

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, March 12, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“God is Spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in Spirit and truth.”

~John 4:31



March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

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.

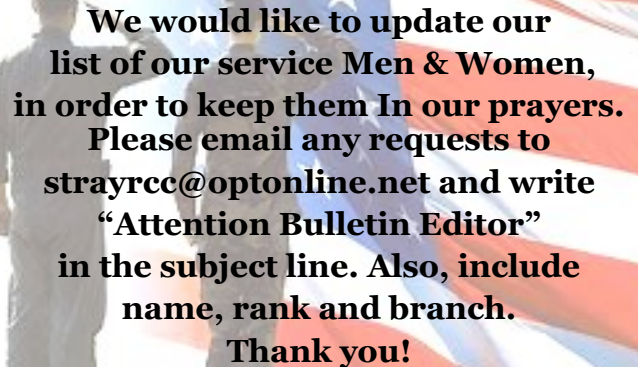
Music Ministries

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



We would like to update our list of our service Men & Women, in order to keep them In our prayers. Please email any requests to strayrcc@optonline.net and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!



**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 ...

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Sgt. Gerard Moran
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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.

Greetings and God's blessing be yours on the Third Sunday of Lent! This Sunday we see how the Samaritan woman is able to unravel Jesus' wordplay and reach a better understanding of him, herself and her situation in life. When one gets a deeper understanding of who Jesus is than one can better understand their own vocation as a bearer of the Good News. In the first reading from Exodus, the Israelites must learn to trust in God as he leads them through the wilderness toward Mt. Sinai. As the people complain about their thirst, God patiently reassures them through Moses' leadership by placing him in front of a rock in Horeb. **"Strike the rock and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."** Then in the second reading from Romans, hope is touted as never leaving a true believer disappointed. **"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."** And finally, in John's gospel we have the story of the **"Woman at the Well"** which is a wonderful example of biblical storytelling. The story is a gradual unveiling of Jesus' identity, of who he was. She goes from calling him **"sir"** to **"living water,"** to a **"prophet"** and finally to the **"Messiah."** And it happens all in this one conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, a conversation by the way which should never be taking place according to laws and customs. Eventually, Jesus is recognized as the true savior of the world, through this Samaritan woman. **"I know the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything. Jesus said to her, I am he, the one who is speaking with you."**

We know little about Jesus' sense of humor (or that of John the Evangelist), but this gospel overflows with amusing double meaning wordplay. At the start the Samaritan woman doesn't get it but by the end she has it all together about Jesus and herself. She gets the water reference when she sees Jesus as the font from which the living water will spring. Then when he tells her about her marriage history, she proclaims Jesus as a prophet and wants him to settle a worship dispute. Instead, Jesus wants her to move from a purely earthly view of places to worship to the idea of worship **"in spirit and in truth."** By the end, the woman is beyond all double word meanings and now fully understand Jesus' and her own identity. And by coming to this realization, she goes forth to share this news about the Messiah. Just as this woman gets it by the end of the story, we too should get it and our lives should then reflect a real sharing of God's word as he desires: in spirit and truth.

During the past year, we have had a parish subscription to **"The Word Among Us"** which is a paperback publication of the Mass Readings with daily meditations for each weekday of the month. I know that many people have enjoyed securing a copy at the beginning of the month to have for personal prayer and reflection during Mass and at home. However, as of the end of Lent, the parish will no longer have a subscription. If you would like to continue with this publication you can get your own subscription to **"The Word Among Us"** by contacting them either online at wau.org or by phone at 1-800-775-9673.

This Monday evening, March 13th, our own Al Barbarino will lead us in a **Lenten Evening of Recollection** starting at 7:30pm in the church. Through prayer, music, scripture and reflection, Al will guide us to a deeper appreciation of who Jesus is and how we can draw closer to his grace and power during this Lenten season. Come, join us, 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**, our parish's updated **Lenten Schedule**, info about the upcoming **Baby Shower**, sponsored by the Human Life Committee next weekend at all the Masses, info for the **Sodality of Our Lady's 5th Annual Women's Retreat** on Saturday, March 25th, ticket info for the **St. Patrick's Party** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday evening, March 25th, the sale of **"Pot of Gold 50/50"** chances at the rectory, 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 Third Week of Lent! **Smile and share as you get to know Jesus and yourself better. Plus remember: Jesus sent you a friend request. Confirm or ignore?** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 12, 2023-THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MARCH 12, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Jn 4:42, 15

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here' I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the Sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

LENT 2023

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 the 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.

