Masses

Saturday Eve Sunday

Daily Saturday 5:00PM 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12Noon and 4:30PM 7:15, 8:45 AM 8:45 AM

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A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, August 30, 2020

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." -Matthew 16:22,23



August 30th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family. Rectorv Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm; Saturdavs from 9:30am-1pm. Web Site: www.SaintRaymonds.org Facebook: St. Raymond Parish, East Rockaway E-Mail: StRayRcc@optonline.net Office Hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm. St. Raymond School Fax......593-0986 Religious Education Office Fax593-1156 **Pastoral Care Of The Sick** Holy Communion—Available to the homebound; call the rectory to schedule an appointment. **Devotions** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel. **Nocturnal Adoration** First Fridays from 8-9pm. **Miraculous Medal Novena** Saturdays following 8:45am Mass. Confessions Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment. **Baptisms** Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule. **Bereavement Support Group** Call the rectory office for meeting times. Marriages Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage. **Praver Groups** Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level. Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel. **Music Ministries** Children's Choir: Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium. Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September-June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church. Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Deacon Rich LaRossa.



PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR **NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!** ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED TO KEEP US ALL CONNECTED **DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK-

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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

> Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time! The focus of this Sunday's readings is to get an understanding of what the "true Messiah" might look like and to understand what this view means to Christians. In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah we see the inherent weakness that nearly every prophet suffered in God's service coupled with the strength that can come only from God. "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed." Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul emphasizes that one needs to have a mind filled with the ideals of the Gospel rather than with the preoccupations of this passing world. "Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." And finally, Mathew's gospel has Jesus making his first passion prediction. Because Jesus does not support any of the usual features associated with the expected Jewish Messiah, his disciples encounter a major stumbling block. This is shown by Peter's reaction to what Jesus says about his impending suffering and death. After calming down a bit, Jesus teaches about what true discipleship really is. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

There is nothing glamorous about Jesus' view of himself as Messiah. He sees his future in stark, even frightening terms involving suffering, criticism, persecution and ultimately death. The gospels show how the disciples were getting disillusioned by all this. Their messianic hopes were being dashed. Last week we see Peter exalted by Jesus for declaring him as the Son of the living God and today he seems ripe for a crushing deflation. Peter takes offense at the possibility of Jesus having to suffer. His reaction is rooted in the popular, long held notion of a powerful, political super star Messiah. The whole Messianic tradition was on the side of Peter. Is Jesus retelling the story? Well Jesus gives one of his strongest criticisms for the way Peter sees things. If we too have a "superstar" image of the Messiah, we too need the same kind of deflating reprimand that was aimed at Peter. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship; it is grace without the cross.



Following Jesus is not a *"sentimental journey."* It is a journey as demanding as being in love. It is not going to be easy. Being a Christian should not be easy and comfortable. If it is than we are probably not really following Jesus. But if we do follow him than there is a joy that is so true and deep that no one and nothing can take it away from us. Knowing all this is the reason we need the Eucharist to give us the strength and graces necessary to carry our cross and follow Jesus.

I want to thank everyone who is participating in the new round of *Parish Picks*. We have raised the most profit money this time than in the last 10 years. And you know how much we need all the fundraising help we can get. There are still 5 months of prizes to be won. \$2000 is awarded each month. So, if you haven't already gotten your numbers use the order form found in this bulletin. *Who knows, you may be the next winner!*

As we continue living under the cloud of the coronavirus, Mass attendance is slowly creeping up which is great. We have also been having some First Holy Communion children at Sunday Masses. After this weekend the rest of the children will receive their First Holy Communion at special Masses scheduled in September. They will be smaller groups following the same restrictions as we have for all our Masses. Funerals and even some weddings are being celebrated, again following the diocesan guidelines. And we celebrate Baptisms, one baby at a time on Saturdays and Sundays. The rectory office is open Monday through Friday from 9am till 4pm and on Saturday from 10am till 5pm and Sunday from 9am till 5pm. There are no evening hours as of yet. Parish Social Ministry is open Monday through Wednesday from 10am till 2pm. It is best to call for an appointment at (887-9197).

