

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 4, 2022

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“Let the one among you who is without sin be the
first to throw the stone at her.”

-John 8:8



April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

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

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

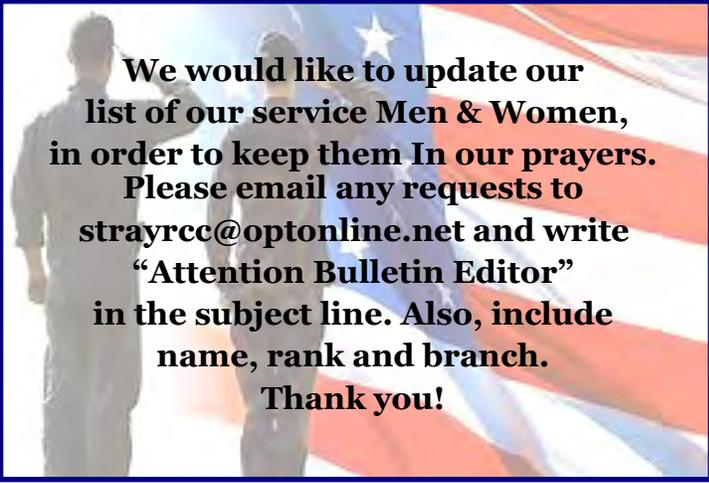
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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



CATHOLIC FAITH
NETWORK

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:
**Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from
the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome**

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
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 Fifth Sunday of Lent! The purpose of this Sunday's readings is to get us to recall important Gospel questions. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet wants a weary people to understand that God has not forgotten them. With the Exodus journey behind them, God will now do something entirely new for these people of the covenant. God's saving love will once again be on display for his Chosen People. **"Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!"** Then in Paul's letter to the Philippians, he claims that nothing in this world will get in the way of his sharing in the suffering and death of Jesus. **"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit towards the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."** And finally, today's Gospel from Luke about a woman caught in adultery is a favorite of many faithful Christians. The depiction of Jesus as one who is merciful, loving and forgiving captures the image of how Jesus was in real life for many people. When the woman responds to Jesus' question that no one has condemned her after being challenged by Jesus, he says to her: **"Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin anymore."**

Two questions are raised by this Gospel. The first is what was Jesus writing in the dirt on the stones of the temple courtyard. And second, why did they bring only this woman to Jesus? Doesn't it take two to commit this sin and under the law of Moses both are to receive equal punishment. At the heart of all the teaching that he did throughout his three years of public ministry Jesus was constantly proclaiming, **"Believe that God loves you and live your in response to that love!"** This means that for Jesus the two most important questions that can be applied to this and every situation will always be: **How do we see God's love as present here, right now in our midst? And secondly, how do we respond to that love as individuals and as a community?** Whatever our situation, out of love for us, God readily offers forgiveness, not condemnation. His love is always present for us and among us. Jesus offered this woman a loving opportunity to move forward with her life. Forgiveness is the best sign of God's love for us and that his kingdom is truly in our midst. We all make mistakes, but the biggest one we can make is to give in to despair and try to live without hope.

Repentance and conversion are always possible and that is what Jesus asks the woman and us to think about and to do. Whatever Jesus was writing in the dirt that day, both the woman and those who brought her left profoundly, changed by Jesus' question and action. If we believe in God's love for us and for everyone else, we can get up when we fall, dust ourselves off, and try again to live as God calls us to live, not out of fear but out of gratitude. Offering forgiveness rather than condemnation shows the presence of God in our midst.

We now enter the last full week of Lent and soon we will enter Holy Week when the focus will be on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, his suffering, death and resurrection. Hopefully your Lenten journey has been a fruitful one where your faith and closeness to Jesus has increased through prayer, sacrifice, and good works. But no matter how one is doing, now is a good time to turn it up a notch. I suggest making time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will be having extra times for Confession during Holy Week as well as a special Holy Hour on Monday, April 11th at 7pm in the church. During this time there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I also urge everyone to watch the YouTube video entitled **"The Veil Removed"** which is a short yet powerful presentation of how heaven and earth comes together at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And then of course there is always so much good programming to be found on the **FORMED** platform.

Remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, information from **Religious Education**, an invitation to the Sodality of Our Lady's **Annual Spring Dinner** this Thursday, April 7th, the schedule for **Holy Week** in our church, the availability of the **Easter Masses of Remembrance** envelopes, 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 Fifth Week of Lent. **Keep that Lenten smile going in your prayers and Lenten practices. Plus remember: Anger makes you smaller, but forgiveness makes you grow.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 3, 2022-FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

APRIL 3, 2022-FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

SECOND READING

Phil 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GOSPEL

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jl 2:12-13

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2022

PALM SUNDAY 4/10/22

Blessing and Distribution of Palm
at all Masses

Regular Saturday/Sunday Mass Schedule

HOLY MONDAY 4/11/22

Confessions in Rectory During the Day
7pm Holy Hour with Confessions in Church

HOLY TUESDAY 4/12/22

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

HOLY WEDNESDAY 4/13/22

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

HOLY THURSDAY 4/14/22

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

GOOD FRIDAY 4/15/22

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

HOLY SATURDAY 4/16/22

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 4/17/22

Mass schedule in the Church

7:30am

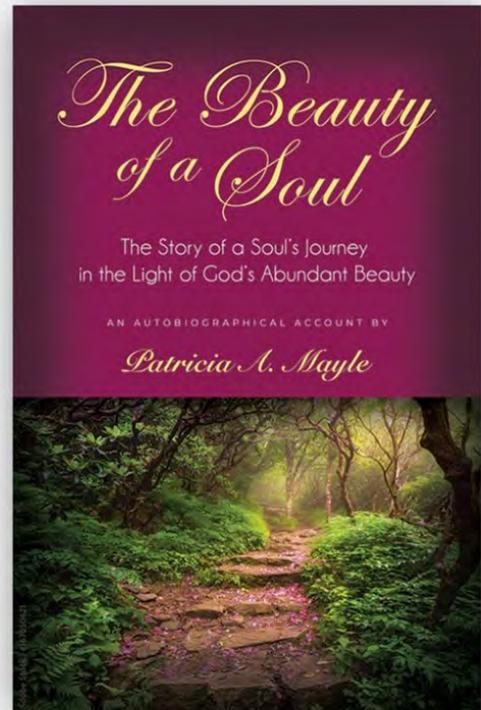
9:00am

10:30am

12:00 noon

1:30pm

(No 4:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)



The Beauty of a Soul

*I invite you to read this
story which tells of God's
Beauty and beckons us to
share in His Love.*

*The world today is in
desperate need of finding God.*

*Is God a part of your life?
May this book inspire you!*

The Beauty of a Soul can

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God Bless You!

Patricia A. Mayle

Author

Make Lent 40 DAYS OF AWESOME

LENT 2022

The Holy Season of Lent is an opportunity for all Christians to grow in faith through prayer, fasting and works of charity. St. Raymond Parish offers the following opportunities to assist you on your spiritual journey. Perhaps you can join us for some of these prayer gatherings during the coming weeks. Hopefully, we may all grow in our personal and communal experiences of Jesus during the holy time. So, join us often and anytime.

We'd love to see you!

Additional Daily Mass

There will be an additional daily Mass at 12:15pm every week day throughout Lent.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Will be prayed following the 12:15 Mass each Tuesday and Wednesday during Lent

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm in the church.

Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church every Thursday from 1-4pm and the First Friday of every month from 7-8pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Lenten Holy Hour

Tuesday, March 8th from 7-8pm in the Church

Lenten Evening of Prayer and Song

Thursday, March 24th at 7:30pm



Abstinence and 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.