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church.



Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church every Thursday from 1-4pm and the First Friday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment at the rectory

Evening of Reflection for Lent

Monday, March 13th at 7:30pm
In the Church led by Al Barbarino

Gift Card Sunday

March 26th - Please bring a gift card from either Stop & Shop or a Visa Card for Parish Social Ministry. To help with the emergency needs of the people of our parish community

Special Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:00-8:00pm in the church
Exposition-Adoration-Prayer-Reflection-Music & Benediction-Followed by fellowship

Abstinence & Fasting

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat/poultry on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired and excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** fast and abstinence.



Lenten Reflections

presented by

Al Barbarino

Monday, March 13th
at 7:30pm
St. Raymond Church
263 Atlantic Avenue
East Rockaway

*Do you know God?
Do you know about Him?
What brings you to Him &
What keeps you away?*

Sodality of Our Lady Reminders



Deacon Bob is celebrating his 90th birthday on Sunday March 19, 2023. He wishes to extend an invitation to all the ladies of Sodality of Our Lady to attend the 12 Noon mass (instead of 10:30)

Donations by Sodality of cookies, brownies, cupcakes & fruit would be appreciated

Monday, March 20th, at 7:30 pm (doors open 7:00 pm) we will have our monthly business meeting covering a lot of important information.

We are planning to have the Ballot Box to accept Board Nominations for 2023-2024 since there will be no April 17th Member Meeting due to the Spring Dinner on April 19th. THEN we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Step Dancers invited (waiting for confirmation) and Irish tunes by Joe Chojnacki and a special guest, Christine. Asking for donations of Irish Bread - Sodality will supply the St. Joseph Pastries.

We are looking forward to a fun night and sincerely thank you for your continued support.



CYO SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Coach Chris Rojas' 3rd grade Team and Coach Peknic's 6th grade team on receiving the CYO Sportsmanship Award!
Coach Martinez and Coach Roth's 4th Grade Team won the CYO tournament. Great job girls!!!!



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.



The Sodality of Our Lady

invites women of faith to our
5th Annual Women's Day Retreat
Saturday, March 25

We will begin at the 8:45 mass then proceed to the school cafeteria for coffee.

The presentation begins at 10:00 and concludes at 3:00 with a break for lunch at noon.

A Lenten Renewal

Presented by Sr. Mary T. Naccarato, PBVM

Program Fee: \$30, including lunch

Registration Closes: Monday, March 20

Checks made payable to: **Sodality of Our Lady**

****Please remit payment along with registration form to:

Sodality of Our Lady, St. Raymond Church
263 Atlantic Ave, East Rockaway, NY 11518

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

If you have questions, please contact Frances Corio at 516-401-5734 or Mary Thorpe at 516-524-3103

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

Attention First Grade Parents

The next First Grade Parent/Student meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at 11am in the St. Raymond School auditorium. After the meeting, the entire group will attend the 12Noon Mass.

All students are asked to attend the 5pm Mass on Saturday, March 18th, 2022 wearing the color GREEN OR BROWN to show our devotion to St. Patrick

(feast day March 17th), and St. Joseph (feast day March 19th).



ATTENTION 5TH & 6TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS
Our 5th & 6th grade students will be going to confession during class time the following dates:

MONDAY STUDENTS 3:30PM-4:30PM 3/13/2023

WEDNESDAY STUDENTS 3:30PM-4:30PM 3/15/2023

THURSDAY STUDENTS 3:30PM-4:30PM 3/16/2023

ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS
Our 7th & 8th grade students will be going to confession during

class time the following dates:

MONDAY STUDENTS 7PM-8PM 3/20/2023

TUESDAY STUDENTS 7PM-8PM 3/21/2023



ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

Our 7th & 8th Grade students will present Stations of the Cross by Teens on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at 7:30pm in the Church. Both the student and a parent(s) are to attend.

