

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 26, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes
in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who
lives and believes in me will never die."

-John 11-24



March 26, 2023

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.

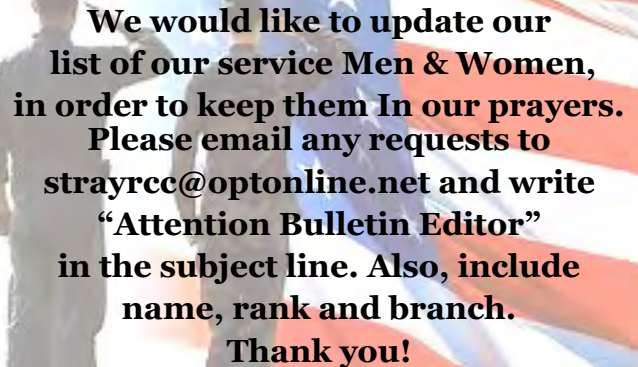
Music Ministries

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 ...

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Sgt. Gerard Moran
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Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Greetings and God's continued Lenten blessings be yours on the Fifth Sunday of Lent! The story of the raising of Lazarus gives us a foreshadowing of Jesus' victory over death for all eternity. In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, we have an oracle that takes the despair of the people and brings them back to a good place of hope and restoration with God. Captivity will not last forever. The divine promise is an assertion that he is the Lord. **"I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land, thus you will know that I am the Lord."** Then in the second reading from Romans, it is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that keeps believers committed to what is right and pleasing to God. **"But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness."** And finally, the gospel story is about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This is the final sign in John's gospel. It powerfully points to Jesus as the giver of life. It seems Jesus knew what he was going to do, which is why he didn't rush to be with Lazarus. He doesn't mourn the death of Lazarus, but rather uses his death to teach a lesson which reveals something about himself. Now both Martha and Mary profess a belief in the resurrection on the last day, yet don't quite get what Jesus is talking about when he says: **"Whoever believes in me even if he dies will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."** When Jesus comes to the tomb, he simply orders Lazarus to come out of the tomb and be untied and released to live again. This is how Jesus shows that he is the giver of life, as he reveals later when he claims to be the way, the truth, and the life. **"Now many of the Jews, who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."**

The saying, **"the greatest comeback since Lazarus"** has been applied to the world of sports as well as politics and various other situations. Harry Truman in 1948, Japan after WWII or the US Olympic Hockey team in 1980. The raising of Lazarus is featured on the walls of Roman catacombs, on frescoes and sarcophagi. His tomb in Bethany is still visited today. Imagine being Lazarus and how he reacted to coming back to life and what people thought of him at the time. I would imagine that his time in a tomb changed him, and he realized that the greatest enemy, namely death had been put down by Jesus. Well, he certainly hit the jackpot on that. And us, how do we identify with the other characters in the story?

Do we have the anguish of Martha and Mary who wanted Jesus to do something to prevent Lazarus from dying in the first place? Are we like Lazarus, bound to a dead-end job. Worried about health issues? Maybe we are like the bystanders watching from a distance: uninvolved, uninterested-and safe? I believe that Jesus challenges us today so that there will be no bystanders. **"Unbind him and let him go."** We can call by name isolated and lonely people. Lament with those who sorrow, warm hearts that are cold. Release those who are bound, raise up those in fear and lift the spirits of the despairing. Ultimately, we can bring light to those entombed in darkness. Jesus certainly gives death a **"one-two"** punch in this story. But it's nothing like the knockout punch that he gives it at the Resurrection. Death becomes but a fleeting thing, a brief interlude.

This coming Wednesday evening, March 29th, there will be a special Holy Hour from 7-8pm in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, Reflection, Music and Benediction to help us prepare our minds and hearts for Holy Week. What better way to set the tone for Palm Sunday and the Triduum than to spend some time with the Lord in prayerful adoration. Come join us and bring a friend.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass (don't leave it in the pew). It contains many items of interest in invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, the updated **Lenten Schedule** with the schedule for Palm Sunday Masses and Holy Week, 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 your Lenten smile going. Why? Because you're on to something good. And remember: Be the things you love most about the people who are gone.**

God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 26, 2023-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

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

MARCH 26, 2023-FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plentiful redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.



