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with whom I am  
well pleased;  
listen to him.”

-Matt 17:6

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

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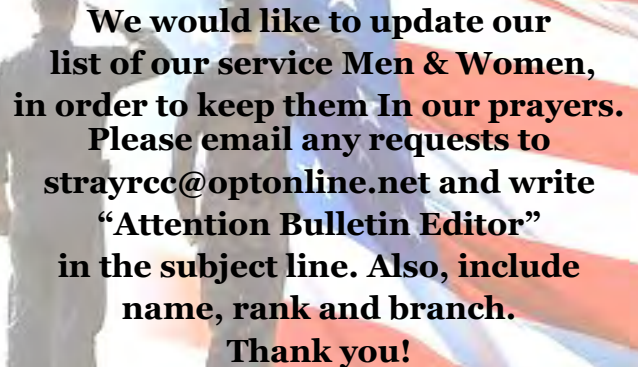
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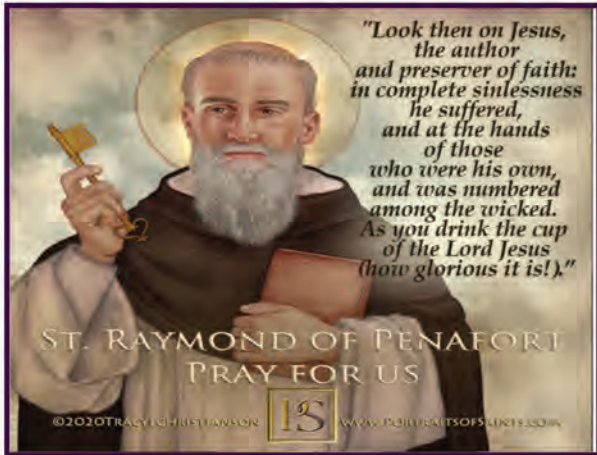


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**Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with 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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**Greetings and God's Lenten blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Lent!** The gospel of "**The Transfiguration**" that we hear proclaimed today is really a call to heed our own transfiguration for that is the only way we will be able to help build the Kingdom of God. The first reading from Genesis expresses what the journey of faith entails; namely listening to the word of God and making an obedient response. Abram was challenged by God to step out of his comfort zone. When doing so and trusting in God, many blessings will come his way. "**All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.**" Then in the second reading from 2 Timothy, Paul assures the believers that there is great strength available to help in enduring hardships for the sake of the Gospel. "**Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.**" And finally, Matthew's story of "**The Transfiguration**" has as its purpose to reveal that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is divinely changed in the midst of brilliant light and white garments. Moses and Elijah are there plus a divine voice declaring who Jesus is comes from a cloud. Clear instructions are given on what to do (listen) and what to say (nothing). "**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.**"

God invited Abram and all of us to go from where we are most comfortable forward into a new way of life. This command of God includes a promise to make us a great nation, not a new government, but a new kingdom of acceptance without excluding anyone. Now this command of God has no blueprint for how it should happen. He basically just says to do it and I will be guiding you on the way. "**And you will be the hope of the future.**" What we have are faith, trust, patience, and the ability to muddle through amid the dark. So where do you feel God is leading you? Just remember that today's gospel is introduced by, "**Take up your cross and follow me.**" None of us are better, smarter, or holier. He chooses us simply because we are and that should be enough to realize that we should do something. We are called to a new way of thinking, to change our ideas about how things should be. If we really listen to the Gospel and Jesus preaching, then we know that our world hardly reflects God's vision. Jesus literally groaned with compassion when he saw injustice. Perhaps, compassion is the one virtue we could all embrace more generously this Lent. Who knows? It might help us all to overcome the vitriol in our airways and human encounters. As Jesus was transfigured on the mountaintop, may our lives be totally changed this Lent into the likeness of Jesus for all to see.

