

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, January 15, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world.”

-John 1:29



January 15th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule a visit

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

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 Fr. Chuck Romano



**"I have a dream today...
That one day...little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today."**

St. Raymond's rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



**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
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Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessing be yours on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time! We now begin the first segment of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year. This segment will take us to Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time will reappear for the second segment after Pentecost Sunday. It is now time to focus on the mission of Jesus as he goes about preaching, teaching, and healing. As Christians we are all called to be a **"light to the nations"** for all people. Our lives should testify in word and deed that Jesus is the Son of God. The first reading from Isaiah is telling Israel that they now should cooperate with God's plan and carry out the true purpose of being the Chosen People. Also, Israel needs to be a beacon of light for all nations and peoples that guides them closer to God and salvation. **"You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul preaches a message of peace that comes from the Father and his Son, Jesus. All people are called to holiness in the name of Jesus. **"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."** And finally, John's gospel focuses on the important role of John the Baptist in giving testimony to Jesus. Everything he said and did was to prepare and point to Jesus. When we put all of John's testimony together it comes down to: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And once John saw Jesus he could say: **"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."**

Ours in an incarnational faith. We don't simply wait for God to act in our lives by some extraordinary means. By grace we either consent or not to God acting through our daily lives. This is made possible by God becoming man in Jesus, who put our sinful, human nature to death on the cross and raised us up at the resurrection so that we can share eternal life with the Blessed Trinity. If we consent, then we have a particular role to play in the saving mission of Jesus. We are called to contribute to the holiness of the world from within. Now all this may be a bit overwhelming to us. We easily could feel very inadequate. And guess what? We are! But God is our strength. Just as God empowered all the past prophets and saints, so does he give each of us everything necessary to complete good works in his name. Don't sell yourself short! God doesn't, for he says, **"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."** By accepting and responding to the grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus, we can accomplish anything. Remember that by being baptized into the Body of Christ, who sacrificed

I believe by now everyone who should receive regular weekly collection envelopes have gotten them. As I wrote in last week's bulletin, the company we have dealt with for decades has outsourced this part of their business, and it has gotten off to a rocky start. I have been in touch with them, and they assure me that they are a dependable company and will get things in order quickly. Bulk mailing issues seemed to surface as well as a paper shortage. I plan on giving them some time to meet the standards that we have come to expect. But know that I am also starting to look around to find a more local company that would service our particular needs on a timeline that is better suited to us. Thanks for your adapting to this situation over the past two weekends and the creative ways you made your weekly donations. Hopefully it will all be positive moving forward.

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**, an order form for the special **One Year Memorial Candles**, a request for **Parishioner Emails** to help in communication from the rectory, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (on the inside back page), 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 great week. **Smile, share and remember: You don't need a certain number of friends; you need a number of friends you can be certain of.** Have a great day. God bless always.

- **Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 15, 2023-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.

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

JANUARY 15, 2023-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA

Jn 1:14a, 12a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

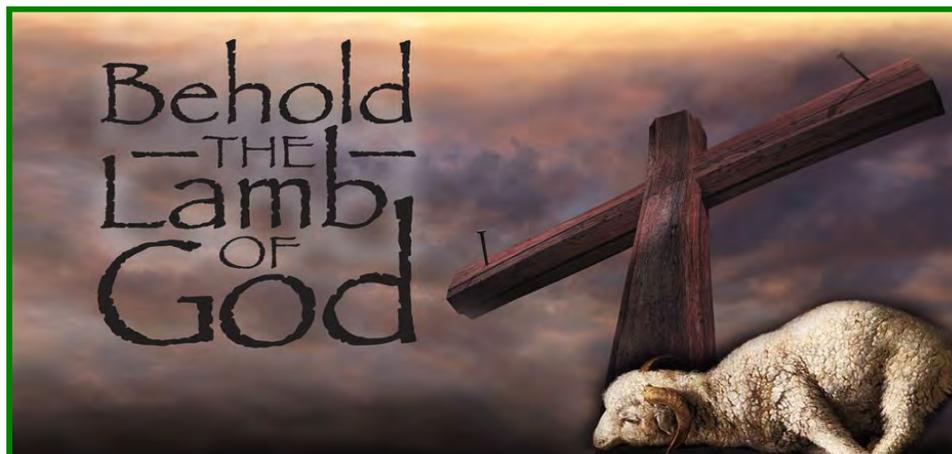
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."
R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL

Jn 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

There are no Religious Education classes and the office will be closed on
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 16th, 2023.

