

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, February 19, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly
Father is perfect.”

-Matt 5:48



February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22, 2023—Ash Wednesday

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.

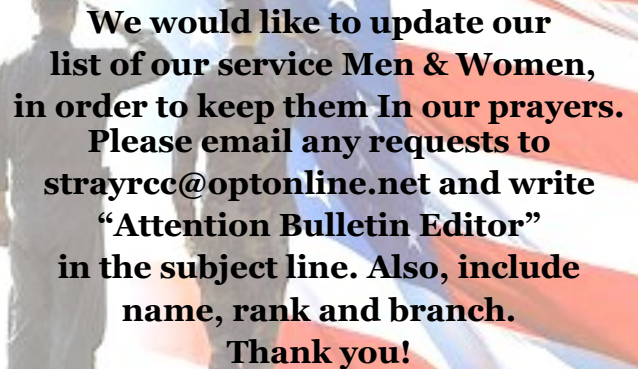
Music Ministries

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 ...

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
PFC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS
PFC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
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 blessings be yours on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! The theme of the readings for the last Sunday before Lent reminds us that God's word should spur us on to be examples of his peace and goodness. In the first reading from the Book of Leviticus, God instructs Moses to challenge the people of Israel to be holy, just as God is holy. The way this is shown is in how the people treat each other. **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul warns against boasting about the things of the world. True wisdom comes from knowing that you belong to Jesus. **"If anyone among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise."** And finally, Matthew's gospel continues the Sermon on the Mount as Jesus deals with two points: retaliation and love of enemies. Jesus raises the bar of retaliation by eliminating all forms of compensation for wrongdoing. And Jesus moves us further along by declaring the virtue of loving one's enemies. All this may seem impossible but remember: This is real life as it is lived in God's kingdom. **"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."**

It is so hard to be good; much easier to be angry and stay that way. When negativity holds sway over us, we will be eventually consumed by it. But we are called as Christians to live the Gospel way of life which is not an easy task. What can we do with all the voices of distractions that hold us at bay in this world? Well, there is nothing like a random act of kindness to transform a person's day. A smile, a tender touch, a greeting a welcome—all these can go a long way, especially when done at random and not planned. We have all heard today's Gospel message hundreds of times. All the sacraments we receive in our lifetime remind us of our commitment to live lives of peace and forgiveness. When we hear God's message it is always pretty much the same, yet it speaks to us in different ways each time we hear it. We are most surely a stubborn people and set in our ways, but the Gospel is always pointing us to a better way of living.

Alone our efforts are often difficult but together our efforts can come to fruition much more easily. That's why we are a worshipping community. The Eucharist, the Sacraments, God's Word are never static or frozen in time. They are always alive and full of God's grace.

Maybe today you hear his word a bit differently than in the past. God's message is always changing as we move through life. Remember the Holy Spirit is constantly working so that God's grace can grow, change, and inspire our lives. Take some time to examine your conscience. Jesus knows you and loves you, encouraging you to embrace what is good. No, living in the light of the Gospel is not an easy thing, but sacred things are always well worth the challenge.

This Wednesday, February 22nd, we begin the Holy Season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Blessed Ashes will be distributed at the following times: 7:15am Mass, 8:45am Mass, 12:15pm Mass, the 4pm Prayer Service and 7:30pm Mass. Beginning that day there will also be a 12:15pm Mass Monday through Friday throughout the Lenten season. And the Stations of The Cross will be prayed each Friday evening at 7pm in the church. In addition, there will be other special Lenten prayer gatherings offered throughout the season. Check the Lenten page in the bulletin for more detailed information each week.

All donations for the **Midnight Run for the Homeless** should be left in the altar server sacristy area no later than this Sunday, February 19th. Our seminarian, Patrick McCormack will be picking up all the donations on Monday. So, remember, all donations no later than this Sunday. Thanks for your generosity in helping the homeless nearby receive some much-needed clothing.

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**, the schedule for **Ash Wednesday** and the upcoming Lenten season, an invitation to **Adult Bingo** on Saturday, March 4th, 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 start to Lent. **Start wearing your Lenten smile and remember: If the grass is greener on the other side, fertilize yours.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 19, 2023-SEVENTH 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

FEBRUARY 19, 2023-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses,
"Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy. "You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.
R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters:
Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: *God catches the wise in their own ruses*, and again: *The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain*. So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

ALLELUIA

1 Jn 2:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples:
"You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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 7-8pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Evening of Reflection for Lent

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



Blessed Ashes will be distributed at the following times:

7:15am Mass

8:45am Mass

12:15pm Mass

4pm Prayer Service

7:30pm Mass



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

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



A Prayer for
Ash
Wednesday

*M*erciful Father, Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the holy season, Lent. I ask that it be a time for reflection of myself and a time of renewal for my faith.

