

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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A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

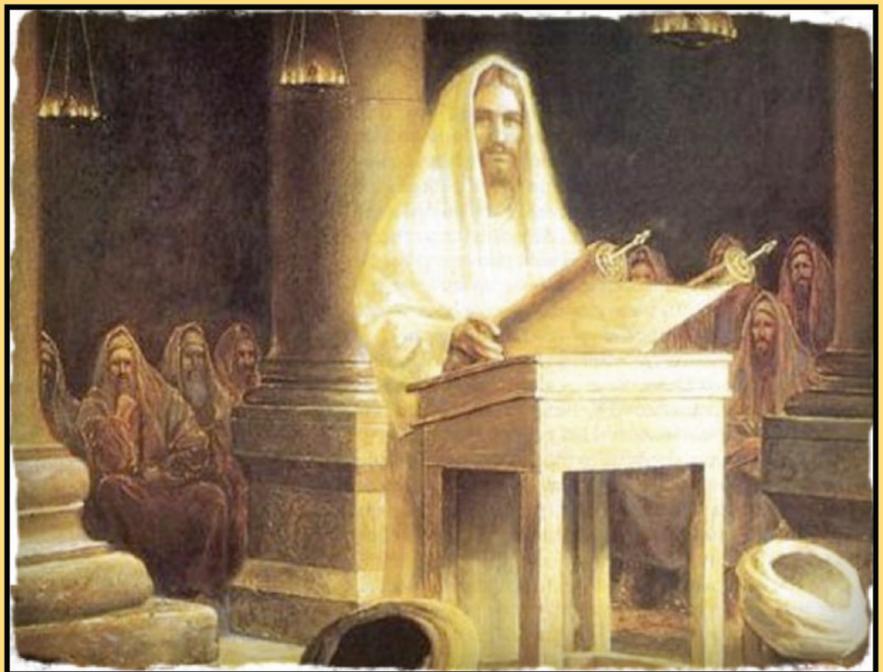
Sunday, January 23, 2022

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

He said to them, "Today this Scripture
passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

-Luke 4:21



January 23, 2022

3rd 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-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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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
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Seaman Kyle J. Mikes USCG
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit

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

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time! The readings today are meant to show us the great joy and freedom that is found through the teachings of Jesus as found in the Gospel. In the first reading from the prophet Nehemiah, freedom has been restored to the people of Israel. Now, instilled within them is a renewed respect for the word of God. And they are encouraged to recognize the wonderful opportunity God is once again giving them. **"Do not be sad this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, we have Paul's famous discourse on the **"one body with many parts."** Each one has been imbued with certain gifts that are to be used in service to the community by carrying forth the message of the Gospel. We are all indispensable parts of the Body of Christ, the Church. **"If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."** And finally, Luke's gospel passage tells us of the evangelist's purpose for writing his gospel in the first place. Through investigation, eyewitness accounts and verified fact checking, Luke confidently sets forth who Jesus is and why he has come into the world. He is no less than the fulfillment of the promise of the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God. And his mission was to bring freedom and joy to all mankind. After reading the scriptures in the temple, Jesus said to the people: **"Today the scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."**

Just by hearing these words of Jesus and the connection to the scriptures of the Old Testament, we should feel blessed. We have received the Good News of Jesus Christ. Liberty is proclaimed and promises of great joy are given. In Jesus we have been given a guide to living a good life, a road map to heaven on earth and heaven in eternity. Think of all the world's troubles caused by ignoring God's law: corruption, violence, thievery, poverty, greed, addictions, infidelity, polarization, slavery, racism, the verbal demeaning of each other. The list could go on and on. Jesus has given us the antidote to these evils, just like the vaccine to combat COVID-19. And Jesus's cure is **"glad tidings."** Jesus' public life, that we will examine through Luke's gospel this year, shows us how to be free from sin's captivity, not by doing what we please but by doing what we ought to do in order to be fully human. We are only truly free when we honor and obey God, enabling our fellow human beings to do the same. We are truly free when we follow the teachings of Jesus, who calls each of us to follow him. And even though this takes us along the way of the cross, we can rejoice because we know we are headed in the right direction.

