

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, December 5, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths. Every valley shall be filled and every
mountain and hill shall be made low.”

-Luke 3:5



December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2021

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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.

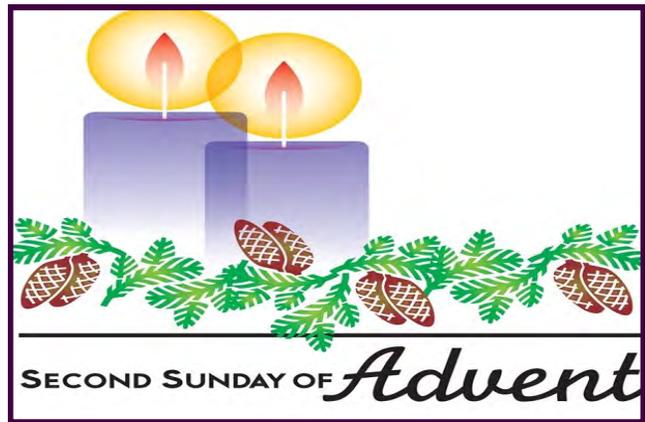
Music Ministries

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



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
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Seaman Kyle J. Mikes USCG

*Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.*

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Advent! The purpose of this Sunday's readings is to follow the example of John the Baptist and live our lives for Jesus. In the first reading from Baruch (who was a close friend of Jeremiah), the prophet has witnessed firsthand the collapse of Jerusalem. Now he is telling the people of God's response to their plea for forgiveness. It is a pretty positive one and calls for the splendor of Jerusalem to be fully restored. **"Up Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God."** Then in the second reading from Philippians, Paul is happy for those who are committed to the gospel from the moment it reached their ears. And he prays that all believers increase in love so as to be blameless on the day of the Lord. **"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."** And finally, Luke's gospel is all about John the Baptist and his role as the one to prepare the way for the advent of Jesus the Messiah. He is the prophetic voice that preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins, urging people to be prepared for the coming of the Messiah. **"A voice of one crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."**

There lived closer to our time another John, a man who also spent a great deal of his time in the wilderness. His name is John Muir, the famous naturalist and writer who lived in the western wilderness of America. His call in life was to take a stand for the land, to preach about taking care of our environment, which included care for all creation. Something less known about John Muir is his religious fervor and devotion. **He once said, "I care to live only to help people come to know God's love for them."** Seems to me his testimony is clearly needed, just like the people needed the Old Testament prophets, followed by John the Baptist. And then we need people like John Muir and modern theologians, teachers, and people like Pope Francis to keep evangelization going. Basically, the Church needs you and me to carry on and expand the mission of Jesus. The last four popes have all stressed the need for evangelization. It boils down to each of us spreading our faith with whatever gifts we have. **The gift of good example is most important.** It is the everyday stuff where people see what we are made of. It doesn't have to be showy or dramatic, just good and kind and true. This is the gift of being charitable, of being for others. It takes the spotlight off ourselves, and notices the needs of our neighbors throughout the world.

Jesus doesn't want our **"passive reverence."** He wants our love that is shown by engagement, involvement with works and actions for others. Like John the Baptist, we should be voices crying in the wilderness trying to make crooked ways straight so they can lead us to Jesus. If we back these good intentions, by actions, even small and gentle ones; our lives will lead us to see more clearly God's incredible love for us. So, let us do our Advent preparation well. How? By loving one another!

Next Sunday, December 12th is Gaudete Sunday. On that day we will once again have **Hospitality** after all the morning Masses in the school cafeteria. It will be sponsored by the **Sodality of Our Lady.** During that time all **Christmas Plants** orders should be picked up and at the end of the hospitality, around 2pm, the winning ticket will be pulled for the **Christmas Cash 50/50.** The pot is over \$5000 at this time and growing every day. As a courtesy, chances will be sold this weekend after all the Masses. Don't miss out on this great chance to win some big money for the holidays.

