

“He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.”

-Matthew 4:17



January 23, 2023

Third 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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Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197
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Religious Education Office.....593-9075
Religious Education Office Fax593-1156
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

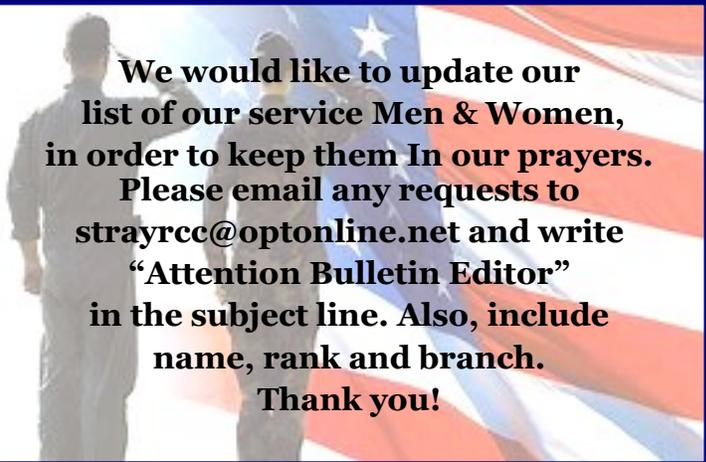
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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



**CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
PFC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS
PFC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time! The message today is that Jesus comes to us as light that frees us from all kinds of darkness. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet wants to assure the people that God's gracious care will see them through even the worst of conditions. When conquered by Assyria, the Chosen People were certainly in a time of darkness and gloom, however, there will be a brighter future. The light that prevails when God's purpose comes will first dawn over Israel. **"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a great light has shone."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul reminds the people of God to remain bonded to Jesus. Paul does not use human wisdom but rather preaches Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our salvation. **"For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel, Jesus begins his ministry throughout Galilee after hearing that John the Baptist had been arrested. He continued John's message of repentance for the kingdom of God was at hand. Then he began to call his apostles: Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John. All four followed him. **"He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."**

The public ministry of Jesus is greeted with great enthusiasm. The people recognize his presence, teaching, healing, and the Good News as light that they needed. Just as Jesus tried to liberate the people he met from darkness, he also repeatedly comes to us to enlighten and free us from all kinds of darkness. He very much desires our well-being and eternal salvation. How does he do this? First of all, when we receive Holy Communion and through the other sacraments as well: Baptism, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. Prayerfully reading the Gospel is an additional way as well as through the examples of faith lived by others. By prayerful contemplation of God's activity in the world there are so many ways Jesus comes to us.

Now where do we need to be free from darkness? First of all, our sins and bad habits that keep us in darkness need the light of Jesus. Plus, what are the difficulties we are going through that need his light? Is there physical healing needed? How about healing in our marriages and other relationships?

We can invite Jesus into our lives right this day and ask him to dispel every darkness that overshadows us. We just need to have confident hope that he will transform our lives. Then as we are freed more and more from darkness we too can be a light in the world for others to see that draws them to Jesus.

Well, it seems that almost everyone received their parish contribution envelopes by the volume from last Sunday's collections. However, some people are still saying they had not yet received them. If that is still the case, please let us know at the rectory. I thank you all for keeping up your weekly contributions during this time of transition. Like I said previously, I am hoping this company can fulfill our needs in the manner and timely fashion we had come to expect from the former company. We'll see. And as I also said, I am looking around for a more local company that would also work for us. I'll keep you posted. Two things that you could do to make the tabulating and recording of your collections easier are: **Please write your envelope number on the memo line of your checks, whether you use the collection envelope or not. And secondly, when combining several weeks of contributions, just use one envelope, anyone, with the total amount you are giving.** Doing these two things will really help.