God's **"Good News"** calls us to become one Body in Christ, to unite in one common effort, different as we are. And each part of this body, each one of us, has a special, personal role to play in the Body of Christ. And this body, the Church, is most free when all its parts are healthy. How we live God's law of love is the measure of our health. How we mirror Jesus in our lives shows how much we have set ourselves and the whole Body of Christ free. May the Eucharist we share truly transform us into one Bread, one Body, so we can receive the joy and freedom that Jesus wants to give us.

Just a reminder that until further notice all parishioners attending church services or any parish gatherings must continue wearing a face mask. Please continue to comply with this request as it is in place for the protection of all of us. Thank you for your understanding, especially during this winter surge of the Omicron variant.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, an invitation to the next **Holy Hour** with fellowship on Monday, January 31st at 7pm, an order form for the special **One Year Memorial Candles**, a request for **Parish Emails** for general parish communication purposes, 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 week. **Smile, share and bring your joy in the Lord to those you meet. Remember: God's voice is as loud as your willingness to listen.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gloria

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

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

The Our Father

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day
our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Nicene Creed

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

Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

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

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

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

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

JANUARY 23, 2022-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

GOSPEL

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.
Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-30

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, “it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, “it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you, “nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you; O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.



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

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Parish Social Ministry

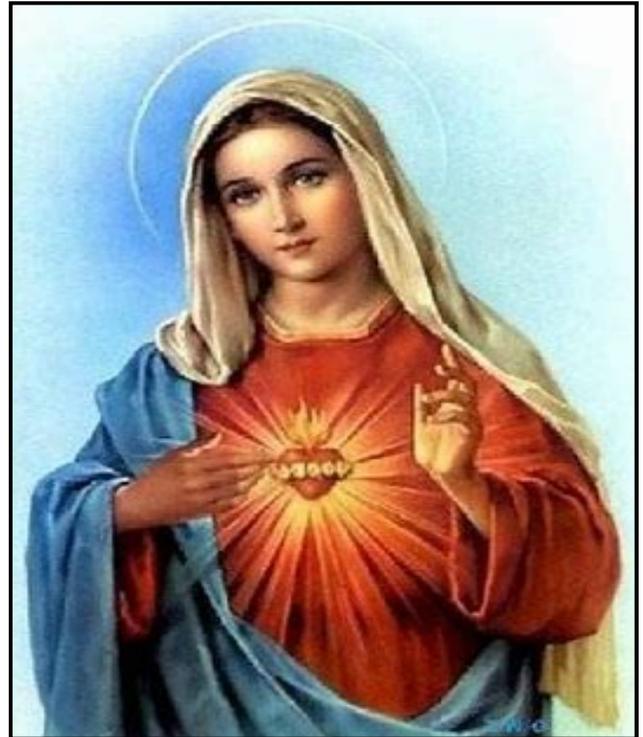
The Heart of the Parish

O sing a new song to the Lord; Sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, Strength, and honor in his holy place.

-Psalm 96:1,6

Pantry needs for this week: Pancake mix Syrup Juice Tuna fish laundry detergent Bar soap Dish detergent Shampoo Conditioner Shaving Cream Chef Boyardee pasta Rice side dishes Peanut butter Jelly Deodorant Razors Toothpaste Cooking oil Ketchup Mayonnaise Mustard Canned fruit Baked beans Cookies

All donations are appreciated and accepted with gratitude and blessings. We keep you in our prayers.



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.**

The so-called right to abortion
has portrayed the
GREATEST OF GIFTS

~ a child ~
as a competitor,
an intrusion and
an inconvenience.