A reflection paper (a form will be distributed to students during class this week) will be due in class Monday, April 3rd or Tuesday, April 4th. There are regularly scheduled Religion classes for Monday evening students March 27th, 2023 from 7pm-8pm. Students who have reading parts or who are carrying up a symbol are to attend REHEARSAL MONDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2023 7PM-8:30PM IN THE CHURCH.



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For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062



STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

As stewards of the Faith, let us listen to the words we hear at Mass and let them burn within us so that we may go out into our lives and spread God's word to all we meet.



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)

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."

-Matthew 5:42

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of February, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 60 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed two new clients into our Outreach Program and helped them with food and other services they needed. We all know how grocery prices have been skyrocketing and it is getting especially harder for seniors, who depend on their Social Security benefits as their sole income, to make ends meet. If you are a senior citizen who lives within our Parish boundaries and are having a difficult time financially to afford groceries, please contact our office and we will try to help you out with food so that you can pay your other bills.

Pantry items needed this week: Jelly, Juice, Mayonnaise, Sugar, Coffee, Razors, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Conditioner 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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7

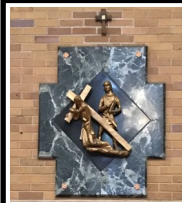
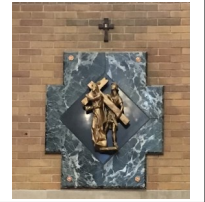


THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

Just as Jesus was wrongfully accused, sometimes people falsely place blame on me to escape the responsibility themselves. And yes, sometimes I also put others down in order to build myself up. When Jesus was condemned to death, even those who had once followed Him went along with Pilate. Do I care more about being accepted by those around me than returning your love? Help me Lord. Be with me Lord.

THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

Lord, help me remember the humble and loving way You carried Your cross up to Calvary when I experience life's heavy burdens and strife. Sometimes I think I can't go on. Help me remember I am not alone. You are always with me. May I imitate Your virtues of love, humility and perseverance while dealing with my crosses and offer them up on behalf of my sins, for the sick and less fortunate. Help me to understand that there is nothing You and I can't get through together.

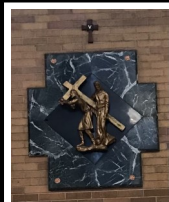
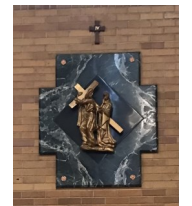


THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

I am like you, Jesus, in that I take up my own cross. But my cross is made up of my sins, temptation and Materialism. I carry my cross through my life, like You, Jesus, carried Your cross to Calvary. Jesus, You fell under the weight of my sins. I fall by accepting temptation and giving into evil. I fall when I give in to gossip or hurt others. You carry my sins to death so I can be free. Help me, Jesus, to really understand all that You have done for me. Help me to make my burden lighter.

THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

How does anyone have the strength to watch someone they love suffer and die? Death knows no boundaries and takes everyone. I need to have the strength and faith of Mary when I am faced with the loss of a loved one. Lord, while I know death is not an end but really a beginning, please give me the strength of faith that Your mother showed, and help me to be strong for the others who are grieving.

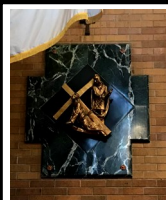
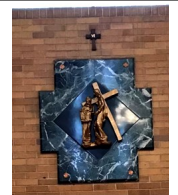


THE FIFTH STATION-SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

I need Your help to get me through these tough situations that I encounter during my day. Help me discover my options through prayer. Please help me to be nicer to those who are against me, and let me be trusting in my relationships with my friends, family and neighbors. I have enough to handle on my own. Why, then, am I further burdened with worry about family members or friends? Why does it always seem to be me who has to take on their problems as well as my own? Lord, show me the way.

THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Every day I see people who are suffering or in need of help. They seem to be everywhere. I wish someone would help them. I'm so busy; I just don't have the time. That isn't really true. I guess I just don't want to be involved. I have my own problems, I don't need to take on any more. O Lord, teach me to see Your face in the faces of those who need comfort. You have assured us that random acts of kindness will have their own rewards, if not here and now, then later, with you in the kingdom.



THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN

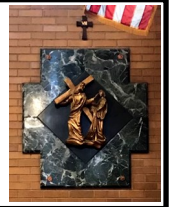
In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps on going-for me. With Your help, I can have the courage and the faith to get up again and continue on. Help me to pray that I will not follow my own way but, instead, the way of the Lord, for which Jesus was sacrificed.

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

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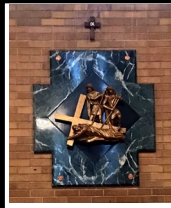
THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

How difficult I find it sometimes to think of others particularly when I am troubled or hurting. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in myself that I shut others out, and I wonder if I can go on. Lord, You have shown me love and compassion for others even when they scorn You. Please help me to look beyond the exterior of others and help me to show compassion as You did. Please don't let me be selfish. Instead, let me always be merciful in my journey through life.



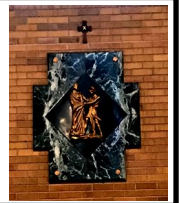
THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

I Sometimes fear the future. I become afraid of change. I am just so unsure of myself, let alone others. I need confidence. I need to know I am not alone. I need to understand that I am worthy of love and respect. Lord, forgive me for each day of my life that I sin against You. Sometimes I have the best intentions, but I turn away from You anyway. Help me to appreciate all you have done for me. Give me strength and wisdom to seek kindness in others and see myself in the image and likeness of God.



THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

My possessions are very important to me. I surround myself with beautiful and expensive things. I have far more clothes than I really need, and sometimes I spend money on silly things and forget about others who don't even have necessities. Dear Jesus, you not only sacrificed everything, You laid down Your life for me. Help me to be a strong spiritual follower in faith. Please show me the right way towards eternal happiness by following Your example.



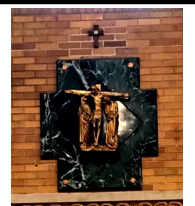
THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

O, my God, sometimes I persecute others because they are different. I am embarrassed when I think of some of the things I've said about others. It's so easy to gossip. Sometimes I just don't like people because of their skin color or religion. Give me the courage to not give in to the pressures of putting others down. Dear Jesus, please forgive me and the others like me, and help me, instead to be Your messenger of love and care to all I meet so that they may experience Your love and concern through me.



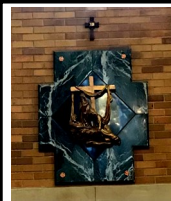
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Jesus, give me the strength so that I can survive the mysteries of life that are ahead of me. I know I'm going to fall many times. Give me the courage to stand back up. Let me recognize all the good things that surround me each day of my life. Our heavenly Father gave all of us a beautiful world. You even died so our sins would be forgiven. May I be like You in Your perfect example of sacrifice and love. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.



THE THIRTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Lord I am truly sorry for forgetting You. I am sometimes preoccupied by my life when I should be focusing on You. I really don't know why, but I always seem to let all the things in my life crowd you out. Often, when I do pray, I do not concentrate on my prayer. I sometimes just say the words and don't pay attention to what I am saying. Help me to show that You are my first priority by setting aside time for You each day.



THE FOURTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Dear Jesus, following Your death, helplessness and despair was felt by many. Your death on the cross left those who really knew You empty inside. Lord, when I am feeling empty inside, help me to attain inner strength and peace to make it through the day. Knowing that You love me and believe in me, gives me the reassurance I need. Help me to face my problems, and to remember that You are with me always until the end of time.



St. Joseph
Spouse of Mary

Feast Day
March 19th



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.

