

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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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

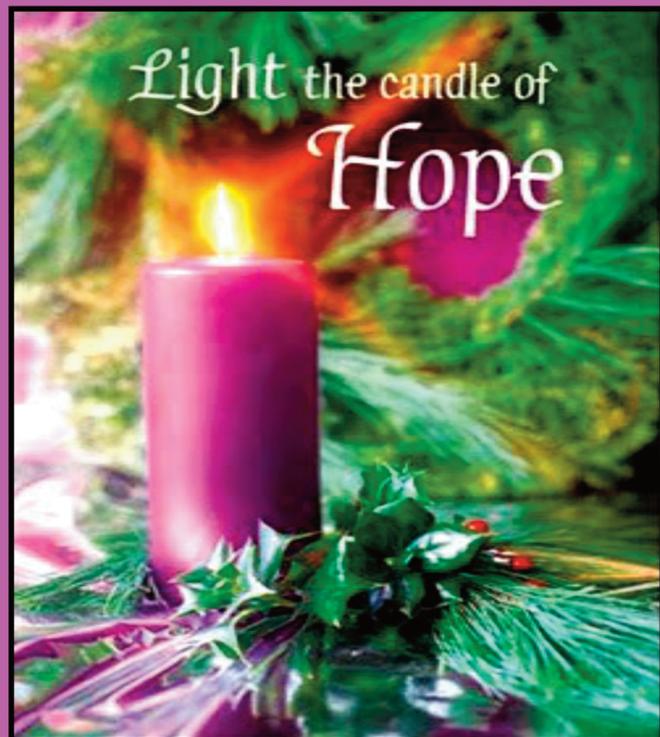
Sunday, November 29, 2020

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

**“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know
when the time will come.”**

~Matthew 13:33



November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

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.

Web Site: www.SaintRaymonds.org

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Religious Education Office.....593-9075

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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.

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.



CATHOLIC FAITH
NETWORK

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



*Always keep our
Service Men & Women
in your prayers ...*

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
SPC Giuseppina (Josie) Coppola US ARMY
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY
Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

*Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.*

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the First Sunday of Advent! Here we go, ready or not into a new Church year. How we get ready this year will probably be unlike any year before. The cloud of unknowing with the COVID-19 virus surge, our country's fragile democracy and other issues all hang over us, making it difficult for us to live peacefully. We are reminded as Advent begins on how we can stay prepared for the moment Jesus comes just for us. The world points to Christmas coming but Advent reminds us that Christ is coming. In the first reading from Isaiah, we see the reconciling of the people of Israel with God after a long period of being estranged. **"You Lord are our father, our redeemer you are named forever."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul thanks God for all the gifts granted the community of faith. And he is confident that God will protect them from any bad influences that may try to damage their relationship with God. **"God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."** And finally, in Mark's gospel, Advent links the expectation of the second coming of Christ with his earthly coming through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Mother. Basically, this gospel passage tells us not to have a lackadaisical attitude. The best approach for everyone is to live every day as if it might be the last. **"Be watchful, be alert! You do not know when the time will come."**

Advent is a journey which can also be an adventure depending on how we make the journey. It takes a commitment to start this journey which may be the hardest part. But we have the sacraments of our Church to get us going and sustain us. To make this journey we need a guide which we have in Jesus and his Gospel. A journey with Jesus can bring us much joy. But Advent also is a time to remind us that our lives cannot be all about feeling good, but rather doing good, being good. **Now an important virtue we also need to make this journey is fortitude.** It is about being ready, prepared, being strong in faith as part of our regular living. This comes only with practice, prayer and repetition. Fortitude means seeing a mountain in your way and saying to God, **"Okay Lord, I can climb any mountain with your help."** And remember that we are not alone. We have family, friends, and a community of faith.

Sometimes we get to be the helper and sometimes we need to be the one helped. Being ready means that if you knew you were to die tomorrow you would just keep doing what you're doing today. It means having faith, often beyond our understanding. It means being a good and decent person. It means believing in our hearts in God's mercy and forgiveness. It believes in new starts with our own faith as the guide. Christ comes at Christmas, yes. And he comes at the end of time, in our time and he comes now to be with us. So, invite him on your journey this Advent, to watch with you. That is the best way to make this season a time of real joy.

