

## Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,  
12 Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM  
Saturday 8:45 AM

## Pastoral Team

**Pastor**  
Father Chuck Romano

**Associate Pastors**  
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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, January 31, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"The people were astonished at his teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority  
and not as the scribes."

-Mark 1:22



January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

### Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm;  
Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

**Web Site:** [www.SaintRaymonds.org](http://www.SaintRaymonds.org)

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**St. Raymond School**.....593-9010

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**Religious Education Office**.....593-9075

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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

**Holy Communion**—Available to the homebound;  
call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

### 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

**Children's Choir:** Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd  
Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on  
Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium.

**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 Deacon Rich LaRossa.



**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  
SPC Giuseppina (Josie) Coppola US ARMY  
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY  
Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY  
Sgt. Gerard Moran  
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

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

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Today's readings show us that God speaks to us in many ways. His words of truth, direction and encouragement always come to us and it our task to take his word to heart so that we might be strengthened and healed. In the first reading from Deuteronomy, the people are told to listen to the prophets for they are the human voices of God. **"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul understands the struggle of living in this world while at the same time belonging to the kingdom of heaven. He wants the people to feel at peace. **"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."** And finally, Mark's gospel passage describes one day in the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus teaches and heals in his work for the day. The reaction of the people is one of astonishment. **"All were amazed and asked one another, What is this? A new teaching with authority?"**

How noisy is your day? Not every noise is bad for us: a baby's laugh, a loved one's phone call, a favorite song on the radio. These can all be touches of blessing and joy. Likewise, hurtful words, raised voices and the constant sound of city traffic can exhaust and wear us down. So how attentive are you to the impact of daily noise? When and where do you make time to be in a quiet place and listen for the Holy Spirit? If this is not happening in your life right now, what can you do to carve out some time to listen to the voice of God speaking to you? In today's gospel, people listened to Jesus because he spoke with authority. Jesus speaks to us with the same authority each time we gather to hear the Gospel proclaimed in our midst. **The Gospels reveal to us who Jesus is: Savior, Lord, teacher, healer, miracle worker, friend.** They also reveal his mission on earth which is our mission too: love one another, feed the hungry, care for the widow and the orphan, pray for the sick, wash each other's feet, do this in remembrance of me. So how well are we listening? Week after week what do we do with what we have heard at Mass? Do we talk it out with family and friends? Do we let it impact our actions, our words, and our choices?

**"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."** With all the voices speaking all kinds of messages to our children today, more than ever we need to hear the voice of the Lord. God's voice speaks truth instead of lies, love instead of hatred, and acceptance instead of rejection. It offers encouragement instead of criticism, forgiveness instead of condemnation and inclusion instead of injustice. As Christians we are called to be that voice in our families, at school, at work, on the team, in our neighborhoods, wherever we go and wherever God sends us.

During this time as I start to feel better from the coronavirus, I really urge everyone to be careful. Wear your mask, keep your distance, and practice safety in all you do. I know it is hard, believe me. I had not been anywhere unusual for the past nine months. The drug store, convenience store and bank were about it. In and out for the past nine months. No restaurants, no movies, no social gatherings all this time, and yet I got the virus. The effects, depending on how severe you had it, keep their grip on you well after you are contagious or infected. So be careful, and if possible, get the vaccine.

**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** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, an order form for the special **One Year Memorial Candles**, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks** which starts in February, 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 first week of February. **Smile, share and remember: Worry gives a little thing a big shadow.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 –FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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.

## 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

## 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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Dt 18:15-20**

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

## SECOND READING

**1 Cor 7:32-35**

Brothers and sisters:  
I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

## ALLELUIA

**Mt 4:16**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9**

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.  
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.  
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.  
Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."  
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## GOSPEL

**Mk 1:21-28**

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

~PRAY WITHOUT CEASING~

### **ATTENTION 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

Dates for 2021 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are still yet to be determined due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. As soon as the dates are set, parents will be notified.

### **ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

Dates for 2021 Confirmation are not yet determined due to the pandemic. As soon as we know what the plan will be, we will advise parents immediately.

### **HOME TEACHING**

For parents who have opted to teach Religion to their children at home, the student's completed workbooks are due the week of 4/19/2021. We are more than halfway through the Religious Education school year and this is a reminder that you have until our final week of classes to complete your child's lessons. Mrs. Contaldi has been in touch with each of you and will be following up with you again early February. As we get closer to April, we will advise you of the procedure to return the completed books to the Religious Education office.