Amen

St. Patrick
Patron of Ireland

Feast Day
March 17th



May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours!
This day, O Lord, and evermore.
Amen



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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 25th.**

Tickets are also available for purchase at the rectory during regular office hours. The more tickets sold, the greater **your** winning share and the greater the profit for 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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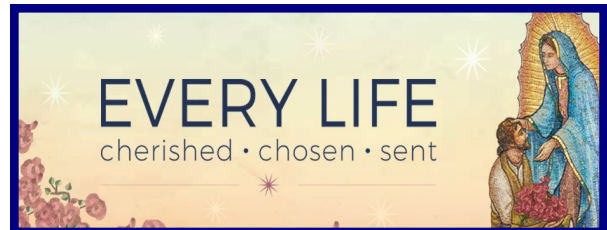
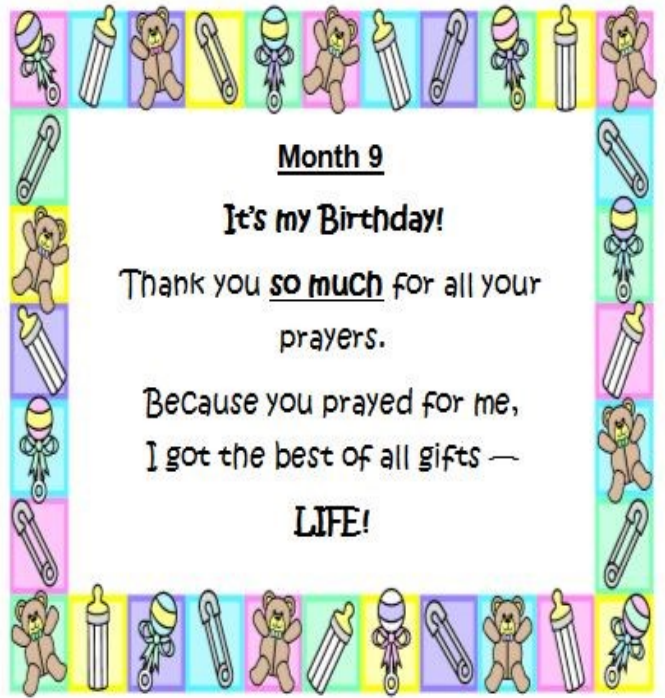


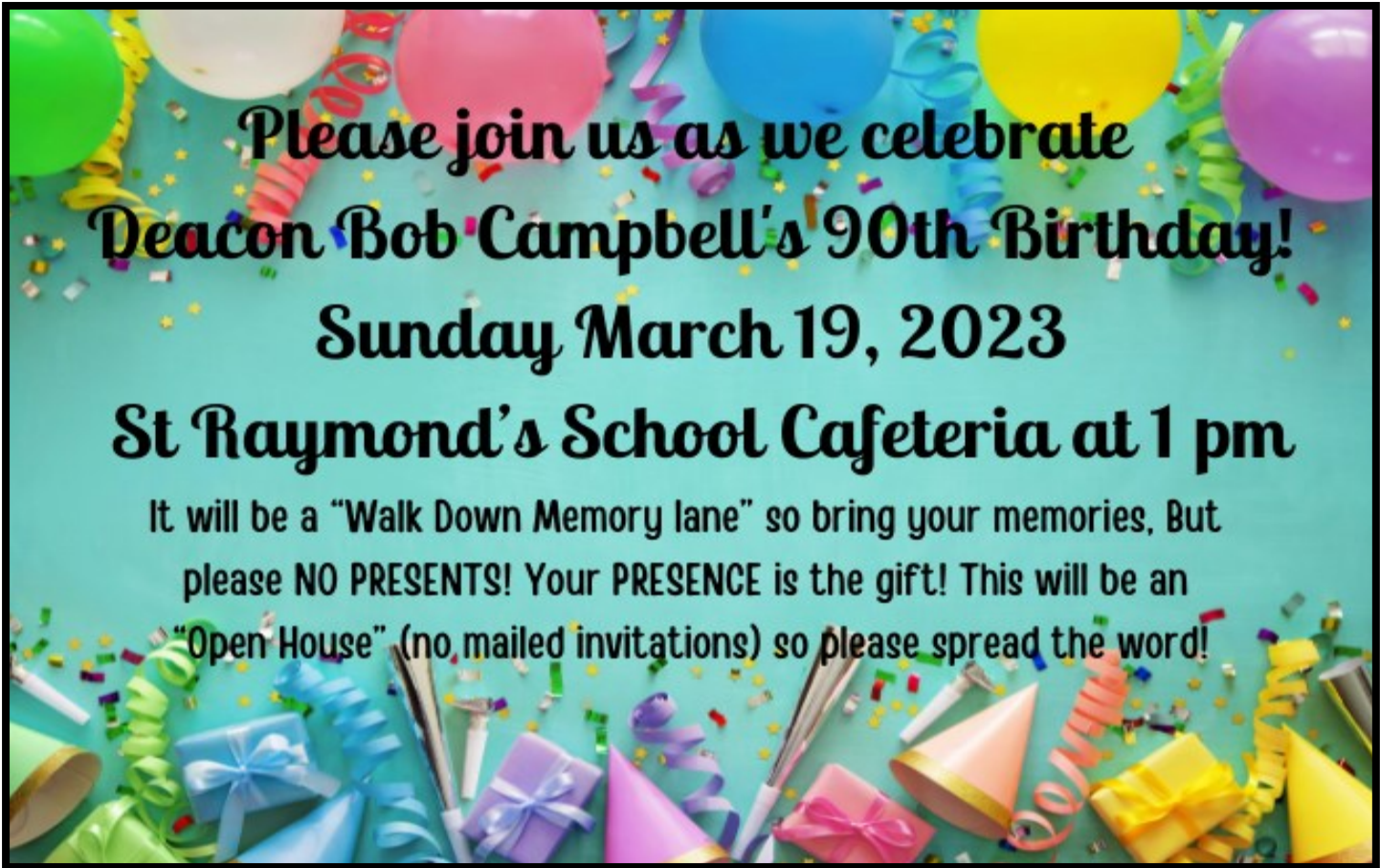
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(Pope Benedict XVI, February 27, 2006)