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,** information from **Religious Education,** the Mass schedule for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8th,** a request form to join the **Parish Email Listing,** an order form for the **Christmas Cash 50/50,** an order form for the special **One Year Memorial Candles,** the **Litany of St. Joseph** and other prayers, 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 Second Week of Advent! Try to bring some peace with you wherever you go and remember: **You get a second chance every second.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

DECEMBER 5, 2021-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

The Our Father

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day
our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

DECEMBER 5, 2021— SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

ALLELUIA

Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



Christmas Cash

"GAUDETE SUNDAY"

Sky's the Limit 50/50

On December 12, 2021 at our "Gaudete Sunday" celebration, the winning "Christmas Cash" ticket will be drawn. The winner will receive one half of the money raised. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and may be purchased at the rectory during regular office hours or through the following tear-off. Simply fill out the information, include your check and mail it to the rectory (263 Atlantic Avenue). Ticket(s) will be sent to you the same day. The drawing date gets closer each week so get your order in as soon as possible. The more tickets sold the greater *your* winning share and the greater the profit to the parish. Wouldn't it be great to win some extra "Christmas Cash" just before the holidays? Don't miss out. Only \$10 each or three for \$25 and the "Sky's the Limit." Winner need not be present!

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Christmas Cash "Sky's the Limit" 50/50

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ # of tickets _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Return this tear-off to the rectory, 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518.

Gaudete Sunday

Sunday, December 12th, the Third Sunday of Advent, takes the name "Gaudete Sunday" to emphasize that having reached the halfway point of Advent it is the time to focus on "rejoicing." As part of our parish rejoicing for Gaudete Sunday, we will have a special Gaudete Hospitality after all of the morning Masses in the School Cafeteria.

It will be sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady. During that time all Christmas Plant orders should be picked up and at the end of the hospitality, around 2pm, the winner of the Christmas cash will be pulled!! So make plans to stop by after Mass to get in the spirit of Advent Rejoicing that will lead to Christmas Joy!





Giving Tree

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

Thank you for your generosity!

As we continue our journey through Advent, be sure to talk to your children, friends or family about the importance of repentance. Christ was born for us, and He asks that we come to Him and seek forgiveness for our sins.

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.