On this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, I was drawn to the first line of the second reading from Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." I felt that Paul was speaking to each of us in our world today. There seem to be many things that make all of us rather anxious - the unsettling tension in our country, the uncertainty of the situation with the coronavirus, the lack of real peace in our world. It is as if something new pops up every day to keep us on our toes. How do we handle it; what do we do next? This is also the time for each of us to remember that the Lord holds everything in His hands - all these anxieties AND mostly us. We simply need to put our trust in the Lord.

I think that a perfect example of that could be the present situation in the school. We have been doing so well that I guess we all thought that would continue indefinitely. However, we got a rude awakening last weekend with the news that three of our teachers and some of our students had all tested positive for COVID-19. So, following the guidelines of the CDC and the Nassau County Department of Health, we closed the school for in-person instruction until February 2<sup>nd</sup> and put everyone on remote learning. Hopefully, the sudden increase here at St. Raymond School is controlled and we can get back to working safely in-person on Tuesday. Obviously, the building has been cleaned and sanitized and we are ready to welcome all back to school.

There is a little change in schedule though. Because of the "remote time", I decided to postpone our celebration of Catholic Schools Week until next week. That will allow classes to prepare for this special time and, hopefully to have all members of our school family able to enjoy all that is planned. I will keep you posted!

Thanks to all those folks who took advantage of purchasing items from Baxter's during our fundraiser that ended today. Besides buying items that will provide cozy warmth, you also were helping the school raise a little extra cash. We really appreciate that.

Please check our website at [www.srsny.org](http://www.srsny.org) for information about the school and its programs moving forward. Virtual open house times, tours, or opportunities for personal conversations with me are listed for your convenience. Hope to see many new faces soon. Please know that you can always contact the school directly for more information.

Have a great week. Please wear your mask (covering mouth and nose!), wash your hands (OFTEN), maintain social distancing, and STAY SAFE. God bless you all.

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



Dear Friends,

We are about to venture on another segment of Parish Picks. To enhance Parish Picks we have added a new system so you can obtain additional tickets.

Here's how the new system works: The basic entry to participate in Parish Picks is \$60.00. For \$60.00 you will 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 2021** and goes through **July 2021**. 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 January 18, 2021.** 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.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



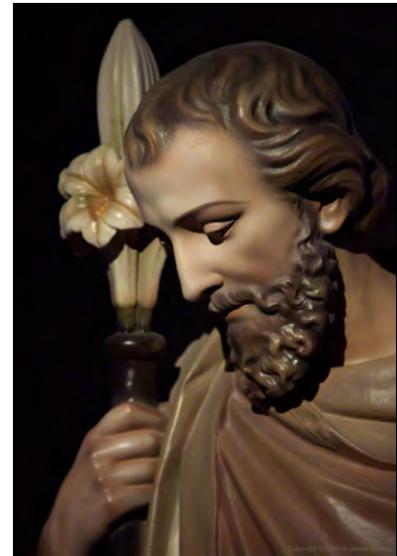
## SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

As you know, several years ago we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they have enhanced people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2020 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory.

***This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.***



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: \_\_\_\_\_ St Joseph Statue: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for the candle name plate (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_



**St. Raymond  
Human Life  
Committee**

"As a pastor's daughter, I knew little about abortion but believed that every woman had a 'right to choose'. When abortion became legal in 1973, many felt that women had finally been granted a certain freedom. I became involved with Planned Parenthood through a group called the Coalition of 100 Black Women. ...I was invited to join Planned Parenthood board. The majority on the board were male, and a handful of women who appeared to be much older than my 27 years. I was the only person of color on the board. After attending a number of board meetings, I noticed that several of the members arrived in chauffeured limos. I wondered why these men of wealth were so interested in people who lived in the inner-city,....We received a lot of literature discussing population control and the concern for the wondered why abortion was more necessary for my ethnic group and why this organization fought so hard to give us this particular 'right', when rights for better education, better jobs, and better housing seemed paramount to me. Continuing on the board, I learned the biggest challenge that PP of NYC faced. For every abortion, the Dept. of Health had to issue a death certificate. Death certificates? Did that mean the babies were alive? As board members, we were required to understand abortion procedures. The viability debate ended for me when I read documents detailing how abortions were performed." (LaVerne Tolbert, PhD, 37 years in the field of teen pregnancy prevention) Many people today are like how Dr. Tolbert was before she knew the total reality of abortion. Only until Dr. Tolbert was educated in the humanity of the baby and the brutal abortion procedures, did she have a change of heart and leave PP. If you do not know the different abortion procedures, you are missing a very important part of abortion, namely - what happens to the baby



**A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

**O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.**

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this Land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed With the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in you motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. **Amen.**

**Prayer Vigil**

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

The 163rd Anniversary  
Of the Apparitions at Lourdes.



