The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, March 17, 2019

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518 516-593-5000

Masses

Saturday Eve	5:00PM
Sunday	7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12Noon and 4:30PM
Daily	7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday	8:45 AM

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Father Chuck Romano

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Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."
—Luke 9:35

March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm; Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

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Parish Social Ministry……887-9197

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St. Raymond School…….....593-9010
St. Raymond School Fax……..593-0986

Religious Education Office ……..593-9075
Religious Education Office Fax ……593-1156

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound; call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration
First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms
Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group
Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages
Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Music Ministries

Children's Choir: Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium.

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Hand Bell Choir: Plays at the 5pm Mass on the last Saturday of the month from September— June; practice on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Deacon Rich LaRossa.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 18th
1:00pm: Human Life Committee Meeting MWMR
3:30pm: 1st Holy Communion Practice Church
7:00pm: 7th Grade Stations of the Cross Practice Church
7:30pm: Sodality of Our Lady Meeting Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 19th
3:30pm: 1st Holy Communion Practice Church
5:00pm: Children's Choir Practice Auditorium
7:00pm: 7th Grade Stations of the Cross Practice Church
7:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group MWMR

Wednesday, March 20th
7:30pm: Folk Group Practice MWMR
7:30pm: Adult Choir Practice Church

Thursday, March 21st
9:45am: Bible Sharing MWMR
5:00pm: Good Friday Services by Children Rehearsal Church
7:30pm: Light of the World Presentation Cafeteria

Saturday, March 23rd
St. Raymond School Band marching in St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rockville Centre; starts at Noon.
3:30pm: Confessions Church
7:30pm: K of C St. Patrick's Day Party Auditorium

Sunday, March 24th
10:00am-12pm: Camps-R-Us Cafeteria

Today is . . .

All are welcome to St. Raymond's Hospitality!

Please join us after the 9:00am, 10:30am, and 12 Noon Masses for refreshments and friendship in the school cafeteria.

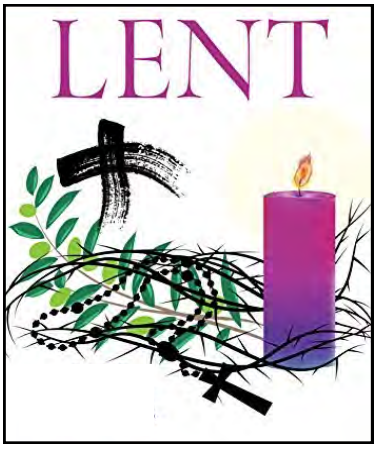
This month's Hospitality is sponsored by our Religious Education Department, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, The Ministry of Consolation and the Light of the World Committee

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Lent! And Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone too. The focus of this Sunday's readings shows that even with doubt, confusion and hardships, God's word brings a promise of hope and fulfillment. In the first reading from Genesis, Abram has some hesitancy in believing God's word. But ultimately his faith endures, and God makes big promises as a result. ***"To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."*** Then in 2 Philippians, Paul uses himself as a spiritual model to the people. Salvation comes through the sufferings of Christ. ***"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord."*** And finally, today's gospel presents Luke's description of the ***"Transfiguration."*** Finally, the identity of Jesus is revealed to his disciples. Jesus receives a preview of his future glory which will of course come after much suffering. The word of God is met with silence and awe by the disciples. ***"This is my chosen Son; listen to him. After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen."***

All three readings have to do with communication. God speaking to Abram. Paul speaking to the Philippians and God speaking to the disciples. The important things are listening and responding in faith. Sometimes the word of God is more comforting than at other times. Sometimes it is challenging and maybe difficult to hear. And at other times it may seem distant and vague. That's where our faith and trust kicks in. ***Lent is the perfect time to place ourselves at God's disposal.*** Listen and learn. He wants so much to draw us closer to his love and all that his love has to offer. Sometimes even in doubt we just step out and place our trust in God believing he knows what is best for us just like Abram. Sometimes we trust even when it looks hard because the model of Jesus is just too attractive to ignore like the Philippians to Paul. And sometimes we just remain silent in awe of the tremendous presence of God in our lives like the disciples to Jesus at the Transfiguration.

