Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM

7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,

12 Noon and 4:30 PM

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

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God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Issac, the God of Jacob has sent me to you."

-Exodus 3:15

March 20, 2022 Third 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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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!



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

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<u>Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from</u> <u>the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome</u>

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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Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Third Sunday of Lent! This Sunday's theme centers on our need to recognize that each one of us has been called by God for a purpose. In the first reading from Exodus, we see how it is not always easy to say yes to God. Moses let's God know that he's not comfortable with God's request that he go back to Egypt from which he had just fled. Yet Moses realized that God's people were also his people and so he did as God wanted. He was told to say to the Israelites: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul recaps how generous God was to the Israelites during the Exodus, yet they were ungrateful many times. Now the challenge was for the new believers in Jesus to avoid the same mistakes. "Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." And finally, in Luke's gospel the ever-present theme of forgiveness is presented. There is assurance that if a person is willing to repent and return to God, then mercy and forgiveness will be his. God has infinite patience, but we should remember that life is short and tragic events like those in today's gospel tell us that are no assurances regarding the way our current lives unfold. Life is a grace without guarantees. And then the barren fig tree shows how an unwillingness to seek repentance results in a lack of fruitfulness in one's life. Luke is convinced that God is willing to make every effort to bring a sinner back. The choice to do so, however, remains with the sinner.

Moses plays an important part in the plan of salvation when he says yes to the great "I AM." Each of us is also called to play a part in God's plan of salvation, right here and now. But we too have to be willing to spread the word of God to God's people so that they can encounter Jesus, the Son of God and our Lord and Savior. Moses was the face of God to the Israelites. In our day and time, we, too, are called to be the face of God to family, friends and neighbors. So just how is this done? Well, we each have a name and we are called by God with that name. I believe that God knows each and every one of us by our name and he wants us to know his too. Like Moses we are called by name to have an encounter with God, first by baptism and then through prayer, the Eucharist, God's Word, the sacraments, and the community of the Church.

But we have to be willing to allow ourselves to truly encounter God and then be willing to respond to what he asks of us. When we feel that our sinfulness is too much to warrant being called by God, just remember that his love and mercy provide ample opportunity to repent and bear good fruit. So, don't be shy. God wants so much to empower you with your part to play in his saving plan. Rest assured you will never be without God's protective presence.

Last month, *Father Jim Wood*, a recently retired priest of the diocese began celebrating Sunday Mass here at St. Raymond Parish. Father Jim was very well received, and I hoped we would have a long-term arrangement. However, last week Father Jim suffered a fall in his apartment. Unfortunately, he fractured his tibia and several bones in his foot. After spending five days at Mercy Hospital, he was moved to the St. Pius X Priest Retirement Facility in Ronkonkoma so that he could be taken care of while healing. Once that happens, he would then begin some rehab. Needless to say, Father Jim's presence here for Sunday Mass has stopped for the foreseeable future. Hopefully, several months down the line when he has fully recovered, Father Jim can once again celebrate Mass with us. For now, let us all include Father Jim in our prayers for a full and speedy recovery.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and information with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from Parish Social Ministry, info from Religious Education, an invitation to a special Lenten *Night of Reflection* led by Al Barbarino on Thursday, March 24th, a registration form for the **Sodali**ty of Our Lady's Retreat Day on Saturday, April 2nd and information about the sodality's *Annual Spring Dinner* on Thursday, April 7th, the Human Life Committee's call for Baby Shower Items after all the Masses on Sunday, April 2nd, 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 third week of Lent. Keep that Lenten smile going in your praying, sacrificing and good works. And remember: Be thankful for stumbles for they prevent falls. God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 20, 2022-THIRD 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: vou 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 20, 2022-THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers, "he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful. Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

The LORD secures justice and the rights of all the oppressed. He has made known his ways to Moses, and his deeds to the children of Israel.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:17

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

GOSPEL Lk 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on themdo you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down."

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

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



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.



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 sydpstray@gmail.com for information
on ways that you can participate.

Blessed Saint Joseph,
we consecrate ourselves to you,
and give ourselves to you,
that you may always be our father,
our protector and our guide
in the way of salvation.
Obtain for us great purity of heart
and a fervent love of the interior life
After your example, may we perform our
actions for the greater glory
of God, in union with the
Divine Heart of Jesus
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Pray for us, saint Joseph,
that we may experience the peace
and joy of your holy death.

Amen.



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



Dear Friends,

To enhance our Parish Picks fundraiser, in our last segment, we added a new system which allowed you to receive additional tickets. Please think about purchasing additional tickets since this is a fundraiser that helps us pay some of our big bills.

This is how the system works: The basic entry to participate in Parish Picks is \$60.00. For \$60.00 you will now 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 2022** and runs through **July 2022**. 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 <u>February 15, 2022.</u> Ticket numbers are <u>not</u> 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					
	rchase in accordance v	_ ticket (s) in the Parish Picks. I will receive with the chart shown on the enclosed letter.			
Name:		Envelope #:			
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UP TO TABLES OF 10.. FOR TICKETS CONTACT

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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

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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 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.



During Lent, we are called to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter Sunday.

How can you practice almsgiving for those in need in our community this Lent?

Perhaps you could join others from our parish and make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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.



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

A Prayer for Ukraine

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's 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.

