

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 13, 2022

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

-Luke 6:18



February 13, 2022

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of
the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a
year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate
time to participate in preparation programs for the
Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm
in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in
Our Lady's Chapel.

Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays
from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at
7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from
September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in
the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic
seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and
ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL
BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



**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
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit

***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The focus of today's readings is to impress upon us that we can't have it all. Our faith inevitably leads us to the cross of Jesus. When our lives are rooted in the word of God, God's mystery, and love; then we will experience an inner peace that allows us to weather any storm or drought. In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the Israelites are told not to trust in human beings or seek strength in the flesh. Rather, Jeremiah says, **"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul preaches about the victory won by the resurrection of Jesus. It is the sure foundation for faith and the hope for eternal life. **"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of all who have fallen asleep."** And finally, we have Luke's version of the **"Sermon on the Mount."** Unlike Matthew who sets Jesus on a mountain, Luke posits him on a plain closer to the people. Everyone is more on level ground with Jesus. The beatitudes of Jesus begin with blessings that have a surprising condition of diminishment. There is hunger, poverty, weeping, hate, exclusion, and denunciation. All these experiences will be transformed by God into blessings. You either live in harmony with God or are out of harmony. These are real issues that the people in Luke's community face each day. The purpose is that God does indeed reward the faithful. **"Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold your reward will be great in heaven."**

By nature, we all yearn for meaning and purpose in our lives. But it's also in our nature to want to fill ourselves with junk food too. We rationally know that we need nourishment and not empty calories. We should treat our bodies and our spirits as the precious vessels they are. None of us want to deal with the difficult and painful realities but rather lie on a beach near a buffet. Yes, we all need money and leisure, but we cannot allow them to become our life's purpose. We can't allow them to fill the God-size hole in our hearts. Oddly, freedom is found on the cross. Attachments can make us slaves. Penance and abstinence in times of plenty help strengthen our roots for more challenging times. Each generation can look back from a wise perspective of having learned and met the challenges of life to teach those coming along the wisdom they have acquired. That is if they have learned from it, whether it be war, sickness, or a pandemic.

We all care for things that are precious. We should think of ourselves and each other as needing care, maintenance, and an opportunity to shine. Affirmation can be a drug and money can be a god. Not allowing oneself to feel pain can be a way to avoid the cross. God is with us in our joys and pleasures, but we must always be wary of the distraction of excessive wealth, partying and leisure. Always seeking approval and affirmation can lead to an unhealthy placement of oneself at the center of the universe and to subtler forms of idolatry. We all turn away from God at times and sin. God however is always with us and seeking us. Even when we turn away, God is still there waiting for us to respond. Remember that God sought you first. And all your life you have been responding to God's invitation, either affirmatively or negatively. The Eucharist we share in keeps us grounded in God's truth, the only truth that ultimately matters. May his grace help us to affirm God's call more often.

The second graders of our parish have celebrated their **First Reconciliation** during the past two weeks. It was the first time they met Jesus in this special sacrament of forgiveness and love. It is an important step in their journey to First Holy Communion which they will all receive during the month of May. Let's all pray for these children that they will always know God's immense love and mercy throughout their lives.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, an order from for the new round of **Parish Picks** that starts this month, a request for **Parishioner Emails** to facilitate better parish communication, an application for the **Scholarship Essay Contest** sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady, 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 week. **Smile, share and help someone in need. Plus remember: A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn.** Happy Valentine's Day and God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 13, 2022-SIXTH 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

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

FEBRUARY 13, 2022-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jer 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

ALLELUIA

Lk 6:23ab

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.