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 form for the special **One Year Memorial Candles**, a request for **Parishioner Emails** to help foster better communication from the rectory, 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, be a light of Jesus to someone in need and remember: God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.**
God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 22, 2023-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,

[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

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

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

JANUARY 22, 2023-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 8:23—9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation. One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation. I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

ALLELUIA

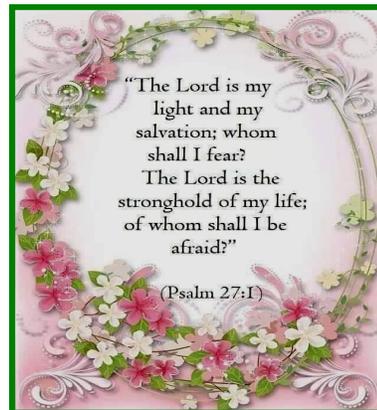
Mt 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

Special thanks goes out to our parents and children for participating in our Epiphany procession held on Sunday 1/8/2023 at the 12Noon Mass. We had such an overwhelming amount of people attend Mass that day – everyone walked away with an uplifted spirit just to see all the children and their families in attendance. It would be a gift to see each and every one of those Masses filled to capacity like that one was. Special gratitude to the parents and children who helped get the wheels moving on this event – Gina Lee & Ella Lee, Michelle DeLuca & Dylan DeLuca, Jennifer Mora & Max Mora, Kim Moran & Robert Moran, Danielle Fiorentino & Lea Fiorentino and her nephew Michael Fiorentino, Jennie Saia and Victoria Saia, Karen Crenshaw and Emerlyn Crenshaw, Stephanie Paul & Gabrielle Paul, Donna Grimaldi & Chase Grimaldi. Thank you for your willingness to help us out and for your dedication to our Religious Education program.

Attention 2nd Grade Parents

The 2ND Grade students will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 from 3:30pm-5pm in the Church. Parents are asked to bring their child to church during this hour and a half – no set arrival time for each class or group. Priests will leave promptly at 5PM. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

Thanks to our 8th grade Religious Education students for their donation of sweatshirts and sweatpants to the patients at Stony Brook's Psychiatric Emergency room. The following is a thank you note from Trish Woloszyn, one of our parishioners and the RN in this department.

Dear Mrs. Mott and Religious Education Class,

Thank you so much for all the sweatshirts and pants you donated to our patients in Stony Brook's psychiatric emergency room! Many of our patients are homeless and the clothing they come in with is dirty, torn and not very warm, so the clothing you donated is desperately needed! For some, the clothes on their backs are the only belongings they have. With the cold weather upon us, the sweatpants and shirts will be very much appreciated by our patients.

Your generosity goes beyond words, and we cannot thank you enough for the goodness you have shown to a population that many turn their backs on! I hope the spirit of Christmas you have demonstrated at this time of year continues on for you throughout the rest of 2023! May God bless you and your families for showing such kindness to those in need!

Sincerely yours,

Trish Woloszyn, RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist at Stony Brook CPEP



ST. RAYMOND'S 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Parish Girls in Grades K-8
join us for a

SWEETHEART Valentine's DANCE



Saturday
11
February

From 6:30p-8:30p
St. Raymond's
School Cafeteria

\$10 per person
Includes pizza,
desserts,
dancing, & more

Tickets to be distributed at the 5p Mass on 2/11/23.

Must have a ticket for admittance.

**Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is limited.
Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.**

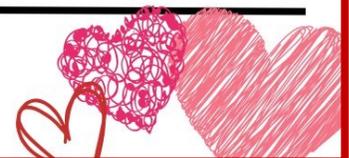
**RSVP By January 27th, 2023. Cash or check made out
to St. Raymond's Religious Education**

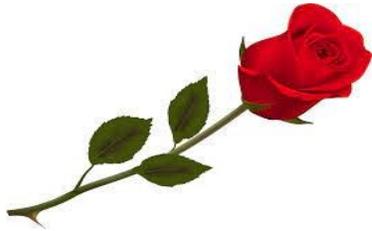
Girl(s) Name (s) _____ **Grade** _____

Escort's Name _____ **Phone #** _____

Email _____

**Please wear pink,
♥ red, or white ♥**





**The Rose for Life
In Thanksgiving
for the Overturn of
Roe V. Wade
For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062**



*“A God who became so
small could only be
mercy and love.”
– St. Therese of Lisieux*

Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki, Secretary, Linda Daley, Julianne Grennen,
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Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

As baptized Catholics, we are
called on a mission to spread
the Good News to all we
come across and to be at
the service of God.