**Prayer Vigil**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021  
1:00pm—3:00pm  
St. Raymond Church**

Please join us in praying for family, friends and parishioners who are sick in mind, body and soul. The Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to Bernadette Lourdes appealing for penance and prayers for sinners.

**"I am the Immaculate Conception."**

## Parish Social Ministry

*The Heart of the Parish*

**We know how frustrating it can be to try and schedule a COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment. God said, "Seek ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."**

**We pray that while you are seeking, you have patience, take a deep breath and say a prayer for peace of mind, and know that we are praying for you too. God bless us all and take away the pain and frustration this pandemic has inflicted on our families and friends. We pray to the Lord...**



## Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

### *Gives Back!*

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

### **IRS TAX DEDUCTION - FREE TOWING ANY CONDITION**

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525  
For details: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)



## *The Year of St. Joseph*

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*-Pope Francis*



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 31, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Beginning Sunday, January 31, 2021 and continuing through February 6, 2021, the 35 Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the annual national celebration of Catholic education: Catholic Schools Week. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2021 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Schools Week will look a bit different. In lieu of the traditional open houses our schools have held in the past to meet with prospective families, the schools will be offering virtual open houses and one-to-one meetings with principals that will allow prospective families to ‘visit’ the Catholic school(s) of their choice from the safety and comfort of their homes. This year, in spite of the pandemic, we have made significant progress transforming our schools through the Morning Star Initiative (MSI). Many elements of the Morning Star Initiative are already in place, like key academic improvements in mathematics, reading, and religious studies, which are helping students reach new potential. I am so grateful for the tireless dedication of the MSI team. Working with the MSI team, Long Island’s Catholic elementary school faculty and staff continue to put the needs of the 11,626 students (nursery-8 th grade) and their families first. From maintaining the continuity of instruction during remote learning when the Covid -19 pandemic hit back in March, to taking all of the necessary precautions to welcome students back into a safe school environment this fall, I am extremely grateful for the grit and determination demonstrated by our school community to address the academic, spiritual and social needs of our students. Earlier this month, on January 4, 2021, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the death of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), one of the great native-born American Evangelizers and champions of Catholic Education. Please join me in praying that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Mary, Star of Evangelization continue to intercede for each of us, for our Morning Star and Department of Education teams, and for our principals, teachers, and staff. With prayers and gratitude for your efforts,