Attention 1st Grade Parents

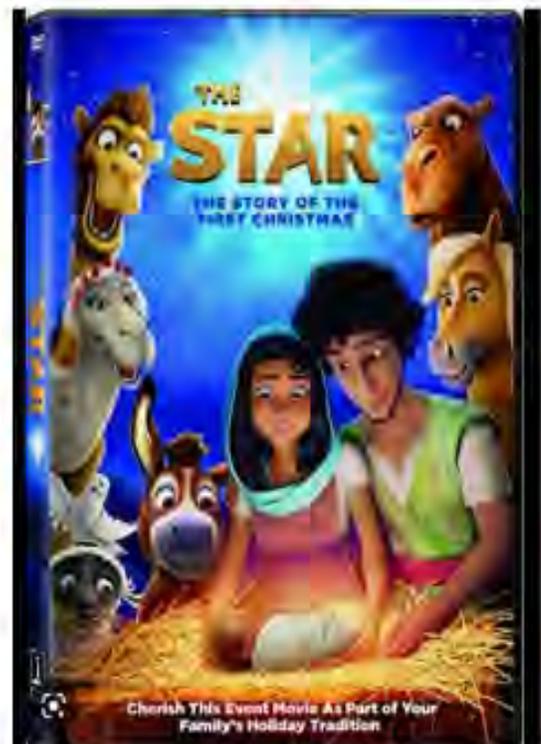
The fourth 1st Grade Parent/Student meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, 2023
at 11am in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Following the meeting, all students
and their parents are to attend the 12 Noon Mass.

Attention 2nd Grade Parents

The 2ND Grade students will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023
from 3:30pm-5pm in the Church. Parents are asked to bring their child to church during
this hour and a half - no set arrival time for each class or group. Priests will leave
promptly at 5PM. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

We had about 80 parents and children attend our
Family movie night on Friday 1/6/2023 featuring The
Star!!! How appropriate that we show this movie the
Friday before epiphany Sunday!!!! Fun was had by all as
they enjoyed popcorn and watched this inspirational
and faith filled movie!!!

Special thanks to Daniele Peknic for suggesting that we
show this beautiful story of our lords birth to our
families. Also thanks to Dennis Ostermann, Brian Peknic
and the knights of Columbus for providing us with
popcorn and beverages. Hopefully this family movie
night was the first of more to come!!!





**THE CHILDREN OF
ST. RAYMOND PARISH HELP
CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY**



Parish Girls in Grades K-8
join us for a

SWEETHEART Valentine's DANCE



Saturday
11
February

From 6:30p-8:30p
St. Raymond's
School Cafeteria

\$10 per person
Includes pizza,
desserts,
dancing, & more

Tickets to be distributed at the 5p Mass on 2/11/23.

Must have a ticket for admittance.

**Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is limited.
Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.**

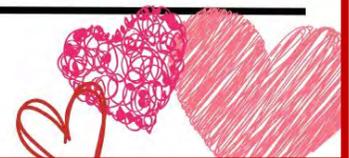
**RSVP By January 27th, 2023. Cash or check made out
to St. Raymond's Religious Education**

Girl(s) Name (s) _____ **Grade** _____

Escort's Name _____ **Phone #** _____

Email _____

**Please wear pink,
♥ red, or white ♥**





**The Rose for Life
Prayers in Solidarity For
Marchers For Life
For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062**



***“A God who became so
small could only be
mercy and love.”***

– St. Therese of Lisieux

Pastoral Council Members

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Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Ordinary Time is not the time to forget all the good works you've done throughout Advent and Christmas season. Continue to practice good works to others and to grow in your faith. Perhaps take up reading some Catholic apologetics to learn more about the Faith.



*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House "The Heart of the Parish"*

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197

Food Pantry Hours of Operation

Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today
and forever. Hebrews 13:8*

The gifts provided by our Parishioners from the Giving Tree helped 50 families enjoy a blessed Christmas. We also helped the Life Center with well needed gifts for babies and toddlers during this special time of year. On behalf of our staff and clients, we thank you for your tremendous generosity and wish everyone a healthy, Happy New Year.

Your continued generosity is something we are always thankful for and fills our hearts as well as our shelves. Pantry items needed this week: Jarred tomato sauce, white rice, coffee, tea, jello, dish detergent and laundry detergent.

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers.