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today or read it online on the parish website. There is always information from Parish Social Ministry, info from Religious Education, the Principal's Corner of St. Raymond School, an order form for Parish Picks, 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 last week of August! Smile, share, keep praying for all those affected by the coronavirus pandemic. May God help us to defeat this virus soon. And remember: *The smallest deed is bigger than the best intention.* God bless always.

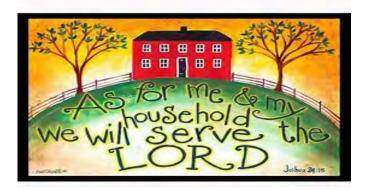
-Father Chuck

Religious Education- Faith Formation *Evelyn Contaldi, Director*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2020/2021

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR WERE E-MAILED HOME TO ALL PARENTS. PLEASE FILL THEM OUT AND MAIL BACK TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WITH FULL PAYMENT – DO NOT COME TO THE OFFICE OR FAX THE FORMS TO US. ALL NEW STUDENTS TO THE PROGRAM MUST FILL IN THE 'NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM' AND INCLUDE A COPY OF THEIR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE UNLESS BAPTIZED AT ST. RAYMOND CHURCH. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020**

A letter was mailed home to the parents of the remaining children who are scheduled to receive First Holy Communion in September 2020. There will be two First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 9/12/2020 – 11am & 1pm and two on Saturday 9/19/2020 – 10am & 12Noon. Instructions were included in the letter along with the schedule showing which Mass your child is to attend. If your child already received his/her First Holy Communion over the Summer, a letter was not sent home to you.





The Journey of Grief Share the memories of your beloved. Let us encourage you with compassion. Life has changed for you, we are here with caring hands. *St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry Call: 516-593-5000*

Principal's Corner Sister Ruthanne



Today is August 30th and reminds us that there is one full week of vacation (however that can be interpreted) left in the summer of 2020. As of this writing, everything is still a go - thank God - and we will happily greet our students on the 8th of September. I am sure that we will have our Lady's blessing since September 8th is the Church's celebration of our Lady's Birthday.

I am going to share with you what we anticipate for the first week of school. As much as we would like things to remain as they always were, that will not be possible this September. So, it is up to all of us to make the best of what we have and how the situation exists. On the first day the children should arrive starting at 7:45 am with Kindergarten to fifth grade at the cafeteria and sixth, seventh, and eighth at the front glass doors. All will have temperatures taken before proceeding to their assigned classrooms. Unfortunately, we can not have a gathering of children and adults in the front lot or cafeteria at the beginning of the school day. Know that the first two days of school will have early dismissals at 11:30 am. At pickup I would remind you that we need to practice social distancing so please do not gather as a crowd.

Presently, we are planning that Thursday, September 10th will be the first FULL day of school. That means that the children will need to either carry their lunch or order it (the day before) from Brown Bag It. Information for ordering is on our website at srsny.org. Remember also that there will be nothing sold or distributed in the cafeteria. Children must also bring bottled water with them since all water fountains have been disabled as a precautionary measure.

St. Raymond School is planning to meet five days a week with in-person instruction. We certainly will also offer remote learning to those who need that accommodation. However, we need to make clear that once a choice has been made for in-person or remote, it will remain that way for the entire first trimester.

All persons entering the school must wear a mask. We are selling official school masks (burgundy with the school logo) to any student, staff, or faculty member. If choosing not to purchase the school mask, students and staff will wear solid colored masks - plain and simple.

There is so much information to be shared that it can be quite overwhelming. Check the school website for more specific information and for regular updates (since things seem to change daily). Please know that we all will do everything in our power to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Enjoy the final week of summer vacation. Know that we are praying for you. God bless always.