LENT 2022



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.**

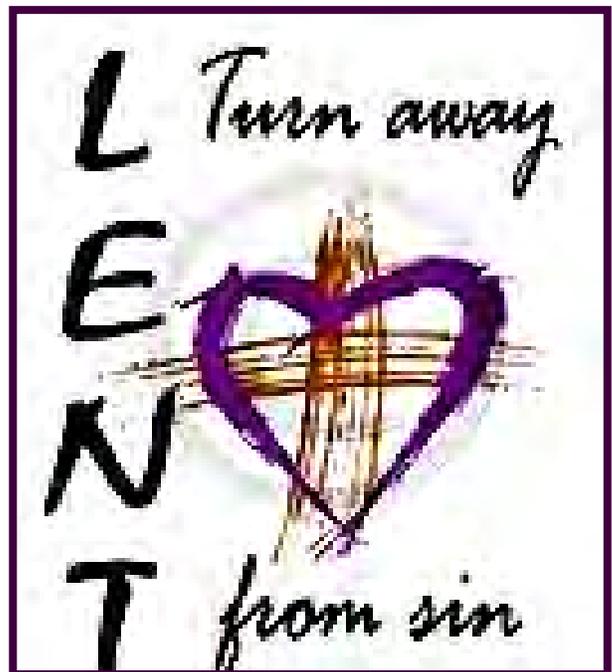
**We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.**



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 wooden boxes marked "Easter Masses." Please do so by Sunday April 17th. Thank you!

-Father Chuck





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.**



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

St. Raymond Folk Group!

We rehearse Wednesday nights

From 7:00pm - 8:30pm

And Sunday at 11:00am

in the Rectory Lower Level

and sing at the 12 Noon

Sunday Mass in the Choir Loft

If interested please

call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836

7th Grade and higher are Welcome!

Be Still, and
know that I am
GOD



YOU'RE INVITED
CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH!!
ANNUAL SODALITY OF OUR LADY
SPRING DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022-6:00PM
FRANK'S STEAK HOUSE - ROCKVILLE CENTRE
APPETIZERS, SALAD, PASTA, CHOICE OF ENTRÉE, DESSERT,
WINE, SODA, COFFEE AND TEA
\$58.00 PER PERSON

WHAT A WONDERFUL, FUN-FILLED EVENING TO SHARE A MEAL, WIN PRIZES & LAUGH WITH FRIENDS! TICKETS AVAILABLE

UP TO TABLES OF 10.. FOR TICKETS CONTACT

DOROTHY BOCK (516)599-8264 OR KATHIE FLOOD (516)599-1267

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A BASKET PLEASE CONTACT

JEAN CHOJNACKI (516)402-0424 OR KAREN GONYON (516)330-6982

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN MAKING THIS DINNER A SUCCESS.... HOPE TO SEE THERE

NAME:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH:



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.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

In the Second Reading, Paul states that knowing Christ and being a believer has made everything else second in his life. This Lenten season, share your faith with someone (your children, your spouse, your friends) and show them (through your words and actions) how much Christ means to you.

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. 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.



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen

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.



Religious Education- Faith Formation

Lucy Ostermann, *Director*

The last day for Religious Education classes is Thursday, April 7th, 2022. FOR PARENTS USING THE AT-HOME ON-LINE PROGRAM, ALL LESSONS MUST BE COMPLETE BY THIS DATE AS WELL.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS/STUDENTS

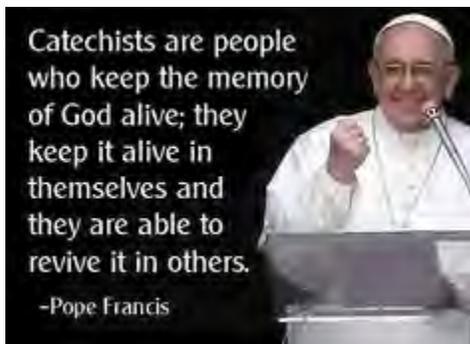
8TH grade Religious Education students (not Kellenberg) are scheduled for their Confirmation interview and Confirmation gown measurement on Monday, April 4th, 2022 or Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 during regular class hours. Measurements will be taken for Confirmation gowns as well. Kellenberg parents – please call in your height to our office as soon as possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN THIS MONTH.