St. Agnes Cathedral School
70 Clinton Ave. Rockville
Centre, NY 11570
OPEN HOUSE: Sunday,
January 29th 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

St. Agnes Cathedral School fosters a safe and respectful learning environment. It incorporates a holistic approach to education: academic excellence, affective and creative development, as well as the spiritual, physical, emotional, and social growth of its students. We believe that all children are created in the image and likeness of God and that each child has diverse talents and abilities, interests and emotions, strengths and weaknesses. It is our privilege to assist parents in educating their children academically and spiritually.

Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year is on Tuesday, January 31st from 9:30-10:30 A.M. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Registration will continue on Wednesday, February 1st from 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 2023. Children entering Grades 1-7 must present their most recent report card and standardized test results. Applicants must present a birth certificate and baptismal certificate (if applicable) upon registration. For more information, contact Mrs. Cecilia St. John, Principal, at 516-678-5550.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION
THE CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE OF
BREAD AND WINE INTO THE BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST WITHOUT A
CHANGE IN ACCIDENTS.



OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten-8th Grade • Lynbrook, NY



Join us for our Open House!

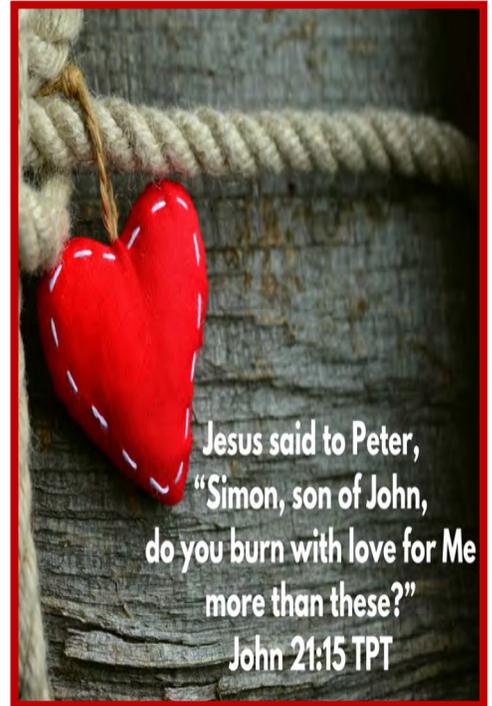
SUNDAY • 1/29/23

— 11:00am - 1:00pm —

Our Lady of Peace School Open House is a chance to see the entire school community at one time. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, staff, students and speak to other members of the Our Lady of Peace School Family. All are welcome!

WHY CHOOSE OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL?

- Rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, OLP accepts the call to educate the whole child in the spirit of service and compassion.
- OLP offers academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning.
- OLP strives as a community, coupled with God's love, to inspire each child to grow spiritually and academically in a diverse and increasingly challenging world.
- OLP provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes human flourishing in a familial atmosphere.



Jesus said to Peter,
"Simon, son of John,
do you burn with love for Me
more than these?"

John 21:15 TPT

ST. ANTHONY THE ABBOT

Saint Anthony,

you spoke of the importance of persevering in our faith and our practice. Help us to wake up each day with new zeal for the Christian life and a desire to take the next challenge instead of just sitting still. Amen.

"If you think me wise, become what I am, for we ought to imitate the good. Had I gone to you, I should have imitated you, but, since you have come to me, become what I am, for I am a Christian." —Anthony the Abbot

**FEAST DAY
JANUARY 17**



ST. AGNES
Feast Day: January 21

☺ lovely St. Agnes, as a young girl you chose Christ as your Saviour and your Spouse. For this you were ridiculed and put to death.

☺ gentle saint, through your intercession, may we obtain the grace of constant faith and courage.

Amen.

"Christ is my Spouse. He chose me first and His I will be. He made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom the angels serve." (Words of St. Agnes)

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Hail Mary

*Hail Mary
 full of Grace.
 the Lord is with thee.
 Blessed are thou among women
 and blessed is the fruit
 of thy womb Jesus.
 Holy Mary
 Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners
 now and at the hour
 of our death
 Amen.*

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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 27, 2022 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):

Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons.

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an **Evening of Prayer and Discernment** with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS -

**PREPARED - to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT,
to DISCERN where God is calling you!**

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS.**

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10—*St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street*

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11—*Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue*

7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

with an **EARLY WEEKEND OPTION** to be held at

1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —*St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue*

RSVP by Friday, January 6th, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.

JESUS LOVES YOU.



Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue

Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of **\$20,986!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card 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 516-620-8100,

visit their website at:
www.oceanfinancial.org.

Do you like to sing?
Do you play piano, flute or guitar?
Check out...

St. Raymond Folk Group!
We are back...

