

## 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

**Pastor**  
Father Chuck Romano

**Associate Pastors**  
Father Vincent H. Bulus  
Father Lawrence N. Onyegu

**Deacons**  
Deacon Robert C. Campbell, OFS  
Deacon Thomas Wm. Connolly, T.O Carm  
Deacon Guy Donza, S.F.D.  
Deacon Thomas J. Malone Jr., S.F.D.

**Pastoral Associate, Youth &  
Parish Social Ministry**  
Deacon Richard W. LaRossa

**School Principal**  
Sr. Ruthanne Gypalo, I.H.M.

**Director of Religious Education**  
Mrs. Evelyn Contaldi

**Business Manager**  
Thomas J. Donovan

**South Nassau Hospital Chaplain**  
Father Sylvester Ikela

## Parish Staff

**Music Ministry** Folk Group  
Laura Garbitelli AnnMarie Lynch

**Children's Choir**  
Patricia Mayle

**Hand Bell Choir**  
Se-beng Koh

**Plant Manager**  
Steve Bennett

**Parish Secretary**  
Doreen Dolan

**Bulletin Editor**  
Pauline Birmingham

# The Parish of St. Raymond

## A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, February 17, 2019

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Blessed are you who are poor  
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 4:21



**February 17, 2019**  
**Sixth 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.

### 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 Fax .....593-1156

### 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, February 18th

1:00pm: Human Life Committee Meeting MWMR  
7:30pm: Sodality of Our Lady Meeting Cafeteria

### Tuesday, February 19th

7:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group MWMR

### Wednesday, February 20th

7:30pm: Folk Group Practice MWMR  
7:30pm: Adult Choir Practice Church

### Thursday, February 21st

9:45am: Bible Sharing MWMR

### Saturday, February 23rd

3:30pm: Confessions Church

*Today Sunday is ...*



**All are welcome to  
St. Raymond's Hospitality!**

**Please join us after the 9:00am,  
10:30am, and 12 Noon Masses  
for refreshments and friendship  
in the school cafeteria.**

*This month's Hospitality is sponsored  
by our Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts*



**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.Y, Capt.  
Brian Peterson, U.S.A.F., Capt. Graham A. Perry, U.S.M.C.,  
1<sup>ST</sup> 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 blessings be yours on the Sixth Sunday in ordinary Time!** Today's readings all have to do with making "right choices." The first reading from the Prophet Jeremiah places two very different scenes before the people. They must make a choice. While it may seem obvious to us it was not necessarily the case in the time of Jeremiah.

**"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul posits belief in the resurrection of Jesus as crucial to having faith, for if Jesus has not been raised then faith is in vain. **"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."** And finally, today's Gospel from Luke is the first part of the **"Sermon on the Plain."** Luke prefers Jesus on level ground with his people and he configures this narrative for a mostly Gentile audience. Again, the choice to follow the rather radical path of Jesus' teachings is not always an easy choice. But the reward is to be blessed. **"Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold your reward will be great in heaven!"**

Every red-blooded American believes in freedom of choice. Thanks to leaders such as those we honor on this Presidents' Day weekend we live in a country of freedom. **"I can do what I want!"** However, today's scriptures remind us that all choices are not the same. Some bring blessing and some bring woe. Israel was threatened by very hostile enemies who wanted to annihilate God's people with military might. They sought safety in making strong alliances with a protector country. Jeremiah had a different approach and cursed those who wanted to trust in human beings over God. Jesus also had a strange idea of what would lead to blessedness: Being poor, hungry, weeping, being hated and persecuted. And he had a strange list of things that would bring woe: Riches, full stomachs, laughter, popularity. They sound like the American dream, don't they? Yet Jesus had a different dream called the kingdom of God and with a great reward in heaven.