**IRS TAX DEDUCTION
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



LONG ISLAND FAITH ON TAP

**Come and meet others
who share your faith!**

**Join us for food,
drinks, conversation,
fun and games!**

**A Young Adult
Catholic Event**

December 6, 2021

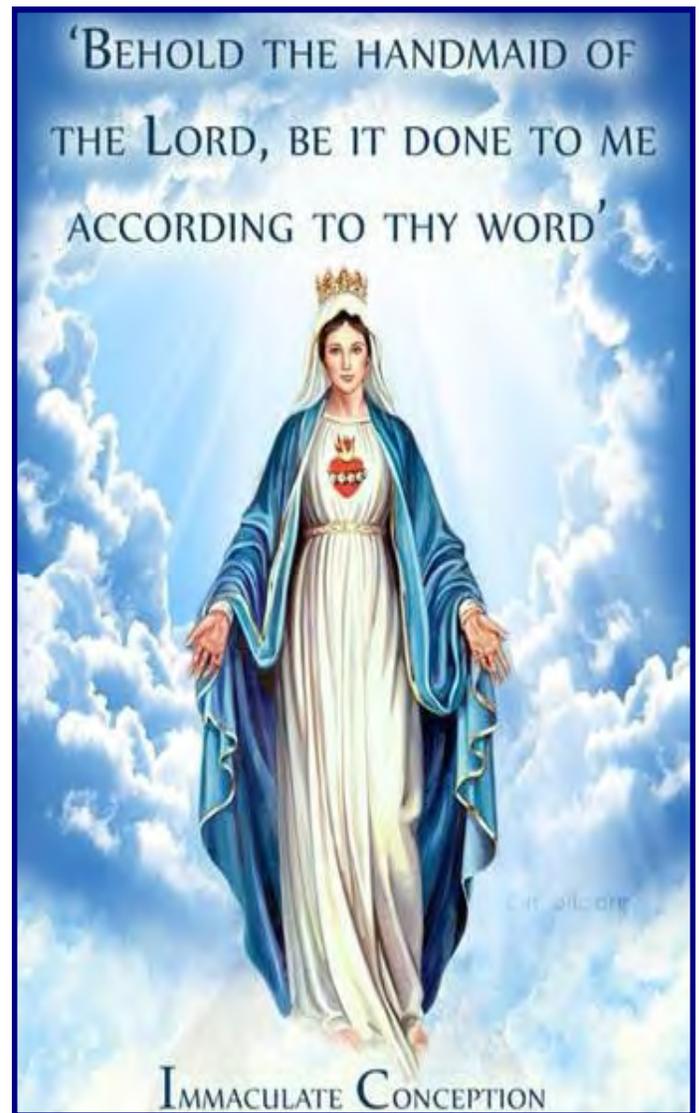
7pm – 10pm

**Wantagh Inn,
Second Floor**

Contact: Charlene

(516) 350-3306

Thomas (516) 492-8003



Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues Liturgical Catechesis

"The Liturgical Environment"

Join Bishop Andrzej Tuesdays This Fall

December 14th

All sessions begin at 7:30pm and will be conducted via ZOOM. Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email, address and phone number. Send your email to: weternvicariate@drvc.org or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850

Save these Dates!!

Religious Education- Faith Formation
Lucy Ostermann, Director

ATTENTION: FIRST GRADE PARENTS

Our next parent/student meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12th, 2021 at 11am in the school auditorium. Please remember to bring your child's book, bible and a pencil. Please make every effort to attend – a syllabus will be distributed and further instruction on how to proceed from 12/12/2021-1/22/2022 will be reviewed as well.

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is a doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church that states that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of her conception. Religious Education students and their parents are encouraged to make every attempt to attend Mass as it is a holy day of obligation. Here is the Mass schedule:
 Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 7:30pm, Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 7:15am, 8:45am, 12:15pm and 7:30pm.

Parish Social Ministry
The Heart of the Parish

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield it's increase.
Psalm 85:13

Pasta sauce, Peanut butter, Jelly, Juices, Shaving cream, Razors, Syrup, Pancake mix, Cooking oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Sugar

May God keep you and bless you during this Advent season and beyond.



- SAINTS FUN FACTS

A successful lawyer prior to becoming a bishop, Ambrose was one of the four original doctors of the Church. Ambrose is traditionally credited with composing the "antiphonal chant," a method of chanting where one side of the choir alternately responds to the other.

Saint Ambrose is the patron of Milan and is celebrated on Dec. 7th, the date of his ordination.

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You Got Mail!

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.

Parish Email List

Name _____

Email _____

Parish (on your envelopes) # _____





TO JESUS



THROUGH MARY



WITH JOSEPH



MEMORARE TO ST. JOSEPH

**Remember, O Most Chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy Intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence. I fly unto you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection. O Foster Father of the Redeemer, despise not my petitions, but in your goodness hear
And answer me. AMEN**

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit, *Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*
St. Joseph, *pray for us.*
Renowned offspring of David, *pray for us.*
Light of Patriarchs, *pray for us.*
Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us.*
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us.*
Foster father of the Son of God, *pray for us.*
Diligent protector of Christ, *pray for us.*
Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us.*
Joseph most just, *pray for us.*
Joseph most chaste, *pray for us.*
Joseph most prudent, *pray for us.*
Joseph most strong, *pray for us.*
Joseph most obedient, *pray for us.*
Joseph most faithful, *pray for us.*
Mirror of patience, *pray for us.*
Lover of poverty, *pray for us.*
Model of artisans, *pray for us.*
Glory of home life, *pray for us.*
Guardian of virgins, *pray for us.*
Pillar of families, *pray for us.*
Solace of the wretched, *pray for us.*
Hope of the sick, *pray for us.*
Patron of the dying, *pray for us.*
Terror of demons, *pray for us.*
Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us.*



Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world. *And prince over all his possessions.*
He made him the lord of his household.

Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

"NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE"

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

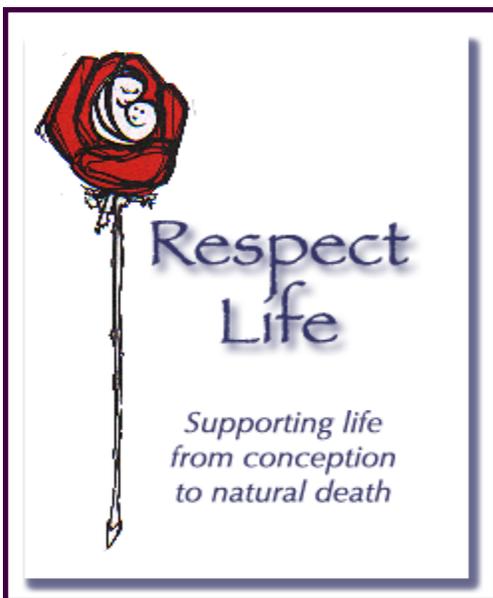
TIME: 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

(immediately following the evening Mass for the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception)

Our parish will participate in the annual "National Night of Prayer for Life". We will be united in prayer with parishes throughout the country in an effort to end the evil practice of abortion through Eucharistic Adoration and prayers of reparation. Our Lord promises in Holy Scripture, "If My people, upon whom My Name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek My Presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land". (2Chronicles 7:14-15) It is through Our Blessed Mother that this revival will take place. Under the titles of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin Mary must be invoked to shower the necessary graces to save this country from the "culture of death". In earlier times, the Aztec Nation read pictures (not writing). Our Lady of Guadalupe's picture on the tilma of Juan Diego in 1531 told the people to abandon their evil gods who demanded human sacrifice and embrace her Son. Today's culture has abandoned the innocent little ones in the womb through abortion on demand. Please join with us in asking Our Lady to intervene for us, that we may abandon the evil practices of abortion and euthanasia and lead us back to her Son.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to all parishioners who supported our annual Christmas card fundraiser. Through your generosity, we will be able to continue many pro-life projects throughout the coming year. We would like to give special thanks to all those who volunteered to help in this fundraiser. Without your gift of "time", this fundraiser would not have been successful.



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

St. Raymond Folk Group!

We rehearse Wednesday nights

From 7:00pm - 8:30pm

And Sunday at 11:00am

in the Rectory Lower Level

and sing at the 12 Noon

Sunday Mass in the Choir Loft

If interested please

call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836

Please wear a mask to all events!

7th Grade and higher are Welcome!





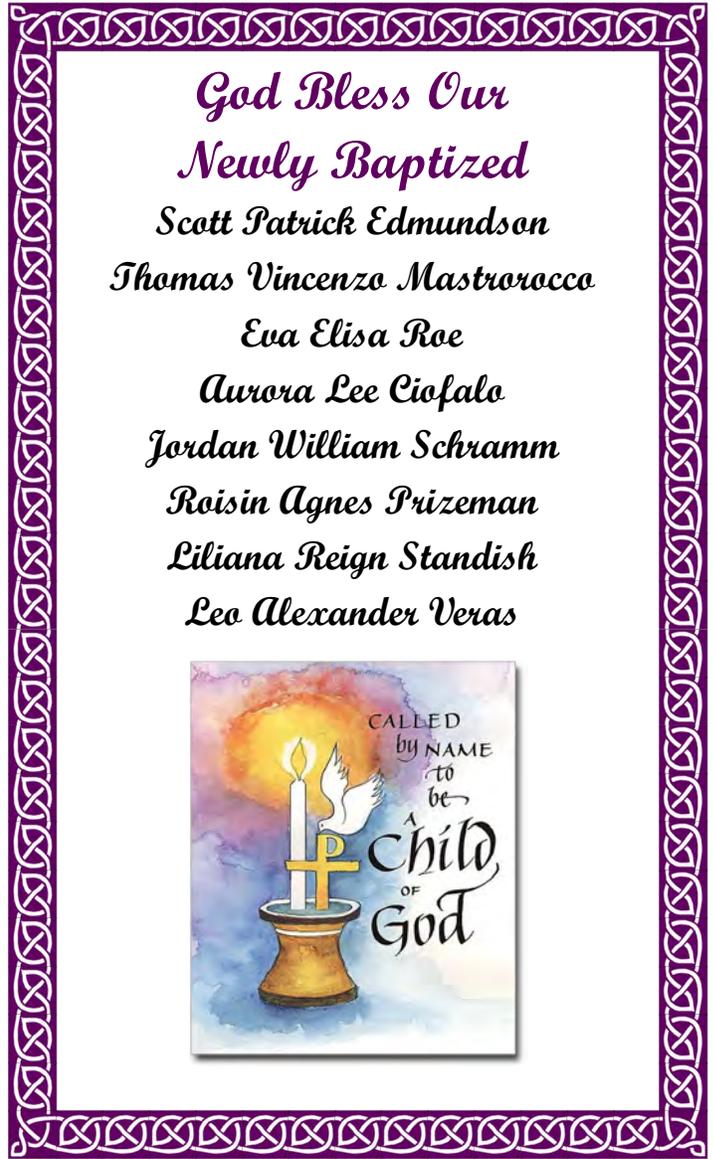
Congratulations to...
Erica Couo & Luis Rivera
Kayla O'Donovan & Robert Williams
Angela Ragona & Kenneth Grassano
who will be married at
St. Raymond's Church in December