I hope that everyone had a happy and safe Thanksgiving on Thursday. The rest of this year will definitely be a challenge for everyone to make the best of the holidays while also being mindful of the need to practice the recommendations for safety from the COVID-19 virus. Hopefully, we will be able to continue celebrating our Masses, Baptisms, Funerals; keep our school open and be able to serve the immediate needs of all parishioners. We have reason to hope with the vaccine progress that is being made. But we need to keep praying for all those taking care of the sick: doctors, nurses, hospital staffs, emergency personnel, all those who work in stores that we depend on for necessary goods, police and fire fighters, teachers and anyone who is out there just doing their jobs. May God be with all of them and especially those who are sick or dying and their families.

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**, including information about the **Giving Tree**, info from **Religious Education** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, the order form for the special **One Year Memorial Candles** that start today, an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great first week of Advent. **Start your journey by smiling and sharing with others. And remember: You can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.
Amen

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.
Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020-FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALLELUIA

PS 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL

MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

HOPE





**St. Raymond
Human Life
Committee**

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

TIME: 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

It's hard to believe, but this is the 31st year our parish will be participating in this powerful "prayer for life". Much more difficult to comprehend, is that our country has moved from the rhetoric of "legal, safe and rare" to states, including our own NYS, accepting and celebrating the expansion of the killing of the babies in the womb up to and including the time right before the baby's actual birth and for any reason! The evil of abortion has inflicted deep wounds on our country and throughout the world. God promises in Holy Scripture, "If My people, upon whom My Name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek My Presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land". (2 Chronicles 7:14-15) It is through Our Blessed Mother that this revival will take place. Under the titles of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin Mary must be invoked to shower the necessary graces to protect Life and to the conversion of our country to the "culture of life". Our Lady of Guadalupe's picture on the tilma of Juan Diego in 1531 told the people to abandon their evil gods who demanded human sacrifice and embrace her Son. Please join with us for just one hour in prayer asking Our Lady to intervene for us, that we may abandon the evil practice of abortion and lead us to her Son. At this special time of the year, we thank all who have been so generous, in prayer, donations and support in the work the Human Life Committee does for God's little ones and their parents. We wish all our parish family a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!



**A National Night of
Prayer for Life
- 2020 -**

Uniting
**The Feast of the Immaculate
Conception**
with
The Feast of St. Juan Diego



*First Saturday
Novena
Our Lady of Fatima
December 5th
8:10am
St. Raymond Church*

*Near the Blessed Mother Statue
Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Giving Tree

*If you would like to share a little
Christmas cheer with someone
in need, please
take a card from our parish
Giving Tree; each card contains an
item from someone's
"wish" list. When you return your
wrapped gift, please be sure
to attach the card securely to the
outside of the package.
Please deliver your gift back to the
Giving Tree for distribution
Thank you for your generosity!*





Stewardship

a way of life

As we enter this Advent season, make a plan to read the daily Gospel reading each day. Listen to God as you read His words.



Want to get to know Jesus, but not sure where to begin? Start with the New Testament! It's the best way to discover who Jesus is, how he lived, and what he taught. Reading the New Testament for even just a few minutes a day can transform your life in surprising and significant ways. This year's Dynamic Catholic Advent program is all about the daily Gospel readings of Advent. Enjoy free, daily video reflections on the Advent Gospel readings and head into 2021 with a renewed enthusiasm and perspective!

Join Us for **BEST ADVENT EVER 2020!**
Sign-up at www.dynamiccatholic.com



November Parish Picks Winners *Congratulation to this month's*

- 1st Place—\$1,000**
#925-Eric & Suzanne Krott
- 2nd Place—\$500**
#143-Rosemary Rachek
- 3rd Place—\$250**
#433-Sr. Ruthanne / Sr. Lorraine
- 4th Place—\$250**
#706-Shelley Kelly

You've got to be in it to win it!

~PRAY WITHOUT CEASING~

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.



(St. Raymond has already received donations from the Associated Vincentian Charities!) Your donation is tax deductible and will be towed away at no charge. The vehicle does not have to be operating.

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call:

718-491-2525

Or email: svdpauto@gmail.com

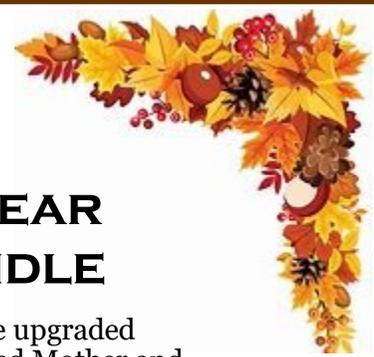
For details: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org

Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

As we sit at table and rejoice in the mercy and goodness of the one God, may the bonds of friendship be strengthened, may our fellowship be a light in the darkness, and—most importantly—may we remember that in opening ourselves to each other we open ourselves to God. ~

Anonymous



SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

As you know, several years ago we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they have enhanced people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory.