As we enter the Second week of Lent I'd like to call your attention to some great Lenten programming and spiritual resources that can be an inspiration for deepening one's faith at this time. First of all, if you haven't already, please sign up for **FORMED** (it's free) through the parish website. Once you have registered, will have a vast array of videos, audios, documentaries, teachings and movies that will enhance your faith and at this time, your Lenten journey. **Don't miss out-sign up today!** I promise that your will not be disappointed. Also, I recommend the short YouTube video "**The Veil Removed**" for your viewing. It is a short video but a most powerful one about what happens at each celebration of the Holy Mass. View it once and you will go back to it again and again. And finally, you may have heard of the acclaimed series, "**The Chosen**" from Angel Studios. There are currently three seasons available for viewing. It is about the life of Jesus as he begins his public ministry, calls the apostles and travels about healing and teaching the good news. Without a doubt this series is top notch for Christian viewers and a most suitable accompaniment for your current Lenten journey or at any time of the year.

**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** for March, an invitation to a **Lenten Evening of Recollection** on Monday, March 13th, led by Al Barbarino, the upcoming **Baby Shower** sponsored by the Human Life Committee at all the Masses on March 19th, registration info for the **Sodality of Our Lady's 5th Annual Women's Retreat Day** on Saturday, March 25th, ticket info for the **St. Patrick's Party** on Saturday, March 25th sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the 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 Second Week of Lent! **Smile, share, sacrifice and pray. Plus remember: There's nothing you could do to make God love you more.....or less.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 5, 2023-SECOND 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 5, 2023– SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## FIRST READING

**Gn 12:1-4a**

The LORD said to Abram:  
"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the LORD directed him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Cf. Mt 17:5**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.**

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

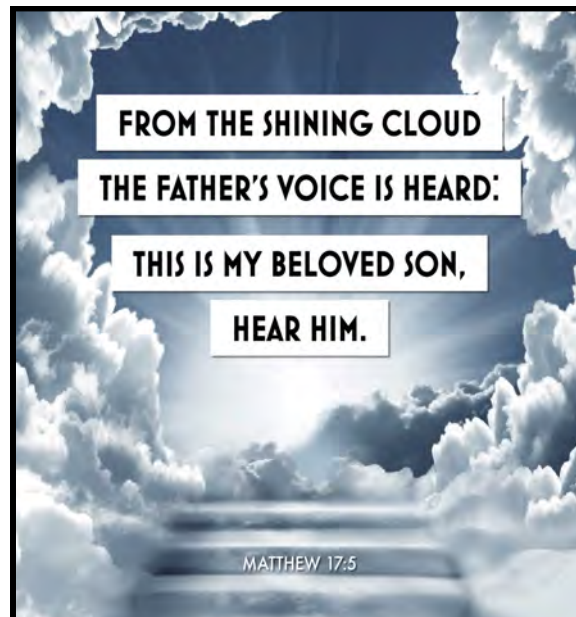
R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



## SECOND READING

**2 Tm 1:8b-10**

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 17:1-9**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

# 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.



Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1: 29







# Lenten Reflections

presented by

## Al Barbarino

Monday, March 13th

at 7:30pm

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



### *The Sodality of Our Lady*

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**5th Annual Women's Day Retreat**  
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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.

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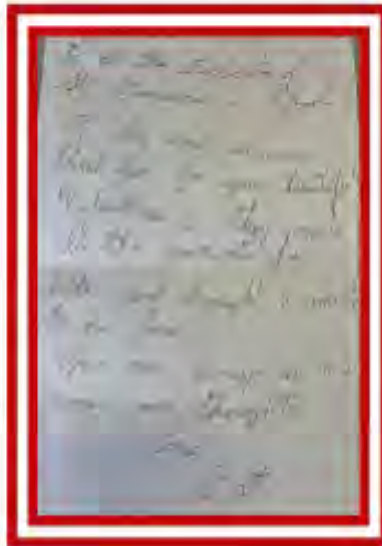
The next First Grade Parent/Student meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at 11am in the St. Raymond School auditorium. After the meeting, the entire group will attend the 12 Noon Mass.

Our 7th & 8th Grade students will present Stations of the Cross by Teens on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at 7:30pm in the Church.

All are welcome to attend!