*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House "The Heart of the Parish"*

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563
516-887-9197

Food Pantry Hours of Operation
Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today
and forever. Hebrews 13:8*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of December, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 57 households with food, personal care and household items. We also have welcomed several new families as clients and have provided them with food and information on services they are eligible for from Nassau County.

**Pantry items needed this week: laundry detergent,
dish detergent, dish detergent, canned tomatoes,
sugar and coffee.**

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

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



St. Agnes Cathedral School
70 Clinton Ave. Rockville
Centre, NY 11570
OPEN HOUSE: Sunday,
January 29th 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

St. Agnes Cathedral School fosters a safe and respectful learning environment. It incorporates a holistic approach to education: academic excellence, affective and creative development, as well as the spiritual, physical, emotional, and social growth of its students. We believe that all children are created in the image and likeness of God and that each child has diverse talents and abilities, interests and emotions, strengths and weaknesses. It is our privilege to assist parents in educating their children academically and spiritually.

Registration for the 2023–2024 School Year is on Tuesday, January 31st from 9:30–10:30 A.M. and 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration will continue on Wednesday, February 1st from 9:30–10:30 A.M.

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 2023. Children entering Grades 1–7 must present their most recent report card and standardized test results. Applicants must present a birth certificate and baptismal certificate (if applicable) upon registration. For more information, contact Mrs. Cecilia St. John, Principal, at 516–678–5550.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION
THE CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE OF
BREAD AND WINE INTO THE BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST WITHOUT A
CHANGE IN ACCIDENTS.



OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten-8th Grade • Lynbrook, NY



Join us for our Open House!

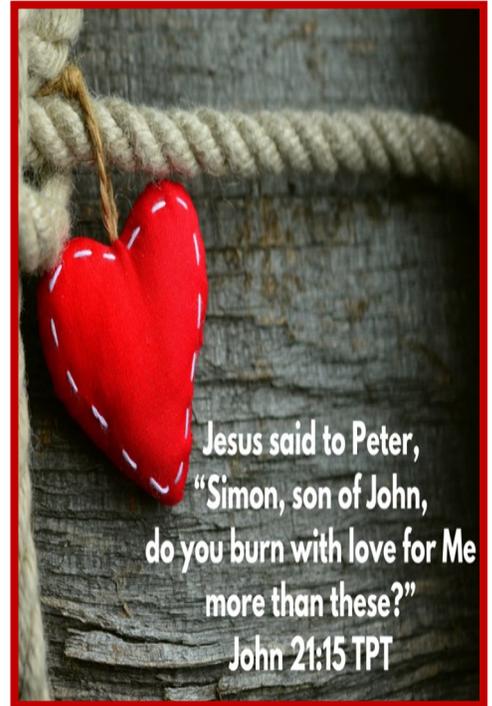
SUNDAY • 1/29/23

— 11:00am - 1:00pm —

Our Lady of Peace School Open House is a chance to see the entire school community at one time. You will have the opportunity to meet the teachers, staff, students and speak to other members of the Our Lady of Peace School Family. All are welcome!

