

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

Pastoral Team

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Father Chuck Romano

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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, March 31, 2019

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

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

—Luke 15:32



March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

Web Site: www.SaintRaymonds.org

E-Mail: StRayRcc@optonline.net

Rectory.....593-5000

Rectory Fax.....887-0554

Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197

Office Hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm.

Parish Social Ministry Fax.....593-6278

St. Raymond School.....593-9010

St. Raymond School Fax.....593-0986

Religious Education Office.....593-9075

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.

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

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.

Hand Bell Choir: Plays at the 5pm Mass on the last Saturday of the month from September—June; practice on Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

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.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, April 1st

7:00pm: 8th R.E. Confirmation Interviews/Gowns Auditorium

Tuesday, April 2nd

3:30pm: 1st Holy Communion Practice Church

5:00pm: Children's Choir Practice Auditorium

7:00pm: 8th R.E. Confirmation Interviews/Gowns Auditorium

7:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group MWMR

7:30pm: Hand Bell Choir Practice Church

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:30pm: Folk Group Practice MWMR

Thursday, April 4th

9:45am: Bible Sharing MWMR

5:00pm: Good Friday Services by Children
Rehearsal Church

7:30pm: 7th Grade Stations of the Cross Church

Friday, April 5th

7:30pm: Stations of the Cross Church

8:00pm: Nocturnal Adoration Church

Saturday, April 6th

8:10am: Our Lady of Fatima Novena Church

3:30pm: Confessions Church

6:30pm: Adult Bingo Cafeteria



Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to an increased print order for both the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Bulletins, articles for these Bulletins will be due early.

Articles for the April 14th, Palm Sunday Bulletin are due Wednesday, April 3rd.

Articles for the April 21st, Easter Sunday Bulletin are due Wednesday, April 10th.

Please email your article to: strayrcc@optonline.net

Please write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line of your email.



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

Pvt. 2Giuseppina Coppola, ARMY
Capt. Kathryn M. Costello, U.S.M.C.,
Recruit Joseph R. Diltz, USMC,
Lance Corporal Sean M. Donohue, U.S.M.C.,
Pvt. Brian Efferen, U.S.M.C., Sgt. John David Efferen, U.S.M.C.,
Corporal Daniel J. Ferrato, U.S.M.C.,
Lt. Commander Joseph Garbitelli, U. S. Navy,
Michael Gondek, National Guard, SPC John C. Hayes, U.S. ARMY,
Lance Corporal Dylan J. Hickam, U.S.M.C.
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., U.S. ARMY,
PFC Brian Lantz, U.S. ARMY, Lt. Jg Joseph Leahy, U.S.N.,
Capt. Joseph McQuade, U.S.N., Lt. Jake Murphy, U.S.ARM, Capt.
Brian Peterson, U.S.A.F., Capt. Graham A. Perry, U.S.M.C.,
1ST Lt. Roy Ragusa, Jr., U.S. ARMY,
Capt. Kimberly Russo, National Guard, Lt. Kevin Reilly, U.S. ARMY, Lt.
Cmdr. Andrew Schimenti, Lt. Justin Winter

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's continued Lenten blessings be yours on the Fourth Sunday of Lent! The theme of today's scriptures is to get us to love as God loves us- a tall order. The first reading from the Book of Joshua shows how God now welcomes the Israelites into the Promised Land. Previously their ancestors had lost trust in God and so were denied entry. But now their descendants have been restored in faith and so God's promises can now be enjoyed. **"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."** Then in 2 Corinthians, Paul emphasizes that it is through Jesus Christ that the bond with God has been restored. Old ways should be put aside to follow the way of the Lord. **"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold new things have come."** And then in Luke's gospel we have the famous parable of **"The Prodigal Son."** This story is about one of Luke's favorite themes: forgiveness! He is convinced that anyone who is willing to repent and return to God can be assured of God's forgiveness. But I think that a careful reading of the story reveals that Jesus is teaching something even more radical than Luke. Divine love is totally unpredictable and all-pervasive. In this story no repentance is required to get back the father's graces. All that is required is a willingness to be found. **"But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found."**

There is so much richness in this story about the love of parents for their children. First, parents should love their children enough to let them fail while always keeping out the welcome mat. That's kind of how God loves us. As a loving parent, the father took no delight in his son's pain or failure. And he never tried to persuade him to return, rather he let him hit bottom. But! The minute he saw him from afar he runs to meet him. What a sight! **No "I told you so's."** The son had suffered and decided to return on his own. He didn't expect anything. The father, however, wanted to show total forgiveness, even to the extent of a celebration. Wow! And this is what God does for us. We have all been the younger son at some time. We've known the pain of estrangement, feeling unworthy, yet desiring to come home. As a priest in the confessional, I am there to welcome you home and invite you back to

the banquet. Like you I must confess sin also. We don't have to be perfect to come home, just sorry for our sins, with a desire to love God more. The Church is not a hotel for saints. It's a hospital for sinners. Lent is a good time to come home.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great way to make it happen!