SECOND READING

Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

GOSPEL

Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

LENT 2023

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.

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church.



Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church every Thursday from 1-4pm and the First Friday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment at the rectory

Gift Card Sunday

March 26th - Please bring a gift card from either Stop & Shop or a Visa Card for Parish Social Ministry. To help with the emergency needs of the people of our parish

Special Holy Hour

Wednesday, March 29, 2023 7:00-8:00pm in the church
Exposition-Adoration-Prayer-Reflection-Music & Benediction-Followed by Fellowship.

Abstinence & Fasting

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired and excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.



"Gift Card Sunday"

The weekend of March 25th & 26th, which is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we will be having a special

"Gift Card Sunday"

For the benefit of our Parish Social Ministry, We are asking everyone to donate gift cards when you come to Mass that weekend. Simply place your gift card donations in the baskets along with your regular weekly contributions. Our Parish Social Ministry is requesting either Stop & Shop or Visa cards. Please get only these cards, for they are the only ones needed to serve our community at this time. So, remember

"Gift Card Sunday"

March 25th & 26th, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It is the perfect way to practice some almsgiving!





EASTER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

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

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

-Father Chuck



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

St. Raymond Folk Group!

We are back...

We rehearse Wednesday nights from
7pm-8pm & Sunday at 11am
in the Rectory Lower Level
and sing at the 12 Noon
Sunday Mass

If interested please
call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836
7th Grade and higher are Welcome!



St. Raymond Parish

Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus Christ,

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

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

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

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

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

Our 7th & 8th Grade students will present Stations of the Cross by Teens on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at 7:30pm in the Church. Both the student and a parent(s) are to attend. A reflection paper (a form will be distributed to students during class this week) will be due in class Monday, April 3rd or Tuesday, April 4th. There are regularly scheduled Religion classes for Monday evening students March 27th, 2023 from 7pm-8pm. Students who have reading parts or who are carrying up a symbol are to attend REHEARSAL MONDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2023 7PM-8:30PM IN THE CHURCH.

PALM SUNDAY

All students are asked to attend the 12 Noon Mass on Palm Sunday April 2nd, 2023. Our 5th & 6th grade students will be participating in a procession re-enacting Jesus entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We hope you can join us.

EASTER EGG HUNT

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



Children of our Parish wear green & brown to show their devotion to St. Patrick & St. Joseph





Our First graders meet in the auditorium then come together to celebrate mass







JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON

AT ST. RAYMOND'S

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

FAMILIES WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH AT 1P



**BRING
YOUR
OWN
BASKET**



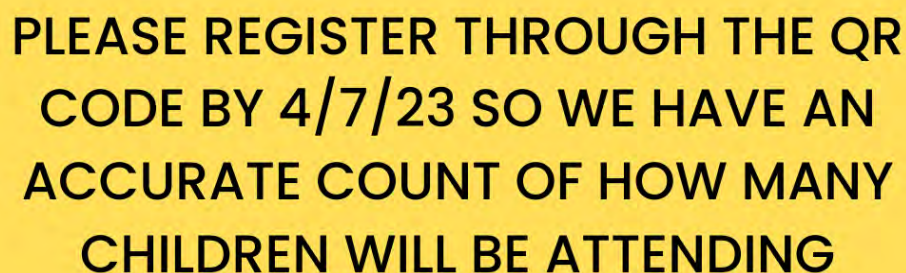
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IS FOR
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AND UNDER**



**WE WILL
HAVE
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FRIENDLY
EGGS**



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





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 - **Does talking make it worse?**
 - **Thought of leaving or divorce?**
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**Our Next Weekend is
April 21-23, 2023
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To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

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

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.



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In Memory of
Margaret & Michael Casey
Donated by their family

For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062



Throughout this Lenten season, how have you acted (or reacted) to your fellow man? Be sure that as you grow closer to the Lord this season, you also grow kinder to those around you.



