

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, March 13, 2022

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

-Luke 9:36



March 13, 2022

Second 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

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**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!**

ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
**SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL
BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



**CATHOLIC FAITH
NETWORK**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
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Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
PVT Anton Heilmann US ARMY

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

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Lent! Our Lenten journey continues as a time to purify our lives, so we listen more attentively to Jesus in preparation to be transformed by the power of God's love at Easter. The pillars of Lent (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are meant to wake us up from spiritual slumber in order to hear what Jesus is calling us to become. In the first reading from Genesis, God is promising Abram that he will become the father of many people, more than the stars counted in the sky. While Abram does profess faith in God's word, there is also an element of human doubt as he struggles to trust fully. To assure Abram, God carries out an elaborate covenant ritual to seal the agreement at which time he said, **"To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."** Then in the second reading from Philippians, Paul urges the people to learn from him and others how to live as servants of the Lord. In salvation the faithful will have their bodies conformed to the glorified body of Jesus. **"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved."** And finally, Luke's gospel of the **Transfiguration** is meant to uncover the true identity of Jesus. All of a sudden as Jesus slowly but surely was revealing who he is, there is this dramatic, visual event that invites the disciples to see who Jesus really is, as well as give a glimpse of his future glory. The confirmation of who Jesus is, as the fulfillment of the law in the prophets, shown by the presence of Moses and Elijah; comes from the voice emerging from the cloud, indicating the identity of Jesus as God's beloved Son. **"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."**

God seals the covenant with Abraham in the darkness of night and sleep overcomes Peter, James and John prior to the Transfiguration. We too can be in a spiritual daze. Lent gives us the chance to awaken from this spiritual slumber and recognize Jesus' presence in our lives and how we can be transformed into the saints we are called to become. The practices of prayer, sacrifice and good works help us to move from darkness into the marvelous light of Jesus. Lent prepares us to become a new creation through the risen Jesus. The message of the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus. Prayer is most necessary to do the required listening. After the Transfiguration, Jesus continues journeying to Jerusalem, not pausing to have a celebration of any kind. Like Jesus and the apostles, we are on a pilgrimage.

Fasting helps us to separate what aids us from what obstructs it. Jesus continues to do good as he journeyed. We need to use God's love and blessings to reveal the love of the Father to all whom we meet. Almsgiving helps promote this way of living. Let us all remember that this holy season of Lent prepares us to become a new creation through Jesus' saving work on the cross. We are born again from the water and blood of Jesus' side, to become the people God has made us to be.

The attendance on Ash Wednesday was very encouraging as it also was on the First Sunday of Lent. Hopefully more people will take the opportunity to come to church for Mass on Sunday and even during the week. There is the additional 12:15pm Mass Monday thru Friday during Lent and the **Stations of the Cross** prayed every Friday of Lent at 7:30pm in the church. I also urge everyone to take advantage of the website **FORMED** (your Catholic faith on demand) which offers a plethora of great spiritual programs for Lent. This platform is free and all you have to do is register which can be done through there parish website (www.SaintRaymonds.org). Don't miss out on this great spiritual aid for Lent and all times of the year. I also again urge everyone to watch the short video on YouTube entitled, **"The Veil Lifted."** It is a very powerful and moving depiction of the Mass. May we continue to be less contentious due to politics and pandemic mandates. And most of all may we keep our brothers and sisters in Ukraine uppermost in our thoughts and prayers. Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, may God bring peace and harmony to Ukraine.

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 invitation to the **Sodality of Our Lady's Annual Retreat Day** on Saturday, April 2nd, information about the **St. Patrick's Celebration** on Saturday, March 19th, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks** (still time to join), an ad about **FORMED** (your Catholic faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great second week of Lent. **Keep that Lenten smile going by your prayer, sacrifices and good works and remember: Dig the well before you are thirsty.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 13, 2022-SECOND 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

MARCH 13, 2022-SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

SECOND READING

Phil 3:17-4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Mt 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 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.
Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off.