HOPE
LOVE

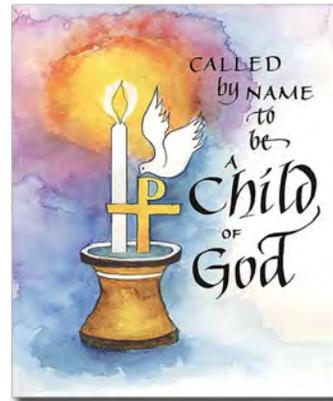
ADVENT

JOY
PEACE



*God Bless Our
 Newly Baptized*

Scott Patrick Edmundson
Thomas Vincenzo Mastrorocco
Eva Elisa Roe
Aurora Lee Ciofalo
Jordan William Schramm
Roisin Agnes Prizeman
Liliana Reign Standish
Leo Alexander Veras




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, or visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.



The Rose for Life Program

The Rose for Life program began here at St. Raymond on Mother's Day, May 12, 1985. A rose is placed on the Offertory Table at the 5:00pm Mass and is presented to the priest at the Offertory. The rose symbolizes the life of a preborn baby who dies from abortion. It remains at the tabernacle for the week. The main purpose of the rose is to remind each one of us to pray for the babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week. For dedications, please call Mary Healy at 887-4062.



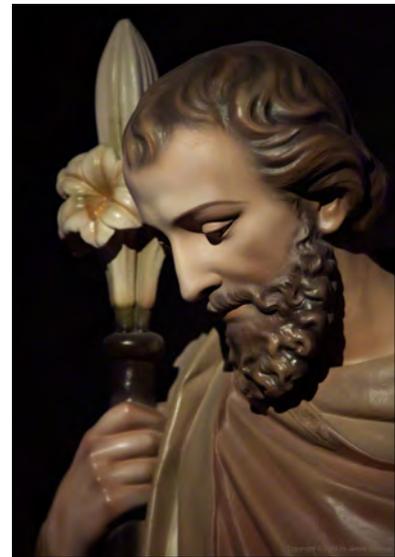
SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

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

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

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

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



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Be silent.
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Let your God look upon you.
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God understands.
God loves you
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To look upon you
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Quiet.
Still.
Be -
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Love you.

