

Masses

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

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

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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, March 27, 2022

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because
your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.”

-Luke 15:32



March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

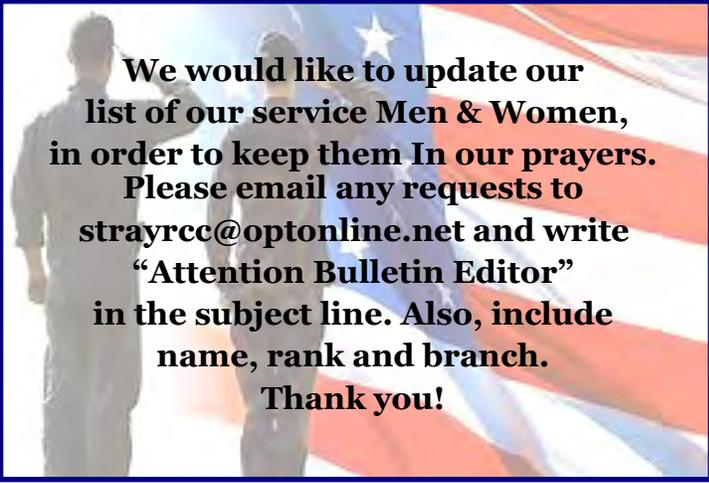
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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

Thank you!



CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:
Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
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 Fourth Sunday of Lent! The thrust of today's readings is to show the compassion of Jesus. In the first reading from the Book of Joshua, we see that the Israelites have now crossed the Jordan River. No longer do they need the manna from heaven. Now they could eat of the harvest from the land in Canaan. **"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."** The in the second reading from 2 Corinthians, Paul teaches that Jesus has delivered us from sin's power and reconciled us to his heavenly Father. In turn we should act as ambassadors of the reconciliation Jesus offers. **"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold new things have come."** And finally, Luke's gospel gives us the ever-popular story of **"The Prodigal Son."** This story focuses on the father's extravagant behavior towards his younger son and the older son. Both of them are lost in their own particular ways. There is the plight of the younger son in leaving home. Then we have the father's tremendous forgiving love. And in the end, we have the reaction to all this from the older son who is not too thrilled with both his father and younger brother. But no matter which way you think, the words of the father at the end really sums up what should be one's reaction to repentance and forgiveness. **"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead, and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found."**

There has been much said this past year about who should and who should not receive Holy Communion. Maybe the introduction to the story of **"The Prodigal Son"** can shed some light. Jesus told this parable because his critics were complaining, **"He welcomes sinners and eats with them."** The story has two sons, one is righteous and the other a renegade. One son knew he was unworthy to have a banquet in his honor but only after a painful process that brought him to repentance. The other son thought himself worthy but disapproved of his father's lavishness as well as the conduct of his brother. We just don't know if the righteous son changed his attitude and eventually joined in the feast. Taking a cue from the introduction we may assume he stayed outside, condemning and griping. Who could blame him?

Jesus was willing to eat with sinners because by welcoming them he was making it possible for something new to happen. He was opening the door to reconciliation. He didn't always succeed but he was always willing to take the risk. No one is really worthy to sit at the table and dine with Jesus. That's what we say right before we come to receive Holy Communion. **"Lord I am not worthy to receive you."** We hope that we are reconciled to God as we approach. We don't need to know how reconciled the person behind or in front of us is. We can't know the state of another's soul at any given moment. The person knows and Jesus knows. Jesus has made himself vulnerable to misuse, in the hope that a new creation can take place. We may wonder at that just as the righteous son wondered at his father's actions. Just remember that while we may give up on each other, Jesus never gives up on us.

Last Saturday our parish's Knights of Columbus Council hosted a wonderful **St. Patrick's Celebration** after a long layoff. A great time was had by all who attended, and it was surely good to gather for some fun and friendship once again. Hopefully we can plan more events in the near future. The **Pot of Gold 50/50** winning ticket was pulled at the party and the number was **C00994**. The winning amount was **\$2500** as was the share profited by the parish. Thanks to all who participated.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, an invitation to the **Sodality of Our Lady's Retreat Day** next Saturday, April 2nd as well as information about their **Annual Spring Dinner** on Thursday, April 7th, 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 Fourth Week of Lent! **Keep that Lenten smile going in your prayers, fasting and good works. And this week add some forgiveness into the mix. Plus remember: There is always something to be thankful for.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 27, 2022-FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gloria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

The Our Father

Our Father,

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

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

Give us this day
our daily bread.

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

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

Amen.