~ Mother Teresa



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

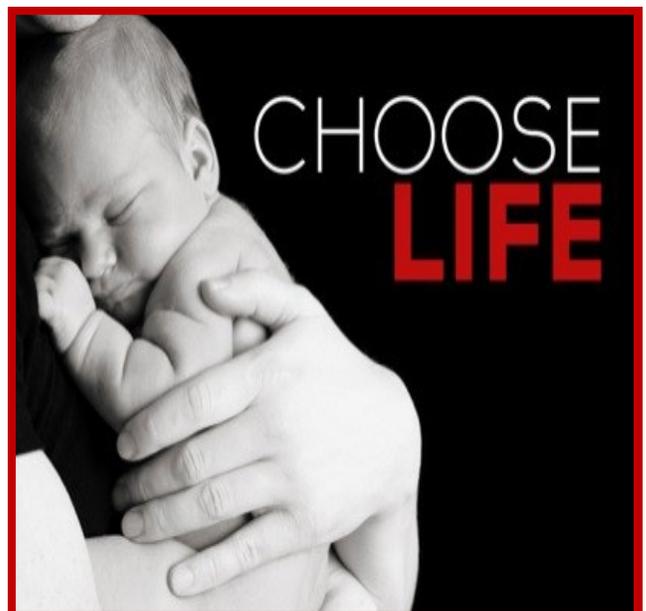
"For the past half-century, the U.S. has dominated a category no one would ever want to own. We have, as a nation, one of the most radical abortion regimes in the world. We have in New York, one of the most radical abortion laws in America. (abortion legal, for any reason, from conception right up to, and including, the time right before the actual live birth of the baby). Even though the most pro-abortion government is in power, there are many reasons for HOPE at the grassroots level.

40 Days for Life stated 5 signs that Indicate that reason for hope:

1. Abortion advocates are getting more desperate
2. State-level policy is more pro-life (sadly, NYS is not)
3. The pro-life position is more politically popular than ever before
4. 84% of young people are increasingly pro-life
5. Pro-life prayer is popular than ever before....."
(Gloria Schreiber, CEO Life Center of L.I.)

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**

The Life Center of Long Island wishes to thank St. Raymond Parish, East Rockaway and its parishioners for providing Christmas gifts for our clients and their babies this holy season. The generosity has been overwhelming and truly emblematic of the life-affirming kindness we are called to bestow on the less fortunate. Together, we were able to bring joy and God's peace to His children in need. (Gloria Schreiber)



"If we do not learn from history, we are doomed to repeat it".

Slavery: "A slave is the property of the owner & can be bought, sold used or even killed by the owner at the owner's discretion."

Abortion: An unborn baby is the property of the mother & she can have the baby killed by abortion, up to and including any time until baby's birth.

Slavery: Although he may have a heart, and a brain, and he may be a human life biologically, a slave is not a human person (Dred Scott Decision, 1857)

Abortion: Although he may have a heart and a brain and he may be a human life biologically, an unborn baby is not a legal person (Roe V. Wade, 1973)

Slavery: A black person only becomes a legal person when he or she is set free. Before that time we should not concern ourselves about him because he has no legal rights.

Abortion: A baby only becomes a legal person when he is born and in some cases now even if the baby is lucky to be born after the abortion (live-birth), even then the baby's life is still in jeopardy in some states.

Slavery: If you think slavery is wrong, nobody is forcing you to own slaves. But don't impose your morality on someone else!

Abortion: If you think abortion is wrong, nobody is forcing you to have one. But don't impose your morality on someone else!

Slavery: 11 years later in 1868, the 14th Amendment was enacted to right this dreadful wrong!

Abortion: Over 4 decades (45 years) have passed since the Supreme Court made its infamous and deadly abortion decision.

We have repeated history. Same old arguments, same old rationales, Just a different segment of our human family. How much longer is it going to take us to recognize and return protection to the vulnerable, innocent, voiceless little ones? To overturn the injustice to the babies in the womb?

Religious Education- Faith Formation

Lucy Ostermann, Director

Attention 1st Grade Parents

The fourth 1st Grade Parent and Student meeting will be held Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 at 11am in the school auditorium. After the meeting, the parents and their child will go over to the Church to attend the 12Noon Mass.

Attention All Catechists

There will be a catechist meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 27th 7:30pm via ZOOM. The invitation was e-mailed to each catechist the week of 1/10. Please call if you did not receive the invitation and please make every effort to attend.

Attention 2nd Grade Parents

Listed below are the dates, instructions and group breakout for the 2nd Grade's First Reconciliation. Parents are asked to continue to review the Act of Contrition with their child.

GROUPS 1 & 2

Tuesday, February 1st, 2022

Mrs. Donlon/2-1 Room 108
Mrs. Paul/2-2 Room 107
Mrs. Kelhetter/2-3 Room 112
Mrs. DeLuca/2-4 Room 113
Mrs. Andkhoie/2-8 Room 209

St. Raymond Church

3:30pm-4:30pm

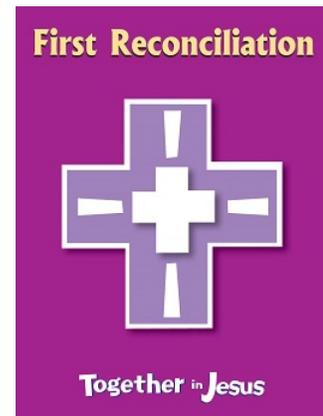
GROUPS 3 & 4

Tuesday, February 8th, 2022

Mrs. L. Ohlsen/2-5 Room 213
Mrs. Lapollo/2-6 Room 114
Ms. R. Ohlsen/2-7 Room 214
Mrs. Grimaldi/2-9 Room 208

St. Raymond Church

3:30pm-4:30pm



Parent(s) bring their child to church during this hour – no set arrival time for each class or group. Priests will leave promptly at 4:30pm. As directed by Religious Education staff, parent(s) will bring their child to the priest, introduce their child and go back to their pew to wait for him/her to finish. Parent(s) and child are free to go QUIETLY right after their child talks to the priest.





The annual week-long tradition of celebrating Catholic Schools in our nation is **January 30th-February 5th**. St. Agnes Cathedral School will celebrate the week-long tradition with an Opening Mass on Sunday,

January 30th in the Cathedral. Please join us for this Mass at 9:30 A.M. Tours of the school will be given at scheduled times throughout Catholic Schools Week and the month of February. Please call the school office at 516-678-5550 to schedule a tour. Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 2022. Children entering grades 1-6 must present their most recent report card and standardized test results. Applicants must present a birth certificate and baptismal certificate (if applicable) upon registration and \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee for grades 1-6 and a \$300.00 non-refundable registration fee for Kindergarten. Acceptance is contingent upon screening. Tuition assistance is available through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Applications will be available on the Foundation's website this month:

www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org.

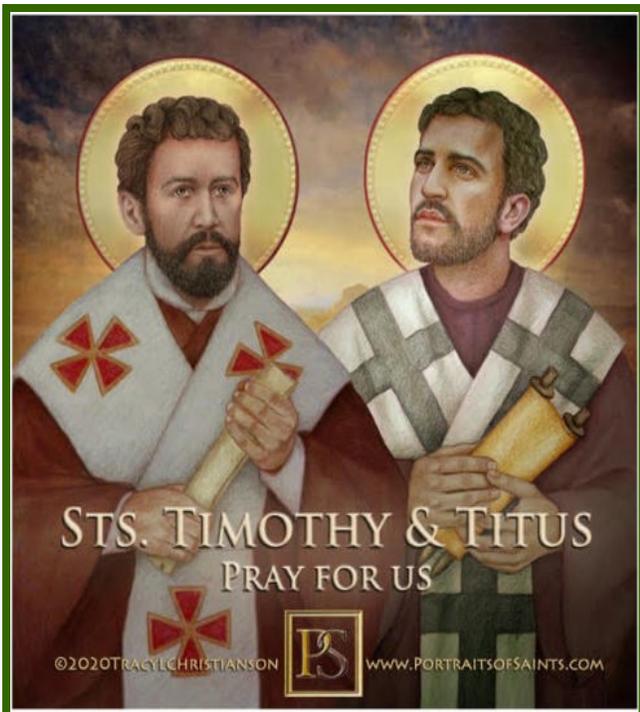


As we hear in the Second Reading, we are all a part of the one body—each of us has our own part. Have you considered how you could be of service to Christ's church? Look in your bulletin or ask your pastor how you could serve at the parish.



Bible Sharing...Come Join Us!
Thursdays after the 8:45am Mass
In the Rectory Basement

“Bible Sharing” refers to a group of people gathered together to listen to God's Word; addressed to them today and trying to live this Word accordingly. Our format is to read and reflect on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday. We often use role playing to put ourselves into the story and feel God's Word speaking directly to us. There is no commitment to “sign up” for any number of weeks. Come and join us whenever you can. For more information contact Deacon Bob at the Rectory.





RENEWED:

**AN EVENING OF FAITH AND
FELLOWSHIP**

1.31.22 AT 7:00PM

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

*“The Eucharist is the heart of the Church.
Where Eucharistic life flourishes, there the
life of the church will blossom”*

-St. Pope John Paul II



Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Faith Formation

Adult Enrichment Course

Nassau

Spirituality and Catholic Social Teaching

Date and Time: Mondays, 7- 9 p.m.

Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14 and 28

Location: St. Brigid, Westbury

85 Post Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

Instructor: Rob Cammarata

IMAGINE: My Personal Encounter with Christ through Media

Date and Time: Saturdays 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Feb. 26, March 5 and March 12

Location: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

196 W Centennial Ave, Roosevelt, NY 11575

Instructor: Juan Rodriguez

Cost per course

\$25.00 per person

For more information or to register visit drvc-faith.org

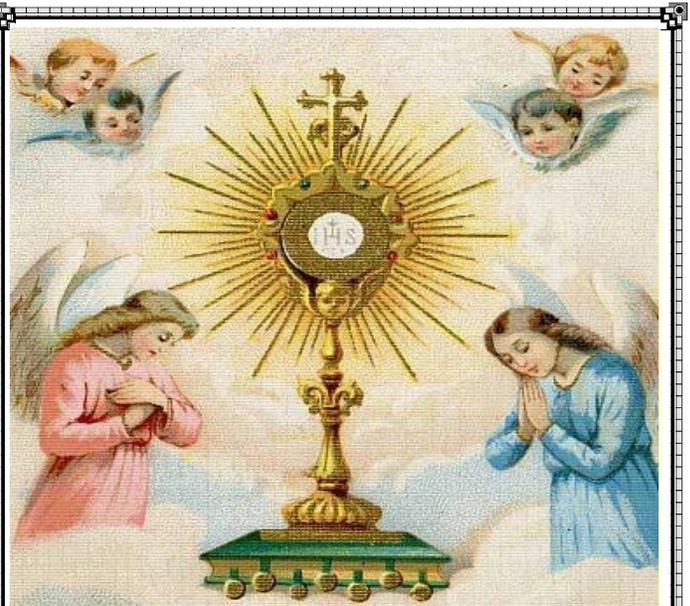


**Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Monthly Food Collection**

February 5th & 6th

Please leave non-perishable goods at the entrances to the Church or in the Alter Servers' Sacristy. All food collected goes to the Parish Social Ministry.

Thank you for remembering those in need!



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, February 4th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration.

Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!

-SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Paul was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He was the ultimate missionary, traveling throughout many countries and lands, preaching the Gospel of Jesus. He established numerous churches during his travels and was even imprisoned several times.

St. Paul died in the year 67.

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-SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St. Dominic against his parents wishes and persevered in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the church. He is the patron of universities and students.

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You Got Mail!

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

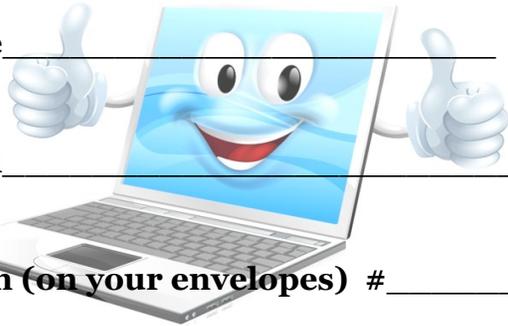
So, in order to reach as many people as possible with these messages we need more emails. If you would like to be on this listing for parish messages, please either call the rectory to give us your email, send it in to the parish email (StRayRcc@optonline.net), or fill out this form and return it to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

Parish Email List

Name _____

Email _____

Parish (on your envelopes) # _____



***First
Saturday
Novena
Our Lady
of Fatima
Rosary***

February 5, 2022

8:10am

***St. Raymond Church
Near the Blessed
Mother Statue
Make Reparation
for sins against
The Immaculate
Heart of Mary***

God is good all the time.....

all the time God is good.



Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of **\$20,986!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are

members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave.in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100, or visit their website at:

www.oceanfinancial.org



The Rose for Life Program

The Rose for Life program began here at St. Raymond on Mother's Day, May 12, 1985. A rose is placed on the Offertory Table at the 5:00pm Mass and is presented to the priest at the Offertory. The rose symbolizes the life of a preborn baby who dies from abortion. It remains at the tabernacle for the week.

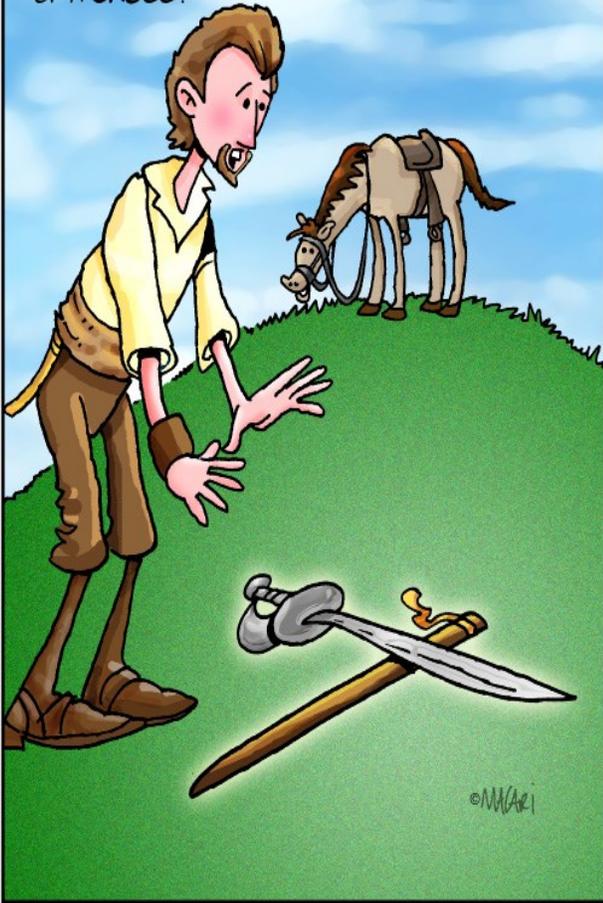
The main purpose of the rose is to remind each one of us to pray for the babies who are in danger of abortion.

Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week.

For dedications, please call Mary Healy at 887-4062.

SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari

WHILE OUT RIDING ONE AFTERNOON, GOD MADE IT QUITE PLAIN TO SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES THE ROAD HE WAS TO TAKE IN LIFE! SAINT FRANCIS FELL FROM HIS HORSE THREE TIMES! EACH TIME HE FELL, HIS SCABBARD FELL FROM HIS BELT AND HIS SWORD FELL FROM HIS SCABBARD! EACH TIME, THE SWORD AND THE SCABBARD LANDED IN THE SHAPE OF A CROSS!



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A Prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,

As I prepare to go into the world,

Help me to see the sacrament

In the wearing of this cloth-

Let it be "an outward sign

Of an inward grace"-

A tangible and visible way of living

Love for my neighbors,

Christ,

Since my lips will be covered,

Uncover my heart,

That people would see my smile

In the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled,

Help me to speak clearly,

Not only with my words,

But with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears,

Remind me to listen carefully-

And full of care-

To all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be

Shield and banner,

And each breath that it holds,

Be filled with your love.

In your name and in

The name of love

I pray.

May it be so, May it be so.

SNOWFLAKES

However many a blizzard can send,

No two flakes are the same:

So delicate in their icy design,

Awesome should be their name!

Yet, beautiful as a snowflake is,

Our souls must be much more.

Ever-changing with how we live

And serve the God we adore.

All Nature is a testament

To God, our loving Creator.

Snowflakes melt but we can grow

By serving Him sooner, not later!