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.

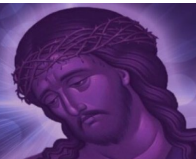
GOSPEL

Lk 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

LENT

PRAY FAST GIVE



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.**

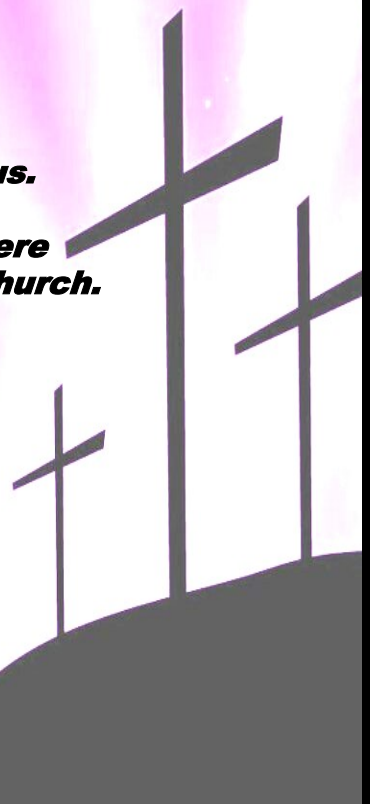
**Increase in us the faith that you are truly here
In the Eucharist and in every member of our Church.**

**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.**



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The Sodality of Our Lady

invites women of faith to our
4th Annual Women's Day Retreat
Saturday, April 2

We will begin at the 8:45 mass then proceed to the school cafeteria for coffee.
The presentation begins at 10:00 and concludes at 3:00 with a break for lunch.

The Rebirth of Your Spirit

Presented by Father Chuck Romano, St. Raymond Church

Program Fee: \$35, including lunch

Registration Closes: Monday, March 28

Checks made payable to: Sodality of Our Lady

Please remit payment along with registration form to:

Sodality of Our Lady, St. Raymond Church
263 Atlantic Ave, East Rockaway, NY 11518

Name:

Address:

Telephone #:

Dietary Restrictions:

If you have questions, please contact Fran Corio at 516-401-5734 or Mary Thorpe at 516-524-3103

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.





HERE'S YOUR INVITATION TO THE

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COME ENJOY THE RICH IRISH TRADITIONS, COMPLETE DINNER,
IRISH MUSIC (BY THE McSWITCH), IRISH DANCING,
BAGPIPES, GUINNESS, IRISH COFFEE AND SWEETS
ALL INCLUDED, SO GET A TABLE OF FRIENDS TO ENJOY.

MARCH 19, 2022

7:30PM



AT ST. RAYMOND'S
SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

"GREEN ROOM"



TICKETS ARE ONLY \$50PP
SENIOR DISCOUNT \$45PP (65+YRS)
TABLES OF 10 WELCOME!
TOM DONZA AT 593-2521
(TICKETS ON SALE NOW.... LIMITED SEATING)

St. Joseph
Spouse of Mary

Feast Day
March 19th



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great,
so strong, so prompt before the throne of
God. I place in you all my interests and
desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by
your powerful intercession, and obtain for
me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that,
having engaged here below your heavenly
power, I may offer my thanksgiving and
homage to the most loving of Fathers.
Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplat-
ing you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare
not approach while He reposes near your
heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His
fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss
when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph,
Patron of departing souls - Pray for me.
Amen

St. Patrick
Patron of Ireland

Feast Day
March 17th



May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours!
This day, O Lord, and evermore.
Amen

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

As we begin another week of Lent, perhaps take up a new prayer habit—praying the Rosary. If praying a full Rosary is not possible for you at the moment, just do one decade (or 10 Hail Mary's) as a beginning.