New families to the program (grades 1-8) must be registered with the Parish, fill out a New Student

Registration form along with the Family Registration form and must have Baptismal Certificate. If the child was baptized at St. Raymond, a Baptismal Certificate is not necessary, but the date of Baptism is required.

We are in need of CATHECHISTS!!!



Teachers are needed for grades 3-8. Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 meet on Mondays or Wednesdays or Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm. Grades 7 & 8 meet Monday or Tuesday evening 7pm-8pm. Classes will be in person for 2022/2023.

Some of our teachers have set up a co-teacher arrangement which has proven to be quite successful. They split the teaching responsibility the following ways - either they each work half the year, teach together, alternate months, or whatever suits their needs so that their commitment is not overwhelming.

There is no Registration fee for teachers and the books that we use are relatively simple to manage. There will be a New Teacher meeting held at the beginning of the year in order to familiarize you with classroom management and we are always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

If you are interested, please call the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075.



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Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

*I will sing to the Lord who had been bountiful
 with me, dings psalms to the name of
 the Lord most high.
 Psalm13(12):6*

Pantry needs for this week:

Boxed Mashed potatoes
 Chef Boyardee Pasta
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 Laundry detergent
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 Shaving cream

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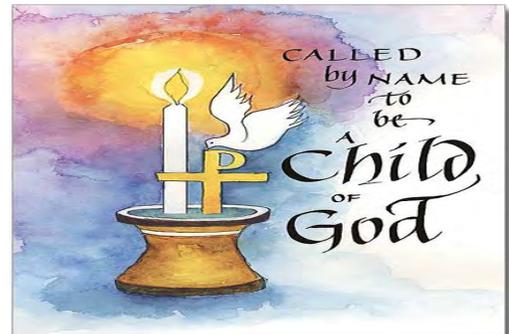


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 Kenneth Grassano
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 who will be married at
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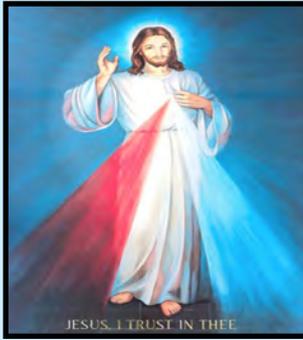
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 24TH



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.

2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2:10pm Rosary
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
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 15th after the 9am morning prayer and continues through Saturday, April 23rd.

“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



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM "BABY SHOWER"

This week-end we are conducting a mini baby shower in celebration of the births of our spiritually adopted preborn babies. A member of our committee will be stationed at the altar servers' vestibule after each Mass to accept financial donations, gift cards, diapers, formula, new baby clothes (up to 2 years). All gifts will be brought to the local pregnancy centers distribute to the mothers in need. Thank you for your faithfulness and caring for both mother and baby.

GOOD FRIDAY SILENT VIGIL ON BEHALF OF THE PREBORN BABIES

DATE: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

TIME: 10:30 AM - 12 NOON

PLACE: NASSAU UNIVERSITY
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This silent, peaceful, prayerful vigil is sponsored by the Long Island Coalition for Life. Adults, teens and children are invited to take part in this vigil for the protection of life in the womb. We stand as a reminder that abortion, the intentional killing of innocent human life, is not healthcare! Signs will be provided (east end of the hospital)

For more information, please call:
#631-243-1435 or info@prolifeLI.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



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- Pope Francis

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray ...