The Rose for Life
Happy 1st Anniversary in Heaven

Papa Sollitto

You are Always in our Hearts

Love, Your Grandchildren C.J, Matt,

Milla, Stella & Lola Sollitto

**For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062**

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



Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

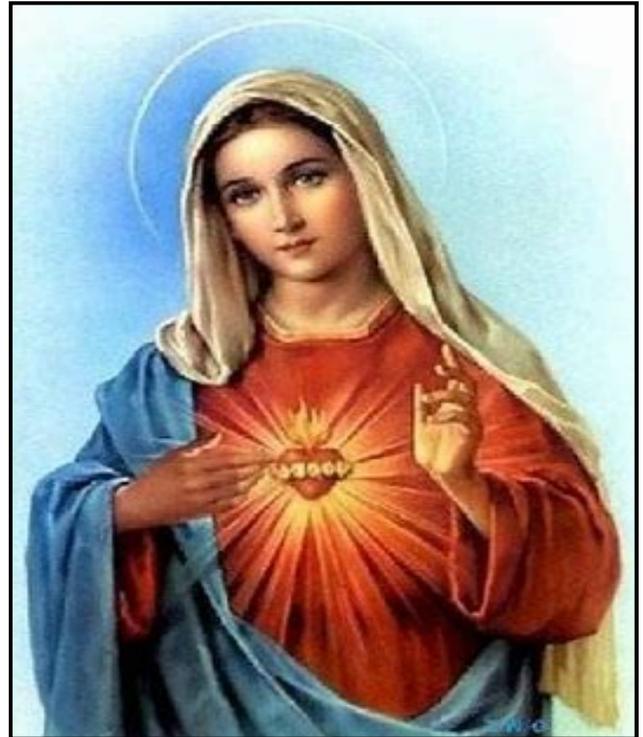
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

-Lamentations 3:22-23

Pantry need for this week:

Canned tomatoes, Kidney beans, Canned fruit Jelly/ Jam, Canned meat, Pasta sauce, Hot cereal Jell-O, Tuna, Razors, Toothpaste, Shampoo Conditioner, Syrup, Pancake mix, cooking oil Sugar, Dish detergent.

Thank you for your continued support in prayer and deed. God Bless!



A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this Land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed With the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in you motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. **Amen.**

-SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Cyril was a deacon, a priest and then became bishop of Jerusalem after Maximus died. During a famine, Cyril sold church goods to raise money for the poor. He was accused of stealing for himself and was banished three times. He was finally cleared after eleven years and returned to Palestine.



Cyril is known as one of the Early Church Doctor of Fathers, a the Catholic Church and for his defense of the Catholic Faith.

Born: 315
Died: 387

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St. Raymond Human Life Committee

1936

The German Supreme Court refused to recognize Jews living in Germany as legal "persons". From that point on they had no rights or protection under the German Constitution. Shortly thereafter the Nazis began their "Final Solution" putting over 6,000,000 Jews to death.

1973

The U.S. Supreme Court in its Roe v. Wade Decision ruled that unborn babies are not legal "persons". From that point on they have had no rights of protection under our Constitution. Since that decision over 60,000,000 babies have been put to death by abortion in our country.

EVACUATION

An official Nazi report of the fate of 15,000 Jewish women and children killed in the area of Serbia in mobile gas vans was discovered. Jews were locked up in an air-tight rear container while gas fumes were fed in to suffocate them. The report simply stated that they had been "evacuated to the East", just one more in a long list of euphemisms for "killed".

ABORTION IS SIMPLY "EVACUATION"

Between 1970-1977, California abortionist Dr. Edward Allred was personally responsible for destroying 35,000 human lives, before birth, including about 7,000 mid-trimester abortions by salt poisoning. When asked by a reporter what happens in an abortion, Dr. Allred simply said: "the contents are evacuated".

Not everything a government allows is moral, legal or right. The Nazis tried to change reality by changing words. With new words, they put to death 6 Million Jews (and 5 Million other human beings). Now, we in America have new words, "**choice**", "**pro-choice**", women's "**reproductive rights**", to disguise the brutality of the killing through abortion. With these new words over 60,000,000 preborn babies have had their lives snuffed out. Changing the name doesn't change the reality of what abortion is, namely, the intentional killing of a live, innocent human being.

Please join with us each Thursday during Adoration at 3 P.M. for the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for the specific intention of "an end to abortion and the return to the respect and protection of all God's children - born and those in the womb waiting to be brought to birth".

Be Still, and Know that I am GOD



Religious Education- Faith Formation

Lucy Ostermann, Director

REMINDER –THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED PRESIDENT’S WEEK – WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21ST, 2022. CLASSES WILL RESUME AND THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2022.

Our 2nd grade Parish children have all received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past two weeks. Congratulations to them, their parents and special thanks to their Catechists for preparing these youngsters for this beautiful sacrament of love and forgiveness. Now they will continue on with their preparation to receive their First Holy Communion in May. Please keep the children, their families and our catechists in your prayers as the students continue on their faith journey.