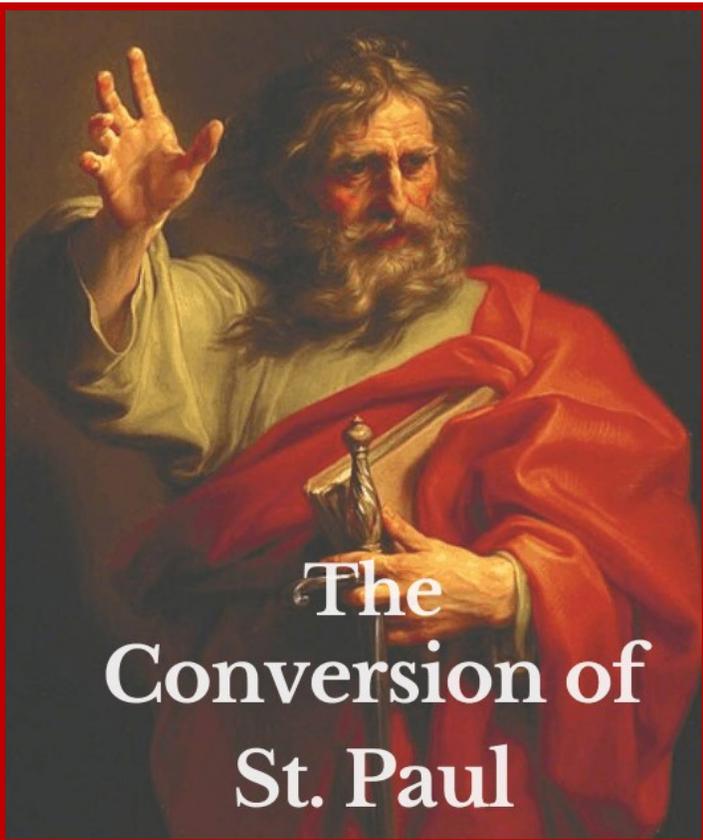
WHY CHOOSE OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL?

- Rooted in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, OLP accepts the call to educate the whole child in the spirit of service and compassion.
- OLP offers academic excellence, which fosters individual growth and development according to time-tested, Catholic faith-based models of teaching and learning.
- OLP strives as a community, coupled with God's love, to inspire each child to grow spiritually and academically in a diverse and increasingly challenging world.
- OLP provides a safe and supportive community that recognizes the dignity of every person and promotes human flourishing in a familial atmosphere.



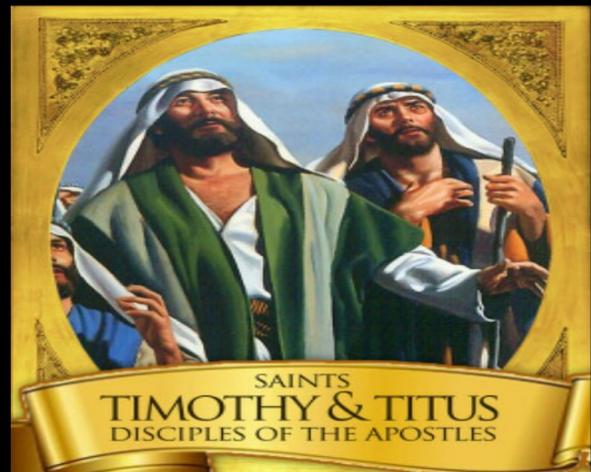
Jesus said to Peter,
"Simon, son of John,
do you burn with love for Me
more than these?"

John 21:15 TPT



The
Conversion of
St. Paul

"Go your way, behold,
I send you out
as lambs in the midst of wolves."
Luke 10:3



SAINTS
TIMOTHY & TITUS
DISCIPLES OF THE APOSTLES

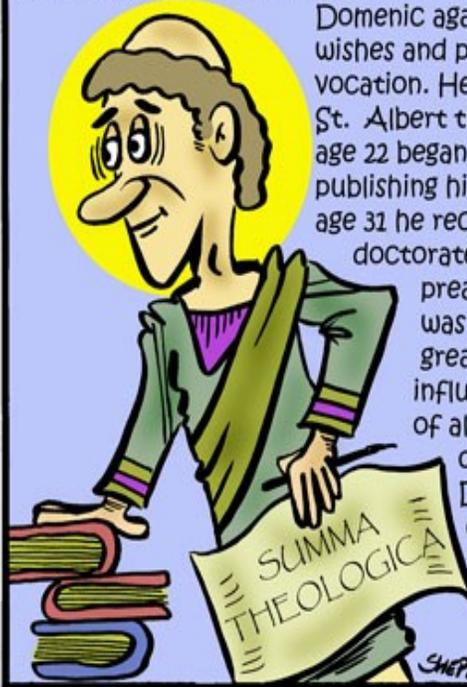
"Christ, whom the Father hallowed and sent into the world, has, through His apostles, made their successors, the bishops namely, sharers in His consecration and mission and these, in their turn, duly entrusted in varying degrees various members of the Church with the office of their ministry." CCC 1562