Nicene Creed

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

Pontius Pilate,

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

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

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

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

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

MARCH 27, 2022-FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters:

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 15:18

I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country,

and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.'

Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

St. Raymond Parish

Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus Christ,

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

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

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

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

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

**We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.**



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The Sodality of Our Lady

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

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

The Rebirth of Your Spirit

Presented by Father Chuck Romano, St. Raymond Church

Program Fee: \$35, including lunch

Registration Closes: Monday, March 28

Checks made payable to: Sodality of Our Lady

Please remit payment along with registration form to:

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

Name:

Address:

Telephone #:

Dietary Restrictions:

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

Make Lent 40 DAYS OF AWESOME

LENT 2022

The Holy Season of Lent is an opportunity for all Christians to grow in faith through prayer, fasting and works of charity. St. Raymond Parish offers the following opportunities to assist you on your spiritual journey. Perhaps you can join us for some of these prayer gatherings during the coming weeks. Hopefully, we may all grow in our personal and communal experiences of Jesus during the holy time. So, join us often and anytime.

We'd love to see you!

Additional Daily Mass

There will be an additional daily Mass at 12:15pm every week day throughout Lent.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Will be prayed following the 12:15 Mass each Tuesday and Wednesday during Lent

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:30pm in the church.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 3:30-4:30pm.

Lenten Holy Hour

Tuesday, March 8th from 7-8pm in the Church

Lenten Evening of Prayer and Song

Thursday, March 24th at 7:30pm



Abstinence and Fasting

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain **entirely** from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.

This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired and excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse.

A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** fast and abstinence.

LENT 2022





SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.

St. Raymond Parish

has had an active chapter (known as a "conference") of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please email svdpstray@gmail.com for information on ways that you can participate.

**St. Raymond's
Bereavement Ministry**



We are offering a Program for those grieving the death of a loved one.

Six Sessions on Thursdays beginning in the Spring

to register please call the Rectory at:

516-593-5000

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

FROM

Aragona Family
Pat Ayers
Dorothy Calabrese

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M/M Chojnacki

Mrs. Lucie Davis
M/M DeMartini
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Jane Donlon
Katherine Fitzgerald
M/M John Gallo

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Wettner Family

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McHale & Max Families
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Families

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Michelle Castellaneta
Brett & Murray Families
Marija & Boris Markoc
Rich & Betty Jacobs
Walz / Papini Families
Alice & Cornelius
McKinney

Rosa Artusa
Henry & Mary Reder
Members of the Rehm &
Shapiro Families

Louise & Michael
Squillante
Candida Santiago
Sirianni & Walsh



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.**



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

St. Raymond Folk Group!

We rehearse Wednesday nights

From 7:00pm - 8:30pm

And Sunday at 11:00am

in the Rectory Lower Level

and sing at the 12 Noon

Sunday Mass in the Choir Loft

If interested please

call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836

7th Grade and higher are Welcome!

Be Still, and
know that I am
GOD



YOU'RE INVITED
CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH!!
ANNUAL SODALITY OF OUR LADY
SPRING DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022-6:00PM
FRANK'S STEAK HOUSE - ROCKVILLE CENTRE
APPETIZERS, SALAD, PASTA, CHOICE OF ENTRÉE, DESSERT,
WINE, SODA, COFFEE AND TEA
\$58.00 PER PERSON

WHAT A WONDERFUL, FUN-FILLED EVENING TO SHARE A MEAL, WIN PRIZES & LAUGH WITH FRIENDS! TICKETS AVAILABLE

UP TO TABLES OF 10.. FOR TICKETS CONTACT

DOROTHY BOCK (516)599-8264 OR KATHIE FLOOD (516)599-1267

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A BASKET PLEASE CONTACT

JEAN CHOJNACKI (516)402-0424 OR KAREN GONYON (516)330-6982

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION IN MAKING THIS DINNER A SUCCESS.... HOPE TO SEE THERE

NAME:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH:



Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of **\$20,986!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave.in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100, or visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.



The Rose for Life Program

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

The main purpose of the rose is to remind each one of us to pray for the babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week. For dedications, please call Mary Healy at 887-4062.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

This week, take a look back to the beginning of Lent. How have you been more hospitable to your brothers and sisters, these past few weeks? What is one way you could show more love to those around you?

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

“Bible Sharing” refers to a group of people gathered together to listen to God's Word, addressed to them today and trying to live this Word accordingly.

Our format is to read and reflect on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday. There is no commitment to “sign up” for any number of weeks. Come and join us whenever you can. For more information contact Deacon Bob at the Rectory.



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion

to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children,

at risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

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

Amen

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7



THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

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

THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

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



THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

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

THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

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



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

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

THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

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



THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN

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

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

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.



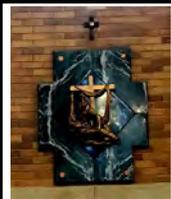
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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.



Religious Education- Faith Formation

Lucy Ostermann, *Director*

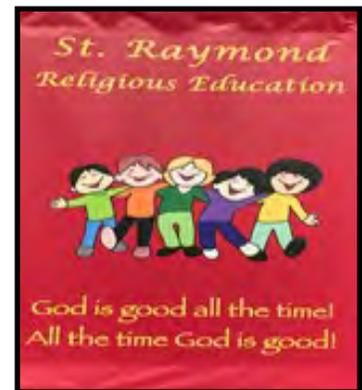
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BEGIN EARLY APRIL.
New families to the program (grades 1-8) must be registered with the Parish, fill out a New Student Registration form along with the Family Registration form and must have Baptismal Certificate. If the child was baptized at St. Raymond, a Baptismal Certificate is not necessary but the date of Baptism is required.

8TH GRADE STATIONS OF THE CROSS BY TEENS SCHEDULED FOR 3/29/2022 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

ATTENTION 5TH & 6TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

THE 5TH & 6TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE GOING TO CONFESSION THE WEEK OF **3/28/2022**. STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ARE ASKED TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH FOR CONFESSION. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES ON TIME. THE CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO BRING THEIR RELIGION BOOKS TO THE CHURCH. THEY WILL BE DISMISSED FROM THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT 4:30PM.

The last day for Religious Education classes is Thursday, April 7th, 2022. FOR PARENTS USING THE AT-HOME ON-LINE PROGRAM, ALL LESSONS MUST BE COMPLETE BY THIS DATE AS WELL.



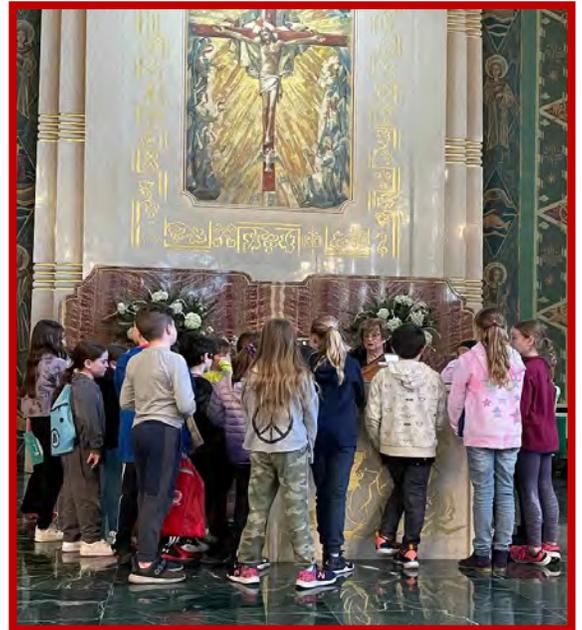
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In celebration of the births of the spiritually adopted preborn babies, we will conduct a mini



for our local pregnancy centers.

On the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd, after each Mass, a member of our committee will be stationed at the altar servers' vestibule to accept financial donations, diapers, gift cards, formula, new baby clothes (up to 2 years) for mothers who cannot afford these items. Any gift will be appreciated!

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity for the little ones and their mothers.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

Please join us in prayer each Thursday at 3:00 PM during our parish's weekly Adoration for the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the specific intention of an end to abortion and the return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception till natural death.

The power of prayer is great!



First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

April 2, 2022

8:10am

*St. Raymond Church
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Make Reparation for sins against The Immaculate Heart of Mary



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Collection

April 2nd & 3rd

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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.



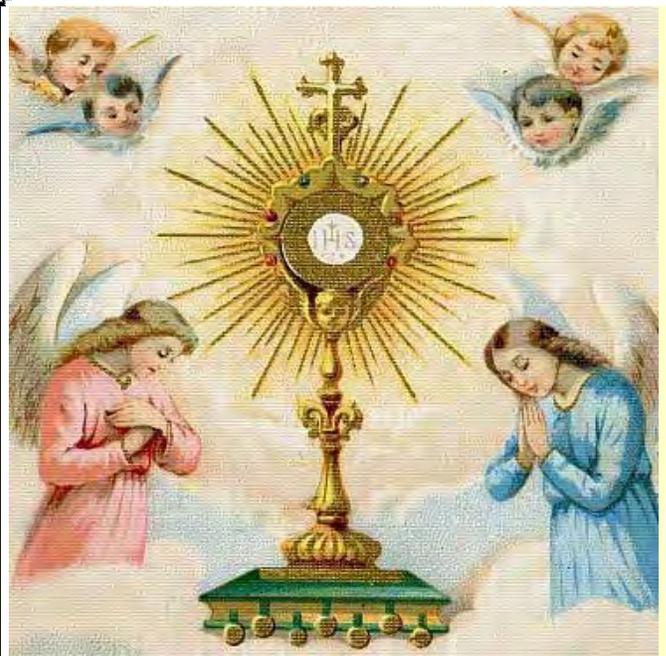
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Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, April 1st from 7:00-8:00pm 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!