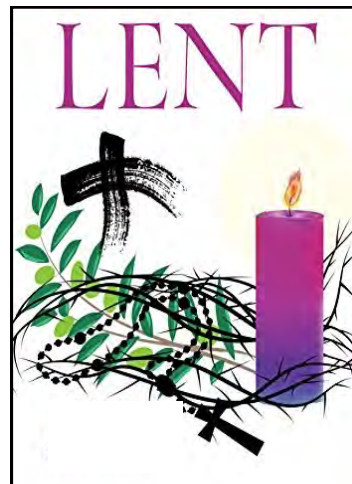
God wants us all to be at his table. Once we know the joy of reconciliation with God through Christ, we are then charged with the responsibility of being his ambassadors. God wants us to go out and tell others that Christ has removed barriers between us and the loving Father, who eagerly awaits our homecoming. If there is anything in life that separates you from God, let yourself be found, reconciled, and freed to you can feel right at home again.

Congratulations to our winning ticket for the **"Pot of Gold"** drawing that was held last Saturday at the St. Patrick's Celebration. The winning number was **#F00125** and the winning amount was **\$2500.00**. Thanks to all who participated in this year's raffle.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, the final request for **"Food Donations"** at next Sunday's Masses for our **"Giving, Not Giving Up....It's a Lenten Thing Program,"** an invite to our **Adult Bingo** next Saturday, April 6th, ticket info for the special presentation of **"Godspell"** by Plaza Productions here at St. Raymond's on Friday, April 12th, an invitation to the Sodality of Our Lady's **Spring Dinner** on Thursday, April 11th and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Fourth week of Lent! Keep that Lenten smile going and add some real forgiveness to your good works. ***Plus remember: If you have an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other, don't go deaf in the wrong ear.*** God bless always

—Father Chuck



Make Lent 40 DAYS OF AWESOME

LENT 2019

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 this 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 & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Will be prayed following the 12:15pm 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

Every Thursday from 1-4:00pm in Our Lady's Chapel, and from 8-9:00pm in the church on the First Friday of every month.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Parish Lenten Mission

Monday-Thursday evenings,
March 25-28th at 7:30pm.

Godspell

The musical Godspell will be presented on Friday evening, April 12th in our school auditorium.



"Giving...Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing"

Once again, our parish will be conducting the special Lenten program entitled: **"Giving... Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing"** for the five Sundays of Lent. All the items and money collected will be used by our Parish Social Ministry Office, St. Vincent de Paul and the Human Life Committee. Everyone is encouraged to bring the suggested items to Mass on the designated Sundays. We will bring our **"gifts"** forward at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts. This giving of our goods at the altar as a visible action will be a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to help those in our community who have these basic needs. The collection weekends will be as follows:

March 30th & 31st

Gift Cards: Stop & Shop
Walmart • Visa • Target, etc.

April 6th & 7th

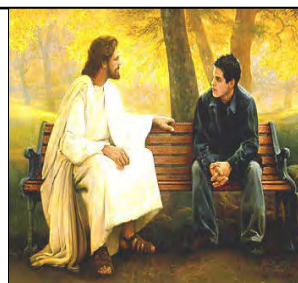
Non-Perishable Food Items: Mayonnaise
mustard • ketchup • salad dressing • pasta sauce
pancake mix & syrup peanut • butter • jelly
boxed mashed potatoes • small boxes of sugar
coffee • laundry and dish detergent

**Spread the word and thank you
in advance for your generosity!**



YOUTH Group

All places for our 2019 YOUTH Group retreat have been taken. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they spend time with our God at Graymoor Retreat center April 6-7th.



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As part of our Lenten schedule for 2019, St. Raymond Parish will be hosting a presentation by Plaza Productions of the ever popular and especially timely hit Broadway show:

“GODSPELL”

Friday evening, April 12th.