We rehearse Wednesday nights from
7pm-8pm & Sunday at 11am
in the Rectory Lower Level
and sing at the 12 Noon
Sunday Mass

If interested please
call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836
7th Grade and higher are Welcome!



**St. Raymond
Human Life
Committee**

"Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His Name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.' "

(Luke 1:30-33)

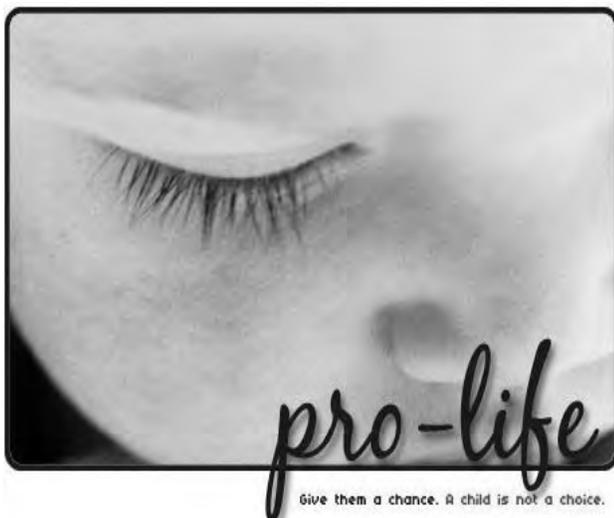
"The womb as been referred to as the 'first home of the human race'. It is the place where life begins, where our stories, yours and mine, start. In the womb we began our unique march through life. In the womb Divinity met humanity, and God the Son was born into the world."

(Randolph Sly, Nat'l Pro-Life Religious Council)

May the mystery of the Incarnation increase our zeal for defending life, beginning with the babies in the womb, up to and including, the time of one's natural death and all the time in between.

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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.**

Parish Email List

At this time, we are setting up through our parish roster a way to send emails from St. Raymond Church straight to all registered parishioners or even selected groupings of people in the parish. It is a feature that our PDS program offers, and we would like to take advantage of its capabilities going forward. We can send our reminders, schedules, emergency news and other timely bits of information. But, in order to reach the largest group of parishioners as possible, we need to grow our parishioner e-mail list. Currently we have only about 500 emails out of 3800 registered parishioner families. So, in order to reach as many people as possible with these messages we need more emails. If you would like to be on this listing for parish messages, please either call the rectory to give us your email, send it in to the parish email (StRayRcc@optonline.net), or fill out this form and return it to the rectory. Your email information goes no further than being a part of your registration profile for the purpose stated above.

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St. Raymond Parish

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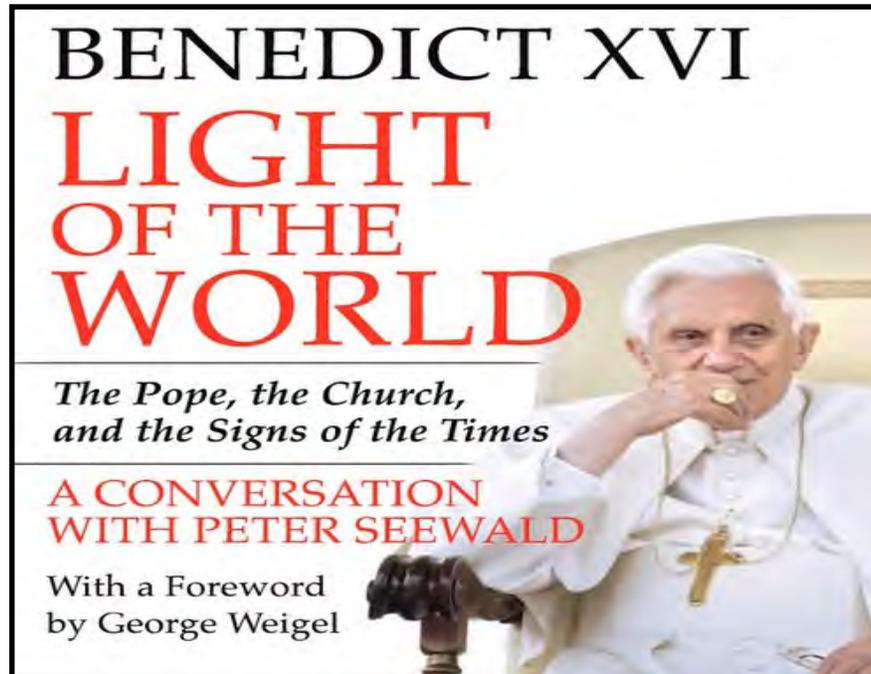
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Masses for this Week