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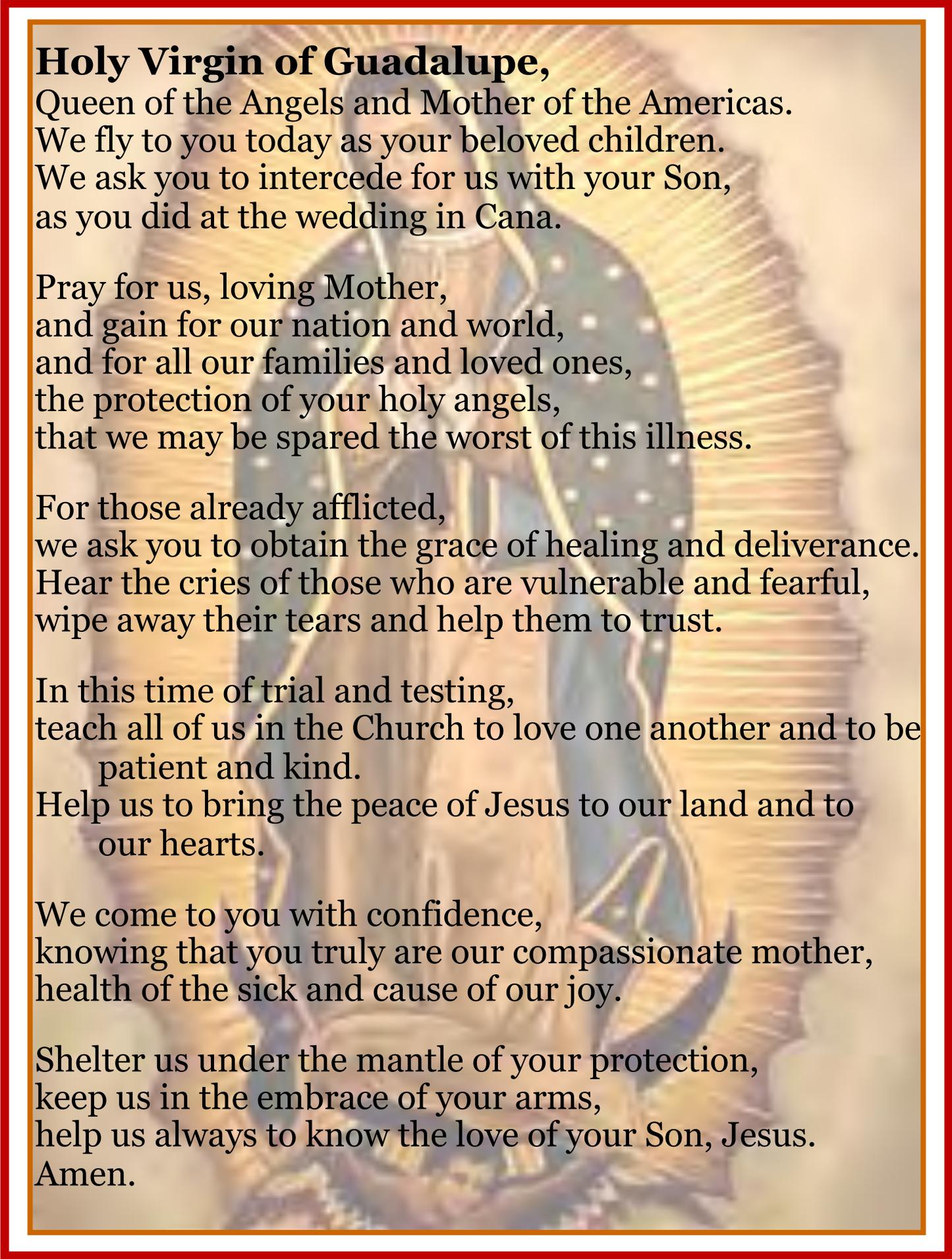
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We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