During these forty days, let me be aware of the needs of others and of our church. By self-examination, prayer and fasting, allow me to repent for the sins that I have committed and regret any sign of contempt that I have shown towards those who differ from me.

Let these weeks leading up to Good Friday and the glory of Your Resurrection show me how much You suffered for me and how much You love me. Grant that these ashes, remind me of my own mortality and the realization that only through You can I receive everlasting life.

Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

There are no Religious Education classes and the Religious Education office will be closed President's Week – February 20th, 2023-February 23rd, 2023. The office will re-open and classes will resume on Monday, February 27th, 2023.

Our 2nd grade students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14th, 2023. The children did a wonderful job!!! Special thanks to our 2nd grade Catechists for preparing them for this special sacrament of our Lord's loving forgiveness (Mrs. Agnello, Mrs. DiRienzo, Mrs. Falbee, Mrs. Fiorentino, Mrs. Kelhetter, Mrs. MacLeish, Mrs. Nostramo, Mrs. O'Hanlon, Mrs. Ohlsen). Thanks to our parents for bringing their children to our program so that we can guide them on their faith journey. God's blessings to all!



Special congratulations to our 4th grade students for leading their fellow students and some parents in a Living Rosary held the week of 2/6/2023 in the St. Raymond Auditorium. The children did a superb job in reciting the entire Rosary (Luminous Mysteries). We are certain that their prayers and petitions went directly to our Blessed Mother and we are sure she was pleased to have the Rosary prayed by our children. Great job!!!

Our Sweetheart Valentine Dance was a huge success – 150 attendees!!! Everyone attended the 5pm Mass and then all went to the cafeteria for pizza, desserts, fun and dancing! We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following catechists for coming up with great ideas to help keep our children gathered in community: Michelle DeLuca, Kelly DeSola, Lindsay Joyce, Kelly Khan, Gina Lee, Jane O'Hanlon, Stephanie Paul and Jennie Saia. These ladies truly work hard and their efforts of love for the children do not go unnoticed. We would also like to thank Vincent's Pizzeria for providing pizza at a nominal cost.

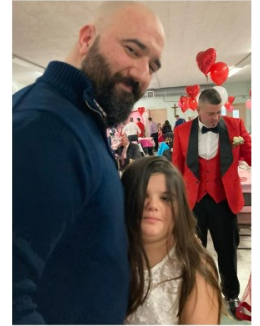


Special thanks to the students that participated in our 12 Noon Super Bowl Mass on Sunday, 2/12/2023. Everyone came to mass wearing their favorite sports jersey! Another idea from our 'CCD Crew' (as they identify themselves) and we went with it.

Thanks and gratitude to our pastor Fr. Chuck for his continued support and openness to help keep the children involved in our parish church.



Sweetheart Valentine Dance





CYO SPOTLIGHT



St. Raymond CYO would like to recognize Coaches Joe Vuotto and Frank Russo for their teams winning the Sportsmanship award. This award is voted on by the other coaches in their division for teams that demonstrated acts of sportsmanship.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

ADULT BINGO

SPONSORED BY OUR IHM SISTERS



Saturday, March 4th at 6:30pm

(doors open at 6:00 pm)

St. Raymond School Cafeteria

\$1,000 in Cash Prizes

\$30 Entrance Fee

Includes Entrance Fee

Early bird special, marker & light supper

Additional bingo boards available for purchase

50/50 • Cash bar

Reservations may be made at the rectory

Walk-ins welcome!

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





THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Memory of
Chester Parziale

Donated by Jennifer Parziale,
Stephen Rapanaro & Isabelle

For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062



*"If we wish to make
any progress in the
service of God we must
begin every day of our
life with eagerness."*
— St. Charles Borromeo

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STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Jesus calls us to love, not only our friends, but also our enemies. He also tells us to offer no resistance to those who hurt us. This week, keep that call in mind when someone does something wrong to you. For example, you can pray for that person who cuts you off when driving or hold your tongue when someone is rude to you at work.