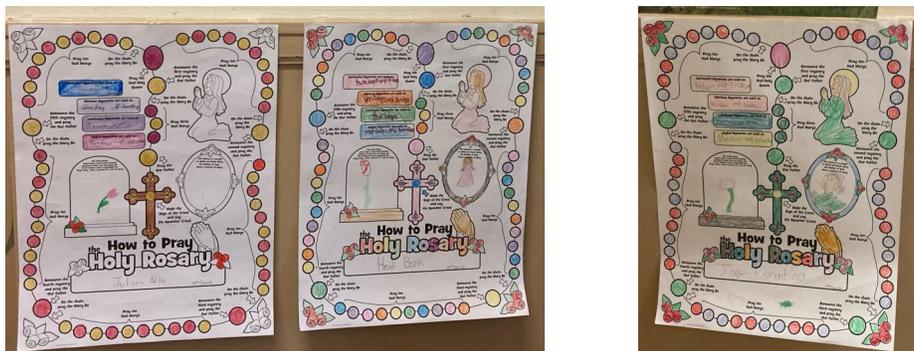
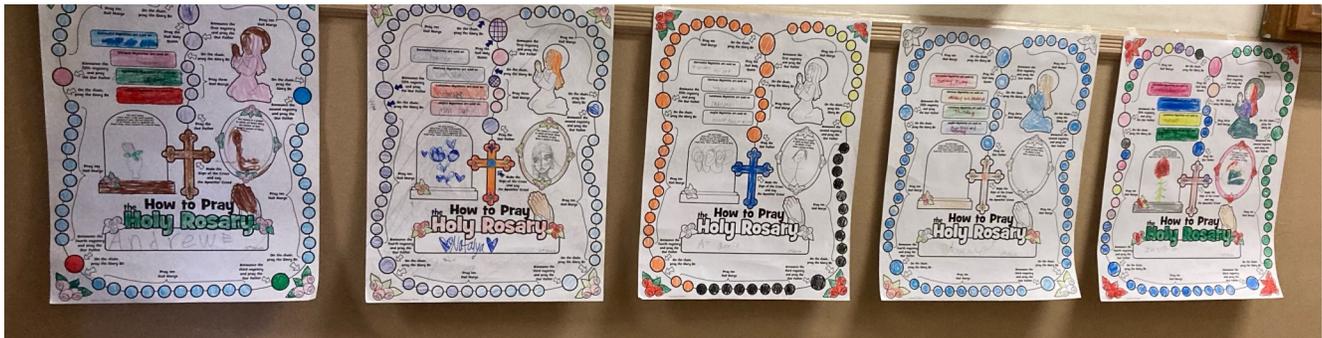
ATTENTION: 2ND GRADE PARENTS

There will be a 2nd grade parent meeting on Wednesday, February 16th, 2022 at 7:30pm in the school auditorium. Please make every effort to attend – details regarding the children’s First Holy Communion will be discussed at this meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact the Religious Education office.

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar, because so little is known about him. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint, listing him in the February 14 spot of Roman Martyrology. St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, epilepsy and fainting. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14.

Donna & Elizabeth’s 4th grade class pray and color the rosary





FAITH FORMATION

A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Our 7th & 8th grade students attending our parish Holy Hour on Monday 01/31/22



**Melissa Abuin's &
Kim Elliott's classes
share their artwork!**





THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Valentine Day is approaching!

Let your spouse know you would do it all over again. Witness the smiles on your children's faces as they see Mom and Dad say, "I DO". **Faith & Friendship** will host a special Mass celebrating the **Sacrament** of Matrimony for all our married Parishioners on **Sunday, February 13, 2022** at the 12:00 noon Mass. We will give special honor at Mass to those **Couples who are celebrating an Earmark Anniversary!** (those married in a year ending with a "0 and/or 5" during the 2022 year) Come and join us as we rejoice in celebrating and commemorating your **Sacrament**. Looking forward to seeing you all. Earmark Anniversary couples, please call the rectory with your first and last names and your wedding date. 516-593-5000



True Love

For God so lo **V** ed the world,
That He g **A** ve
his on **L** y
Begott **E** n
So **N**
T hat whosoever
Believeth **I** n Him
Should **N** ot perish,
But have **E** verlasting life."
John 3:16

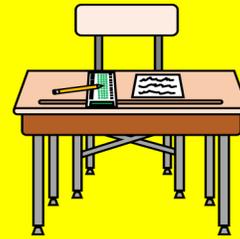
Sodality of Our Lady Scholarship Exam 2022

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, 2022.