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SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St. Domenic against his parents wishes and perserved in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the church. He is the patron of universities and students.



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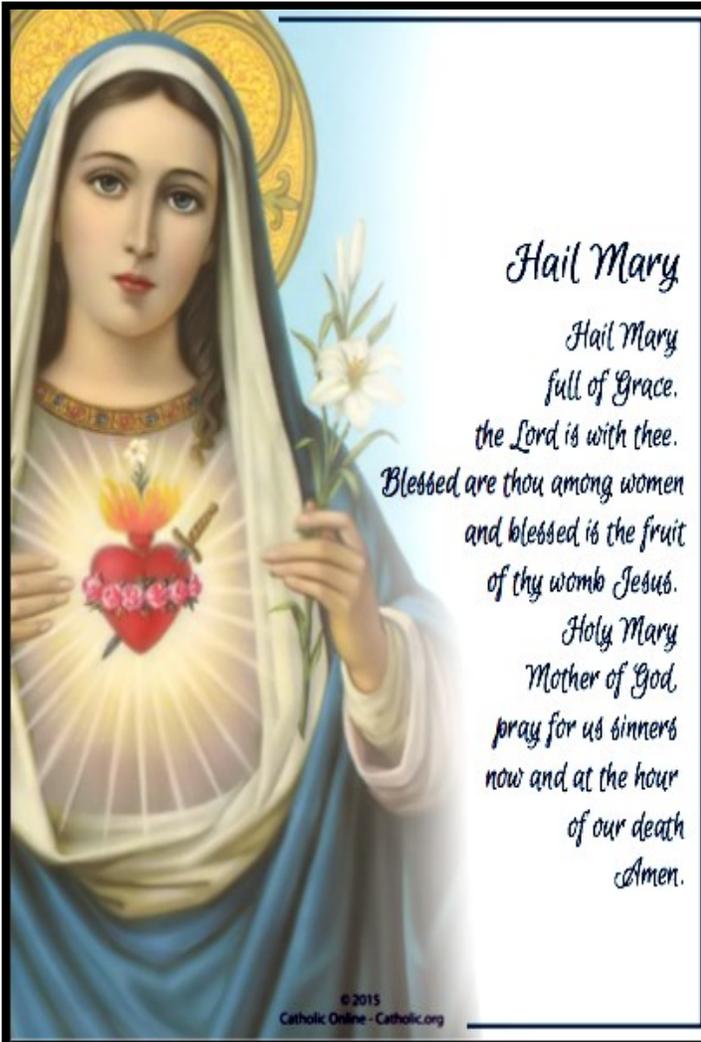
SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

WHILE OUT RIDING ONE AFTERNOON, GOD MADE IT QUITE PLAIN TO SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES THE ROAD HE WAS TO TAKE IN LIFE! SAINT FRANCIS FELL FROM HIS HORSE THREE TIMES! EACH TIME HE FELL, HIS SCABBARD FELL FROM HIS BELT AND HIS SWORD FELL FROM HIS SCABBARD! EACH TIME, THE SWORD AND THE SCABBARD LANDED IN THE SHAPE OF A CROSS!



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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.