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)

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."

Proverbs 19:17

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

Pantry items needed this week: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Snacks, Pancake Syrup, Shampoo, Conditioner, Dish Detergent and Laundry Detergent.

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

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

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7



THE FIRST STATION - JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

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

THE SECOND STATION - JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

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

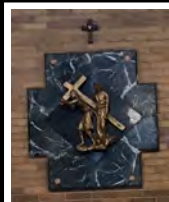


THE THIRD STATION - JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

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

THE FOURTH STATION - JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

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



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

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

THE SIXTH STATION - VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

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



THE SEVENTH STATION - JESUS FALLS AGAIN

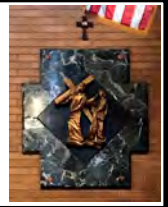
In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps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

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

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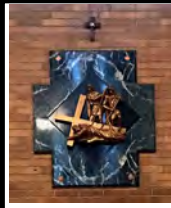
THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

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.



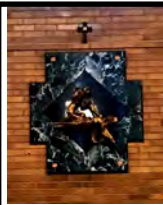
THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

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.



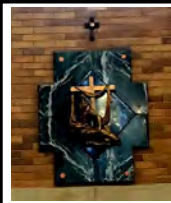
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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.



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Special "Pot of Gold" tickets were included in the March/April regular envelope mailing. Simply return the ticket stubs with payment in the envelope to the rectory, either by mail, in person or in the Sunday collection **before March 25th.**

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a fervent love of the
interior life. After your
example, may I perform
my actions for the
greater Glory of God,
in union with the
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and the Immaculate
Heart of Mary.
Please pray for me,
Oh Saint Joseph,
that I may experience
the peace and joy of
your holy death.
Amen.

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Sodality of Our Lady Spring Dinner

Wednesday ~ April 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM
St. Mary's - Knights of Columbus
78 Hempstead Ave., Lynbrook

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



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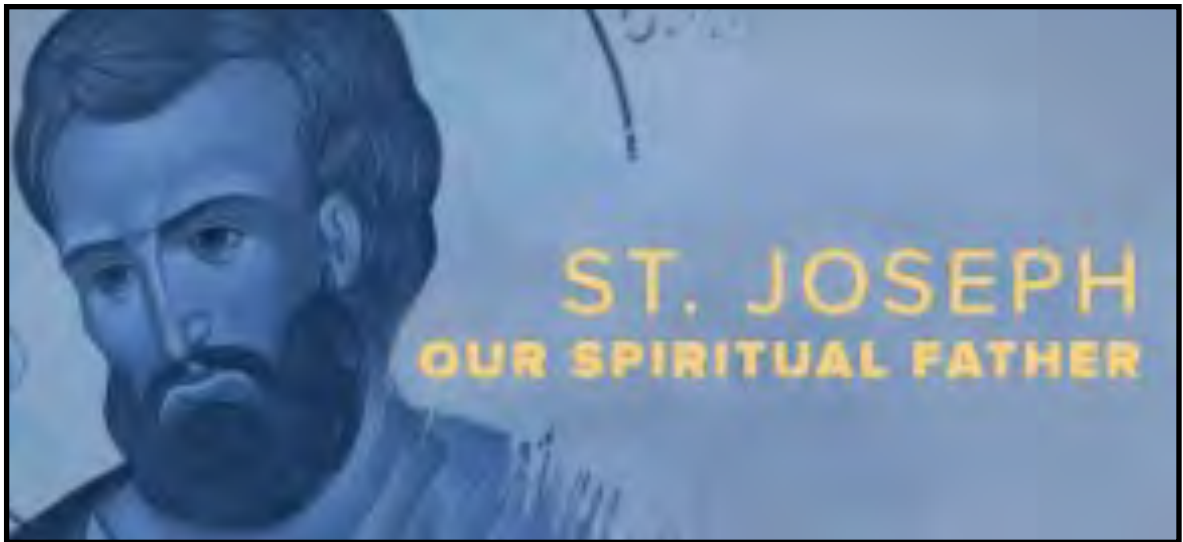
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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 27th

