to others in solicitude for their salvation...that we all take our place among the stars. I think of that beautiful Advent Hymn, “Creator of the Stars of Night”. Not only did Christ create the stars in the firmament, but most importantly is the creation and recreation of ourselves by, through, and with Him in the firmament of His love and His Kingdom.

Peace, Fr. Steven

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