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St. Raymond Human Life Committee

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM SEVEN MONTH GROWING BABY IN UTERO

You're in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He or she is completely formed and has been since 8 weeks! All the baby is doing now is gaining weight - and making his or her mother uncomfortable because of his or her size. The baby's brain has as many cells as he or she will have at birth. The baby in the womb uses the four senses of vision, hearing, taste and touch. Research has documented that the baby can now recognize his or her mother's voice! In a short time, the baby will be born. Even though this baby, if delivered now, would more than likely survive and thrive, this little one can still be legally killed through abortion. Please continue praying for your little one and his or her mother. Hopefully, through your prayers, she will choose to bring her baby to a live birth. Each Thursday, at 3:00 P.M., during weekly Adoration, we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the specific intention of an end to abortion and the return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception until natural death.

**Please join with us.
The power of prayer is great!**

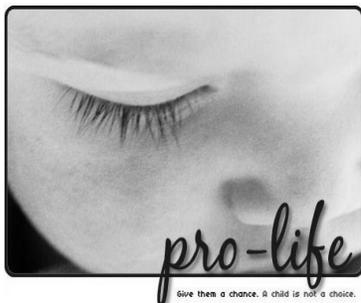
FACE the TRUTH

DATE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd

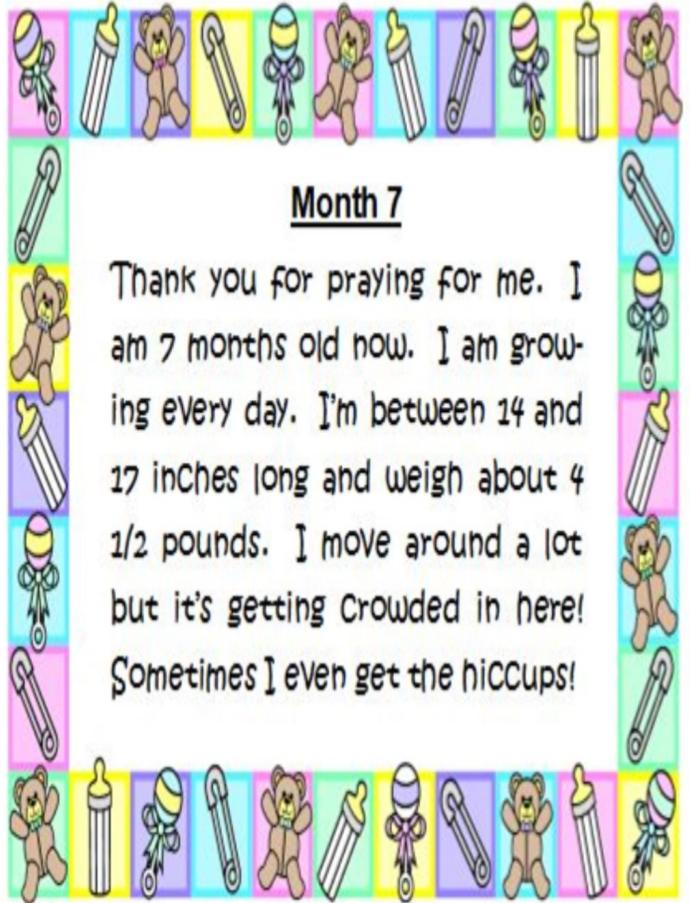
TIME: 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM

**PLACE: NASSAU UNIV. MEDICAL CENTER
2201 HEMPSTEAD TPKE, EAST MEADOW**

Peaceful, prayerful, public witness for life and against abortion. Be a voice for the voiceless little ones. Signs will be provided. Sponsored by The L.I. Coalition for life.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION



Month 7

Thank you for praying for me. I am 7 months old now. I am growing every day. I'm between 14 and 17 inches long and weigh about 4 1/2 pounds. I move around a lot but it's getting crowded in here! Sometimes I even get the hiccups!