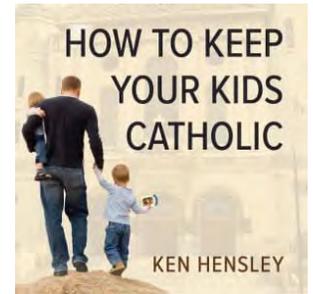
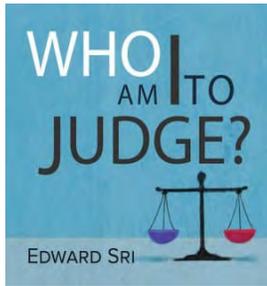
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

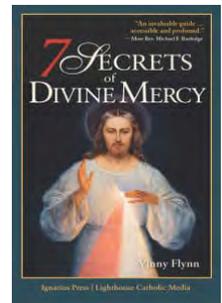
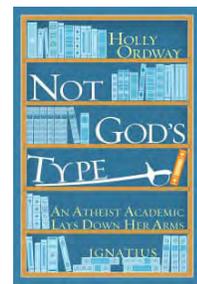


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Monday, April 4th

- 7:15am Harry Daley
- 8:45am Carmelo Simeti
- 12:15pm Gisela "GiGi" Giese

Tuesday, April 5th

- 7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:45am Biagio Montuori
- 12:15pm St. Raymond Parish

Wednesday, April 6th

- 7:15am Bernice Edden
- 8:45am Phillip Raia
- 12:15pm Estebana Moreno Doras

Thursday, April 7th

- 7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:45am James Gallagher
- 12:15pm Helen Rehm-10th Anniversary

Friday, April 8th

- 7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:45am Frank Fazekas
- 12:15pm St. Raymond Parish

Saturday, April 9th

- 8:45am Henry "Dickie" Ohlsen
- 5:00pm George Winkler

Sunday, April 10th *Palm Sunday*

- 7:30am Catherine Hawkins
- 9:00am Barbarino/Leporite Families
- 10:30am Gerald J. Murphy
- 12:00pm Eileen Mahoney, Angela Johnson,
Estebana Moreno Deras, Edward Malone,
Abbey Gladstone, Franco DiCianni,
Lawrence Mastropolo, Paula Cifuentes
- 4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 /Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9 /Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 /Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9 /Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13 /Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28 /Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Lk 19:28-40 /Phil 2:6-11 /Lk 22:14—23:56

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Jeanette Kostyrka, Jodi Neckles,
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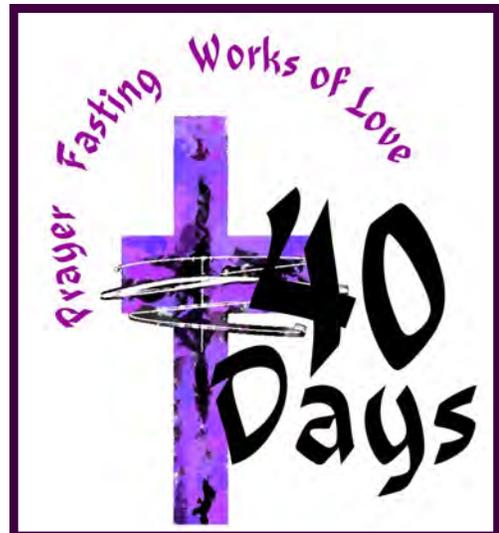


The Bread & Wine

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St. Raymond's Bulletin...

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Please write: "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line of you email. All bulletin articles are subject to the Pastor's approval.



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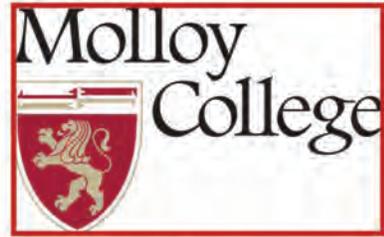
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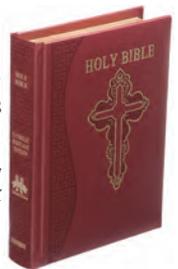
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