Keep your prayer, sacrificing and good works going this second week of Lent. May our prayer at this Eucharist be a true thanksgiving for the sacrifice of Jesus that we remember; our hope for a share in his glory and a commitment to follow his example of love throughout our lives. And when you have some doubt, confusion or a facing hardships-keep repeating that ***"God is good all the time and all the time, God is good!"***



Starting Monday evening, March 25th and continuing through Thursday evening, March 28th, I would like to offer a ***Lenten Mission*** for St. Raymond Parish. Each evening will consist of prayer, scripture, reflection and song with the hope that together we can make the final weeks of Lent and Holy Week a truly blessed time for each of us personally and as a parish community. I invite everyone to journey with me these four evenings as we spend some Lenten time with Jesus. I know he'd love to be with you. So, come and bring a friend.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from ***Parish Social Ministry,*** info from ***Religious Education*** and the ***Principal's Corner*** of St. Raymond School, next Sunday's request for our ***"Giving, Not Giving Up…It's a Lenten Thing"*** program, info on the next gathering of ***"Light of the World"*** on Thursday evening, March 21st, an invitation to the ***St. Patrick's Celebration*** on Saturday, March 23rd, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, information on purchasing ***"Pot of Gold 50/50"*** chances and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Second Week of Lent! Keep that Lenten smile going as you share and help someone in need. ***May the blessings of St. Patrick be with you today and may St. Joseph stay close to you on Tuesday, the 19th. Plus remember what Paddy said when he viewed his deceased atheist friend in the casket: "Tis a shame-look at poor Seamus, all dressed up and no place to go."*** God bless always.

—Father Chuck

LENT 2019

The Holy season of Lent is an opportunity for all Christians to grow in faith through prayer, fasting and works of charity. St. Raymond Parish offers the following opportunities to assist you on your spiritual journey. Perhaps you can join us for some of these prayer gatherings during the coming weeks. Hopefully, we may all grow in our personal and communal experiences of Jesus during this holy time. So, join us often and anytime. We'd love to see you!

Additional Daily Mass

There will be an additional daily Mass at 12:15pm every week day throughout Lent.

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Will be prayed following the 12:15pm Mass each Tuesday and Wednesday during Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm in the church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday from 1-4:00pm in Our Lady's Chapel, and from 8-9:00pm in the church on the First Friday of every month.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 3:30-4:30pm.

Parish Lenten Mission

Monday-Thursday evenings, March 25-28th at 7:30pm.

Godspell

The musical Godspell will be presented on Friday evening, April 12th in our school auditorium.

"Giving…Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing"

Once again, our parish will be conducting the special Lenten program entitled***: "Giving….. Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing"*** for the five Sundays of Lent. All the items and money collected will be used by our Parish Social Ministry Office, St. Vincent de Paul and the Human Life Committee. Everyone is encouraged to bring the suggested items to Mass on the designated Sundays. We will bring our ***"gifts"*** forward at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts. This giving of our goods at the altar as a visible action will be a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to help those in our community who have these basic needs. The collection weekends will be as follows:

March 16th & 17th

Baby Items (This is the "Baby Shower" for the Human Life Committee, concluding the nine months of prayer for the unborn):
Diapers (sizes 5 & 6) ▪ formula baby food
baby wipes ▪ baby toiletries

March 23rd &24th

Monetary Donations— Free will money offering to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and also our own Parish Social Ministry

March 30th & 31st

Gift Cards: Stop & Shop
Walmart ▪ Visa ▪ Target, etc.

April 6th & 7th

Non-Perishable Food Items: Mayonnaise mustard ▪ ketchup ▪ salad dressing ▪ pasta sauce pancake mix & syrup peanut ▪ butter ▪ jelly boxed mashed potatoes ▪ small boxes of sugar coffee laundry and dish detergent

Spread the word and thank you in advance for your generosity!