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 **August 2020** and runs through **February 2021.** You *"regulars"* know how it works, but for those of you who haven't yet joined...here's the scoop: The cost of a ticket is still \$60, and you're eligible to participate in all the monthly drawings because even if you win, your ticket automatically goes back in for the remaining drawings. Each month the following prize amounts are awarded:

1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$500 3rd Prize: \$250 4th Prize \$250

Entry money for the next six months must be received by <u>**August 15, 2020.**</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

Enclosed is my check for \$	for	for ticket (s) in the Parish Picks. I will receive		
extra tickets for each ticket that I pu (Each ticket is good for 6 months of cha		th the chart shown on the enclosed letter		
Name:		Envelope #:		
Address:				
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I.H.M. Silver Circle Become a Member!



On behalf of all the IHM Sisters, I would like to invite you to become part of our Silver Circle Program, which is one of our most successful methods for raising funds to support our retired sisters. Last year, nearly \$150,000 was raised through the Silver Circle Program, and we hope this year will be just as successful.

As you may know, for many years the Sisters worked in parishes and schools without

receiving any retirement benefits. Now it is an ongoing challenge to raise funds for their care. Your support of the Silver Circle Program helps us meet the needs of our retired sisters. It is a wonderful way to aid Sisters who have given their lives in service and are now in need of help from you.

Each Silver Circle membership is only \$25. Each membership you purchase offers you 324 chances to win monthly cash prizes, ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. Silver Circle raffle drawings take place on the third Wednesday of each month between October and June.

On a personal note, I can tell you that the people of St. Raymond School and Parish have been extremely supportive to the IHM Sisters. I am most appreciative of your generosity and hopefully that you will again join us in our efforts. We have had some winners—though in a way, we're all winners since being a Silver Circle member means being included in the daily prayers and sacrifices of all of or Sisters.

To purchase a membership, complete the form below, attach your check for \$25 (payable to Sisters of I.H.M.) and return to Sister Ruthanne's attention at the school, rectory or convent.

In Mary's Immaculate Heart, I remain,

Fondly, Sister Ruthanne

2018-2019 Silver Circle Membership Form

Name (\Box Please check if new member)

Street Address (
Please check if new address)

City

State

Zip

email address

Telephone

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

-John 6:51



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

54 Day Novena for Our Country August 15 - October 7

"In the U.S., we continue to live in peace-less times with laws and court rulings in conflict with God's laws, especially the disregard for the rights of the unborn, elderly and weak in our society and the attacks on marriage and family values. Society and many levels of government continue to demonstrate intolerance toward biblically-based religious belief and practices. In conflict with the First Amendment constitutional rights, persecution of traditional religious expression has reached historically high levels. Whether it is our country or our Church, this is a spiritual battle of historic proportions." (Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics, formerly Diocesan Respect Life Office) You are asked to pray the Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious Mysteries in that order) each day from August 15 to September 10 begging God for peace and blessings around the November election and from September 11 to October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, thanking God in Faith and believing the favor was already granted. Although this novena has already begun, we thought it important to give our parishioners the opportunity to participate in this powerful, prayer novena.

For additional information, please log in to: Queen of peace media.com/Fifty-Four-Day Novena





As Christians, we are called to be at the service of others. There are so many ways to care for your brothers and sisters. Ask yourself, what is one way you can serve others this week?

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.

Pope St. Gregory the Great :: September 3

"O God, who care for your people with gentleness and rule them in love, through the intercession of Pope Saint Gregory, endow, we pray, with a spirit of wisdom those to whom you have given authority to govern, that the flourishing of a holy flock may become the eternal joy of the shepherds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."



Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond! We have received our quarterly revenue

sharing check from the Oceanside Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of \$22.536 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 Oceanside Financial VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit car 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 620-8100, or visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle. (*St. Raymond has already received donations from the Associated Vincentian Charities!*) Your donation is tax deductible and will be towed away at no charge. The vehicle does not have to be operating.

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525

Or email: svdpauto@gmail.com For details: svdpautobrooklynqueens.org







St. Raymond Memorials

Often people ask if there is something they could memorialize in memory of a loved one. Besides having **Mass Intentions**, there are other opportunities for individuals, families and groups to remember a loved one in a tangible and sometimes lasting way. Some of the weekly liturgical memorials that we have are the **Bread and Wine**, the **Rose for Life** and the **Sanctuary Lamp**. These memorials can be arranged at the rectory.