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)

*"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they
share their food with the poor."*

- Proverbs 22:9

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: Pasta Sauce,
Canned Tomatoes, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Rice
and Pasta Side Dishes, Cold Cereal, Jelly,
Shampoo, Conditioner, and Razors.**

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.*

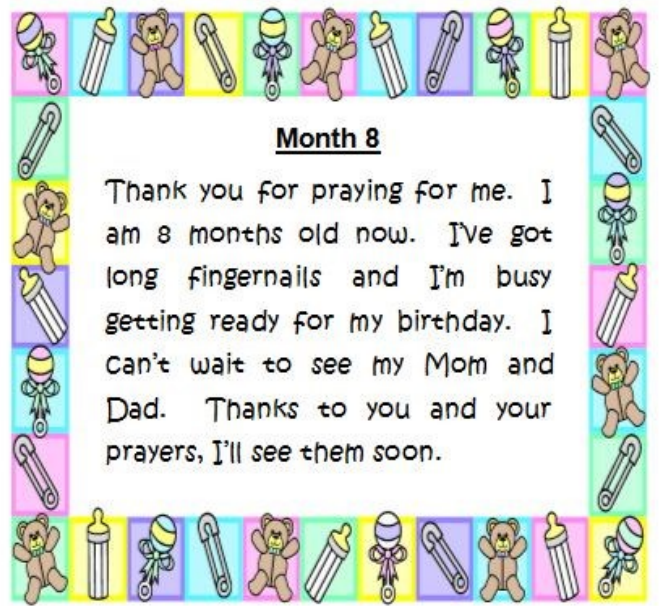


**St. Raymond
Human Life
Committee**

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION
PRAYER PROGRAM
8th MONTH GROWING BABY IN UTERO**

We've only one month to go! At this time, your spiritually adopted baby is about 16" - 20" long and weighs between 4 - 9 pounds. A layer of fat is produced and stored beneath the baby's skin, both for insulation and as a food supply. Antibodies that give immunity to diseases are building up. A gallon, per day, of amniotic fluid is absorbed by the baby and the fluid is totally replaced every three hours. Your spiritually adopted baby's heart pumps three hundred gallons of blood per day, and the placenta begins to age. The center of the baby's bones are still hardening, but the bones in the head are soft and flexible for delivery. When ready to be born, your baby will move downward, with his or her head low against the birth canal. The baby is completely formed, just growing in size and length. Even though your baby could survive outside the womb at this point without much medical help, it is still legal in New York, and other states, to have the baby killed through abortion for any or no reason. (Minnesota is the latest state that just legalized the killing of the babies through abortion up to the time of the baby's birth.) Please continue praying for your little one, that his or her parents will choose life and bring their baby to birth.

Each Thursday during Adoration from 3 pm - 4 pm, we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the specific intention of an end to abortion and the return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception until natural death. Please join with us in prayer; the power of prayer is great!



Month 8

Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I'll see them soon.

A Reminder

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritually Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.





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

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.



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!





SODALITY OF OUR LADY SCHOLARSHIP EXAM 2023



- WHAT:** THREE \$800 SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY AT ST. RAYMOND'S CHURCH. THREE \$150 MARIANNE MALONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.
- WHO:** ANY EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT, LIVING WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF ST. RAYMOND'S PARISH, WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER, 2023
- WHEN:** THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023. TIME 3:30PM
- WHERE:** ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA
263 ATLANTIC AVENUE
EAST ROCKAWAY, NY 11518
- EXAM:** 15 MULTIPLE CHOICE AND TWO ESSAYS
- HOW:** TO REGISTER-CALL OR TEXT JULIANNE GRENNAN (516) 330-8183 BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023. YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE CONFIRMED. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION, PLEASE CALL AGAIN.

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023**

*****ABSOLUTELY NO ADD-ONS AFTER THE DEADLINE***
A STUDENT CANNOT SIT FOR THE EXAM WITHOUT FIRST BEING REGISTERED.**

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!

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

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Tel. #: _____

Relationship to the Deceased: _____

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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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Masses for this Week

Monday, February 20th

7:15am Ralph LaRegina
8:45am Sarah Ryan

Tuesday, February 21st

7:15am Teresa Weymouth
8:45am Terese L. Campbell

Wednesday, February 22nd *Ash Wednesday*

7:15am Michael Parrota
8:45am Charles Stieger
12:15pm Terese L. Campbell
3:30pm Prayer Service
7:30pm Danielle Kirrane

Thursday, February 23rd

7:15am John Raber
8:45am Aileen Brandon & Family
12:15pm Elizabeth McCormack

Friday, February 24th

7:15am Maureen Stanton
8:45am Alisa batu Bak Maigana
12:15pm Christopher Connolly

Saturday, February 25th

8:45am Dieter Greenfield
5:00pm Annemarie McInerney Scully

Sunday, February 26th

7:30am Daniel Carrano
9:00am Anita Santonio
10:30am Elizabeth McCormack
12:00pm Rita Chojnacki (living)
Chris Bayiokos, Arlene Massa
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Sir 1:1-10 / Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11 / Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11

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
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Rest in Peace

Catherine Mansfield



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
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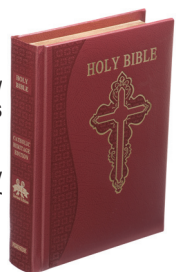
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