WHEN: Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 3:30 pm.

WHERE: St. Raymond School Cafeteria
263 Atlantic Avenue
East Rockaway, NY 11518



EXAM: 15 Multiple choice and two essays

HOW: To Register – Contact Julianne Grennen E-Mail: Straycc@optonline.net before Friday, March 4, 2022. **Your registration will be confirmed. If you have not received a confirmation, please resend E-Mail.**

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER
FRIDAY, March 4, 2022**

*****ABSOLUTELY No add-ons after DEADLINE.**

A student cannot sit for the exam without first being registered

With **GOD** All Things Are
POSSIBLE
Matthew 19:26

It's time for the next round of...



Dear Friends,

To enhance our Parish Picks fundraiser, in our last segment, we added a new system which allowed you to receive additional tickets. Please think about purchasing additional tickets since this is a fundraiser that helps us pay some of our big bills.

This is how the system works: The basic entry to participate in Parish Picks is \$60.00. For \$60.00 you will now get **THREE TICKETS**. If you contribute \$120 you will receive **SIX TICKETS**. Yes, we are offering additional tickets for **FREE** according to the amount you contribute (see below)

	Number of Tickets			TOTAL AMOUNT
Ticket Cost	for each \$60.00	Free Tickets	BONUS TICKETS	OF TICKETS
\$60.00	1	1	1	3
\$120.00	2	2	2	6
\$180.00	3	3	3	9
\$240.00	4	4	4	12
\$300.00	5	5	5	15
\$360.00	6	6	6	18

Your participation would greatly help the expenses St. Raymond incurs. **YOU GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!** We would like to give you a call and **MAKE YOU HAPPY!**

The next segment begins in **February 2022** and runs through **July 2022**. You "**regulars**" know how it works, but for those of you who haven't yet joined...here's the scoop: The cost of a ticket is still \$60, and you're eligible to participate in all the monthly drawings because even if you win, your ticket automatically goes back in for the remaining drawings. Each month the following prize amounts are awarded:

1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$500 3rd Prize: \$250 4th Prize \$250

Entry money for the next six months must be received by **February 15, 2022**. Ticket numbers are not reserved; they will be given in the order in which your payment is received. Members of the committee can be contacted to answer any questions.

On behalf of the Parish Picks Committee, I thank you for your continuous support of this parish fundraiser. Your participation is a big help to St. Raymond Parish and our many ministries. God bless you always.

Sincerely, Father Chuck, Pastor & Julianne Grennen & Doreen Dolan
StRayRCC@optonline.net or 516-593-5000



St. Raymond's Parish Picks Order Form

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ ticket (s) in the Parish Picks. I will receive extra tickets for each ticket that I purchase in accordance with the chart shown on the enclosed letter. (Each ticket is good for 6 months of chances and costs \$60.)

Name: _____ **Envelope #:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Today's readings warn against living a life far from God. This week reach out to your Father in prayer. Bring to Him your worries, questions and prayers—and listen to Him in silence.

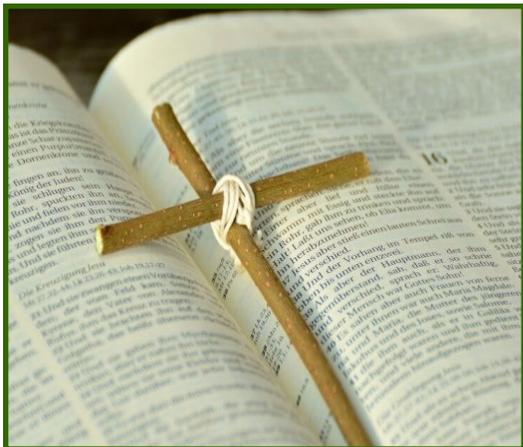
Bible Sharing...Come Join Us!

Thursdays after the 8:45am Mass

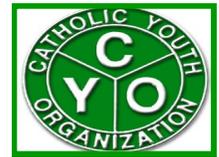
In the Rectory Basement

“Bible Sharing” refers to a group of people gathered together to listen to God's Word; addressed to them today and trying to live this Word accordingly.

Our format is to read and reflect on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday. We often use role playing to put ourselves into the story and feel God's Word speaking directly to us. There is no commitment to “sign up” for any number of weeks. Come and join us whenever you can. For more information contact Deacon Bob at the Rectory.