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,

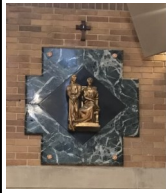
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7

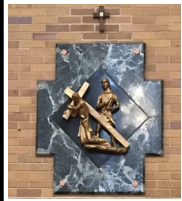
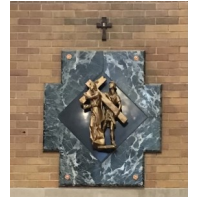


THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

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.

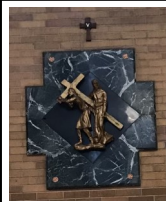
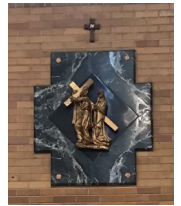


THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

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.

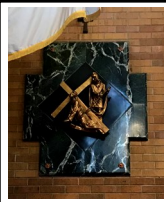


THE FIFTH STATION-SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

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

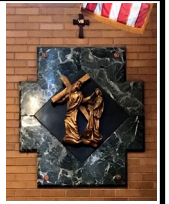
In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps 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

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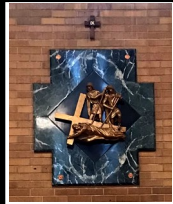
THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

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.



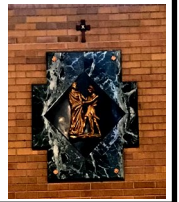
THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

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.



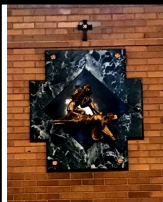
THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

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.



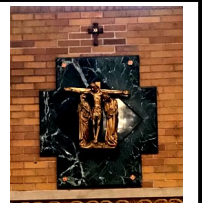
THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

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.



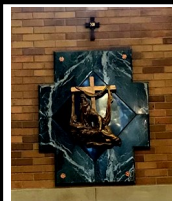
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN EARLY APRIL.

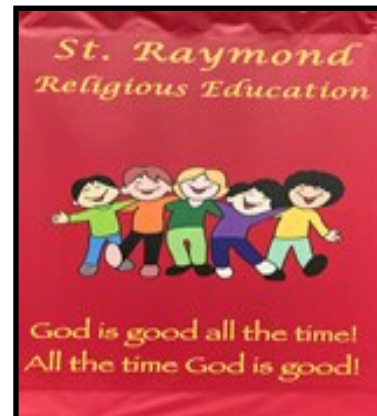
New families to the program (grades 1-8) must be registered with the Parish, fill out a New Student Registration form along with the Family Registration form and must have Baptismal Certificate. If the child was baptized at St. Raymond, a Baptismal Certificate is not necessary but the date of Baptism is required.

St. Patrick's Day

One day someone asked St. Patrick to explain the mystery of the "Blessed Trinity". St. Patrick reached down and picked one of the green shamrocks that grow in Ireland. The shamrock has three leaves on ONE stem, and St. Patrick explained that was like the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – three persons but only ONE God! Say a special prayer for the Trinity today!