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Today's Gospel reading tells us of the Transfiguration— which happens to be the Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary. This week, learn to pray the Rosary if you do not know how to already. Lent is the perfect time to adopt a new spiritual practice.



*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)

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of January, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 66 households with food, personal care and household items. Several parishioners requested assistance with transportation to doctor's appointments and the Parish Social Ministry was able to provide our volunteer drivers for them.

**Pantry items needed this week: Cold Cereal, Mayonnaise, Chicken or Vegetable Broth, White Rice, Pancake Mix, Pinto Beans, 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***

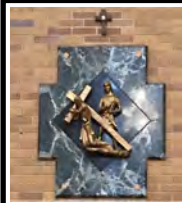


### ***THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE***

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.

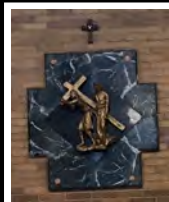


### ***THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME***

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***

## ***STATIONS 8-14***

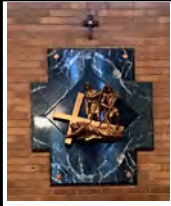
### ***THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM***

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.



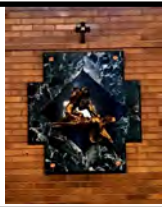
### ***THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS***

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.



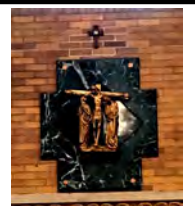
### ***THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS***

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.



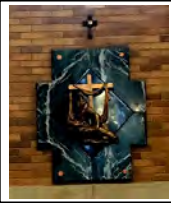
### ***THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS***

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. Raymond  
Human Life  
Committee**

**CHEMICAL ABORTIONS**

65% of abortions today are done chemically rather than surgically. This is great financially for the abortionists, as there is less of a need for buildings and staff because the abortion pills are distributed through teledoc/mail order. In addition, the cost to the abortion centers to obtain the 2-day pills is \$80. and the charge to the clients is up to \$800. depending on the gestational age of the baby. But how about the benefits to the girls/women? "Did you know...in 2000, when the FDA was considering approving the 2 chemical drugs mifepristone and misoprostol, officials realized the only way they could legally approve the drugs was by characterizing pregnancy as an 'illness' and then argued that the drugs provided a 'meaningful therapeutic benefit.' They described pregnancy in the same category as cancer or pneumonia. That's how exactly the FDA approved the drug combo....Doctors have for years warned the FDA of the dangers these drugs pose to their patients. The FDA has long ignored those warnings....They Never: Studied the safety of the chemical abortion drugs under the labeled conditions of use. They don't even know how safe the drugs are when women use them as directed. They: Ignored the potential impacts of the hormone-blocking action the drugs have on the developing bodies of adolescent girls. They: Disregarded the substantial evidence that chemical abortion drugs cause more complications than even surgical abortions. They: Eliminated necessary safeguards for pregnant girls and women who undergo this dangerous drug regimen. Chemical abortions pose risk of severe side effects including hemorrhaging, the need for follow-up surgery, and even death. Multiple peer-review studies... found that there is a 53% greater risk for an ER visit for chemical abortion complications 4x than that after a surgical abortion. Also, 34% of post-abortive women report an adverse change in themselves, including depression, anxiety, abuse, and thoughts of suicide..." (Gloria Schreiber, CEO The Life Center of L.I.) Whom do you think is better off because of this newest, advanced procedure? The baby? Definitely not the baby - Every abortion, no matter the method, is deadly to the innocent, human life growing in the womb. The girls/women? Isn't this just another assault on a girl's/woman's body and health? The abortion industry? Less expense, more profit.



**COME PRAY IN THE SPIRIT**  
Our Solomon's Porch Prayer Group meets every Friday evening in the Tabor House at St Anthony's Parish, Oceanside from 7:30PM to 9:00PM. We praise God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit through music, prayer, scripture, meditation and sharing all before the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us any week or every week.  
**All are welcome!**

## 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Parish (on your envelopes) # \_\_\_\_\_

# God is



### 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](http://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!



HERE'S YOUR INVITATION TO THE

# ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COME ENJOY THE RICH IRISH TRADITIONS, COMPLETE DINNER,  
IRISH MUSIC (BY THE McSWITCH), IRISH DANCING,  
BAGPIPES, GUINNESS, IRISH COFFEE AND SWEETS  
ALL INCLUDED, SO GET A TABLE OF FRIENDS TO ENJOY.