CYO Spotlight



Congratulations

to the 7th grade girls' basketball team for a great season and making the playoffs!

Thank you,
Coach Joe Vuoto
and
Rich Madden!





Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation

Adult Enrichment Course

Nassau

Spirituality and Catholic Social Teaching

Date and Time: Mondays, 7- 9 p.m.
Feb. 14 and 28

Location: St. Brigid, Westbury
85 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

Instructor: Rob Cammarata

IMAGINE: My Personal Encounter with Christ through Media

Date and Time: Saturdays 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12

Location: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt
196 W Centennial Ave, Roosevelt, NY 11575

Instructor: Juan Rodriguez

Cost per course
\$25.00 per person

For more information or to register visit drvc-faith.org



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.

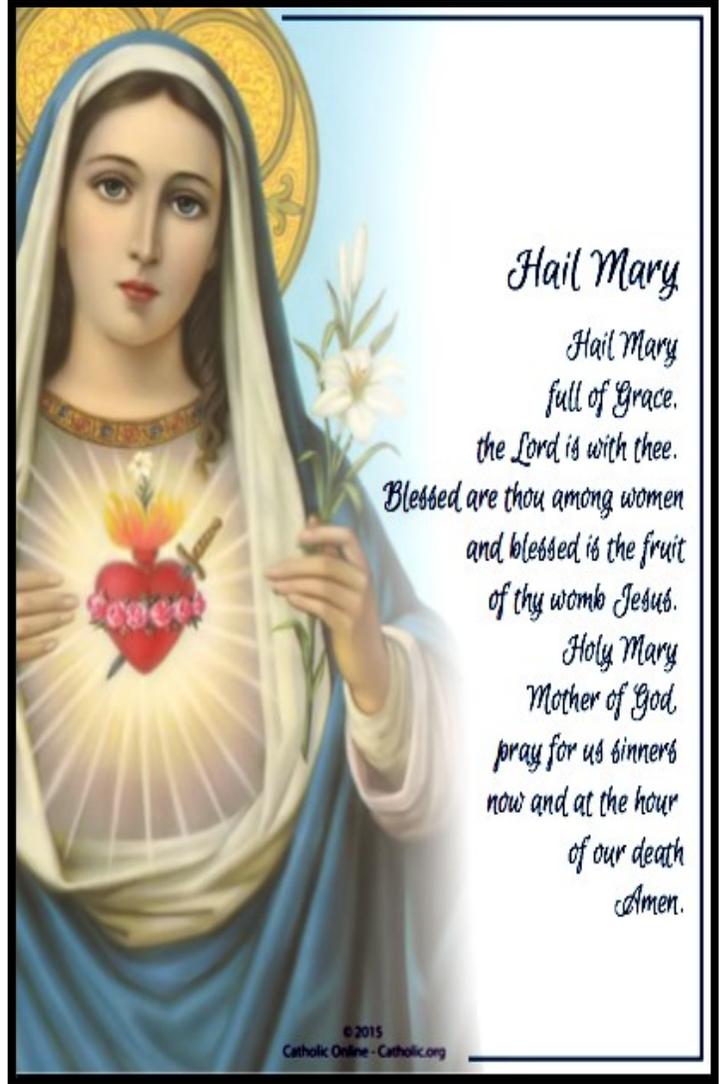
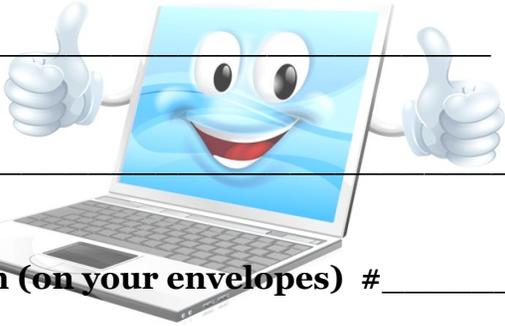
So, in order to reach as many people as possible with these messages we need more emails. If you would like to be on this listing for parish messages, please either call the rectory to give us your email, send it in to the parish email (StRayRcc@optonline.net), or fill out this form and return it to 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) # _____



Hail Mary

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

God is good all the time.....

all the time God is good.



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.

Let Your God Love You During Adoration

Be silent.
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.



Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you
With an enormous love,
And only wants
To look upon you
With that love.

**WEEKLY
ADORATION**

Quiet.
Still.
Be -
Let your God
Love you.