This evening is a great way to prepare for the beginning of Holy Week on Sunday, April 14th.

The show will take place in our school auditorium beginning at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 7pm. Tickets are priced at \$10 each for everyone and can be purchased at the rectory during regular office hours.

Make plans now for an enjoyable and spiritually uplifting performance of “**GODSPELL**” here at St. Raymond Parish on Friday, April 12th.

*Know Him more clearly.
Love Him more dearly.
Follow Him more nearly.*



Dynamic Catholic

Be Bold. Be Catholic.®

Pray this prayer asking God to give you the Strength to stay disciplined throughout Lent.

To receive daily inspiration, sign up for #BESTLENTEVER. Check out DynamicCatholic.com for simple but powerful ways to transform your life in these days of Lent—and you'll be well on your way to becoming the person God created you to be.

Lenten Prayer for Transformation

Loving Father,

I invite you into my life today and make myself available to you. Help me to become the-best-version-of-myself by seeking your will and becoming a living example of your love in the world. Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning.

Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision. Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church to become all you imagined it would be for the people of our times.

Amen.

People are bolder when they dream they are doing God's work.

Fr. Louis Querbes

LENT



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Principal's Corner *Sister Ruthanne Gypalo*

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Parable of the Prodigal Son (or more fondly referred to as the Parable of the Forgiving Father). It's a story that I think we're all quite familiar with. In simple language, the younger son takes what he believes is rightfully his from his father, goes off to another country and squanders all that he has! Having nothing, he returns to his father who celebrates at the young man's return, immediately throwing a party for all. The older brother certainly wasn't too pleased with the situation, but the forgiving father handled both brothers with unconditional love – the same way that our heavenly Father does with us. I would say that today's parable is a good reminder of just how fortunate we are to have such a forgiving and loving Father.

So, we are ready to begin yet another month! As we begin this April, we find a rather busy time. Of course, this week our 4th and 6th graders taking the New York State ELA test using the computer! The children have practiced and are ready to show what they can do!

Our 8th graders will be going into New York City on Wednesday to have lunch (Bubba Gump's) and to see a play (The Lion King). This annual event is always an exciting time for our oldest children. It just fun to be in NYC and enjoy the day with friends. (Let's pray for good weather!)

On Saturday, April 6th, I am proud to say that we have some students representing St. Raymond School at the annual Diocesan STEM Fair at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Hicksville from 9am-1pm. Our student representatives are Abigail Mallia from Grade 8, Jaclyn Bricca and Catherine Saporito from Grade 7, and Matthew Maier from Grade 6. We wish them luck with their presentations.

Here's a look at the week's activities:

- Monday: Grade 8 to morning Mass; baked ziti
- Tuesday: Grade 7 to morning Mass; pizza; 2:00pm dismissal for 2:15pm Faculty Meeting; Parish Children's Choir from 5-6pm in the auditorium
- Wednesday: Band and string lessons with Full Band at 8:00am; Grade 1 to morning Mass; NYS ELA test for Grades 4 and 6; 8th Grade trip to NYC; hot dog day; 6th Grade Book Club and Spanish Scrabble after school
- Thursday: Grade 6 to morning Mass; NYS ELA test continues; bagels; 8th Grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime; Chess Club and Chorus after school; 7th Grade Stations of the Cross by Teens in Church at 7:30pm
- Friday: Grade 5 to morning Mass; hot pretzels; 8th Grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime
- Saturday: DRVC STEM Fair at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School and adult BINGO at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria

Our third and final ADULT BINGO of the year this coming Saturday, April 6th. As usual, the entry fee of \$25 gives you a pack of bingo cards and a light dinner. Doors will open at 6:00pm with the "Early Bird" game hopefully beginning about 6:30pm. Invite your friends and come enjoy the night! You may want to bring a cushion to sit on! Thanks. Hope to see you there. God Bless.

Religious Education — Faith Formation *Evelyn Contaldi, Director*

Good Friday Services by Children

Rehearsals began Thursday, March 17th and will continue on Thursdays through April 11th from 5pm-6pm in the Church. The Good Friday Services by Children will be held on Good Friday, April 14th at 12 Noon in the Church.



Attention all 7th Grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School Students

The 7th Grade Stations of the Cross by Teens is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th at 7:30pm in the Church.

