

Masses

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

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

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, April 23, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.”

-Luke 24:35



April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

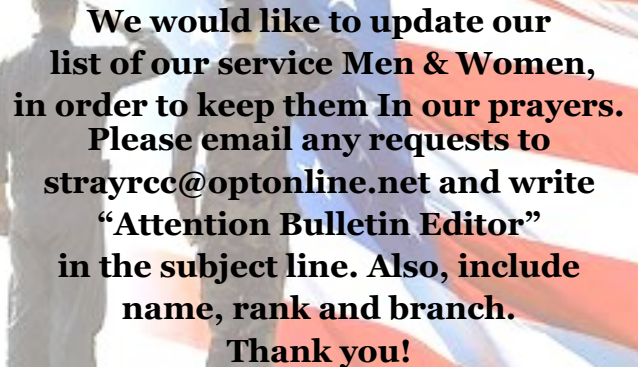
Music Ministries

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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Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Third Sunday of Easter! Today's readings show us that there is tension between what we see and what we believe that happens along our journey of faith. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we have a continuation of events that took place on Pentecost. Peter speaks of the many divine gifts granted to his fellow Israelites through Jesus. And even though many rejected Jesus and had him put to death after seeing the miraculous things he had done, God's saving plan was fulfilled through his triumph over death. Peter and the others could testify to this fact. **"God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."** Then in the second reading from 1 Peter, we are told that the blood of Jesus is more precious than any earthly gold. He was exalted before the world was created. **"He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."** And finally, we have the famous resurrection account of Jesus and two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus appears to two disciples in the form of a stranger. He reveals himself by unfolding the Scriptures to them and in the breaking of the bread. So, this story has Jesus appear as a stranger, in the scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. These are the ways he still appears today. **"Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread."**

There are definite tensions shown in these readings. Now with Pentecost having occurred, Peter feels the need to defend their new and unusual behavior, liking speaking in tongues and bringing forth healings. The two disciples on the road who encounter Jesus likewise have difficulty with all that has happened in recent days: the arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death of Jesus and then, to them at first, a missing body. So, you see that there is tension between what one sees and what one is challenged to believe. Peter summarizes the Christian beliefs about Jesus. He is from God, was crucified and by God's power was raised from death. The two disciples in the gospel are sad and downcast after all that has happened to Jesus.



. They had trusted and left all to follow Jesus and now they had to pick up the pieces of their lives. At first, they fail to recognize Jesus and his real presence. That is not very different from what we do. Then in the meal they share, Jesus becomes real to their sight, but they are called for belief beyond seeing. You and I are invited to join the two disciples from Emmaus as we discover the tension of believing that Jesus still walks with us. The challenge is to believe with the eyes of our souls.

I hope everyone enjoyed Easter Sunday and the octave week with family and friends. There was a joyful spirit of faith, love and friendship permeating throughout our parish from the start of Holy Week, through the Triduum, Easter Masses and to Divine Mercy Sunday. Now, it may be normal to settle things down spiritually and let the power of the Easter message diminish with time. But rather, now just the time to build on the spiritual progress you may have made during Lent and through Easter Sunday. The scriptures are all about the early Church reacting and responding to the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. Lives were changed and ours should be also, each and every Easter. Enter into these scripture readings that also lead us to the Easter feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. They are also very important to our faith and how we respond to Jesus as our Lord and Savior. A good resource to help enhance your Eastertide spiritual growth is **FORMED**. Sign up for free by following the prompts on our parish website. Then follow the weekly suggestions to help enhance your Eastertide journey in faith.

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 in news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an ad for those seeking **Adult Confirmation** on Pentecost Sunday, May 27th, the **Human Life Committee's Membership Appeal**, a request for **Parishioner Emails** to help foster communication from the rectory, that 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 Easter. Smile, share and keep the joy of Jesus' resurrection alive and well. **Plus remember: Jesus is the original blood donor.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

APRIL 23, 2023-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: *I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*" My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you." O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING

1 Pt 1:17-21

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

(Psalm 16)