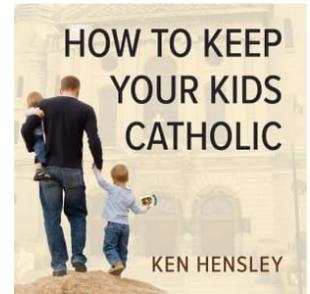
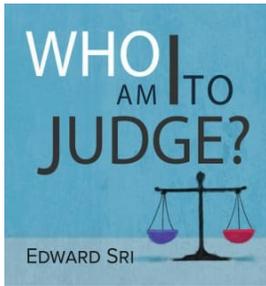
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IN THE
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- Edwina Gateley

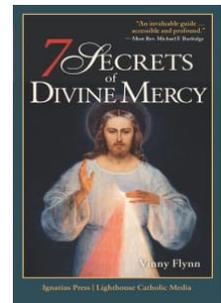
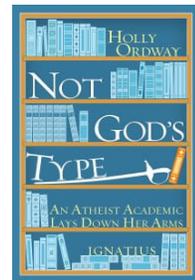


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Masses for this Week

Monday, February 14th *St. Cyril*

7:15am Rosemary Pozzini

8:45am Salvatore Sollitto

Tuesday, February 15th

7:15am Blanche Anne Vranick

8:45am Carmelo Smeti

Wednesday, February 16th

7:15am Juan Antonio Deras

8:45am Tony Lynch

Thursday, February 17th

7:15am Juanita Calinawan

8:45am Carmelo Smeti

Friday, February 18th

7:15am Frances Hess

8:45am Constancio Villarin (living)

Saturday, February 19th

8:45am George McDougal, Ed Weis
Thorne & Drugan Families
Divine Mercy-St. Cajetan

5:00pm Anthony Napolitano

Sunday, February 20th

7:30am Daniel Carrano

9:00am Cathleen & Joseph Clancy

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Dorothy Riehl, Mary Guiliano
Salvatore Sollitto, Francis & Anne Gallagher
Special intention Marian Early,
Linda Early, Anthony "Tony" Lynch,
Juan Antonio Deras, Janet Renta

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Jas 1:1-11 /Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18 /Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jas 1:19-27 /Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Jas 2:1-9 /Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Jas 2:14-24, 26 /Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday

Jas 3:1-10 /Mk 9:2-13

Sunday

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 /1 Cor 15:45-49 /Lk 6:27-38

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,
Joan Ellyn Cullen, Abba W. Genuth, Josie Genuth,
Rose Criscuolo, Gina, Samara Q, Sharon, Diane Sisco,
Gloria Jean Criscuolo, Leeanne Pitman, Dawn,
Robert F. Finley, Jay Witmeyer, Matthew Conroy,
Joseph DelGiorno, Deacon Bob Campbell, Nick S.,
Rocco Sivoletta, Jack Butler, Frances Marie Hallas,
Liz Tortorella & Father Tom Cardone

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



Rest in Peace

Carole A. Fahey

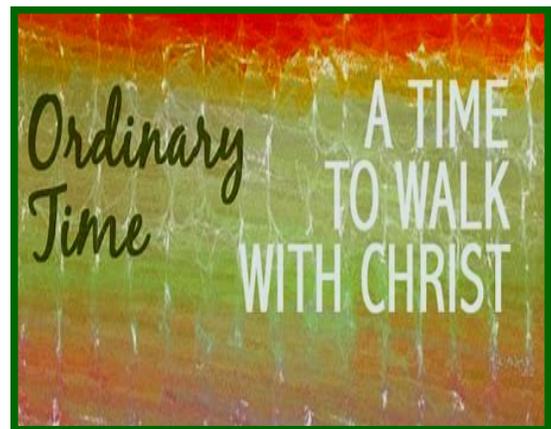
Thomas W. McCabe

Edward Malone

Joseph Ninivaggi

Fred Roger Humes

Abbey Gladstone



Parish Bulletin Board

The OLP Lay Carmelite Community

at St. Christopher's, Baldwin will begin formation instruction this fall. Prayerfully consider this deeper commitment in your journey of faith. The Lay Carmelites are lay people who share in the mission of the Carmelite Order. This special call to Carmel is a call to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. For more information, see www.laycarmelite.com. Formation requires a commitment of two meetings a month for the first three years. If interested, call **Andrea Waldron TOC, Director at 516-965-0970.**

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