Attention 8th Grade Religious Education Parents/Students

Monday, April 1st and Tuesday, April 2nd, 8th grade Religious Education students will have their Confirmation interviews during class time (7pm-8pm). Please ensure that the students are on time for class those evenings because the interview schedule is very tight. The students will be measured for their Confirmation gowns as well.

Attention 1st Grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School Parents

Next Sunday's (April 7th at 12 Noon) grade level Mass will be hosted by the 1st grade Religious Education and St. Raymond School students. Please make every effort to attend this special Mass.



Saturday, April 6th at 6:30pm

(doors open at 6:00 pm)

St. Raymond School Cafeteria

\$1,000 in Cash Prizes

\$25 Entrance Fee

Includes Entrance Board

Light Refreshments • Soda • Coffee/Tea

Additional bingo boards available for purchase.

50/50 • Cash bar

**Reservations may be made at the rectory
or school offices. Walk-ins welcome!**

(No one under 21 years of age will be admitted)



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CYO Track

St. Raymond's CYO Track Registration is open and will remain open until March 31st.

To register visit: www.straymondscyo.com.

Please do not miss your opportunity to register your child for the upcoming track season.



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 **\$18,786!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioners who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Oceanside Christopher 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 620-8100, or visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.

A Journey Through Grief

St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry



Grief Support to Offer Hope

Six sessions beginning

Thursday, April 25th; 7:30pm.

Located in Rectory Basement

Any inquiries, please call 516-593-5000.

Defensive Driving Course

Where: St. Raymond School Cafeteria

When: Saturday, June 22nd

Time: 9am-3:30pm

Cost: \$50.

For reservations, call Rose Giglio at
St. Raymond School Office: 593-9010



St. Raymond Revue 2019

Please continue to **submit photos and blogs** to the St. Raymond Revue Committee of all the **special events** happening here at both St. Raymond Church and School.

**** CYO, Scouts, and ALL other MINISTRIES ****
continue to be **alert for photo opportunities**
and for ways to **highlight** your special events.

We want to make the 2019 Revue a true treasure trove of the richness shared here at St. Raymond

We prefer that you email all pictures and blogs to Pat Mayle: pmayle@verizon.net
Or attach your photos to a text and text to:
Pat Mayle at 516-662-4772

(There is also a mailbox at the rectory for you to submit these to us. Just drop them off!)

God bless you and St. Raymond's Parish!

Pat Mayle & the Revue Committee



We need your help!

**We are collecting
Box Top\$ for Education
to support St. Raymond School!**

We will continue to collect through the end of the school year. Simply cut the box top symbol off of participation products (such as, Annie's, General Mills, Reynolds, etc.) and drop them off in the school's main office or the rectory office.

**Please place your box tops in an envelope
and drop off at the school or rectory office.**

**Every Box Top Helps!
Thanks for your support!**

Parish Bulletin Board



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Stewardship "Thought for the Week"

Scripture is full of examples of God's love for us. This week's reading provides a wonderful example of God's fierce love and extreme forgiveness. The prodigal son is in every one of us. When we turn to sin in order to do what we want to do, we insult God's amazing gift of free will. God, however, does not "hold a grudge" or "dislike us". Instead, He is, like the forgiving father in the story, waiting for us to return to Him. God is longing to greet you in Confession, to offer His embracing and forgiving love through the power of the Sacrament of Penance.

Sacrificial Giving

March 24, 2019: \$12,635

March 25, 2018: \$19,145 (Palm Sunday)

Parish Social Ministry *The Heart of the Parish*

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

—Psalm 25(24):15-16

Pantry Items Needed: Canned meat, small jars of oil, sugar, canned fruit (no cranberries please), salad dressing, peanut butter, jello, pudding, sugar, dish detergent, evaporated or dry milk, chili, canned pasta, pasta sauce.



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



March Parish Picks Winners *Congratulation to this month's Parish Picks Winners!*

1st Place—\$1,000

#480—Ronald Schepis

2nd Place—\$500

#376— M/M Dan Levonius

3rd Place—\$250

#470— George McDougal

4th Place—\$250

#78— M/M Brenden Crowe

You've got to be in it to win it!



The EAC Network is an in-home respite program, not for profit, social service agency that provides respite for caregivers of the elderly in Nassau County.

Features include: 2-6 hours of in-home companion care per week. Companions try to engage the person, maybe take a walk, make lunch, play games or simply chat so that the caregiver gets a break (not able to provide personal care or do housework or shopping).

Nassau County residents 60 or older are eligible. Companions are screened and trained.