Monday, January 16th

7:15am Rita Dombrowski
8:45am Cathy Turner

Tuesday, January 17th *St. Anthony, Abbott*

7:15am Maureen Ericsson
8:45am John McSherry

Wednesday, January 18th

7:15am Terrence O'Flanagan
8:45am Rita Chojnacki

Thursday, January 19th

7:15am Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Robert Murray

Friday, January 20th

7:15am Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Marco Benedetto

Saturday, January 21st *St. Agnes*

8:45am St. Raymond Parish
5:00pm Antoinette Gaglio Santonino

Sunday, January 22nd

7:30am Jean Healey
9:00am Antoinette Santonio
10:30am Marian Cash
12:00pm Jeanne Healey
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Heb 5:1-10 /Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20 /Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 /Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25—8:6 /Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Heb 8:6-13 /Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 /Mk 3:20-21

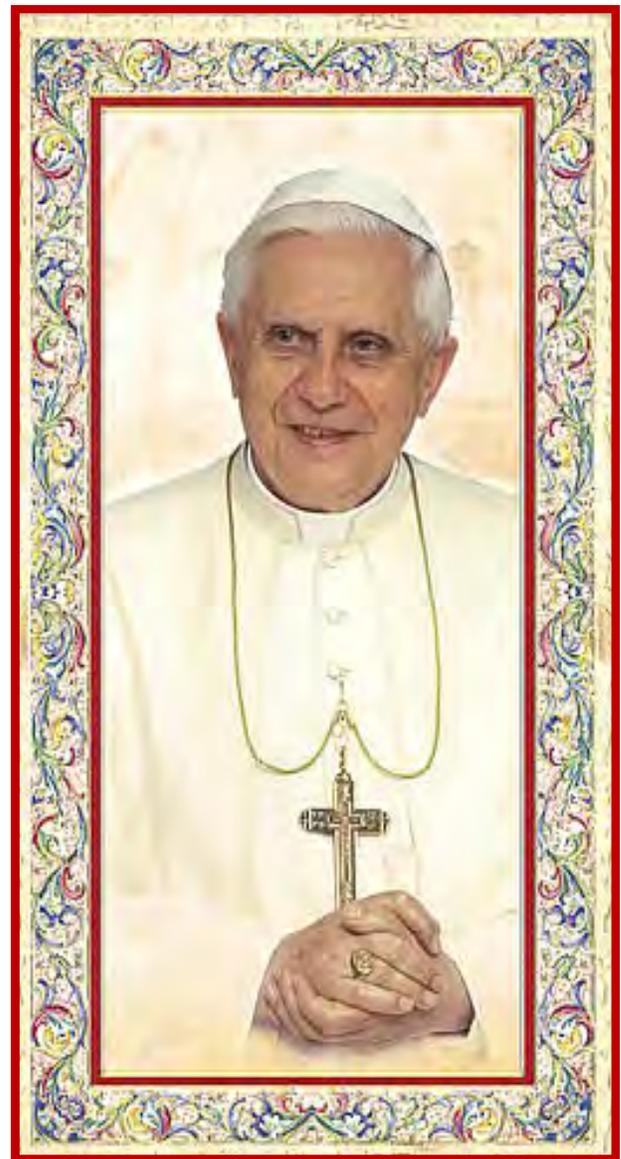
Sunday

Is 8:23—9:3 /1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 /Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Carolyn Talbot
Baby Madison Grace Layman, Hailey Faith Bevers,
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas, John Lynch
Frances Marie Hallas, Liz Tortorella, Dina Bitman,
Kristine Hopkins, Nick S, Baby Cooper Graham, Connie
Polik, Diane Minucci, Jay Witemeyer, Fr. Don Hanson,
Maxine Vitelli, Sean Donovan, Michael McPike, Dawn
Rose Loretta, Mary Smith, Benay Mugman,
Linda D'Agostino, Tom Donza, Donald J. Colwell,
Christine I., Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill,
Joseph Petraro, Jennie Gaeta, Christina McGrory

*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the
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Parish Bulletin Board

Help Wanted

The Parish Social Ministry needs volunteer drivers to assist our parishioners who have no one to take them to their medical appointments in the area. Please contact the Parish Social Ministry, Monday thru Wednesday, from 10am to 2pm, at 516-887-9197 if you have some free time to volunteer to help us and your fellow parishioners.



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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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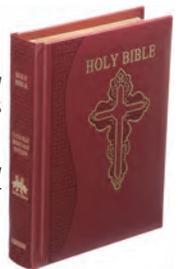


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