This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: _____ St Joseph Statue: _____

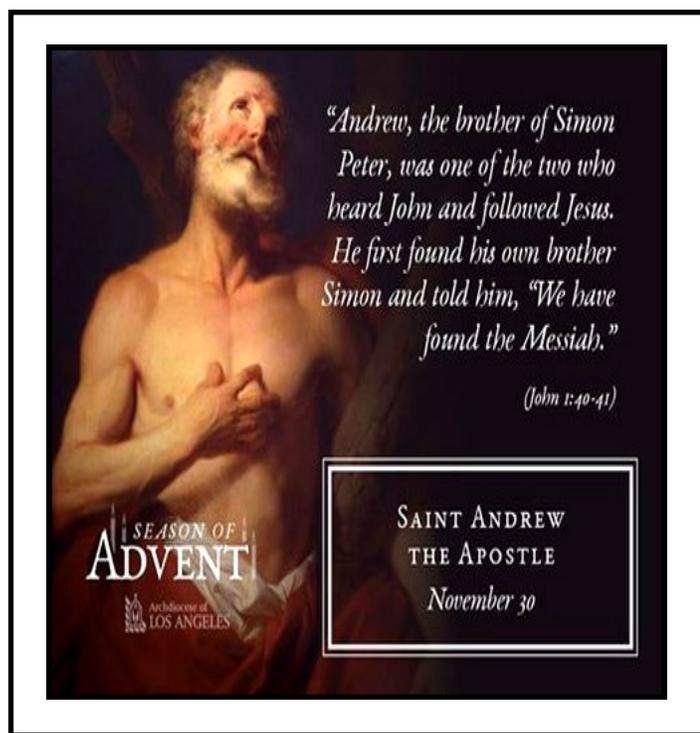
Name for the candle name plate (please print):

Religious Education- Faith Formation
Evelyn Contaldi, Director

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

Dates for 2021 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are still yet to be determined due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. As soon as the dates are set, parents will be notified.

November 30th is the feast of St. Andrew. St. Andrew answered Jesus's call: "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets ..." (Mt. 4:19-20). Andrew, along with his brother Peter, left their fishing nets and started their mission of 'catching' souls for the Kingdom of God. Are we hesitating to respond to Christ this Advent because we are waiting for just the right moment – the moment that will allow us to react as quickly as Andrew? Unfortunately, we may discover that while we were waiting for that illusive moment, we failed to be attentive to the here and now invitations of everyday life, missing opportunities to respond with the generosity of a true disciple of Jesus.



Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne

Today we begin the new liturgical year and the first Sunday of Advent. So, what exactly is the message that we should take from this day? Our Gospel reading tells us clearly to "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." We might be wondering for what we are watching; why should we be alert. I believe it is to decide what really matters in our lives. Obviously, we are preparing for Christmas, but we need to discover what that means in our lives. Hopefully, it is not about the gifts we receive, except THE GIFT that comes from God the Father. Let us pray for each other that we may indeed welcome God's GREATEST GIFT into our lives daily.

Every time I look over the calendar, I see all the things that we normally plan that just cannot be done this year. 2020 has certainly afforded us many challenges including our preparations for the anticipatory celebrations for Christmas. This year brings with it a more reflective time. We continue to thank God for all the many gifts that He has given us, and we consider what we can give in return. There can be no Christmas concert or Christmas caroling this year because of the restrictions from COVID, but we will try to find a way to share in a Christmas meditation from the children. Stay tuned!

The first trimester officially ends on Monday, November 30th and the second one begins on December 1st. The Parent Portal will close on the 30th as well. Teachers will be preparing the assessment cards which will once again be posted online. They should be available for parents to view on December 10th. The teachers will contact parents about setting up conferences, which will also need to be done virtually. Please watch for communications from individual teachers.

I would like to thank all the families who participated in our Giving Day with Brown Bag It. It was successful with the best part being the excitement of the children. I cannot tell you how thrilled the little ones were to be experiencing having a Brown Bag lunch. You would have thought that it was Christmas and that they just opened a favorite gift! It was really precious. Perhaps some folks who had not taken advantage of the program may be more interested to do so in the future. I can tell you that there was not much waste that day.