St. Paul based his whole message on this dream. He staked his life on the resurrection of Jesus. Dead people do not come back to life. But if it didn't happen for Jesus, our faith is worthless. And we too who believe can share in the resurrection. Believing in life through death gives us a different way of looking at how we use our freedom. It may be that the American dream may not be the most important thing for us to chase. This kind of belief could make leaders pay more attention to the warnings of Jeremiah. It could also give us hope when all seems hopeless, we can turn what seems to be barrenness into a fruitful harvest. As we celebrate this Eucharist together, may we remember that: **"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life."**

**Today's bulletin contains an important two-page letter from Bishop John Barres concerning the recent signing into state law of the "Reproductive Health Act."** I urge everyone to read our Bishop's letter which is in solidarity with all the Bishops of New York State. It is our duty as Catholics and citizens to be well informed and to exercise our constitutional rights. Bishop Barres has also posted a special video on this topic which can be accessed on the diocesan website ([drvc.org](http://drvc.org)).

**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 additional note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** and the **Principal's Corner of St. Raymond School**, an invitation to a fun-filled **Night at the Races** on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, reservation info for the **Sodality of Our Lady's Annual Retreat** next weekend February 22-24, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks** (first drawing this Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week! **Smile, share, make good choices and remember: You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.** God bless always.

—Father Chuck



it is well  
WITH MY SOUL



# Parish Bulletin Board

## Principal's Corner

*Sister Ruthanne Gypalo*

GONE FISHIN'! (or whatever else folks may be doing on this week that there is no school) The truth of the matter is that it is a great time to rid ourselves of all the germs that have been flying around the school and making so many sick! Hopefully the atmosphere will improve, and we can get back to work with everyone "back in the saddle." Meanwhile, if you're needing us, please leave a message on the voicemail and we will return your call as quickly as possible. Know that school will reopen on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the time off and BE SAFE!

I would simply like to remind folks that St. Raymond School is offering OPEN REGISTRATION now for our classes Pre-K to 7. Anyone interested in becoming a member of our St. Raymond School Family should call the school office to arrange for a tour and to complete required paperwork. For the process of registration families need to bring original BIRTH AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES (with raised seals), a record of IMMUNIZATIONS (for all students) and copies of academic records (report cards and NY State and standardized testing results) for children entering grades 1 through 7. There is a **non-refundable \$150 registration fee**. Contact the school for more information.



I would also like to remind you that one of our favorite fundraisers will be held soon. Our annual NIGHT AT THE RACES will take place on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the school auditorium. The \$25 entry fee includes dinner and an evening of fun. Don't worry if you know nothing about horse-racing! It really doesn't matter; might be more fun if you're a real novice. There are raffles and a live auction as well. Each year (and this is our 8<sup>th</sup>) folks rave about the good time they had. Come and experience it for yourself. We'd love to have you with us.

Thanks so much to all who joined us at McDonald's in Oceanside on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. This week we received a check for \$466... just from eating hamburgers and chicken nuggets! God bless you all for your support.

Enjoy the mid-winter break!



## Religious Education — Faith Formation

*Evelyn Contaldi, Director*

There will be no Religious Education classes and the office will be closed President's Week 2/18/19-2/22/19.

### Attention Grade 1-6 Catechists:

There will be grade 1-6 Catechist meetings on Monday 2/25/19 and Tuesday 2/26/19 at 7:30pm in St. Raymond School Auditorium. Catechists are asked to attend **ONE** of these meetings. Please make every effort to attend the meeting that works best for your schedule.

### Attention 3rd Grade Parish Parents/Students:

The next grade level Mass will be hosted by the 3rd grade parish students on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 12 Noon in the Church. Students are asked to bring one non-perishable item to Mass to help fill the food baskets for the poor. Please make every effort to attend.



Back in December our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students donated men's shirts to St. Christopher's Inn, a substance abuse rehabilitation center for men. The men were truly grateful for our student's generosity and thoughtfulness. The following is an excerpt from the thank you note that was sent from the president of St. Christopher's Inn:

*"I want to thank you for the Christmas donation of new shirts to St. Christopher's Inn and for remembering the men at the Inn, reminding them that there are people who care, who want to see them succeed, and who are active partners in caring for them through their recovery. Please know that the Friars, Staff, and Residents of St. Christopher's Inn count you among our blessings. Because of your support, we are able to fulfill our mission to "heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way".*

*Sincerely,  
Fr. Dennis Polanco, S.A.  
President and Spiritual Director*

Once again thank you to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families for their kindness. After reading this note, you can truly see the positive impact that your care and prayers have made on these men. God bless them as they continue on their road to recovery.

*My child  
YOU WORRY  
TOO MUCH.  
i've got this, remember?  
Love,  
God*

# St. Raymond School

*East Rockaway, NY*

At St. Raymond School, we provide a faith-focused educational environment that stresses academic achievement, responsibility, accountability, respect and personal discipline.

For over 90 years, we have been preparing our students to achieve success in high school, college and beyond.



Programs for Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten (Half & Full-Day) & Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in a Christ-centered Environment · Before & After School Program for Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade · NYS & Diocese of RVC Approved Curriculums · NYS Certified Teachers · Accredited by AdvancedEd · High School Preparation · In-Classroom Technology, including Smartboards, Chromebooks and iPads · Music & Art Programs · Service Projects Extracurricular Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Softball and Baseball Teams, Marching Band, Chess Club, Chorus, Book Club, Leadership Corp., Student Council

***Registration for the 2019-2020 Academic Year is now open!***

**Call 516-593-9010 for more information and to schedule a tour and meet the members of the St. Raymond School Family.**

**Choose the St. Raymond School Difference for your Child Today!**

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## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

### Stewardship "Thought for the Week"

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD."

Trusting in the LORD is like throwing away all anxieties. When we trust in God, we don't fear the future or bear the problems of the present upon our shoulders; we cast them off, knowing that God is in

#### Sacrificial Giving

February 3, 2019: \$16,073

February 4, 2018: \$14,594

### Parish Social Ministry

*The Heart of the Parish*

Where there is charity and wisdom,  
there is neither fear nor ignorance.

—Francis of Assisi

**Pantry Items Needed:** Bar soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant and razors. Flour, sugar, salt, spaghetti sauce, cereal, mayonnaise, mustard and ketchup.

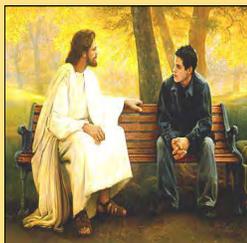
*Thank you all for your prayers and for your acts of charity. We could not help so many of God's children without your support.*

### YOUTH Group

St. Raymond's YOUTH Group will be heading up to Graymoor for our annual Retreat on April 6-7th.

The cost is \$80 which includes transportation, 3 meals, double-occupancy rooms. The retreat is for grades 7-12.

Come join us to spend some great time with your friends and our God



### Mission News

In December we celebrated the ordination of one of our project "kids" as a priest. His place in the project has been taken by a young man ...Jose Maria who is 18. His dad has recently died and his mom has no work. Being in the project will help a great deal with Jose Maria's tuition in the seminary. Please keep him in your prayers. In December we celebrated the ordination of one of our project "kids" as a priest. His place in the project has been taken by a young man ...Jose Maria who is 18. His dad has recently died and his mom has no work. Being in the project will help a great deal with Jose Maria's tuition in the seminary. Please keep him in your prayers. in your prayers.



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.  
Or email: [debra.marks@eac-network.org](mailto:debra.marks@eac-network.org)  
or [christine.weber@eac-network.org](mailto:christine.weber@eac-network.org)**

### 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](http://www.oceanfinancial.org).

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***Jesus is waiting to go to the homes of those who cannot come to His.***

If you know anyone in our parish who would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call the rectory at 593-5000.

## 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

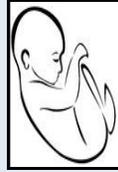
## Families Anonymous

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](http://www.FamiliesAnonymous.org).

## St. Raymond Human Life Committee

### ***Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program Eighth Month Developing Baby***



Your baby is about 16" - 20" long and weighs between 4 - 9 pounds. With only one month to go, a layer of fat is produced and stored beneath the skin, for both insulation and as a food supply. Antibodies that give immunity to diseases are building up. The amniotic fluid is totally replaced every three hours, and the baby absorbs a gallon of it every day, more if the fluid is sweetened! Your baby's heart pumps 300 gallons of blood per day and the placenta begins to age. The center of the baby's bones are still hardening, but the bones in the head are soft and flexible for delivery.

Even though your baby could survive outside the womb at this point without much medical help, due to the recently passed "Reproductive Health Act," signed into law by Gov. Cuomo, it is now legal in the state of New York to have this little one killed through the gruesome procedure of abortion for any reason! Please continue to pray for your spiritually adopted baby and for his or her mother, that she will trust in God and be graced with a generous, courageous and loving heart and bring her baby to a live birth.

**Please join us at our next monthly meeting:  
Monday, February 18, 1:00 - 2:30pm in the lower level of the rectory, Msgr. Walsh Room.  
Be a voice for the vulnerable, innocent babies in the womb. You are needed!**

## 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](http://www.drvc.com).

*"O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us who have recourse to Thee."*

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## Sodality of Our Lady Annual Scholarship Awards

**Attention 8th Grade students  
and their parents:**



The Sodality of Our Lady of St. Raymond Church announces our annual awarding of three \$600 and three \$150 scholarships for the "Encouragement of Continued Catholic Education." Any 8th grade student from St. Raymond's Parish, who has been accepted for admission to a Catholic High School for September 2019 is eligible to apply.

The essay exam will take place on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 3:30pm in the St. Raymond School Cafeteria. Please bring the acceptance letter and writing material (pen and pencil) with you.

To register, call or text Patricia Winter at (516) 376-0364 no later than March 1, 2019 and leave your name and telephone number. You will receive a call back to confirm your registration. If you do not receive a call back, please call again to confirm you are registered to sit for the exam.

**No registration will be accepted after Friday, March 1, 2019**

**Please note: No walk-ins will be able to take the exam and there is no make-up date.**



## Sodality of Our Lady Annual Retreat

*Openings Are Still Available!*

Our annual retreat will be held the weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup> at Cormaria Retreat Center in Sag Harbor. The cost of the retreat is \$250. Please mail your \$50 deposit to: Margo Roussine, 33 Baisley Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518.

One of the nicest things you can do for yourself is take a weekend away from all the noise of your daily life. Since 1969 Sodalists have experienced the quiet, contemplative atmosphere and serenity of being on retreat. There will be presentations, prayer services, delicious meals, personal prayer time, reflection, and much more. The retreat center includes a chapel, library, religious store and lounge. You will also enjoy the beautiful grounds. You will go home feeling totally refreshed, renewed, filled with the Holy Spirit, and happy you went!

A "Big Thank You" to Retreat Chairladies Margo Roussine (887-9658), Lorraine Edgar (593-3522) and Maggie McAuley (596-1305). Please do not hesitate to call one of our chairladies if you have any questions or need a ride.



**"Sodality is a women's organization devoted in prayer and service to the Blessed Mother. The membership is active in many ways doing what we call "Mary's Work" helping those in need in any way we can."**

**February Meeting:  
Monday, Feb. 18th 7:30pm  
St. Raymond's Cafeteria**

**Please join us and bring a friend as we  
are always happy to welcome new members.**

***Save the Date:*  
Sodality Spring Dinner  
at Pompeii Restaurant,  
Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**



*To Jesus Through Mary,  
Monica Tobin, Prefect*

*We need your help!*

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



***Please send in any box tops that  
you have collected before March 1st.  
We must submit the Box Top\$ before  
The March deadline in order for the  
school to receive cash this year.***

***(We will continue to collecting through  
the end of the school year for next year.)***

Simply cut the box top symbol off of participation products (such as, Annie's, General Mills cereals, Reynolds Bakeware, Ziplock, Old El Paso, Yoplait, Nature Valley, Motts and Betty Crocker) 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!**

# *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

The next segment begins in **February 2019** and runs through **July 2019**. 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 **February 10, 2019**.* Ticket numbers are not 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 Grennan & Doreen Dolan**  
**StRayRCC@optonline.net or 516-593-5000**



## **St. Raymond's Parish Picks Order Form**

**Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ ticket (s) in the Parish Picks. I will receive extra tickets for each ticket that I purchase in accordance with the chart shown on the enclosed letter. (Each ticket is good for 6 months of chances and costs \$60.)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## AmazonSmile.com

### Support Catholic Charities by Shopping...

We are happy to announce that Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre is now a registered charity with AmazonSmile. As you may know, AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that allows customers to enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as onAmazon.com. The difference is that now when you shop on AmazonSmile ([amazon-smile.com](http://amazon-smile.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases back to Catholic Charities to help us to continue to offer you support and to support the many services we offer. When you first visit the AmazonSmile site, when prompted, you must select **Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre** as the charitable organization you wish to support and then you may begin to shop. Please use AmazonSmile and encourage friends and family to do so as well!

## The Gianna Center

### *The Gift of Hope for couples struggling with infertility and miscarriage.*

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**Saturday, March 2nd; 6pm**

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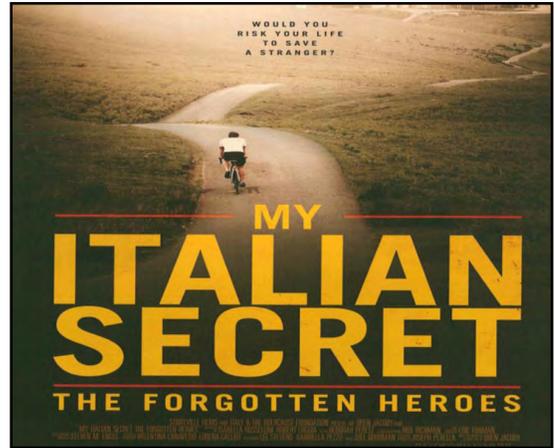
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## **Lecture Series**

*Presents...*

**"My Italian Secret"**

**Presented by Vincent Marmorale**

**Thursday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**

**St. Raymond School Cafeteria**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

The Forgotten Heroes is a feature documentary that tells the story of courageous Italians, including sports idol Gino Bartali, who carried out ingenious schemes to rescue and protect Jews in Nazi-occupied Italy. Although Gino Bartali is a sports legend, his most daring triumph came when he risked his life countless times to save Jews threatened by Nazi extermination. The story of Bartali and the secret network that he was a member, is just one example of the heroism exhibited by thousands of ordinary Italians and Catholics who risked their lives to save others from capture and death.

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February 11, 2019  
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...” (Jeremiah 1:5)*

At the very heart of our beliefs about who we are and why we exist, is a message of love. God creates us out of love. Out of love, He redeems us by the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. He calls us to an eternal destiny with Him because He loves each sacred human life, created in His image.

That we are created in God’s image is reaffirmed in our nation’s Declaration of Independence, reminding us that we “are endowed by [our] Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The right to life is the foundation and starting point for every other God-given human right. When that right is attacked or denied, all other rights and liberties begin to crumble.

You are probably aware that on January 22, 2019, the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* (the Supreme Court decision that declared an absolute constitutional right to abortion), Governor Andrew Cuomo of New York signed into law the “Reproductive Health Act”, which he himself called “the most aggressive” abortion law in the country. It was then “celebrated” by his lighting up One World Trade Center and the Alfred E. Smith Building in Albany.

It is our obligation as citizens and as Catholics, to be well informed and to make our voices heard in the public square when evil and injustice threaten the sacred gift of life at any stage.