Margaret Peterson



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 28, 2021 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):

Let Your God Love You During Adoration

Be silent.
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.



Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you
With an enormous love,
And only wants
To look upon you
With that love.

Quiet.
Still.
Be -
Let your God
Love you.

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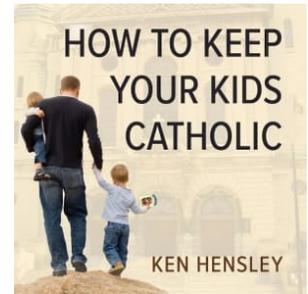
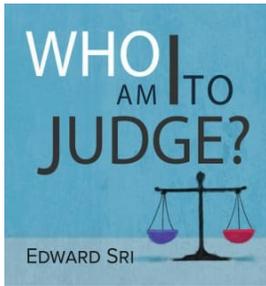
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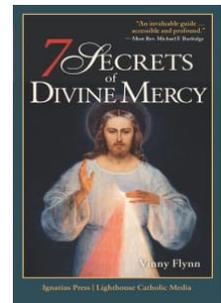
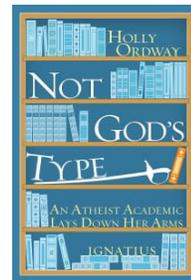


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Masses for this Week

Monday, January 24th *St. Francis de Sales*

7:15am Wally Abraham

8:45am Loretta & Edward O'Connell

Tuesday, January 25th *Conversion of St. Paul*

7:15am Catherine McCarthy

8:45am James Donlon

Wednesday, January 26th *Sts. Timothy & Titus*

7:15am Msgr. William Singleton

8:45am Robert Dolcimarscolo, Julia Vasquez

Thursday, January 27th

7:15am Sr. Barbara Nogiewich IHM

8:45am Deborah McCarthy

Friday, January 28th *St. Thomas Aquinas*

7:15am Msgr. William Jablonski

8:45am George McDougal

Saturday, January 29th

8:45am Elvira & Barney Rosalie

Cheyl Drugan, Domenico Iannitelli

5:00pm Raymond Laperutu

Sunday, January 30th

7:30am Diane Schmalz

9:00am Frances Reichert

10:30am Natalie Amabile

12:00pm Frances Bell, Florance Bell,
Camille Brancato, Joseph Migliaccio,
Peter Anthony Gerbasi, Mary Murphy
Teresa McCauley Gaughran

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday

2 Tm 1:1-8 / Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Mk 4:21-25

Friday

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 / Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 / 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Lk 4:21-30

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Jeanette Kostyrka, Jodi Neckles,
Baby Madison Grace Layman, Hailey Faith Bevers,
Baby Faith Madison, Pamela Guzzardo, Dr. Sam Iyer,
Steven McGreevy, Andrea Zimmerman, Bradley Kahn,
Nick S., Maria Mazzola, Teresa, Elizabeth Rice,
Joan Elyn Cullen, Abba W. Genuth, Josie Genuth,
Rose Criscuolo, Gina, Samara Q, Sharon, Diane Sisco
Gloria Jean Criscuolo, Leeanne Pitman, Robert F. Finley
Jay Witmeyer, Matthew Conroy, Carmelo Simeti,
Joseph DelGiorno, Deacon Bob Campbell, Rocco Sivoiella

*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the
rectory is notified otherwise.)*



Rest in Peace

Ann Harrington

Anthony W. Lynch

Vita Ann Parinello

Antonio Arena

Christine Grill



Parish Bulletin Board

The OLP Lay Carmelite Community

at St. Christopher's, Baldwin will begin formation instruction this fall. Prayerfully consider this deeper commitment in your journey of faith. The Lay Carmelites are lay people who share in the mission of the Carmelite Order. This special call to Carmel is a call to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. For more information, see www.laycarmelite.com. Formation requires a commitment of two meetings a month for the first three years. If interested, call **Andrea Waldron TOC, Director at 516-965-0970.**

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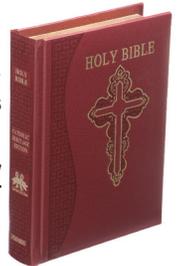
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