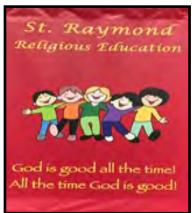
New families to the program (grades 1-8) must be registered with the Parish, fill out a New Student

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.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

8th Grade Stations of the Cross by Teens will be held on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 at 7pm in the Church. All students (Monday & Tuesday evening) are to attend with a parent(s). Monday evening students will have regularly scheduled class on Monday, March 28th, 2022 from 7pm-8pm in the school.

Rehearsal – Rehearsals are only for the students with a reading part or for those who are carrying up a symbol. The rehearsals are for both nights - Monday, March 21st, 2022 and Tuesday, March 22nd, 2022 from 7pm-8pm in the Church. Please go directly to the Church no later than 7pm and parents please pick up your child at the Church.



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Pantry needs this week: Baked beans, Chef Boyardee pasta Coffee, Bar soap, Tuna, Deodorant, Shaving cream Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Syrup, Pancake mix Dish detergent, laundry detergent, Pasta sides Canned fruit

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BOOKINGS NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT NO LONGER AVAILABLE 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

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after his or her conception. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He or she is no more human, no more alive, no more different now, than he or she was before birth except in the manner the baby breathes and eats. This little one is truly a miracle! Never, before in history, nor never again, will anyone exist that is just like your spiritually adopted baby. We thank all who participated in this powerful, prayer program. May God bless you for your faithfulness in prayer and caring for the least of His little ones and their mothers and fathers. "God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived human infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or the young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because He sees an impression of His Own Image and Likeness in each one." (Pope Benedict XVI)

During this Holy season of Lent, let us pray to God for both mother and father who are tempted to abort their child that they may trust in God's Infinite Love and cling to the certainty that He will turn all things, even a crisis pregnancy, into good.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM



During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

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

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<u>Parish Email List</u>

purpose stated above.



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A Lenten Night of Reflection Presentation by Al Barbarino Thursday March 24th at 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

"Where's God's Peace,
In These Chaotic Times?
How do you strengthen your spirit?
How do you deal with worldly
adversities? How can you
become a better & more
Holy Catholic?



Catholic Ministries Appeal

"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."

— Pone Francis



"During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ."
- Pope Francis

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast, and give alms.

Let us pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. During our time of fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



Have you thought about "fasting" from a regular purchase of something – i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10-month period, this simple "fast" can serve so many in need!

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Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

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.

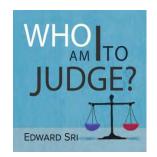
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



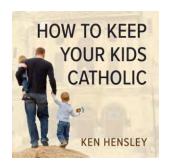
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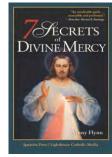


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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 21st

7:15am Terrance Brennan 8:45am Michael Lanzilotta 12:15pm Louis Cennamo

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:15am Kevin Morton 8:45am Edward Malone 12:15pm Linda – Living

Wednesday, March 23rd

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory **8:45am** Josephine Genova **12:15pm** Mary Wilson

Thursday, March 24th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Carmelo Simeti

12:15pm John & Veronica Tuzzi

Friday, March 25th Annunciation of the Lord

7:15am Bill Devine

8:45am Sodality of Our Lady **12:15pm** Theodore Rehm

Saturday, March 26th

8:45am Lorraine Edgar, Grace Tomasulo Marie Guethlein, Dorothy Nolan Caracappa

5:00pm Vincent Madonna

Sunday, March 27th

7:30am Douglas Callagy 9:00am Violet McHale

10:30am Angelo Guadigno

12:00pm Dec. Members of McInerney & Melucci Family

John Stender, Anne McAllister, John O'Donnell, Joseph Neglia

Virginia Chiapperini (L)

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab /Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43 /Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9 /Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28 /Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10 /Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6 /Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a /Eph 5:8-14 /Jn 9:1-41

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 Sivolella, Jack Butler, Frances Marie Hallas, Liz Tortorella, Father Tom Cardone, Kristine Hopkins, Virginia Shields VanAuken

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



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St. Raymond's Bulletin...

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www.saintraymonds.org.

If you would like to advertise an upcoming event for a St.Raymond Ministry or group, please email your article or notice two Fridays before the date of the bulletin to: strayrcc@optonline.net.

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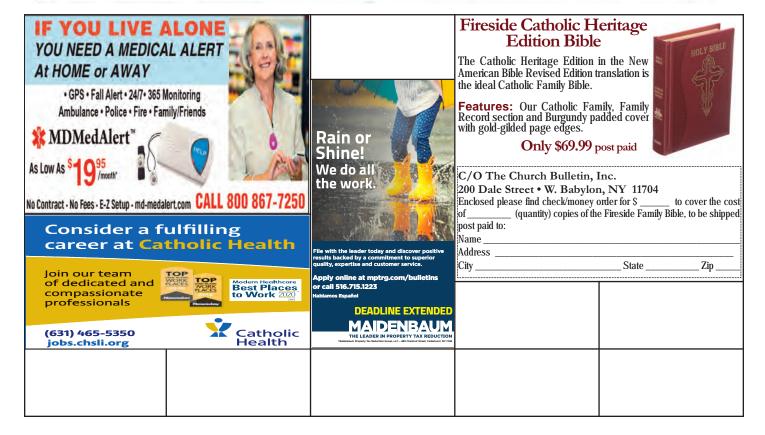
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