## MARCH 25, 2023

### 7:00PM

AT ST. RAYMOND'S  
SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM

**"GREEN ROOM"**

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$55PP  
SENIOR DISCOUNT \$50PP (65+YRS)  
TABLES OF 10 WELCOME!  
TOM DONZA AT 593-2521  
(TICKETS ON SALE NOW.... LIMITED SEATING)







*Congratulations to...*  
*Justine Orichio & Donald Gill*  
*Jennifer Laren & Mark Martinez*  
*who will be married*  
*St. Raymond's Church in March*



*God Bless Our  
 Newly Baptized*

*Carter Matthew Pellegrino*  
*Maverik Ella Krieg*  
*Kiara Alessandra Kritikos*  
*William Ronaldo Garcia*



*St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry*



*We are offering a Program for those  
 grieving the death of a loved one.*  
 Six Sessions beginning Thursday,  
 April 13th at 7:30 PM  
 In St. Raymond's School Cafeteria  
 To Register: Call the Rectory at  
 516-593-5000 or fill out the form  
 below and send to the Rectory

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 Your Name:

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 Best Tel. #:

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 Relationship to the Deceased:

**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.

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 FREE TOWING  
 ANY CONDITION**

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525  
 For details: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)



**2023**

**CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

DIocese of Rockville Centre

*One Family - Journeying together in  
Communion, Participation and Mission*



*“...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our  
spiritual and material goods with the  
- Pope Francis*

## **Almsgiving in Lent**

**During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.**

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities our Parish Outreach programs.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit [CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org](https://CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org) or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

# FORMED<sup>®</sup>

This week on **FORMED...**



Dive deeply into the upcoming Sunday Mass readings with Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Israel McGrew, biblical scholars from the Augustine Institute. Each week, they will review the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, situate them in their historical and literary context, and illuminate the connection and continuity between the readings, helping you to see why the Church put them together. This series is a resource for lay people who want to prepare themselves for the Mass by reflecting on the Word of God in advance.

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## Masses for this Week

### Monday, March 6th

7:15am Michael Gordon  
8:45am Teresa Weymouth  
12:15pm Special Intension

### Tuesday, March 7th

7:15am Gregory Bardak  
8:45am Cathy Turner  
12:15pm Bob Murray

### Wednesday, March 8th

7:15am Maureen / John Raber  
8:45am Patricia Ardezzone  
12:15pm Catherine Mansfield

### Thursday, March 9th

7:15am Fr. Simon Fernando  
8:45am Terese L. Campbell  
12:15pm Louise Saar

### Friday, March 10th

7:15am Louise Stiffel  
8:45am Neil Romano  
12:15pm Daniel Vuoso

### Saturday, March 11th

8:45am James Henshaw  
5:00pm Sheila & Frank Boppert

### Sunday, March 12th

7:30am Gregory Baumgarten  
9:00am Boy Scout Troop 332—Court of Honor Mass  
10:30am Jane Hoffmann  
12:00pm Bernadette Dalrymple, Bob Murray,  
James F. Abrams, James & Jean Shea  
Frank & Mildred Abrams, Catherine Carfora  
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

#### Thursday

Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

#### Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

#### Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### Sunday

Ex 17:3-7 / Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 / Jn 4:5-42

### Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,  
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  
Kristine Hopkins, Theresa DeCuzzi  
Linda D'Agostino, Benay Mugmon

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



**Rest in Peace**  
**Leonard Sammartano**



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

### Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki, Secretary, Linda Daley, Julianne Grennen,  
Jeanne LaSala, Vice Chairperson, Patricia McCormack,  
Chairperson, Dave Ohlsen, Linda Ohlsen, Stephen Rochford,  
Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin.