

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 9, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

Alleluia ... He is risen!!



April 9, 2023
Easter Sunday

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm
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Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197
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Religious Education Office593-9075
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E-Mail: strayfaithformation@aol.com

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

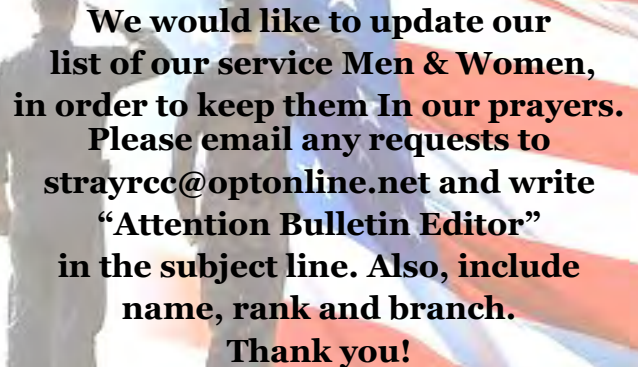
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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



**CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

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

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today!

God's special blessings be yours on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the start of the great Fifty Day Feast! Let us rejoice and be glad! **"Christ is risen!"** These three simple words make all the difference in the world for you, for me and for the Church. Without these three words our faith would be a foolish endeavor, and our hope would be folly. Centuries of liturgy, art, philosophy, not to mention, the lives of the saints and the sacraments would be utterly incomprehensible. And in the end without these three words, our efforts to transform our lives and the world would be foolhardy. We proclaim that Jesus Christ conquered death for all and that crucifixion, suffering and death do not have the last word. We profess that in the resurrection of Jesus we have both our path to eternal life and our paradigm for Christian living. **As Christians we are called to practice resurrection in crucified places.**

Crucified places are the personal, individual, and collective places that experience suffering and oppression because of sin, injustice, isolation, war and violence. We experience them also in our personal lives, within our families and in our communities. How does one practice resurrection? It means following in the footsteps of Jesus, working to bring about reconciliation, healing, and new life wherever there is suffering and oppression. As far as sin is concerned, in our personal lives our past mistakes can be a constant source of suffering. **Through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation we can practice resurrection as Jesus offers us new life and forgiveness of sins.** When it comes to injustice, practicing resurrection can mean taking steps, no matter how small, to work for justice and freedom from oppression. When it comes to isolation, remember that after the crucifixion, the apostles were scattered. Their fear, sadness and disorientation drove them into isolation. Practicing resurrection means taking meaningful steps to share life in friendship, mutual support and in authentic connections. In our families there can be crucifixion too for the ones we love can hurt us the most. Think of Peter and his betrayal of Jesus. How painful that must have been for Jesus. So, practicing resurrection means taking steps toward reconciliation and forgiveness in our families, accepting responsibility for our failures and committing to new ways of thinking and behaving.

Like crucifixion, resurrection is both an individual and communal reality. Our communities suffer the crucifixion of racism, sexism, poverty, addiction, and in many other ways. But new life as resurrection can come through a sense of belonging to a community. Practicing resurrection means taking the steps to build a loving, welcoming, and life-giving community. Hopefully, St. Raymond Parish and all parishes strive to do just this. **Remember: Christ is risen is more than an historical claim.** It is an enduring call to bear witness to the resurrection in our daily lives, to follow Jesus and practice resurrection in crucified places.

I want to give special thanks to all the people who have helped to make Lent, the Triduum and Easter a special time of prayer and celebration for our parish. Many thanks to our **Decorators and Rosary Altar Society** for the care and attention given to our church, to our **Maintenance Staff** for their timeless efforts in keeping our buildings and grounds in terrific shape., to our **Rectory Staff** for being the face of Jesus to all who come and call, to our **Social Ministry Office and St. Vincent de Paul Society** who bring Easter joy to so many of our neighbors in need, to our **Religious Education Department** for teaching our children the lessons of our faith, especially for Lent and Holy Week. Thanks also to all our **Liturgical Ministers (Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers)** who prayerfully aid us in worship and to our **Music Ministry (Adult Choir, Folk Group and Cantors)** for their inspiring music of glory and praise now and all throughout the year. Thanks also to our **Deacons** and my fellow **Priests** who always strive to serve our people with style and grace. And finally, I wish to thank all the many **Parish Ministry Volunteers** who continue to make parish life at St. Raymond's a thriving community of Faith, Love and Friendship. I truly feel blest and humbled to be among you all.

Have a great Easter Sunday with your family and friends! Welcome to all our visitors who worshipped with us today. Know that you are always welcome at St. Raymond's. Thanks to all for your generosity in our Easter collections. **Everyone, come back again next Sunday-please!** Happy Easter, Alleluia and God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 9, 2023-EASTER SUNDAY

The Gloria

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

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

Penitential Act

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

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

Nicene Creed

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

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

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

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

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

APRIL 9, 2023-EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

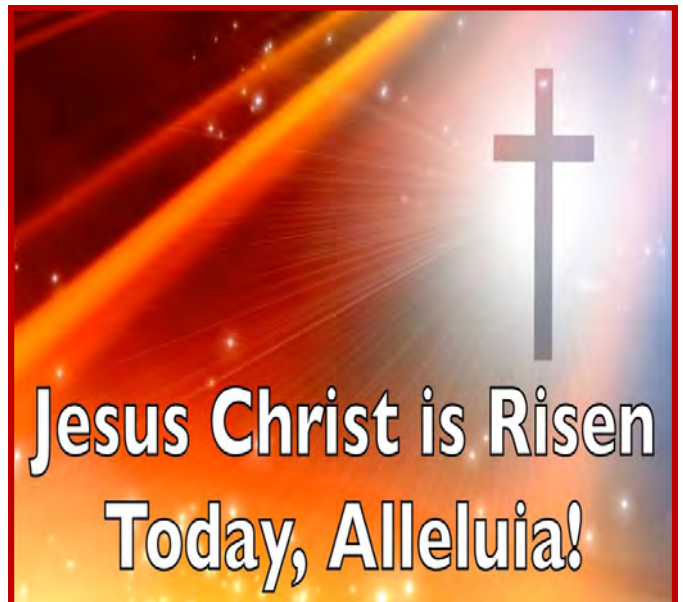
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

ALLELUIA

cf. 1 Cor 5:7

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

There are no classes and the office will be closed until Thursday 4/13/23. The office will re-open and classes will resume on Monday 4/17/23. The last day of Religious Education classes for the 22/23 school year is Thursday 4/27/23.

Easter Egg Hunt

Children (grades 5 and below) are invited to attend our first Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 15th, 23 at 1pm – all meeting in the back of the Church at 1pm. A flyer was e-mailed home to grades 1-5 – a response is required by 4/7/23 so that we make sure we have enough Easter eggs!

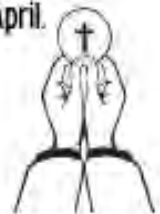


Boys Scavenger Hunt

For boys in grades K-5, we are hosting The Amazing G-Race scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, 2023. Boys should team up with their mom, grandmother, aunt, godmother or any adult figure. An e-mail with the list of scavenger items will be e-mailed to the participants at 3pm on 4/29/2023. They will have two hours to collect the listed items. Then both the boy and his escort will go to the 5pm Mass with their items. After the 5pm Mass, boys will receive their ticket to go to the party in the cafeteria (6pm-7:30pm) where we will have pizza, desserts, drinks and prizes. The flyer was e-mailed home to parents two weeks ago and it is included in this bulletin as well. \$10 per person (cash or check made out to St. Raymond Religious Education) – seating is limited. A response and payment is required.

The 2023/2024 Registration forms will be e-mailed home to parents during the month of April.

The forms can also be found on the parish website – www.saintraymonds.org.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 – MANDATORY REHEARSAL

TEACHER/CLASSROOM # DATE/TIME/ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

GROUP 1 Mrs. Kelhetter/2-4 Room 113 Mrs. Ohlsen/2-3 Room 112 Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 – 3:30PM-5:00PM

GROUP 2 Mrs. Agnello/Mrs. MacLeish/2-1 Room 107 Mrs. Falbee/2-2 Room 108 Wednesday, May 3rd, 23 – 3:30PM-5PM

GROUP 3 Mrs. DiRienzo/Mrs. Fiorentino/2-5 Room 114 Mrs. Nostramo/2-6 Room 209 Mrs. O'Hanlon/2-7 Room 208
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 – 3:30PM-5PM



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 – MASSES

TEACHER/CLASSROOM # DATE/TIME/ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

GROUP 1 Mrs. Kelhetter/2-4 Room 113 Mrs. Ohlsen/2-3 Room 112 Saturday, May 6th, 2023 – 11AM

GROUP 2 Mrs. Agnello/Mrs. MacLeish/2-1 Room 107 Mrs. Falbee/2-2 Room 108 Saturday, May 6th, 2023 – 1:30PM

GROUP 3 Mrs. DiRienzo/Mrs. Fiorentino/2-5 Room 114 Mrs. Nostramo/2-6 Room 209 Mrs. O'Hanlon/2-7 Room 208
Saturday, May 13th, 2023 – 11AM

Best wishes to all of our families and parishioners for a Blessed and Happy Easter! Lucy, Nancy & Liz





PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



At this time I am accepting requests for the Sacrament of Confirmation from any adult Catholics of college age and older. The appropriate date each year for the conferring of Confirmation to adults is at a Pentecost Mass which signals the end of the Easter season.

I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 5:00pm. Pentecost Eve Mass.

There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000, and ask to be placed on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

-Father Chuck



ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.

-Pope Francis I



Molloy University

Spring Open House

Sunday

April 23rd, 2023

1:00pm

Register at

www.molloy.edu/openhouse23



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

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

FROM	IN MEMORY OF...	FROM	IN MEMORY OF...
M/M J. Ackerina	Gerard Ackerina Paul Ackerina	M/M L. Digregorio	James Kane Santo DiGregorio
Mrs. John Amand Eileen Appel M/M Artusa	Joseph, John & Vincent Alice & Herb Mogensen Pietro Ruggiero Vincenzina Ruggiero		Bill Albergo Gina Mazzola Annemarie Scully
Ms. P. Ayers M/M Al Barbarino Ms. A. Behrman Mrs. E. Bishop	The Ayers & Patane Families Barbarino & Leporati Families Frank & Anne Behrman Thomas Bishop, Helen Pedmon William Almon, Amelia Schmitt	M/M Frank Dilapi Mr. Ronald Dirienzo	Anna Riginio Michael Rigino Rosaria DiRienzo Gerard DiRienzo
Deirdre Boller	Maureen E. Boller Anthony J. Boller, Jr.	M/M Dombrowski Mrs. J. Donlon Jr	Louise Sena James Donlon, Jr. Deceased members of the Hanna & Donlon Families
M/M J. Bruzzo	Lorraine Bornschein, John Dina Stella Dina, Ermina Bruzzo	Mrs. R. Duffy	Robert J. Duffy Callagy & Duffy Families
M/M Burke Mrs. D. Calabrese	Theresa Andriani, Elinor Burke Anthony Calabrese Mary & William D'Onofrio Mike & Al Calabrese Dominick D'Onofrio	Catherine Duggan	Mother Angelica Padre Pio John Paul II Mother Teresa
Ms. D. Caraher M/M M. Carney	Caraher & Tanry Families Hannah Sullivan MaryEllen Sulivan Chiarello	Thomas Duggan	Thomas P. Duggan Mary W. Duggan
M/M M. Charles Mrs. E. Christiansen Cimato Family M/M R. Cipriano	Charles & VanCura Families William Christiansen Joseph Lupo Joseph Mehrmann Dorothea Mehrmann Octavio Cipriano Santa Cipriano	M/M Ferraro M/M Fiorentino	Gilda & Salvatore Raia Pat Mastrandrea Nicolette Ray Regina A. Flaherty Lugri Flaherty, Julie Boyle
M/M Casazza M/M B. Crowe	William & Mary Chelius Roseanne Kane Bomysoad Thomas J. Kane, Sr.	Raymond Flaherty	Brian Flood Jimmy & Eileen Henshaw Jimmy & Bridie Gallagher
Mrs. Linda Daley	Jean & John Cassese Harry Daley	M/M Flood M/M J. Gallagher	Jean O'Brien Erin Clifford Kathy Gallagher Stella Mentel Helen Gallo
Mrs. B. Defendis M/M E. Dejak	Dominic DeFendis Mark Dejak Deceased members of Dejak & Petroccione Families	M/M Gallo	John Kevin Gilhooly Jane McElroy Gilhooly
DeLuca Family	The Lamana Family The Abate Family	Gilhooly Family	Muriel & Tom Henry Eileen & Bill Gonyon Eileen Dowdy Cathy Turner
Mrs. C. Demasi	William J. DeMasi M/M F. DelBolno M/M A. DeMani Mrs. Elizabeth Sambriski	M/M G. Gonyon	Ann & Ray Harrington Vincent Saldutti John St. Amand John Saldutti
M/M J. DeSantis	Agnes & Everett Janes Grace & Alesio DeSantis	M/M K. Harrington	John Healy Cornelius Duggan Mary A. Duggan
		Mary Healy	

THE AMAZING G-RACE

APRIL 29, 2023

3:00PM – 5:00PM

ST. RAYMOND'S EDITION

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

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

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

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

\$10 PER PERSON – LIMITED SEATING

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

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

Adult's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



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



JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON

AT ST. RAYMOND'S

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH

FAMILIES WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH AT 1P

**BRING
YOUR
OWN
BASKET**

**EGG HUNT
IS FOR
CHILDREN
IN 5TH
GRADE AND
UNDER**

**SEPARATE
AREA FOR
2ND GRADE
AND UNDER**

**WE WILL
HAVE
ALLERGY
FRIENDLY
EGGS**

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



LIVING MESSAGES
RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

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

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

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is

April 21-23, 2023

at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230

HelpOurMarriage.org

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

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

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

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 16TH



The Divine Mercy Message

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

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

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

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

Plenary Indulgence prayers at all Masses

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

Nine-Day Novena

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

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



THE ROSE FOR LIFE

Celebrating
50th Wedding
Anniversary
Noreen & Charlie Kelly

For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062



STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Christ is Risen Indeed!

As we enter into the joyous
Easter season, let us be joyful
and kind to everyone we meet—
spreading the Good News.



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)

*" And do not forget to do good and to share with
others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased."*

Hebrews 13:16

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of March, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 68 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed one new client into the Outreach Program and helped them with food and other services they needed.

We would like to especially thank all the parishioners who participated on March 25 and 26 in Gift Card Sunday for the benefit of the Parish Social Ministry. Your generosity was overwhelming and it will help the Parish Social Ministry to meet the needs of our clients who visit us regularly and also for assistance. May God bless you all for your generosity. As we all know, 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 out with food so that you can pay your other bills.

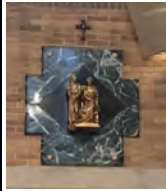
**Pantry items needed this week: Coffee,
Snacks, Pasta, Juice, Jello, Laundry
Detergent and Conditioner.**

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

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

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7

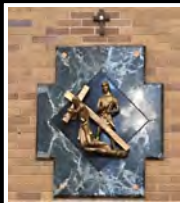
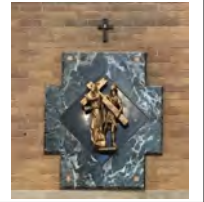


THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

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

THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

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

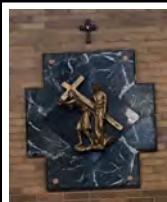


THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

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

THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

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



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

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

THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

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



THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN

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

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

STATIONS 8-14

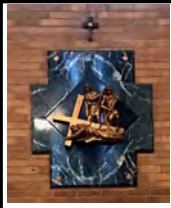
THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

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



THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

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



THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

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



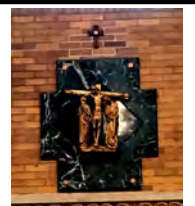
THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

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



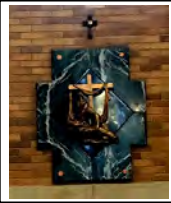
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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



THE THIRTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

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



THE FOURTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

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





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April 9, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Every Easter, you and I are reminded of the power of the Paschal Mystery. Commemorating the celebration of the first Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary on Good Friday in the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and celebrating Christ's triumphant conquering of sin and death in the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter is a potent reminder of God's love for us.

During this season of Easter and this time of National Eucharistic Revival, it becomes even clearer to us that the Paschal Mystery is not a mere historical event, but a mystery in which we are privileged to participate every time we celebrate the Mass. In the Easter sequence, we sing: "Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises!" The word, *Eucharist*, which means, *thanksgiving*, implies that every time the Church gathers for the celebration of the Mass, she offers an act of "thankful praise" to the Lord. In this act of offering thanksgiving to God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we as a priestly people offer the sacrifices of our lives with the offering of the Body and Blood of the Lord, by which our sacrifices take on new value and meaning (see, CCC, §1368).

Love is central to the mission of the Church. The sacrifices that we offer to God each day and in the celebration of the Eucharist are an expression of our love for him and for his people. When Christ appeared to Peter and the apostles on the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection, he asked Peter: "Do you love me?" As he responds, "yes, Lord" to that three-fold questioning, Christ calls him to mission: "feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep" (see John 21:15-19) Like Peter, you and I are faced with that same question from the Lord: "do you love me?" In other words, do we take the contemplative time that our hearts yearn for to renew our love for the Lord? In the offering of our time in prayer we are reminded of the very nature of God's love. Through that experience of true love, we realize that as disciples of Christ, you and I are called to mission: to bring the love of Christ to world; to glorify the Lord by our lives; to extend the Divine Mercy to those who suffer; to let the earth shake with the joy of the Resurrection!

Every human heart is created to love. As we grow deeper in our devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a Diocese this June, we ask the Lord to strengthen our hearts to love as Jesus loves and for the zeal to proclaim to those we encounter that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8,16).

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely in Christ,

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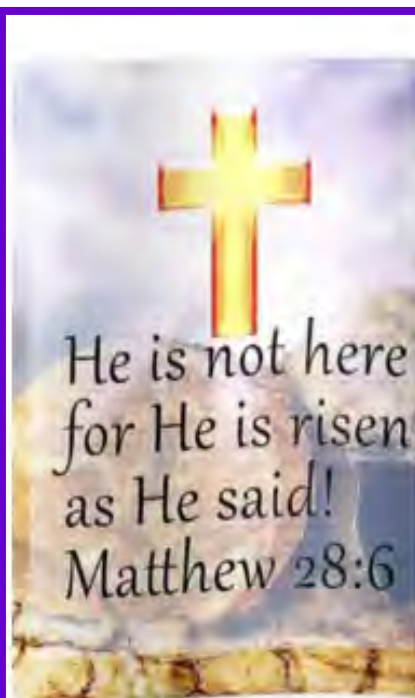
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Sodality of Our Lady Spring Dinner

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



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Masses for this week

Monday, April 10th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Anthony Anastasio

Tuesday, April 11th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Maureen McCarthy

Wednesday, April 12th

7:15am John Keanna, Jr.

8:45am Noreen & Charlie Kelly (living)

Thursday, April 13th

7:15am Franky Coppola

8:45am Deacon Bob Campbell (living)

Friday, April 14th

7:15am Fred Villacci

8:45am Felix Noriega

Saturday, April 15th

8:45am Robert Murray

5:00pm Anne & Frank Behrman

Sunday, April 16th

7:30am Kevin McCarthy

9:00am Stephen & Josephine Genova

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Julius Goldberg, Pasquale Mastrandrea,
Catherine Mansfield, Robert Murray,
Christopher Bayiokos, Lynn Artese,
Mary Alice Roth

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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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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