A Reminder

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

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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

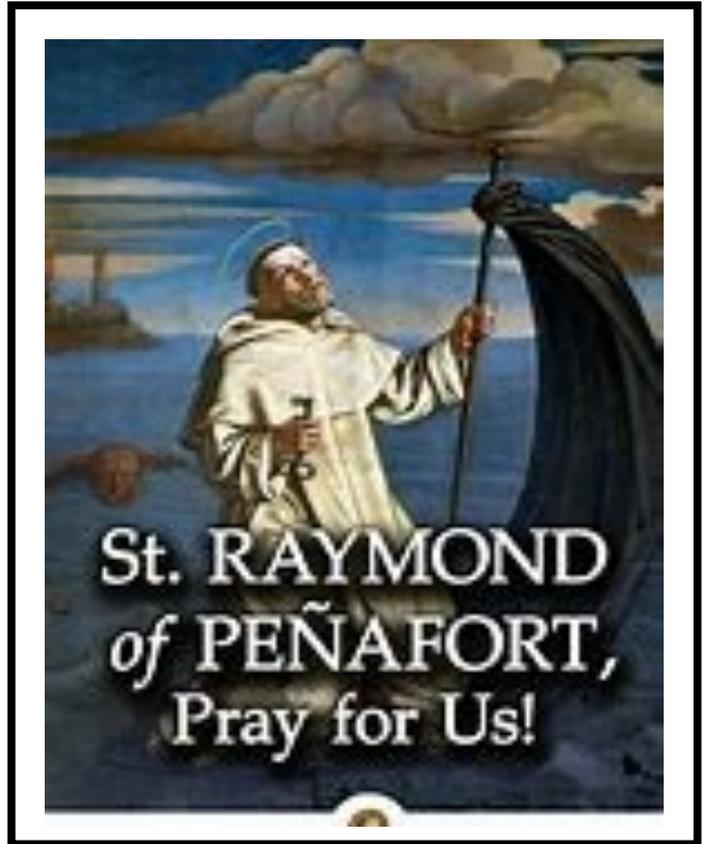


During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

Collect of the Day
of Prayer for the
Legal Protection
of Unborn Children



God our Creator,
we give thanks to you,
who alone have
the power to impart
the breath of life
as you form each of us
in our mother's womb;
grant, we pray, that we whom you have
made stewards of creation,
may remain faithful to this sacred trust
and constant in safeguarding
the dignity of every human life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



JESUS LOVES YOU.

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

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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 27, 2022 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.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: _____ St Joseph Statue: _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print):

Parish Email List

At this time, we are setting up through our parish roster a way to send emails from St. Raymond Church straight to all registered parishioners or even selected groupings of people in the parish. It is a feature that our PDS program offers, and we would like to take advantage of its capabilities going forward. We can send our reminders, schedules, emergency news and other timely bits of information. But, in order to reach the largest group of parishioners as possible, we need to grow our parishioner e-mail list. Currently we have only about 500 emails out of 3800 registered parishioner families. So, in order to reach as many people as possible with these messages we need more emails. If you would like to be on this listing for parish messages, please either call the rectory to give us your email, send it in to the parish email (StRayRcc@optonline.net), or fill out this form and return it to the rectory. Your email information goes no further than being a part of your registration profile for the purpose stated above.

