

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, April 2, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

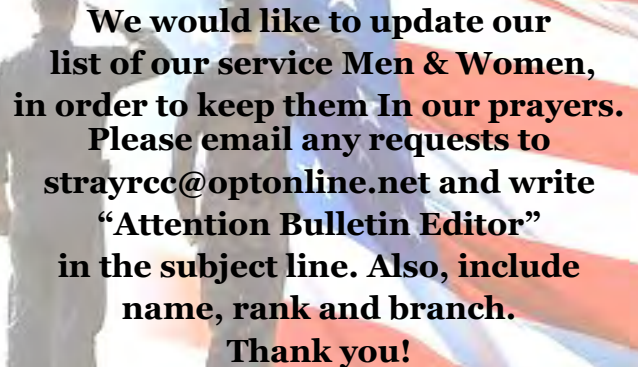
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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



**CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



Always keep our Service Men & Women in your prayers ...

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PFC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS
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PFC Connor Thomas McHale US MARINE CORPS
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 final Lenten blessings be yours as we celebrate Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week! Today begins our week-long movement from the Passion and Death of Jesus to his glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. This is the time to really show your Catholic identity and faith by prayer, reflection, repentance, and most of all attending Church services. Today's scriptures affirm that Jesus did not live his life seeking the crowd's praise. Rather he chose to glorify the Father by his life, death, and resurrection. Imagine the set-up of this week. Jesus goes from being praised to being hurt by the same people. The first reading from Isaiah shows how the people of Israel have grown wiser from the experience of exile. No more does a wise servant try to resist God's ways. **"I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."** Then in Paul's letter to the Philippians, Jesus is shown to be one of us even to the point of accepting death on a cross. **"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped."** And the two gospel passages used today from Matthew presents the final entry of Jesus into Jerusalem followed by the entire passion narrative. The final entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and his crucifixion are literally earth-shattering events.

So, on day one of Holy Week Jesus is as the promised Son of David, the Messiah, with only later in the week for the same people to be clamoring for his death. But the end is Jesus being glorified by the Father. One day Jesus is greeted with palm branches, and a few days later he is hung upon a tree. How could this be? It has to lie in the realization that Jesus as the Messiah, rules not like a worldly ruler. He is a humble Messiah. He was born into humble circumstances. He rides a donkey, not a horse. As Messiah he came to suffer in order to enter the glory of his eternal reign. His suffering, death and resurrection make us a messianic people, a holy, royal, and anointed people. When Jesus rose on the third day, he received a glory that far exceeded what the crowds gave him when they laid palm branches at his feet and shouted **"Hosanna."**



While Jesus accepted the praise of the people, he did not live his earthly life primarily for this praise. He lived only for the praise and glory of the Father. This is why he offered himself to a painful and shameful death. He knew his death would reconcile all creation to the Trinity and would enable us to glorify the Father in the Holy Spirit. Jesus is now praised not only by the people but by all creation, as well as people not even born yet. Jesus shows us that we also should not seek the praise of our neighbors nor allow happiness or our sense of worth to depend on it. What we need to do is live in communion as best we can with God, and to glorify him alone by our words, prayers and every action. Remember, people are fickle, but God is constantly good to us and never forgets everything we do out of love. May his passionate love for us console us when down and empower us to live for the glory of God.

The winning number of the **Pot of Gold 50/50** was **01658** with the winner receiving **\$2800.00**. Thanks to all who took chances and thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting another great St. Patrick Celebration last Saturday.

As we begin Holy Week today, I encourage everyone to pay attention to the schedule sent by mail and found in this bulletin for all the opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Triduum Services, and the Easter Sunday schedule of Masses. Hope to see you often throughout the week.

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 besides the **Holy Week Schedule** is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (especially concerning the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 15th, the **Easter Masses of Remembrance** envelopes, the next **Bereavement Program** starting April 13th, the **Communal Prayer before Mass** on the inside back cover, 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 Happy Holy Week! **Enjoy the last days of Lent, the Triduum days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and then the glory of Easter Sunday. Remember: 1cross +3 nails =4 ever.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 2, 2023-PALM SUNDAY

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.