I am Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

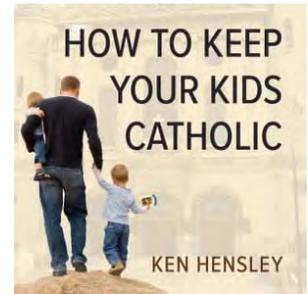
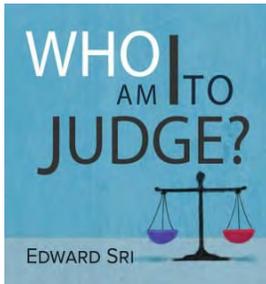
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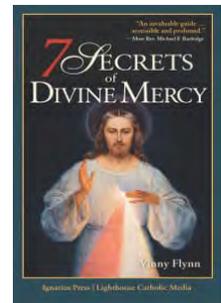
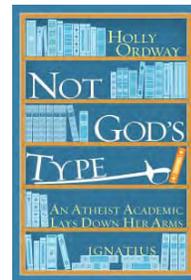
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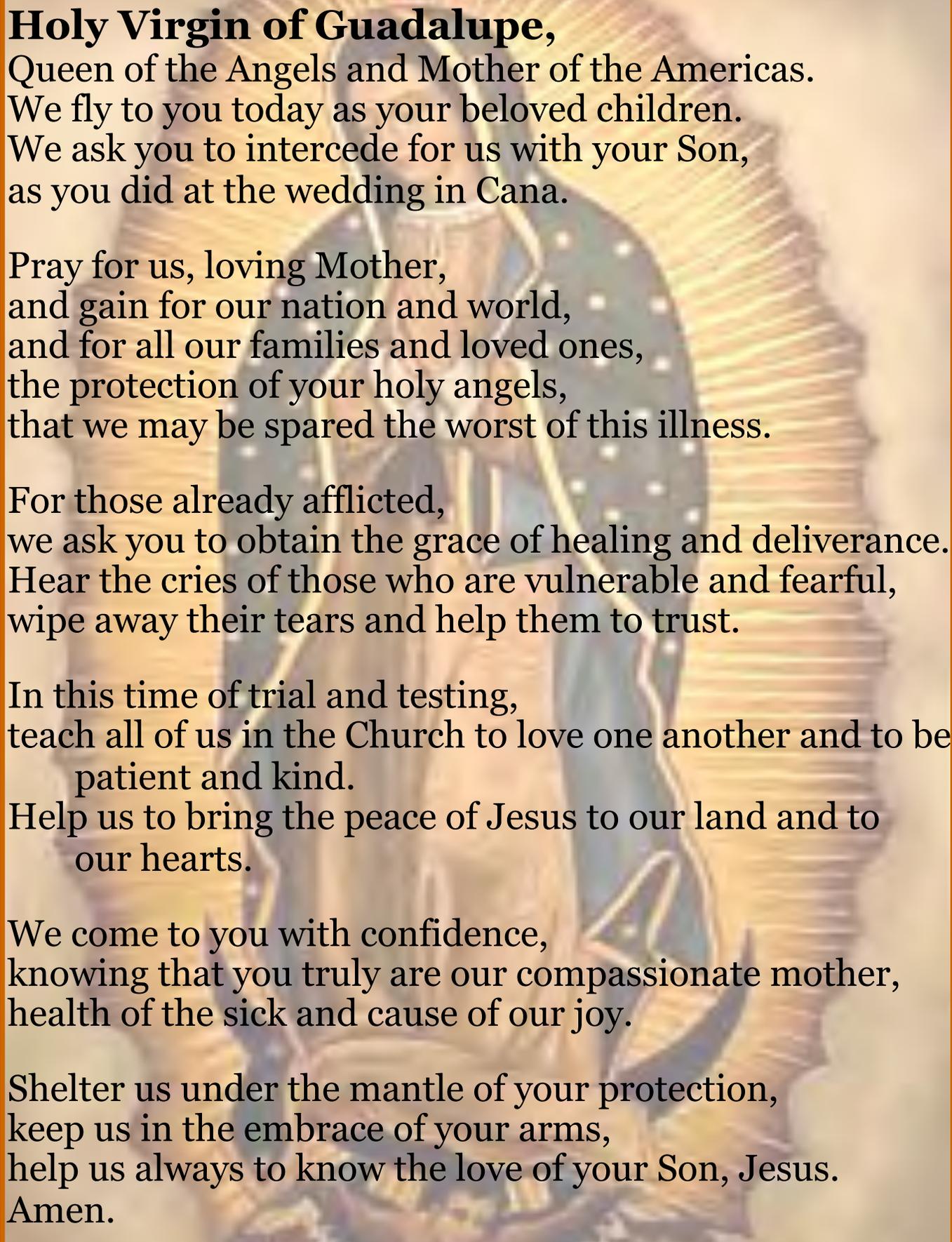


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Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

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

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

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

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



# Masses for this Week

## Monday, February 1st

7:15am Erin Gallagher Clifford

8:45am Marie Martovona

## Tuesday, February 2nd *Presentation of the Lord*

7:15am Franco Aller

8:45am William Keane

## Wednesday, February 3rd

7:15am Edward Collins

8:45am Mary Johnson

## Thursday, February 4th

7:15am Fr. Gerry O'Meara

8:45am Peter Broughal

## Friday, February 5th *Memorial of St. Agatha*

7:15am Vincent McGuire

8:45am Richard Gottcent

## Saturday, February 6th

8:45am Tom Collins

5:00pm Ruth Barbella

## Sunday, February 7th

7:30am Frances Forster

9:00am Maria Rinaldi

10:30am Thomas & MaryKate McCawley

12:00pm Pastora Nicacio, Doyle, Sean Dean,  
James Ryan Albano

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4/ Lk 2:22-40

#### Wednesday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

#### Thursday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Mk 6:7-13

#### Friday

Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

#### Saturday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mk 6:30-34

#### Sunday

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39

### Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Jeanette Kostyrka, Rudy Romano, Tamika Brown, Azai Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervalino, Ralph Cerrato, Sky Mary Cirrito, Pat Bolino, Anthony Sisco Gloria Criscuolo, Gina Mazzola, Dr. Sam Iyer, Samara Q, Patricia Criscuolo, Joan Ellyn Bolino, Connie & Fred Polik, Margaret Mary Barbato, Taylor Clark, Liz Biondi, Jodi Neckles, Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B., Bart Castellaneta, Victoria Wilkinson, Nick, Kathleen Clancy, Rob Ruggiero, Peter Scala, Suzie McHale, Baby Madison Grace Layman

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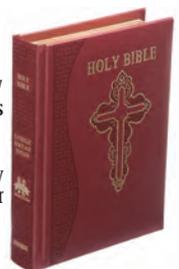
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