LORD, YOU WILL SHOW US
THE PATH OF LIFE

ALLELUIA

Cf. Lk 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

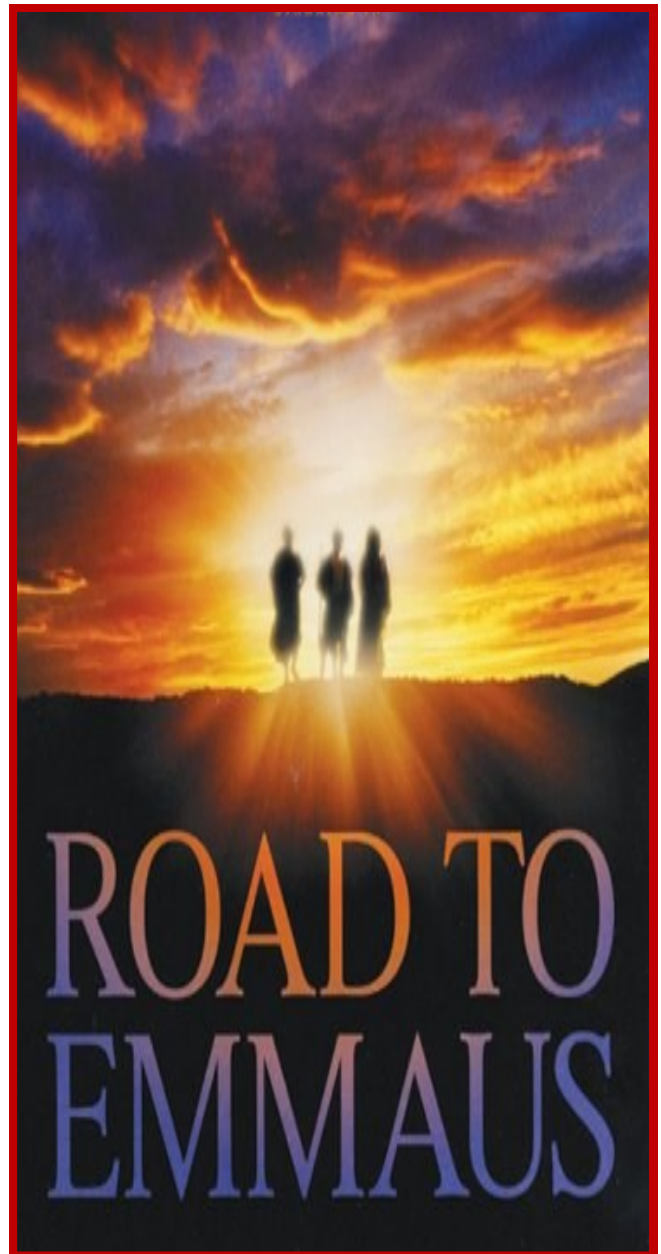
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APRIL 23, 2023-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 23, 2023-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

Penitential Act

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

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

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.
Amen.**



EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

FROM IN MEMORY OF...

- M/M M. Sloan Sloan & Boyle Family
- Mr. Sloan John Boyle
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St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

"The Heart of the Parish"

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197

Food Pantry Hours of Operation

Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"Faith in action is love --

And love in action is service."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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

As we all know, grocery prices have been skyrocketing and it is getting especially harder for seniors, who depend on their Social Security benefits as their sole income, to make ends meet. If you are a senior citizen who lives within our Parish boundaries and are having a difficult time financially to afford groceries, please contact our office and we will try to help out with food so that you can pay your other bills.

Pantry items needed this week: Cooking Oil, Canned Tomatoes, Mayonnaise, Laundry Detergent, Juice, Coffee and Shampoo..

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



The last day of Religious Education classes for the 2022/2023 school year is Thursday 4/27/2023



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS/STUDENTS

The 8th grade students will have their Confirmation interviews on Monday 4/24/2023 and Tuesday 4/25/2023 during classtime (7pm-8pm). The students will also be measured for their Confirmation gowns. Kellenberg and Holy Family students are not participating in the Confirmation interview process. We would need their gown measurements called into the office during that week. Please give us your child's actual height measurement – the vendor is aware of any growth spurts the students may have over the summer.



ATTENTION FIRST GRADE PARENTS

First grade students and their parents are asked to attend the 9am Mass on Sunday 4/30/2023 in the Church. Immediately after Mass, they will participate in a pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. After breakfast, we will have a 'graduation' ceremony. The child will hand in their completed First Grade workbook and they will receive a completion certificate showing that they are now 'graduated' into in-person classes for 2nd grade.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 15th, 2023 on the back lawn of the Church. We had a threat of rain and there was a fine mist which hampered our attendance but we still had a wonderful time and the children were thrilled to participate. Special thanks to Police Officer Jarryd Ruff from the 4th precinct for volunteering his time and for dressing up as our Easter Bunny!! The little ones were delighted!!

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

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

We are in need of catechists for the 2023/2024 Religious Education school year. Please call the Religious Education office if you are interested – 516-593-9075. The following is where we need teachers:



2nd Grade Tuesdays	3:30pm-4:30pm	3 teachers needed
3rd Grade Monday & Thursday	3:30pm-4:30pm	2 teachers needed – 1 for each day
5th Grade Thursday	3:30pm-4:30pm	1 teacher needed
6th Grade Thursday	3:30pm-4:30pm	1 teacher needed



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 – MANDATORY REHEARSAL

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

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

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

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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 – MASSES

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

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

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

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





ST. RAYMOND'S EASTER EGG HUNT





Visitation of Relics of

Blessed

Founder of the Knights of Columbus and central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America

Michael McGivney



May 1, 2023, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker St. Joseph Church, Garden City

8:30 a.m. – Mass & Veneration
12:10 p.m. – Mass & Veneration 12:45 -
6:30 p.m. – Visitation of Relic 7:00 p.m.
– Mass & Veneration