St. Joseph's Day

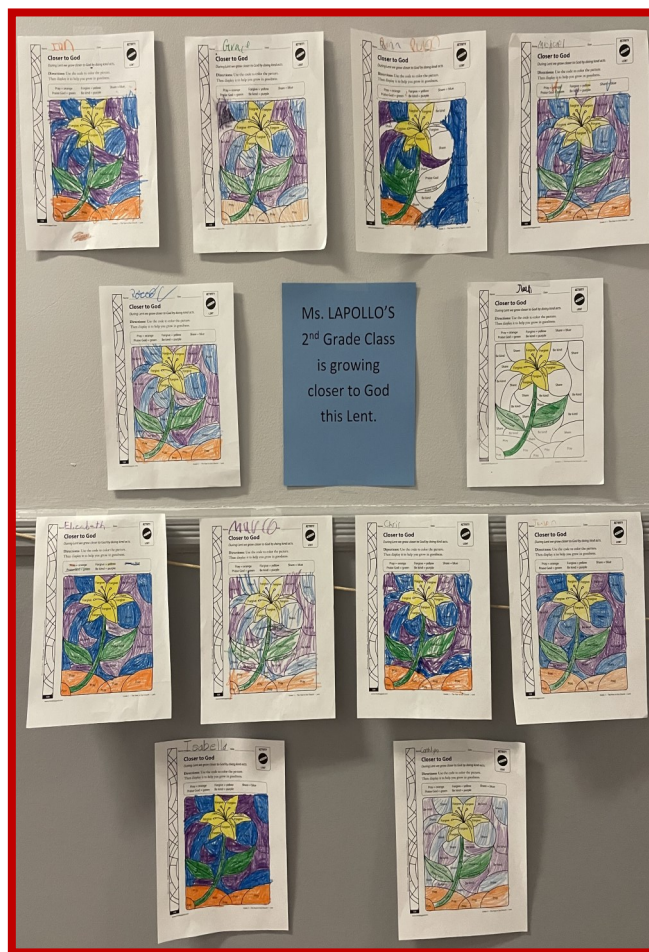
St. Joseph was a carpenter who hammered nails, sawed wood, made tables and chairs, and fixed broken things. However, St. Joseph's most important job was the job of taking care of Jesus and his Mother, Mary! St. Joseph lived in a little town, worked hard, and never got rich or famous, but he never complained. He was happy because he knew he was doing the work God wanted him to do – and THAT was the most important job in the world!



Mrs. Parlato's 3rd Grade Class is working on the Liturgical Year



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Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

*"Act, and God will act,
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—St. Joan of Arc*

Pantry needs for this week; Tuna, Shampoo
Conditioner, Canned fruit, Mayo, Ketchup
Mustard, Canned Potatoes, Canned Yams
Coffee, Peanut butter, Jelly/Jam, Jell-O
Instant potatoes, Chef Boyardee pasta
Baked beans, Shaving cream

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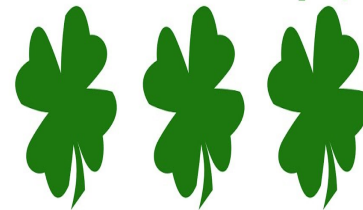
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St. Patrick's Prayer

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

An Irish Prayer:

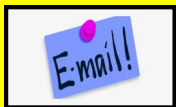
May God give you, For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



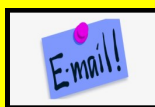
You Got Mail!

At this time, we are setting up through our parish roster a way to send emails from St. Raymond Church straight to all registered parishioners or even selected groupings of people in the parish. It is a feature that our PDS program offers, and we would like to take advantage of its capabilities going forward. We can send our reminders, schedules, emergency news and other timely bits of information. But, in order to reach the largest group of parishioners as possible, we need to grow our parishioner e-mail list. Currently we have only about 500 emails out of 3800 registered parishioner families.

So, in order to reach as many people as possible with these messages we need more emails. If you would like to be on this listing for parish messages, please either call the rectory to give us your email, send it in to the parish email (StRayRcc@optonline.net), or fill out this form and return it to the rectory. Your email information goes no further than being a part of your registration profile for the purpose stated above.



Parish Email List



Name _____

Email _____

Parish (on your envelopes) # _____



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

"The Lord will rejoice if you but obey the commandments...and turn to the Lord your God with all your hearts and souls. Obeying these commandments is no something beyond your strength and reach....they are very close at hand - in your hearts and on your lips - so that you can obey them.... I have commanded you today to love the Lord your God and to follow His paths and keep His laws, so that you will live and become a great nation, and so that the Lord your God will bless you...I call heaven and earth to witness against you that today I have set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Oh, that you would choose life; that you and your children might live! Choose to love the Lord your God and to obey Him and to cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days." (Deuteronomy 30:10-14, 19-20)



Be Still, and Know that I am GOD



A Lenten Night of
Reflection
Presentation by
Al Barbarino
Thursday
March 24th at 7:30pm
St. Raymond Church

"Where's God's Peace,
In These Chaotic Times?