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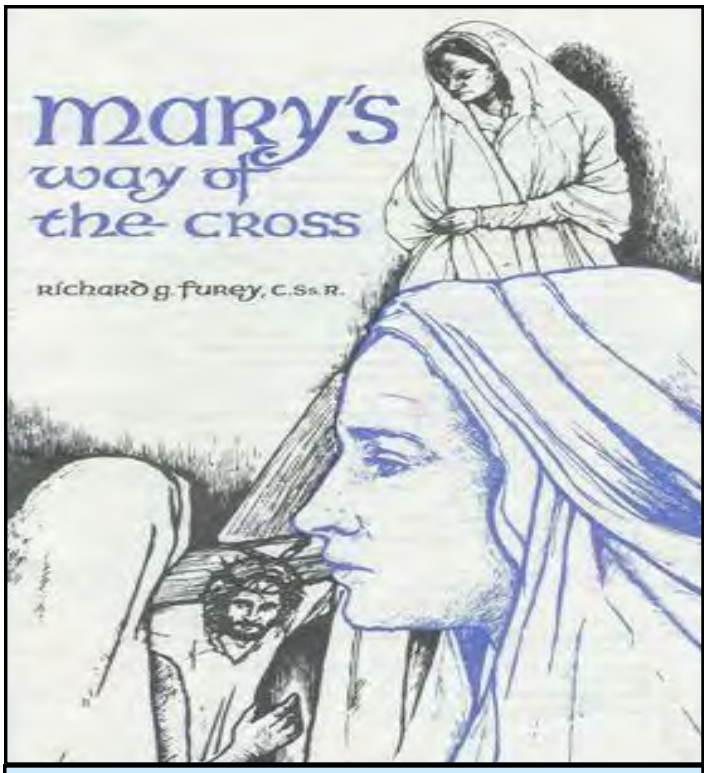


The Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

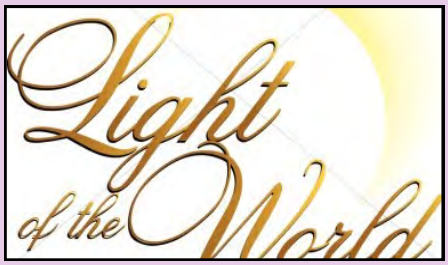
All members of the Parish are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross from Mary's point of view. Imagine her agony as she watched her only son experience this great sacrifice.

The Sodality is sponsoring Mary's Way of the Cross and we hope you will join us on Friday, March 15th at 7:30pm in the church. All Sodalists who are able to attend are asked to gather in the front pews of the church at 7:15pm.

God bless us all during this season of Lent.

We adore you, O, Christ
and we Praise You,
because by your Holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.

To Jesus Through Mary



Lecture Series

Presents . . .

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Thursday, March 21st at 7:30pm
St. Raymond School Cafeteria

Light refreshments will be served.

Join us this holy season of Lent for an evening with Bishop Andrzej at St. Raymond.

The Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

The Sodality of Our Lady is a women's organization devoted in prayer and service to the Blessed Mother. The membership is active in many ways doing what we call "Mary's Work," helping those in need in any way we can."

March Meeting:
Monday, March 18th
Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria
Time: 7:30pm

We honor St. Joseph and St. Patrick at this meeting! Come and join us in a fun evening!

Saint Joseph
Spouse of Mary

Feast Day
March 19th

A Prayer of St. Joseph

O blessed Joseph,
faithful guardian of my Redeemer,
JESUS CHRIST
Protector of thy chaste spouse,
the virgin Mother of God,
I choose thee this day to be my special patron
and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor
thee all the days of my life.
Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me
as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt,
to comfort me in every affliction,
to obtain for me and for all the knowledge
and love of the
HEART of JESUS,
and finally to defend and protect me
at the hour of my death.
Amen.

St. Patrick
Patron of Ireland

Feast Day
March 17th

Breastplate of St. Patrick

(Abridged)

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension, through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.
Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
I arise today through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

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Called to Evangelize

For many of us, we publicly display our belief that our faith is a gift from God. How? Some of us may wear a cross or religious medal around our necks; others may give witness when receiving ashes on their foreheads at the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. These are great things to do because we open the door of faith to those around us... we are witnesses!

But, do we also have an unwavering faith? When times get tough, do we put our faith in God like Abraham did? When finances, work or school loom over us, do we cave to the fear and anxiety? Or do we, like Abraham, place our trust in a Loving God? No one ever said life would be easy; in fact, most have said the opposite. Jesus, however, offers us hope. He tells us to come to Him and to take His yoke upon ourselves.