"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the word in body as well as spirit."

- Pope Francis

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray ...

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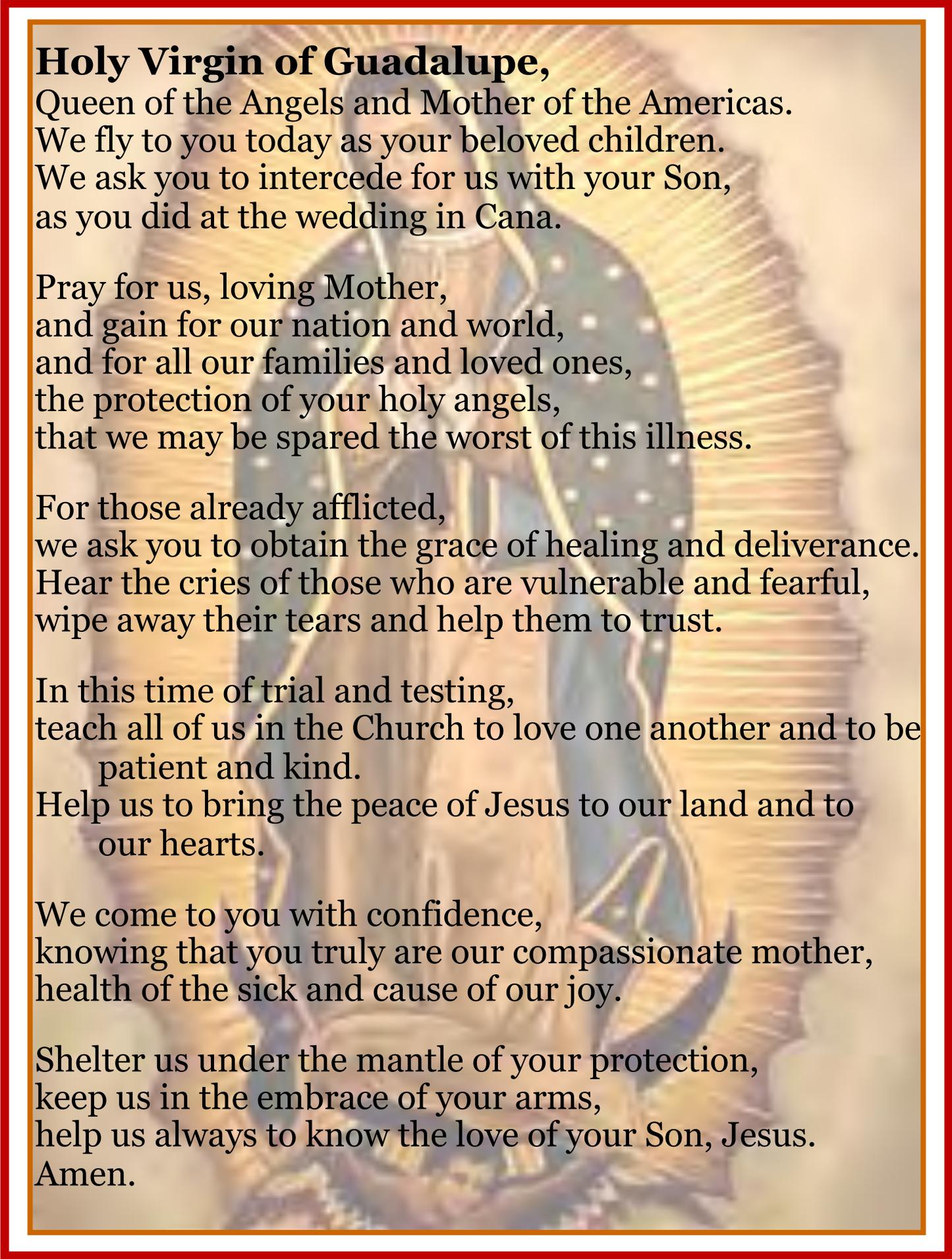
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Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

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.

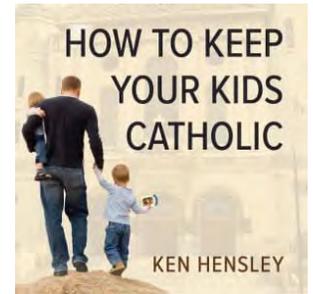
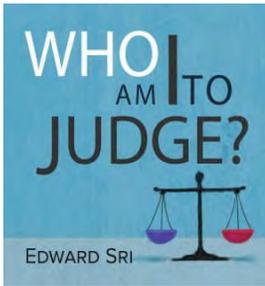
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
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keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

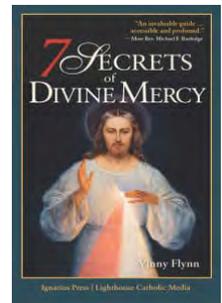
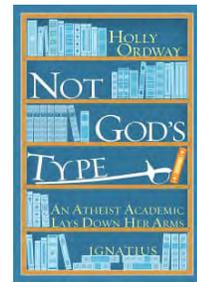


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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 28th

- 7:15am Rose Thies
- 8:45am Camil Cobie
- 12:15pm Annemarie McIneiny Scully

Tuesday, March 29th

- 7:15am Hibo Linares
- 8:45am Bob Duffy
- 12:15pm Joan DelGiorno

Wednesday, March 30th

- 7:15am Dolan Family
- 8:45am Brian Flood
- 12:15pm Carmine Liparulo

Thursday, March 31st

- 7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 8:45am Mary Willsten
- 12:15pm Kevin Morton

Friday, April 1st

- 7:15am Alba Garavito
- 8:45am Gerry J. Murphy
- 12:15pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 2nd

- 8:45am Theodore Rehm - 23rd Anniversary
The Sodality, Anna Metzger, Carol Gottcent
Loretta & Edward O'Connell
Broughal & O'Connell Families
- 5:00pm Connie McDougal (living)

Sunday, April 3rd

- 7:30am Kevin Rich
- 9:00am Edward Malone
- 10:30am Gerald J. Murphy
- 12:00pm Nora Lynch, Lawrence Mastropolo,
John P. Carway, Mark Filippi
Allison T. Basile, Griffin Hoffman
- 4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

- Monday**
Is 65:17-21 /Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday**
Ez 47:1-9, 12 /Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday**
Is 49:8-15 /Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday**
Ex 32:7-14 /Jn 5:31-47
- Friday**
Wis 2:1a, 12-22 /Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday**
Jer 11:18-20 /Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday**
Is 43:16-21 /Phil 3:8-14 /Jn 8:1-11

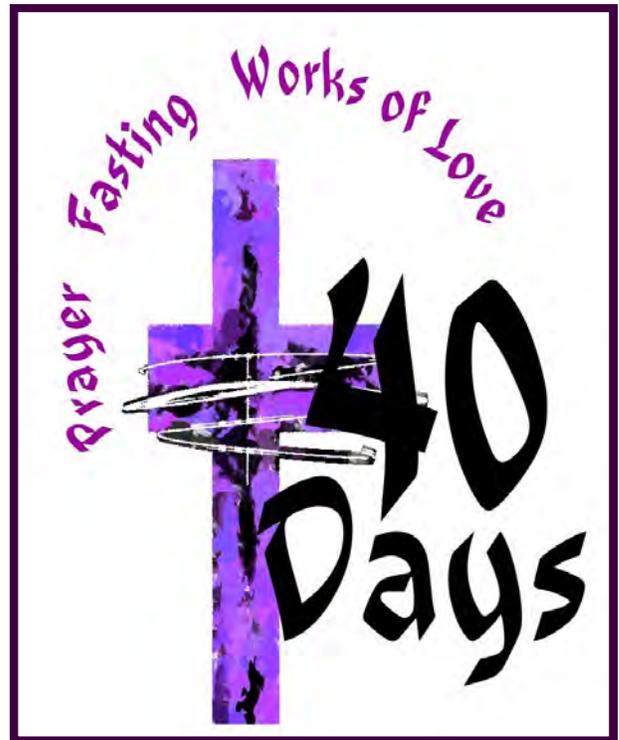
Please Pray for Our Sick

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

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Rest in Peace
Amelia Algarin
Gisela Giese
Mary Beth Soulant



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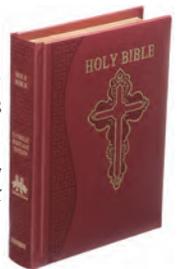
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