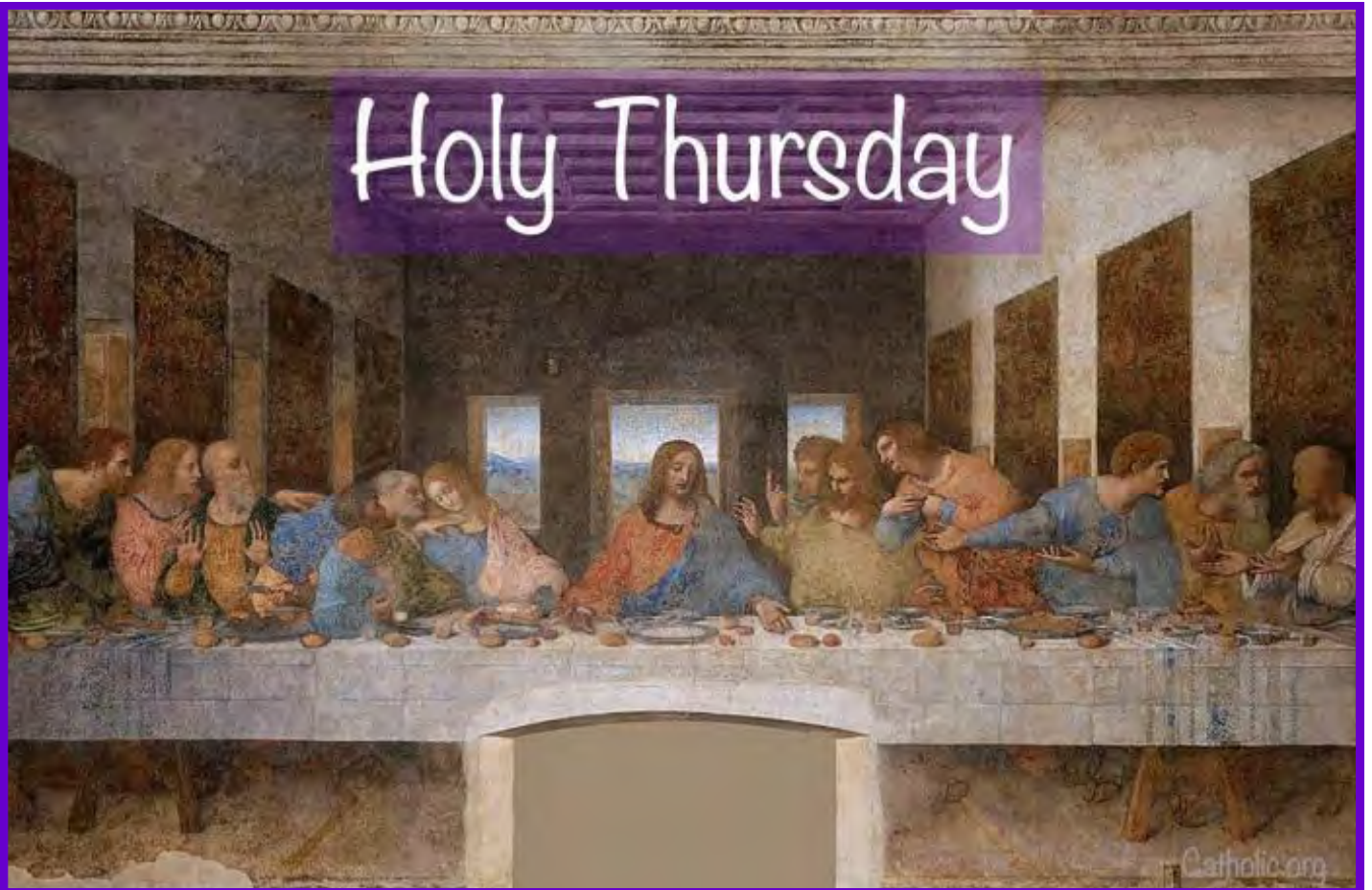
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

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.

Holy Thursday



Good Friday



PALM SUNDAY

Increase the faith of those who
place their hope in you,
and graciously hear the
prayers of those who call
on you, O God,
that we, who today hold high
these branches in our minds
and hearts
to hail Christ in his triumph,
may bear fruit for you by good
works accomplished in him.
Who lives and reigns for ever
and ever.
R. Amen.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2023

PALM SUNDAY 4/2/23

Blessing and Distribution of Palm
at all Masses
Regular Saturday/Sunday Mass Schedule

HOLY MONDAY 4/3/23

Confessions in Rectory During the Day
7:30pm Penance Service with
Confessions in the Church

HOLY TUESDAY 4/4/23

5-6pm Confessions in the Church
7-8pm Confessions in the Church

HOLY WEDNESDAY 4/5/23

5-6pm Confessions in the Church
7-8pm Confessions in the Church

HOLY THURSDAY 4/6/23

8:00pm Parish Mass of the Last
Supper in Church
(Eucharistic Adoration till Midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY 4/7/23

3:00pm Solemn Liturgical
Service in the Church
7:30pm Folk Group Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 4/8/23

11:30am Blessing of Easter Foods
in the Church
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass in the Church
(The most beautiful Church
Service of the year)

EASTER SUNDAY 4/9/23

Mass schedule in the Church
7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
12:00 noon
1:30pm

(No 4:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)



EASTER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

Many people like to request the intention for a Mass on Easter Sunday. Since there are a limited number of Masses for Easter, all requests are not able to be fulfilled.