May 2, 2023 St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

11:00 a.m – Presentation for Diocesan High School Students in the Mgr. Kelly Center
11:45 a.m. – Students venerate the Relic in the Cathedral
12:10 p.m. – Mass with Relic with students and parishioners of St. Agnes
6:00 p.m. – Preached vespers with the Relic



May 3, 2023 The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington

3:00 - 6:30 p.m. – Visitation of
Relic 3:00 p.m. – Midday Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Mass



May 4, 2023 St. Anthony of Padua Church, East Northport

Noon - 6:30 p.m. – Visitation & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1:00 p.m. – Prayer Service for Trinity Regional School with Veneration of Relic
7:00 p.m. – Mass with Bishop Barres, praying for the Intercession of Blessed McGivney for Vocations. Reception to follow, hosted by the Knights of Columbus

For More Information: Contact the Rectory of Saint Anthony of Padua Church, East Northport
Maricelle or Betsy : 631-261-1077 or info@saintanthonyofpadua.org

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PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



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

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

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

-Father Chuck



ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.

-Pope Francis I



SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

As a child, St. Catherine Siena had mystical experiences, seeing guardian angels of others. She was a Dominican and one of the most brilliant theological minds of her day. She continued to have visions of Christ, Mary and the Saints. She was given the Stigmata which became visible after her death. St. Catherine's letters are considered the most brilliant writings in the history of the Catholic Church.



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Tuesday, April 25th

11:00am - 2:00pm ET

Mount Sinai South Nassau

Hospital Atrium

One Healthy Way

Oceanside, NY 11572

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For more information, contact Mount Sinai South Nassau's Community Education Department at 516-377-5333 or AFA's Memory Screening Department at 866-232-8484

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263 Atlantic Avenue. East Rockaway
School Cafeteria
Sunday - May 21, 2023
8:00am - 2:00pm**



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STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Take time this week to
compare your prayer life
today to what it was a few weeks
ago during Lent. Is your prayer life
not as strong?



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ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Each Wednesday, after the 8:45 am Mass, we join with 2-3 other pro-lifers in front of the Hempstead Planned Parenthood facility to pray and be a physical witness for the voiceless and vulnerable unborn babies. We also offer help and information to the girls/women who are scheduled to have an abortion, with the hope that, through the Holy Spirit, they will choose life for their babies and, at the same time, spare themselves the pain of having had an abortion. Last week, one of the pro-lifers spoke, at different times, with two young women about to enter the abortion facility. Both young women listened for quite a while, took the information and told the pro-lifer that they would consider what she had told them. Neither one went into the PP facility and both drove away. We, more than likely, will never know what these young women will choose but we continue to pray for them and entrust them to God's Love and Mercy. We do know from those who once worked at these abortion facilities and have since left, that by simply praying in front of abortion facilities life-saving differences occur. Abby Johnson, a former PP director and an "Employee of the Year" before having had her conversion, has said that typically 20% and as high as 75% abortion appointments are "no-show" when there is a prayer presence outside of these facilities. We, too, have experienced this. Several years ago, while praying in front of an abortionist's office, a young mother stopped and told us that she was going to have an abortion, really didn't want to and asked God for a sign to let her know that she shouldn't have the abortion. She had seen us praying, didn't stop, didn't take any literature, but simply kept on driving -- away from the abortionist's office. She told us that our prayer presence was the sign she needed. After telling us this, she pointed to the baby sitting in the car seat in the back of her car and said with pride, "This is my baby. Two years old." Then, she simply drove off. God is Good! God is Great! All the time! If you would like to join with us:

Wednesdays - 9:30 am - 10:30 am
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Contact: Mary Caffrey - #516-887-2458

Parish Email List

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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You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

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Masses for this week

Monday, April 24th

7:15am Msgr. Dennis Regan

8:45am Frank Behrman

Tuesday, April 25th *St. Mark*

7:15am Alice Donnelly

8:45am Peggy Motherway

Wednesday, April 26th

7:15am Rev. James Kissane

8:45am Geraldine Borges

Thursday, April 27th

7:15am Rev. Eugene McManus

8:45am Deacon Bob Campbell

Friday, April 28th

7:15am Mary E. Lynch

8:45am Eileen Gonyon

Saturday, April 29th *St. Catherine of Siena*

8:45am Anne & Peter Ledwith

5:00pm Joseph Mulvey

Sunday, April 30th

7:30am Fr. James Isabakaki (living)

9:00am Dorothea Froese

10:30am Anita Santonino

12:00pm Lynn Artese, Margaret Mason

Mary Alice Roth, Peter Senese

Fried Hilde Page

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro
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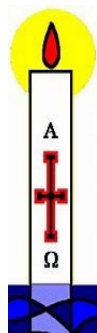
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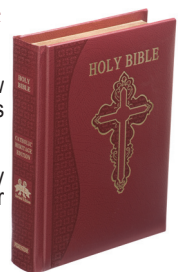
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