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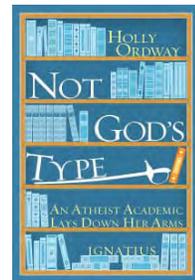
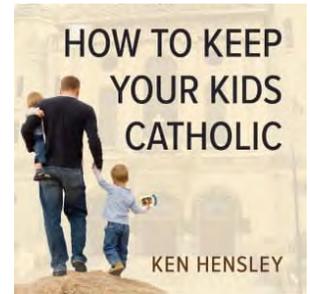
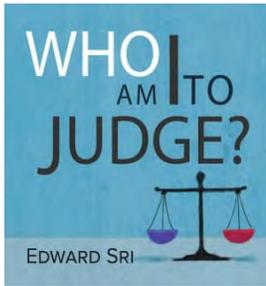
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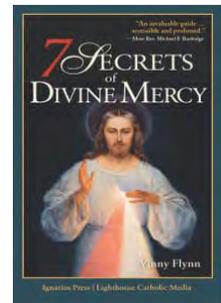


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Masses for this Week

Monday, December 6th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Ray Oakes

Tuesday, December 7th *St. Ambrose*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Grace Ligarzewski

7:00pm Living Rosary

7:30pm Sodality Mass

Wednesday, December 8th *Immaculate Conception*

7:15am Noel & Thomes Kelly

8:45am Jeanine Wright

12:15pm Theodore & Helen Rehm

7:30pm Bridie Gallagher

Thursday, December 9th

7:15am Rita Dombrowski

8:45am Joanne Petraro

Friday, December 10th

7:15am Dudie Gypalo

8:45am Dorothy Colella

Saturday, December 11th

8:45am Agnes Mercado, George McDougal

Dennis Keane, Diane Gartell

5:00pm Joan Kleinklaus

Sunday, December 12th

7:30am Robert Savio

9:00am Michael Dessart

10:30am Roseanne Pisano

12:00pm Anna L. Campbell, Taylor Rose Clarke

Anna Maresca, Frances Reichert

Aida Gerena, Salvatore Geraci

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 35:1-10 /Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11 /Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Gn 3:9-15, 20 /Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Is 41:13-20/ Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19 /Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 /Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Zep 3:14-18a /Phil 4:4-7 /Lk 3:10-18

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Jeanette Kostyrka, Jodi Neckles, Baby Madison Grace Layman, Hailey Faith Bevers, Baby Faith Madison, Pamela Guzzardo, Dr. Sam Iyer, Steven McGreevy, Andrea Zimmerman, Bradley Kahn, Nick S., Maria Mazzola, Teresa, Elizabeth Rice, Joan Elynn Cullen, Abba W. Genuth, Josie Genuth, Rose Criscuolo, Gina, Samara Q, Sharon, Diane Sisco Gloria Jean Criscuolo, Leeanne Pitman, Jay Witmeyer, Matthew Conroy, Carmelo Simeti

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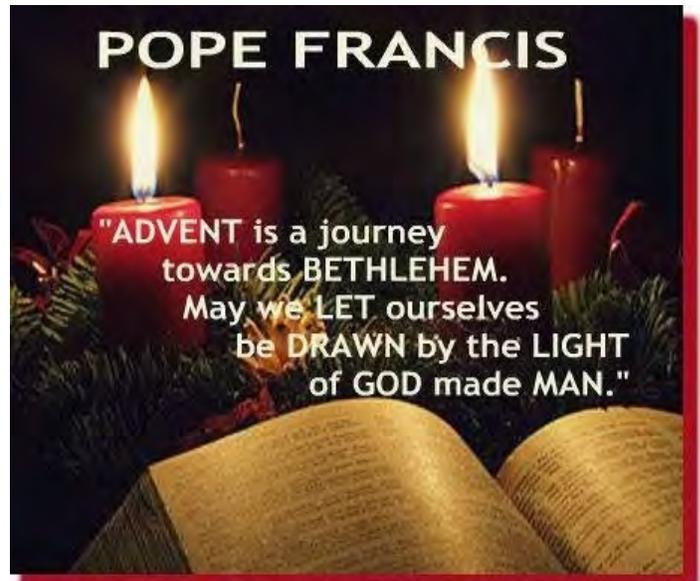
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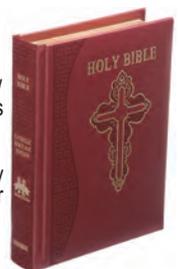
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