Please join us as we celebrate
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Sunday March 19, 2023
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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 13th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Special Intension
12:15pm Loretta & Edward O'Connell

Tuesday, March 14th

7:15am Gregory Bardak
8:45am Carol Gottcent
12:15pm Dcn Bob Campbell

Wednesday, March 15th

7:15am Ethel A. Zimpfer
8:45am MaryEllen Sullivan Shirello
12:15pm Neil Romano

Thursday, March 16th

7:15am Anita Panetta
8:45am Fr. Simon Fernando
12:15pm Don Maloy, Jr.

Friday, March 17th

7:15am Marlene D'Onofrio Glass
8:45am Gary Early
12:15pm Henshaw & Gallagher Families

Saturday, March 18th

8:45am Michelle Cirillio, Nuala Baker
5:00pm Paul & Florence Nicholas

Sunday, March 19th

7:30am Joseph Ninivaggi
9:00am Eileen Saunders Reed
10:30am Reverend Simon Fernando
12:00pm Francis Buerardi, Mark Dijak,
Vincent Madonna, Sodality,
Salvatore Constantino, Christopher Bayiokas
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab /Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43 /Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9 /Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28 /Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10 /Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6 /Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a /Eph 5:8-14 /Jn 9:1-41

Please Pray for Our Sick

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Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,
John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik,
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,
Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jennie Gaeta,
Christina McGrory, Jay Witemeyer
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Rest in Peace

Leonard Sammartano

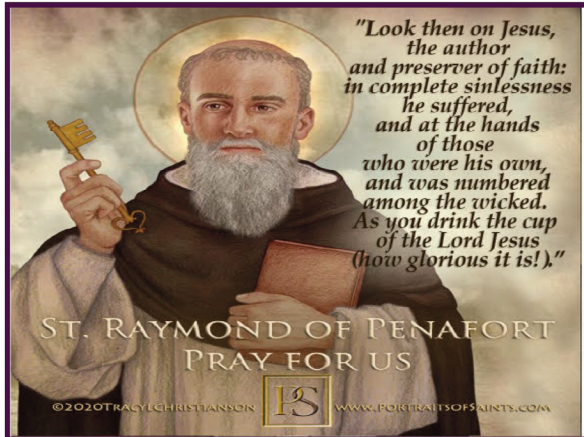


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before me, Christ behind me,
Christ within me, Christ
beneath me, Christ above me."
- St. Patrick

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Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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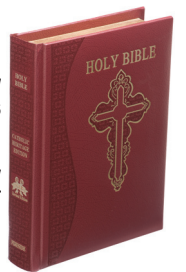
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