In this week's Sunday reading, we learn from Abraham that we can - and should - trust in God. St. Paul mentions Abraham's faith because it is a model for us as Christians, especially in these challenging times.

Today we also celebrate the feast of St. Patrick, a man who despite living in a hostile and dangerous environment, accepted suffering and success with equal measure. By placing his faith in God, Patrick was able to live out his missionary call to evangelize Ireland. In so doing, he exemplified his formation as a disciple.

This week's Gospel is about Formation. God is forming us to be His disciples - do not be afraid! Listen to His call and trust in His will. As He guides us through life's problems, allow God to form you, like Patrick, into His disciple. He will if you let Him!

Bishop Robert Brennan

12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, OH

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will be airing the Mass of Installation of Bishop Robert J. Brennan as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. The Mass will air live on Friday, March 29th from St. Joseph Cathedral beginning at 1:30pm and will rebroadcast later that evening at 8pm.

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at www.CFNtv.org

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult

We have asked those who will be receiving the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil why they are in RCIA. Here is what one candidate said:

I want to get married in the church because I have found the person with whom I want to spend the rest of my life with and build a family with. Marriage is a very important sacrament. I want to do what God intended us to do...to come together and to build a family with His blessings.

— Victor Garcia

Our RCIA candidates have been meeting weekly since September. It has been a great experience for them and for our parish.

A Journey Through Grief

St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry

Grief Support to Offer Hope

Six sessions beginning
Thursday, April 25th; 7:30pm.
Located in Rectory Basement
Any inquiries, please call 516-593-5000.

Parish Bulletin Board

Principal's Corner
Sister Ruthanne Gypalo

Top of the morning to you all! Hopefully this day of "the wearing of the green" will be a joyful and fun one for everyone. Our "Golden Rays" have already made their annual appearance in New York City by marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade. If you missed them by chance, there's still an opportunity to cheer for them next Saturday, the 23rd at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Rockville Centre (It's closer and slightly less congested!). One way or the other, enjoy your day!

Officially, the third and final trimester of the school year begins this Monday. Talk about time flying! This year is certainly slipping quickly through our fingers! Obviously, there is much to do in these last few months and we're all ready to attack the curriculum from the start! Now that the days are getting longer and spring is about to begin, we should have a renewed energy to sail through to the end of the year.

Let's take a look at what the week has in store for each of us:

- Monday: Grade 7 to morning Mass; baked ziti at lunch; Student Council meeting at lunchtime
- Tuesday: School Mass at 8:45am with 6th grade hosting; pizza lunch; Parish Children's Choir from 5-6pm in the auditorium
- Wednesday: Band and string lessons with Full Band at 8am; Grade 1 to morning Mass; deli sandwiches; 6th Grade Book Club and Spanish Scrabble after school
- Thursday: Grade 7 to morning Mass; 8th Grade CPR refresher course; bagels; 8th grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime; Chess Club and Chorus after school
- Friday: Grade 8 to morning Mass; hot pretzels at lunch; 8th grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime
- Saturday: St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rockville Centre

As you can see, we are celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph with a school Mass. It's a special day and one for us to invoke the help of St. Joseph in our daily work. St. Joseph is a perfect model for each of us in doing the will of God in our lives.

Please note that assessment cards will be distributed at dismissal (11:30am) on Wednesday, March 27th. *And,* our next BINGO is Saturday, April 6th!

Happy St. Patrick's Day and
Happy St. Joseph's Day. God bless.

Religious Education — Faith Formation
Evelyn Contaldi, Director

Hospitality Sunday
Religious Education along with Social Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, Light of the World Ministry, Bereavement Ministry and Ministry of Consolation are hosting today's Hospitality Sunday after the 9am, 10:30am and 12Noon Masses. Please make the time to come over to the cafeteria and join us!

Good Friday Service by Children
Rehearsals began last Thursday, March 7th and will continue on Thursdays through April 11th from 5pm-6pm in the Church. The Good Friday Services by Children will be held on Good Friday, April 19th at 12 Noon in the Church.

Attention 7th Grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School Students:

The 7th Grade Stations of the Cross by Teens is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th at 7:30pm in the Church. Rehearsals for students who are scheduled to read or bring up a symbol are scheduled for Monday, March 18th and Tuesday, March 19th from 7pm in the Church. These students must attend both rehearsal evenings.