There are also other liturgical items that are seasonal, like the *Christmas* and *Easter Flowers*, the *Paschal Candle*, *Advent Wreath Candles* and other holy items we can use for religious services. Then we also have a certain lasting type of memorial called a *"Memorial Brick"* that can be set in one of four beautiful outside locations. One location is by the *Holy Family Statue* on the front lawn of the rectory, the *St. Teresa Statue* behind the rectory, the *God and Country Memorial* near the front of the church and finally our newest *Padre Pio Statue* on the walkway between the rectory and church. Each location is open for anyone wishing to have such a Memorial Brick placed there.

These bricks are 4" by 8" with up to three lines of text. The donation for each brick is \$250. Anyone wishing to purchase one of these bricks should contact the rectory during regular office hours. Maybe you will consider one of these special places on the grounds of St. Raymond to celebrate life and pay tribute to someone dear to you.



Masses for this Week

Monday, August 31st 7:15am Richard Raia 8:45am The Beickert Family (living)

Tuesday, September 1st 7:15am Rosemarie Offerman 8:45am Dolores DeLuca

Wednesday, September 2nd 7:15am Teresa Wetmouth 8:45am Denis Motherway

Thursday, September 3rd St. Gregory the Great
7:15am Lorraine & Ronald Edgar
8:45am Brandon/Scanlon Families

Friday, September 4th 7:15am Roy & Betty Clarke 8:45am Stephen Genova

Saturday, September 5th 8:45am Sister Lorraine (living) Yvonne O'Reilly 5:00pm Joseph Lupo

Sunday, September 6th
7:30am Lorraine Studly
9:00am Muriel & Thomas Henry
10:30am Laurene Donnellan
12:00pm Michael Willis, Amanda Cifuentes Bill Soehner, David Ohlsen, Sr. (1 year)
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

> Scripture Readings for the Week Monday 1 COR 2:1-5/LK 4:16-30 Tuesday 1 COR 2:10B-16/LK 4:31-37 Wednesday 1 COR 3:1-9/LK 4:38-44 Thursday 1 COR 3:18-23/LK 5:1-11 Friday 1 COR 4:1-5/LK 5:33-39 Saturday 1 COR 4:6b-15/LK 6:1-5 Sunday EZ 33:7-9/ROM 13:8-10/MT 18:15-20

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Margaret Mary Barbato, Lydia Dengel, Marie O'Brien, Thomas Botkin, Jodi Neckles, Mary Lynch, Annemarie Montell, Lee Wilson, Ann Marie, Baby Azai Morris, Dr. Sam Iyer, Olivia Bonino, Veronica, Zelda, Gina, Marie, Joan Ellyn Cullen, Pat Bolino, Nick S., Anthony B., Alyssa B., Anthony DaMato, Jeanette Kostyrka, Jane Gelson, Michael Conconan, Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervalino, Ralph Cerrato, Joe DelGiorno, Sky Mary Cirrito. (Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise.)



Rest in Peace Juliette Marziliano



The Sanctuary Light For this week in memory of David Ohlsen, Sr.

Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Heuer

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The Rose for Life In Loving Memory of

Rose Pizzi

Donated by The Fuggio Family For Dedications call Mary Healy at 887-4062

Pastoral Council

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. -Romans 12:1

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Engaged Encounter Preparing for Marriage? November 14-15, 2020 Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time.

For info, call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032. or visit <u>www.engagedencounterli.org</u>

End of Life Decision Making

Catholic teaching on end of life decisions; nutrition and hydration; palliative and hospice care; assisted suicide, euthanasia; healthcare proxies and living wills. For info, visit www.catholicendoflife.org.

Collection Envelopes

To insure the accuracy of the recording of your weekly offering, please indicate the amount of your offering on the front of your envelope and write your envelope number on your check. And please do not tape or staple the contents or envelope flap.

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