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St. Raymond Parish

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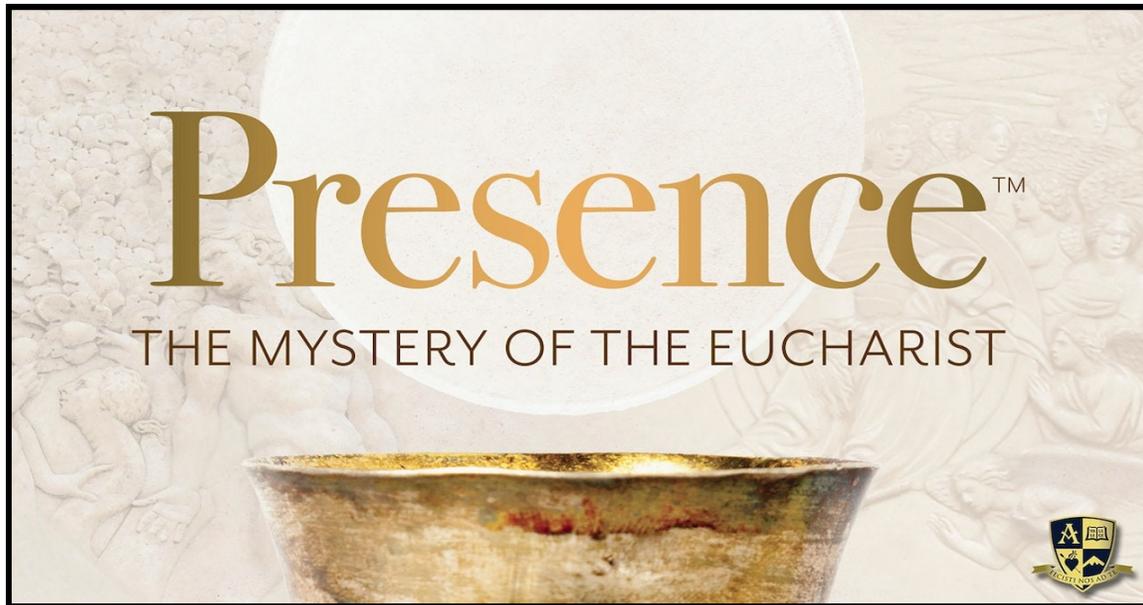
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Masses for this Week

Monday, January 23rd

Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:15am Gerrin Fowler

8:45am Joseph & Anna Nicholas

Tuesday, January 24th St. Francis de Sales

7:15am Rev. Donald Babinski

8:45am James Donlon

Wednesday, January 25th Conversion of St. Paul

7:15am Robert Clerkin Sr.

8:45am Cheryl Drugan (30th Anniversary)

Thursday, January 26th Sts. Timothy & Titus

7:15am Mary Romano

8:45am William Christopher Keating

Friday, January 27th

7:15am Fred & Agnes Villacci

8:45am Charles Henshaw

Saturday, January 28th St. Thomas Aquinas

8:45am Rosemarie Oliveri

5:00pm Dolores Incorvaia

Sunday, January 29th

7:30am Ralph LaRegina

9:00am Annmarie Sieling

10:30am Elvira & Barney Rosalie

12:00pm Sara O'Keefe, Bob Murray, Darlene Connolly

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 / Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,
Baby Madison Grace Layman, Hailey Faith Bevers,
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas, John Lynch
Nick S, Baby Cooper Graham, Connie Polik,
Diane Minucci, Michael McPike, Christine I.,
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Joseph Petraro,
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Kristine Hopkins, Theresa DeCuzzi

*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the
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Rest in Peace

Bernadette Dalrymple

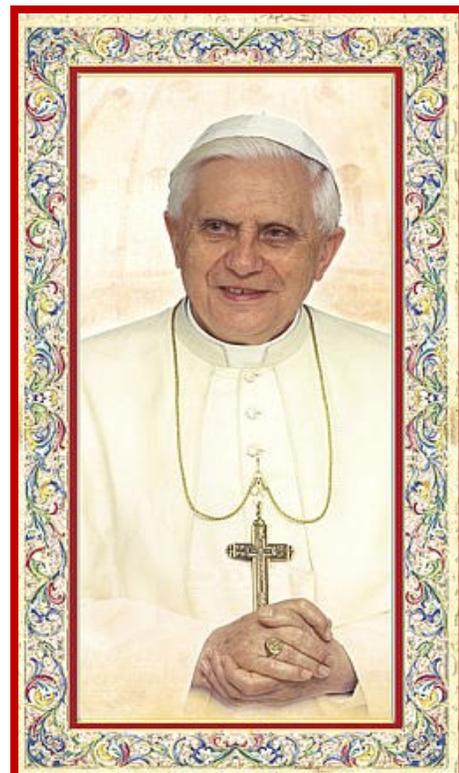
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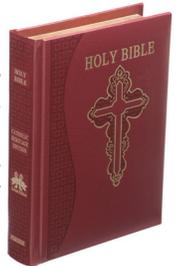
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