HAPPY FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

CYO *Track*

St. Raymond's CYO Track Registration is open and will remain open until March 31st.

To register visit: www.straymondscyo.com.

Please do not miss your opportunity to register your child for the upcoming track season.

YOUth Group

St. Raymond's YOUth Group will be heading up to Graymoor for our annual Retreat on April 6-7th.

The cost is $80 which includes transportation, 3 meals, double-occupancy rooms. The retreat is for grades 7-12. Come join us to spend some great time with your friends and our God.

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St. Raymond School is grateful to the following businesses that donated raffle prizes to our Annual Night at the Races…

Bagelry, Rockville Centre
Cabana, Long Beach
Delicious Moments Caterers, Baldwin
Frank's Steaks, Rockville Centre
Hand & Stone Spa, Rockville Centre
Lost & Found, Long Beach
The Saloon, Long Beach

Special thanks also to
Tim Daniels Plumbing
for its generous donation to the School

St. Raymond School is grateful to the many parishioners and local businesses that provide it with financial support. Your generosity allows the school to continue to carry out its mission of providing high quality, faith-forward elementary school education to the children of St. Raymond Parish in their own neighborhood.

We need your help!

We are collecting
Box Top$ for Education
to support St. Raymond School!

We will continue to collect through the end of the school year. Simply cut the box top symbol off of participation products (such as, Annie's, General Mills, Reynolds, Betty Crocker, etc.) and drop them off in the school's main office or the rectory office.

Please place your box tops in an envelope and drop off at the school or rectory office.

Every Box Top Helps!
Thank you for your support!

Saturday, April 6th at 6:30pm
(doors open at 6:00 pm)
St. Raymond School Cafeteria

$1,000 in Cash Prizes

$25 Entrance Fee
Includes Entrance Board
Light Refreshments • Soda • Coffee/Tea

Additional bingo boards available for purchase.
50/50 • Cash bar
Reservations may be made at the rectory or school offices. Walk-ins welcome!

(No one under 21 years of age will be admitted)

St. Raymond Revue 2019

The 2018 St. Raymond Revue has been completed and is available for you to take home (one copy per family, please!) and enjoy reviewing the wonderful happenings here at St. Raymond Parish.

As you can see by the beautiful month by month story, we really do want your pictures and blogs to highlight the events which happen in this year of 2019.

Please continue to submit photos and blogs to the *St. Raymond Revue Committee* of all the special events happening here at both St. Raymond Church and School.

We *prefer* that you email all pictures and blogs to Pat Mayle: pmayle@verizon.net
or
Attach your photos to a text and text to:
Pat Mayle: 516-662-4772

(There is also a mailbox at the rectory for you to submit these to us. Just drop them off!)

God bless you and our wonderful parish of St. Raymond!

Pat Mayle & the Revue Committee

St. Raymond School

East Rockaway, NY

At St. Raymond School, we provide a faith-focused educational environment that stresses academic achievement, responsibility, accountability, respect and personal discipline.
For over 90 years, we have been preparing our students to achieve success in high school, college and beyond.

Programs for Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten (Half & Full-Day) & Kindergarten to 8th Grade in a Christ-centered Environment · Before & After School Program for Pre-K to 8th Grade · NYS & Diocese of RVC Approved Curriculums · NYS Certified Teachers · Accredited by AdvancedEd · High School Preparation In-Classroom Technology, including Smartboards, Chromebooks and iPads · Music & Art Programs · Service Projects Extracurricular Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Softball and Baseball Teams, Marching Band, Chess Club, Chorus, Book Club, Leadership Corp., Student Council

Registration for the 2019-2020 Academic Year is now open!

Call 516-593-9010 for more information and to schedule a tour and meet the members of the St. Raymond School Family.

Choose the St. Raymond School Difference for your Child Today!

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Stewardship
A Way of Life

Stewardship "Thought for the Week"

As we enter this Lenten season let us allow God into our weaknesses to break us free from all temptations. We cannot defeat sin alone, only God can do that. We need to let God into our lives and clean up the mess within us. Be open to Him in prayer, be yourself and be vulnerable to His Love.