Therefore, there will be a special Novena of Masses for Easter: the Easter Masses of Remembrance. Those who you mention will be remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season. Special envelopes have been mailed with the regular envelope packet and in the Easter mailing to all parishioners. They are also available on the front side pews and the back pews by the doors of the church. Simply fill out the intentions you wish to have remembered on the front of the envelope, include your donation and either mail it back, drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or place it in one of the wooded boxes marked "Easter Masses." Please do so by Sunday April 9th. Thank you!

-Father Chuck

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.



St. Raymond Parish

Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus Christ,

***We ask that you enlighten our minds,
Inflame our hearts,
And make us aware of your great love for us.***

***Increase in us the faith that you are truly here
In the Eucharist and in every member of our Church.***

***You have defeated death itself
And called us to you by our Baptism.***

***Thank you for the ways you have
Blessed our parish community.***

***Help us to communicate to others
The joy we have received.***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION · FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

There are no classes and the office will be closed from Holy Thursday 4/6/2023-Thursday 4/13/2023. The office will re-open and classes will resume on Monday 4/17/2023. The last day of Religious Education classes for the 2022/2023 school year is Thursday 4/27/2023.

During this most blessed and holy season, parents please bring your child(ren) to Mass. The Holy Week schedule is included in this bulletin.

Our 7th & 8th grade students along with their parents attended The Stations of the Cross by Teens on Tuesday, 3/28/2023 – it went very well. The students were able to witness the Stations of the Cross as seen through the eyes of a teenager and to also hear the thoughts of our Blessed Mother Mary as she stood by in her own agony watching her son suffer. It was and is a very profound and beautiful presentation.



Palm Sunday

Today's 12 Noon Mass, our 5th & 6th grade students will participate in a procession re-enacting Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.



Attention 8th Grade Students/Parents

Please attend the Stations of the Cross presented by St. Raymond's Folk Group on Good Friday, April 7th at 7:30pm in the Church. This date was noted on the timeline as part of the 8th grade curriculum that was given to all parents at the January parent meeting.



Easter Egg Hunt



Children (grades 5 and below) are invited to attend our first Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 15th, 2023 at 1pm – all meeting in the Church at 1pm. A flyer was e-mailed home to grades 1-5 – a response is required by 4/7/2023 so that we make sure we have enough Easter eggs for the children!

The 2023/2024 Registration forms will be e-mailed home to parents during the month of April. The forms can also be found on the parish website

www.saintraymonds.org



**Mrs. David's 4th Grade
Class learned about
the Sacraments**



**"The Gifts of the Holy Spirit"
Presented by Mrs.
Rivenburgh's 8th Grade Class**



**Father Vincent visits
Mrs. Agnello & Mrs. MacLeish's
2nd Grade Class**



THE AMAZING G-RACE

APRIL 29, 2023

3:00PM – 5:00PM

ST. RAYMOND'S EDITION

BOYS ENROLLED IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM, GRADES K-5 CAN PARTICIPATE WITH THEIR MOM, GRANDMOTHER, AUNT, OR ANY ADULT FIGURE. THEY WILL TEAM UP FOR THIS FAST PACED EVENT.

AN EMAIL WITH THE LIST OF SCAVENGER ITEMS WILL BE SENT. YOU WILL HAVE ONLY 2 HOURS TO COLLECT AS MANY ITEMS AS POSSIBLE.

YOU WILL BRING THE ITEMS TO THE CHURCH BY 5:00PM SHARP TO RECEIVE AN ENTRY TICKET. FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE 5:00PM MASS.

PRIZES, PIZZA, DRINKS, AND GAMES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 6:00PM – 7:30PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

\$10 PER PERSON – LIMITED SEATING

REGISTER NO LATER THAN 4/15/23. TEAR OFF THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH FULL PAYMENT (CASH OR CHECK) TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE.

Boy(s) Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

Adult's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



Please PRINT the email address CLEARLY. The scavenger hunt list will be sent to this address at 3:00pm on 4/29/23.



JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON

AT ST. RAYMOND'S

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

FAMILIES WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH AT 1P

BRING
YOUR
OWN
BASKET

EGG HUNT
IS FOR
CHILDREN
IN 5TH
GRADE AND
UNDER

SEPARATE
AREA FOR
2ND GRADE
AND UNDER

WE WILL
HAVE
ALLERGY
FRIENDLY
EGGS

PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH THE QR
CODE BY 4/7/23 SO WE HAVE AN
ACCURATE COUNT OF HOW MANY
CHILDREN WILL BE ATTENDING



LIVING MESSAGES
RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

A marriage-saving program is here in the New York/Metropolitan Area

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
 - Do you feel hurt and angry?
 - Does talking make it worse?
 - Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is

April 21-23, 2023

at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

HelpOurMarriage.org

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, nor counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different: it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend.

We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16TH



The Divine Mercy Message

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world.

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Plenary Indulgence prayers at all Masses

- 2:00pm: *Divine Mercy Explained*
- 2:50pm: *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*
- 3:00pm: *Divine Mercy Chaplet*
- 3:20pm: *Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary*
- 3:50pm: *Benediction*

Nine-Day Novena

Jesus requested that St. Faustina make a special novena before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Nine-Day Novena begins on Good Friday, April 7th after the 9am morning prayer and continues through Saturday, April 15th.

"On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"
– Diary of St. Faustina, 699



THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Memory of
John Pizzi
Donated by the
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For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062



STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

As we enter into Holy Week, let us continue to grow closer to our Lord as we meditate on His Passion—read Scripture, pray the Rosary daily and attend the Masses and service during the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil).



St. Raymond's"

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)

"God always keeps His word. He gives justice to the poor and food to the hungry." Psalm 146:6-7

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

Pantry items needed this week: Jarred Pasta Sauce, Jelly, Snacks, Pasta, Dish Washing Liquid & Laundry Detergent.

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7

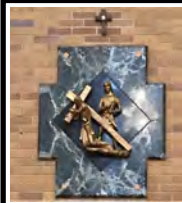


THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

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

THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

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

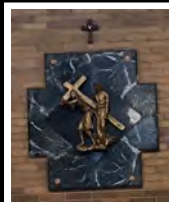


THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

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

THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

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

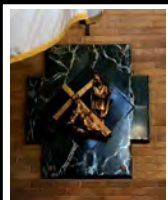


THE FIFTH STATION-SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

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

THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

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



THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN

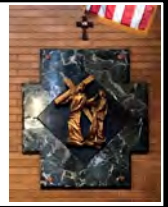
In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps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

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

STATIONS 8-14

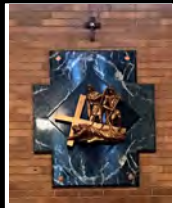
THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

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



THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

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



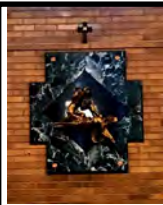
THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

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



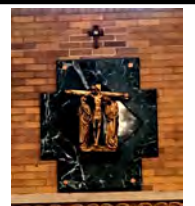
THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

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



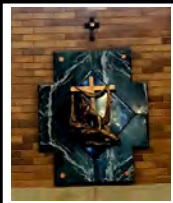
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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



THE THIRTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

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



THE FOURTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

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





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Sunday

April 23rd, 2023

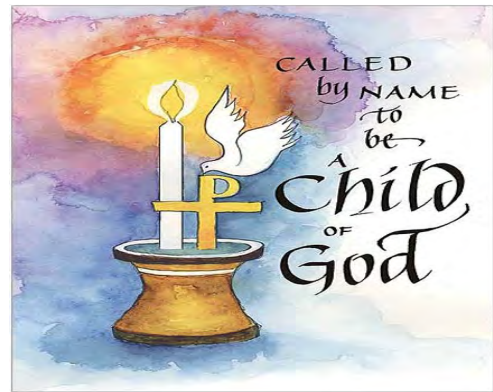
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"I shall not pass this way again, and any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now." Once again you, the faithful friends of the mothers and their unborn children, have shown kindness and goodness to those in need by giving so generously to our annual "mini baby shower". Because of you, we were able to donate to the pregnancy care center in Hempstead, Women First (formerly The Life Center), an abundance of baby items: beautiful hand-made receiving blankets (which the volunteer said the center was in dire need of), baby clothing, disposable diapers, items for nursing mothers, etc. In addition, the monetary donations of \$1,000.00 and gift cards amounting to \$300.00 was given to Birthright of L.I. located in Wantagh. May God richly bless all of you for your continued caring for God's little ones in the womb and their mothers.