**For info, call Debra at 516-539-0150, x215
or Christine at 516-593-0150, x 218.**

Diocese of Rockville Centre The Office for the Protection of Children & Young People

Please Remember... We are all responsible for the safety of children and vulnerable adults! If you suspect mistreatment of a child or vulnerable adult by any member of the Clergy, Church Employee or Volunteer:

Phone the Hotline to make a report 516-594-9063

All appropriate steps will be taken to protect the reputation and privacy of those involved: the person making the complaint, the victim and the accused.

For more information on the Charter for the Protection of Children/Young People visit: www.drvc.com.

Families Anonymous

Families Anonymous (FA) is a Twelve-Step support program of recovery for relatives and friends concerned about the use of drugs, alcohol or related behavioral problems. We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in St. Raymond's School cafeteria.

For details, visit: www.FamiliesAnonymous.org.

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St. Raymond Human Life Committee

thank you! thank you! thank you!



"I shall not pass this way again, and any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now." Once again you, the faithful friends of mothers and their children, born and those in the womb waiting to be brought to birth, have shown kindness

and goodness to those in need by giving so generously to our parish's Lenten Giving week-end combined with the annual spiritual adoption "baby shower". Because of you, we donated an abundance of diapers, wipes, formula, baby toiletries, clothing, hand-made baby hats, sweaters, etc. It took two carloads, of over 30 lawn and leaf bags filled to the brim, to deliver the donations to the Life Center of Long Island. The volunteers were ever so grateful as the Center's supplies were depleted and they were about to place an order for the items needed.

We would like to thank Kerry Stender for volunteering to help us, after each of the weekend Masses, to carry the items from the Church to the cars. Her help was needed and very much appreciated. Thanks also to her father, Kevin who provided Kerry's transportation to each of the Masses. May God richly bless those who donated items and to Kerry and her father for caring for God's little ones and their mothers.

"When God wants a great work to be done in the world or a great wrong righted, He goes about it in a very unusual way. He doesn't stir up earthquakes or send forth His thunderbolts. Instead, He has a helpless baby born, perhaps in a simple house and of some obscure mother. And then God puts the idea into the mother's heart and she puts it in the baby's mind. And then God waits. The greatest forces in the world are not the earthquakes and the thunderbolts. The greatest forces in the world are the babies." --E.T. Sullivan

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS



Sodality of Our Lady

Invites you to our annual

Spring Dinner

Thursday, April 11th at 6pm

Pompeii Restaurant

401 Hempstead Ave., W. Hempstead

*Enjoy a full-course dinner and
take a chance on some great
raffle baskets and sweepstake prizes!
Come join us and bring a friend!*

Ticket price is \$45; for reservations contact:

Dorothy Bock at: dbock@molloy.edu
or 516-599-8264 or

or Kathie Flood: kflood@molloy.edu
or 516-599-1267

For raffle donations contact:

Jean Chojnacki at jnacki@optonline.net
or 516-236-1248

or Karen Gonyon at karengonyon@gmail.com
Or 516-330-6982



To Jesus Through Mary,

Monica Tobin, Prefect





Masses for this Week

Monday, April 1st

7:15am Joseph Garvin
8:45am John McHale, Jr.
12:15pm Walter Derowski

Tuesday, April 2nd *St. Francis of Paola*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am William Ruggiero
12:15pm Cammille Brancato

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Doris Figliola
12:15pm Richard Boyd, Jr.

Thursday, April 4th *St. Isidore*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am Juan & Esther Rivas
12:15pm John Desmond Kenneally

Friday, April 5th *St. Vincent Ferrer*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:45am George O'Kane
12:15pm Mario Carbonaro

Saturday, April 6th

8:45am Geraldine Corden & Mary Jane Murray,
Michael Kaminsky
5:00pm James Gallagher

Sunday, April 7th *5th Sunday of Lent*

7:30am Catherine Hawkins
9:00am Marcucci & Penzavecchia
10:30am Marie A. Cafasso
12:00pm Joseph Verponi, Josefa Rubero,
Perez Family, Thomas J. McArdle
4:30pm The People of St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Please Pray for Our Sick

Janet Kelly, Bob Kelly, Michaelina Vito, Catalina Aloj,
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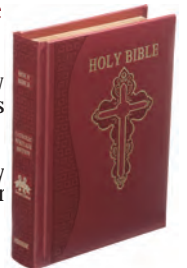
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