Sacrificial Giving

March 3, 2019: $14,244
March 4, 2018: $15,577

EAC NETWORK
EMPOWER. ASSIST. CARE.

The EAC Network is an in-home respite program, not for profit, social service agency that provides respite for caregivers of the elderly in Nassau County.

Features include: 2-6 hours of in-home companion care per week. Companions try to engage the person, maybe take a walk, make lunch, play games or simply chat so that the caregiver gets a break (not able to provide personal care or do housework or shopping).

Nassau County residents 60 or older are eligible. Companions are screened and trained.

For info, call Debra at 516-539-0150, x215 or Christine at 516-593-0150, x 218. Or email: debra.marks@eac-network.org or christine.weber@eac-network.org

Parish Social Ministry
The Heart of the Parish

I pray to you, O Lord, for a time of your favor.
In your great mercy, answer me,
O God, with your salvation that never fails.
—Psalm 69 (68):14

Pantry Items Needed: Ketchup, mustard, canned potatoes, canned fruit, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned meat, coffee, tea, juice, oil, salt and sugar.

Thank you all for your Lenten gifts of toiletries. You have been generous with your donations and prayers. We keep you in our prayers always. God bless you

St. Raymond Human Life Committee
Spiritual Adoption Program Conclusion

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after his or her conception. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He or she is no more human and alive, no more different now, than he or she was before birth except in the manner the baby breathes and eats. This little one is truly a miracle! Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist that is just like your spiritually adopted baby!

Because the conclusion of the Spiritual Adoption Program coincides with our parish's "Giving....Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing" program, we are asking that you bring your baby items to Mass the week-end of March 16th and 17th and bring them forward during the Presentation of the Gifts. All donations will be distributed to several local crisis pregnancy centers. Any gift will be truly appreciated. May God bless you for your faithfulness in prayer and caring for the least of His little ones!

"God does not differentiate between the newly conceived human infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or the young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because He sees an impression of His Own Image and Likeness in each one!" --Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Please join us at our next monthly meeting:

Monday, March 18th, 1:00 - 2:30pm; lower level of the rectory, Msgr. Walsh Meeting Room

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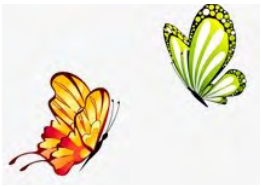

Sodality of Our Lady

Invites you to our annual

Spring Dinner

Thursday, April 11th at 6pm
Pompeii Restaurant
401 Hempstead Ave., W. Hempstead

Enjoy a full-course dinner and take a chance on some great raffle baskets and sweepstake prizes! Come join us and bring a friend!

Ticket price is $45; for reservations contact:
Dorothy Bock at: dbock@molloy.edu
or 516-599-8264 or
or Kathie Flood: kflood@molloy.edu
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To Jesus Through Mary,
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We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Oceanside Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of **$18,786!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioners who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Oceanside Christopher VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit car usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining.

Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave.in Oceanside, or for information call 620-8100, or visit their website at:

Families Anonymous

Families Anonymous (FA) is a Twelve-Step support program of recovery for relatives and friends concerned about the use of drugs, alcohol or related behavioral problems. We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in St. Raymond's School cafeteria.

For details, visit: www.FamiliesAnonymous.org.

Diocese of Rockville Centre The Office for the Protection of Children & Young People

Please Remember... We are all responsible for the safety of children and vulnerable adults! If you suspect mistreatment of a child or vulnerable adult by any member of the Clergy, Church Employee or Volunteer:

Phone the Hotline to make a report: 516-594-9063

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For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People visit: www.drvc.com.

"The greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and anxiety."

Jesus to St. Faustina,
The Diary of St. Faustina

Pot of Gold 50/50

There will be a special ***"Pot of Gold 50/50"*** that will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. This ***"pot"*** has no lid so the ***"sky's the limit."*** The winning ticket will be pulled at the ***St. Patrick's Celebration,*** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on the 23rd. ***The "Pot of Gold" tickets are always available and on sale!*** The are ***$10 each and three for $25.***

Special "Pot of Gold" tickets were included in the March/April regular envelope mailing. ***Simply return the ticket stubs with payment in the envelope to the rectory, either by mail, in person or in the Sunday collection before March 23rd.***

Tickets are also available for purchase at the rectory during regular office hours and as special courtesy they will be available for sale after all the Masses next weekend in the church vestibule and altar server sacristy. The more tickets sold, the greater ***your*** winning share and the greater the profit to St. Raymond's. And you don't have to be Irish to win; but a wee bit of leprechaun luck wouldn't hurt now would it!