"When God wants a great work done in the world or a great wrong righted, He goes about it in a very unusual way. He doesn't stir up His earthquakes or send forth His thunderbolts. Instead, He has a helpless baby born, perhaps in a simple house and of some obscure mother. And then God puts the idea into the mother's heart and she puts it into the baby's mind. And then God waits. The greatest forces are not the earthquakes and the thunderbolts. The greatest forces in the world are babies." (E.T. Sullivan)



Pastoral Council



"So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.'"

- John 12:13

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Sodality of Our Lady Spring Dinner

Wednesday ~ April 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM
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Our thanks to Dorothy Bock (516-599-8264), Kathie Flood 516-599-1267), Jean Chojnacki (jnacki@optonline.net/516-402-0424) & Karen Gonyon (karengonyon@gmail.com/516-330-6982) who have once again offered their time to co-chair the dinner. Kathie & Dorothy will co-chair the Dinner and Jean and Karen will co-chair the Baskets and Raffles. The cost of the ticket is \$60 pp and table arrangements will be available at the March meeting. The invitation is open to your daughters, mothers, grandmothers, and of course your friends, please extend the invitation to all. As you prepare your table arrangements, please start to prepare your baskets. Call Jean or Karen to schedule a drop off or pick up. If it is not possible to drop off, let Jean or Karen know and they will be happy to pick it up for you. All tickets, reservations and baskets must be in by March 31st. If anyone knows of a restaurant/or store that would be willing to donate a gift card, please contact Jean or Karen who will provide the sodalist with a donation letter for the vendor. If you would like to help with this enjoyable fundraising event, please see Dorothy, Kathie, Jean, or Karen at the next meeting. Thank you all for your support and cooperation in making this dinner a success.



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,

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Masses for this week

Monday, April 3rd

- 7:15am Kathleen & James Ryder
- 8:45am Loretta and Patrick Collins
- 12:15pm Mary Nicholas

Tuesday, April 4th

- 7:15am John Kear
- 8:45am Michael McCann
- 12:15pm Roger Cooney

Wednesday, April 5th

- 7:15am Eileen Benedict (living)
- 8:45am James Gallagher
- 12:15pm Joseph Ninivaggi

Thursday, April 6th *Holy Thursday*

- 9:00am Morning Prayer
- 8:00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, April 7th *Good Friday*

- 9:00am Morning Prayer
- 3:00pm Solemn Liturgy with Communion

Saturday, April 8th *Holy Saturday*

- 9:00am Morning Prayer
- 11:30am Blessing of Easter Food
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9th *Easter Sunday*

- 7:30am Catherine Hawkins
- 9:00am Madge & Leo Nicholas
- 10:30am Joe Wilfred Walcott
- 12:00pm Frank Fazekas, Maryjean Green,
Esteba Moreno Deras, Charli Sabatino,
Edward Malone, Lynn Artese
- 1:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Lk 4:16-21

Friday

Is 52:13-53:12/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2/Mt 28:1-10

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,
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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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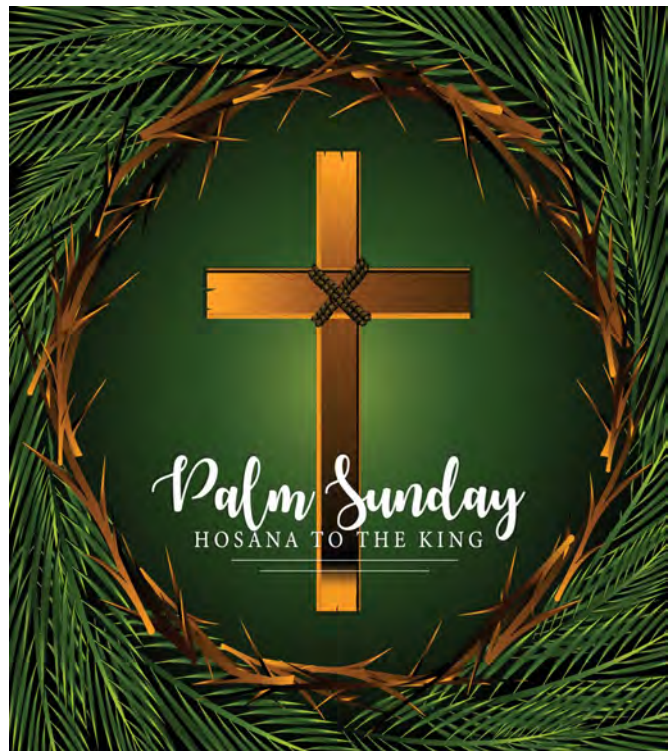
Geraldine Borges

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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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

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