How do you strengthen your spirit?

How do you deal with worldly adversities?

How can you become a better & more

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“During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ.”
- Pope Francis

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast, and give alms.

Let us pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. During our time of fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



Have you thought about “fasting” from a regular purchase of something – i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10-month period, this simple “fast” can serve so many in need!

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



Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



St. Raymond's Parish Picks Order Form

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

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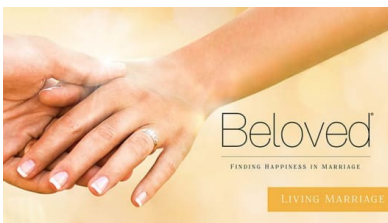
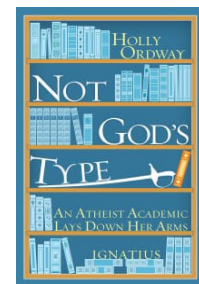
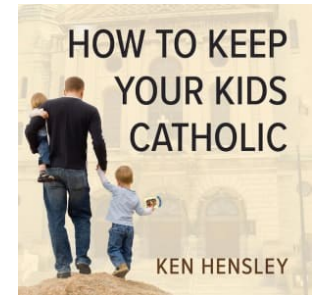
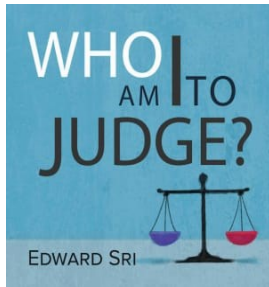
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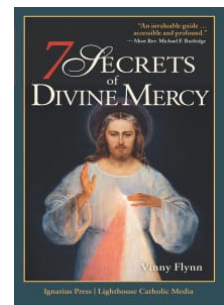
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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 14th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am St. Cajetan / Our Lady of Guadalupe
12:15pm Francis & Anne Gallagher

Tuesday, March 15th

7:15am Arnie Abad
8:45am Pola Cifuentes
12:15pm Maryellen Sullivan Chiarello

Wednesday, March 16th

7:15am Linda-Living
8:45am Joseph Guarigla
12:15pm Donald Maloy, Jr.

Thursday, March 17th *St. Patrick*

7:15am Robert Duffy
8:45am Mark Dejak
12:15pm Helen & Theodore Rehm

Friday, March 18th

7:15am Alba Garavito
8:45am Muriel Henry
12:15pm Joseph Ninivaggio

Saturday, March 19th *Solemnity of St. Joseph*

8:45am Frank Behrman, Anna Metzger
5:00pm Patrick Grey

Sunday, March 20th

7:30am John Cliggett
9:00am William P. Devine
10:30am Sodality
12:00pm Bernadette Midgett, Anthony Lynch
Antoinette Berger
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20 / Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7 / Jn 4:5-42

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Jeanette Kostyrka, Jodi Neckles,
Baby Madison Grace Layman, Hailey Faith Bevers,
Baby Faith Madison, Pamela Guzzardo, Dr. Sam Iyer,
Steven McGreevy, Andrea Zimmerman, Bradley Kahn,
Joan Ellyn Cullen, Abba W. Genuth, Josie Genuth,
Rose Criscuolo, Gina, Samara Q, Sharon, Diane Sisco
Gloria Jean Criscuolo, Leeanne Pitman, Dawn,
Robert F. Finley, Jay Witmeyer, Matthew Conroy,
Joseph DelGiorno, Deacon Bob Campbell, Nick S.,
Rocco Sivoletta, Jack Butler, Frances Marie Hallas,
Liz Tortorella & Father Tom Cardone, Carol Gottcent,
Kristine Hopkins, Virginia Shields VanAuken

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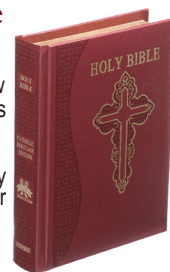
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