7:15am Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Violet McHale
12:15pm Eileen Benedict (living)

Tuesday, March 28th

7:15am Loretta & Patrick Collins
8:45am Rose Thies
12:15pm Margaret & Sam Ardezzone

Wednesday, March 29th

7:15am Michael McCann
8:45am Souls in Purgatory
12:15pm Roger Cooney

Thursday, March 30th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish
8:45am Parish Social Ministry
12:15pm Brian Flood

Friday, March 31st

7:15am James & Kathleen Ryder
8:45am Souls in Purgatory
12:15pm James & Patricia Hogan

Saturday, April 1st

8:45am John Keane, John Courtney
Michelle Cirillio
5:00pm Anne Sheehy

Sunday, April 2nd

7:30am His Holiness Pope Francis
9:00am Thomas Geraghty
10:30am Edward Sherman IV
12:00pm Bob Murray, Charlene Hughes,
Michael Pribnow, Jeanne West,
LeeAnn O'Keefe, George Glier
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 /Jn 8:1-11

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

Mt 21:1-11 /Phil 2:6-11 /Mt 26:14—27:66

Please Pray for Our Sick

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Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,
John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik,
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,
Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jennie Gaeta,
Christina McGrory, Jay Witemeyer
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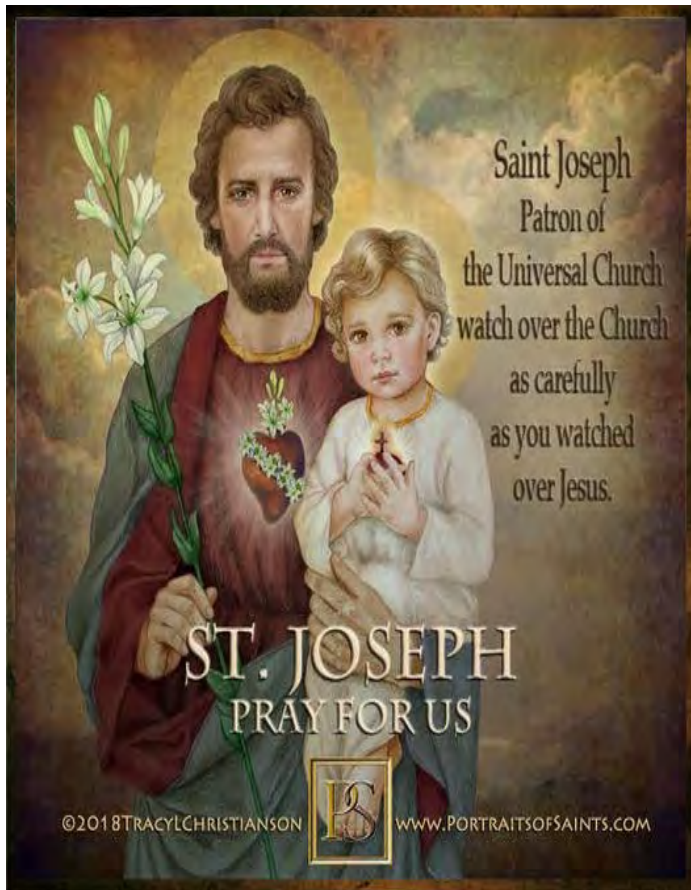


“Christ beside me, Christ
before me, Christ behind me,
Christ within me, Christ
beneath me, Christ above me.”
- St. Patrick

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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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

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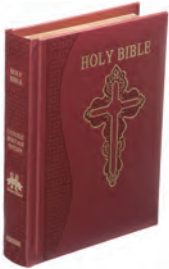
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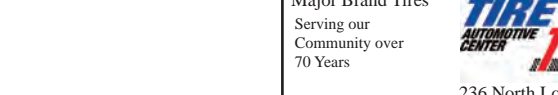


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