I know I am sounding like a broken record, but if you are interested in purchasing gift cards for the holiday, you better get your requests into the school as soon as possible. We would love to help you with your Christmas shopping, so do not hesitate. (Do not forget to check out Amazon Smile also. Be sure to list St. Raymond School as your charity. Thanks.) Have a blessed first week of Advent. Stay safe and strong. Maybe you would like to join me in praying the Advent novena for an end to the coronavirus. It is recited 15 times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew (11/30) through Christmas:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [hear mention your request] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People

(Background Screening Update)

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: www.Virtus.org

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. **Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked**. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

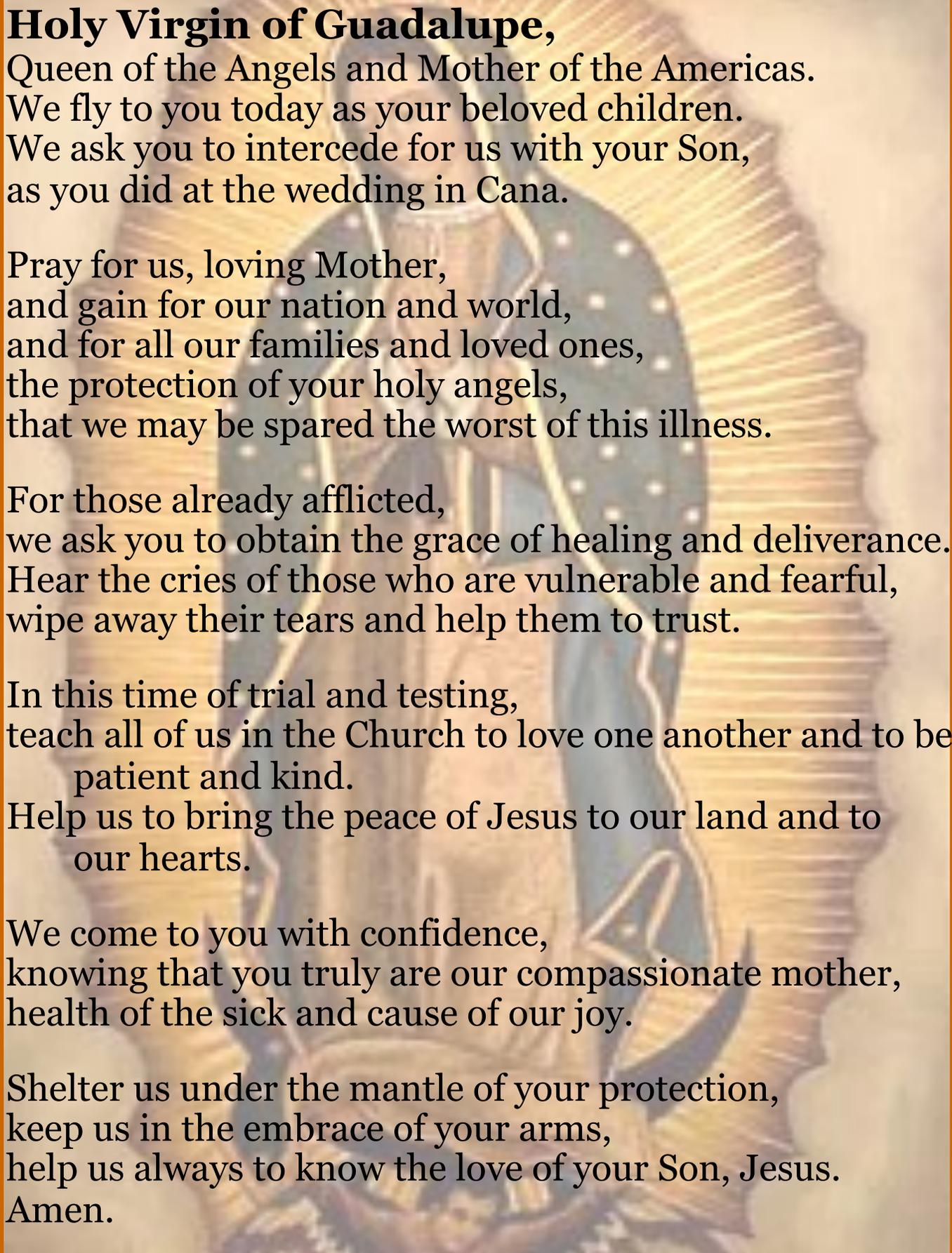
Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;

pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

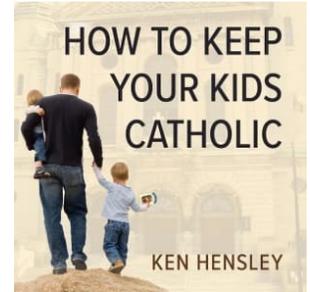
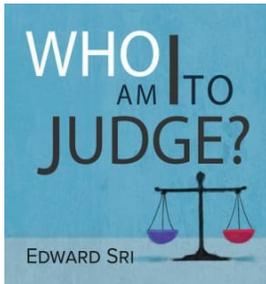
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



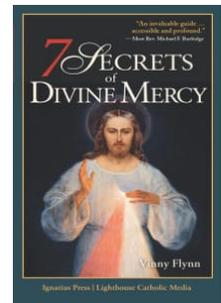
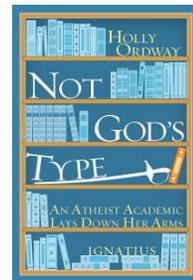
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A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this Land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed With the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in you motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God’s law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. **Amen.**

A Prayer as I put on my mask:
 Creator,
 As I prepare to go into the world,
 Help me to see the sacrament
 In the wearing of this cloth-
 Let it be “an outward sign
 Of an inward grace”-
 A tangible and visible way of living
 Love for my neighbors,
 Christ,
 Since my lips will be covered,
 Uncover my heart,
 That people would see my smile
 In the crinkles around my eyes.
 Since my voice may be muffled,
 Help me to speak clearly,
 Not only with my words,
 But with my actions.
 Holy Spirit,
 As the elastic touches my ears,
 Remind me to listen carefully-
 And full of care-
 To all those I meet.
 May this simple piece of cloth be
 Shield and banner,
 And each breath that it holds,
 Be filled with your love.
 In your name and in
 The name of love
 I pray.
 May it be so, May it be so.





Masses for this Week

Monday, November 30th *Saint Andrew*

7:15am Marie G. Abbott

8:45am Holy Souls of Purgatory

Tuesday, December 1st

7:15am Patricia Gill

8:45am Mary Vetere

Wednesday, December 2nd

7:15am Fr. Gerard O'Meara

8:45am Robert J. Chojnacki

Thursday, December 3rd *Saint Francis Xavier*

7:15am Peter Lacaj

8:45am Roger Donohue

Friday, December 4th

7:15am Vincent Ferrara

8:45am James Donlon

Saturday, December 5th

8:45am Matthew Thompson, Peter Broughal

Loretta & Edward O'Connell

Holy Souls of Purgatory

5:00pm James Donlon

Sunday, December 6th

7:30am Roger Donohue

9:00am Dominick Locasio

10:30am Ray Oakes

12:00pm Kathy Breihof, Anna Capobianco
Martin Lyons, Brendan & Vincent McGuire
Rose Iturralde & Family, Jack Herbert

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

ROM 10:9-18 / MT 4:18-22

Tuesday

IS 11:1-10 / LK 10:21-24

Wednesday

IS 25:6-10A / MT 15:29-37

Thursday

IS 26:1-6/ MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday

IS 29:17-24 / MT 9:27-31

Saturday

IS 30:19-21, 23-26/ MT 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

Sunday

IS 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 PT 3:8-14 / MK 1:1-8

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Jeanette Kostyrka, Rudy Romano, Tamika Brown, Azai Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervalino, Ralph Cerrato, Sky Mary Cirrito, Pat Bolino, Anthony Sisco Gloria Criscuolo, Gina Mazzola, Dr. Sam Iyer, Samara Q, Patricia Criscuolo, Joan Ellyn Bolino, Connie & Fred Polik, Margaret Mary Barbato, Taylor Clark, Liz Biondi, Jodi Neckles, Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B., Bart Castellaneta, Victoria Wilkinson, Nick

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



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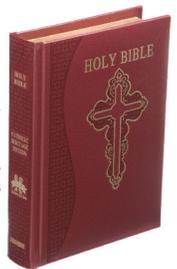
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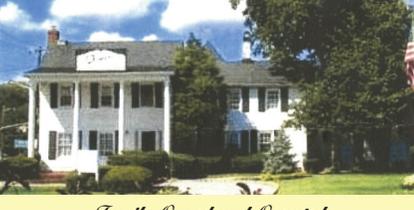

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