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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 18th ***St. Cyril***
7:15am The Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Peter T. Pirone
12:15pm Harold Lord

Tuesday, March 19th ***St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary***
7:15am Msgr. William Singleton
8:45am Cathy Travers—Living
12:15pm Joseph Migliaccio

Wednesday, March 20th
7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Marie Carroll
12:15pm Iris Zavatto

Thursday, March 21st
7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Noreen Kelly—Living
12:15pm Grace Ligarzewski

Friday, March 22nd
7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Josephine Genova
12:15pm George M. Hauck

Saturday, March 23rd ***St. Turibius***
8:45am James M. Lynch
5:00pm Frank Collins

Sunday, March 24th ***3rd Sunday of Lent***
7:30am Nicholas Biondi
9:00am Sean Brosman
10:30am Christina Becker
12:00pm Norma Campanelli, Josefa Rubem, Lucia Scarcella, Jose Saglimbeni, Sara Mercedes Linares
4:30pm The People of St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday
Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday
Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday
Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Please Pray for Our Sick

Janet Kelly, Bob Kelly, Michaelina Vito, Catalina Aloi, Joseph Barbarino Giordano, Msgr. Thomas Candreva, Anne Gallagher, Irene Tortorella, Alyssa Fagan, Josie Genuth, Wolff Genuth, Olivia Bonino, Bridget Feminella, Barbara Neccio, Baby Dino Paul Scali, Pam Guzzardo, Marie Mazzola, Thomas Doty, John Devlin, Anne Lintner, Allen Labbe, Connie & Fred Pollock, Frank Guidice, Jodi Neckles, Gina Mazzola, Taryn Cochio, Anne Cuite, Mary Ann Hartt, Daniel McGill, Charles Henshaw, Rose & Frank Accardo.

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise.)

The Bread & Wine

For this week is in memory of
Peg, Jim and Nicky

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The Sanctuary Light

For this week is in memory of
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Pastoral Council

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is My chosen Son;
listen to Him."
—Luke 9:5

Pastoral Council Members
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Parish Bulletin Board

Singles Retreat

"Live Laugh & Love - Finding Joy in the Moment"

Friday, March 29th– Sunday, March 31st
St Josaphat's Retreat House
1 E. Beach Dr., Glen Cove

This weekend men and women's retreat is sponsored by St Paul's Cursilo, and includes an exciting program, lodging, delicious meals, movie/game night, Mass and opportunities to make new friends. Cost of $200 includes everything; A commuter option is also available for $125 which includes everything except lodging.

For more info & RSVP please Contact Rachel at racheldevine33@gmail.com or call 347-738-

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New Member Orientation

Wednesday, March 27th; 7:30pm
St. Frances de Chantal School
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For info, call Carol at 516-794-4933.

AA Meeting

Monday Nights; 7:00pm
VFW Post 3350
164 Main St., East Rockaway

First Annual

Regina Flaherty Memorial Tea

Sunday, April 7th; 1:00-3pm
Lynbrook Public Library,
56 Eldert St.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Come join us for the afternoon to enjoy scones, tea sandwiches, desserts and assorted teas. $25 per person; tickets on sale starting March 11th at the library and will not be sold at the door. Space is limited; only tables of 4 can be reserved. No children under 12, please. All proceeds benefit the library.

Lenten Retreat

Our Lady of Peace Church
(Intersection of Merrick Rd. Peninsula Blvd., Lynbrook)
Mon.—Wed., Mar. 18th–19th; 7:30-8:30pm
Presented by Jim Ryan, Author and Motivational Speaker.
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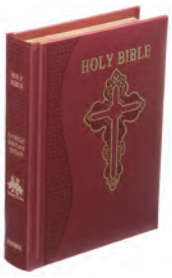

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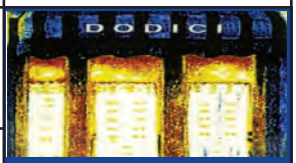

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