On a human level, this gruesome law should be appalling to people of every faith, or no faith. The Reproductive Health Act allows for abortion on demand with no restrictions throughout all of pregnancy. *This means that as a choice, an abortion could be performed on a full-term infant as the mother is going into labor.*

This law might also open the door to taking away conscience protections from medical personnel, and could be used to force doctors, nurses and other medical staff to perform or to assist in abortions. Governor Cuomo claims that he is protecting women’s rights, when in fact, this law endangers the lives of women by allowing non-physicians to perform abortions, and it removes any objective standard of care due to the patient.

*The Act has also removed criminal penalties when an unborn child is deliberately targeted for death in a crime.* Two and a half weeks after the bill became law, the Queens District Attorney said he could not prosecute a man for the stabbing death of his unborn child in the womb of his girlfriend, because of the passage of the Reproductive Health Act.

*Unimaginably, the law also repeals protections for infants who are accidentally born alive during the course of a failed abortion.* This amounts to infanticide, the killing either by direct

means or by neglect of an infant who is alive outside the womb. The law is silent on reducing the pain and suffering of infants, especially those being aborted late term.

Brothers and sisters, this law is an abomination that cries out to Heaven for justice. We cannot be silent in the face of such a blatant attack on the most vulnerable among us. I invite you to do several things:

1. **Stay informed and educated** regarding these issues and the battles ahead of us, such as assisted suicide and legalized surrogacy. Two outstanding resources available to you are:
  - The New York State Catholic Conference on the web at <https://www.nyscatholic.org>.
  - The Diocese of Rockville Centre Respect Life Office and web page: (516) 678-5800 Extension 381 or on the web at <https://respectlife.drvc.org>
2. **Get involved.** Both web pages listed above offer easy links to contacting your elected representatives. Let the Governor and our other elected officials know that this Act violates the dignity of the human person and that you do not support it.

Get involved in the efforts already underway at your parish, such as Respect Life Committees. In addition, our Diocesan Respect Life Office can direct you to ways that you can support and promote the sanctity of life locally, on Long Island.

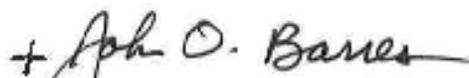
3. **Pray.** Pray the Holy Rosary. Ask the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary, Protector of Mothers, Defender of Life and the Family, to strengthen us so that we may be compassionate, courageous witnesses to the truth. Ask also for the intercession of Saint Thomas More, patron of statesmen, politicians, lawyers and judges, who lost his life for refusing to renounce his conscience and give in to the tides of political power and privilege.

Pray for our elected officials and for all people and pray that our politicians come to understand their profound obligation to defend the most defenseless among us. Any Catholic who actively supports an attack on the sacredness of life, chooses to place him or herself in grave moral danger and outside of the Communion of the Church. We pray for their souls, for a spirit of repentance, for a return to the truth of the love of God. It is God's love that formed each one of us in our Mother's womb.

A civilization that not only will not protect, but actually celebrates an attack on its most vulnerable members is morally bankrupt and stands on the verge of collapse. We pray for the courage of the martyrs, that an awakened spirit of evangelization and voices raised together will move hearts and minds, and call us back to our God-given senses, to the God who made us, who loves us, and who offers us our eternal destiny in love.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



# Masses for this Week

## Monday, February 18th

7:15am Frances Hess  
8:45am Antoinette Marino

## Tuesday, February 19th

7:15am William Ligarzewski, Sr.  
8:45am Jack & Gloria Talty

## Wednesday, February 20th

7:15am Donald Duggan  
8:45am Norbert Strissel

## Thursday, February 21st *St. Damian*

7:15am Constance DeLaRosa  
8:45am Terese Lloyd Campbell

## Friday, February 22nd *Chair of*

7:15am Thomas Carney *St. Peter the Apostle*  
8:45am Edgar & Anna Hartt

## Saturday, February 23rd *St. Polycarp*

8:45am John Bertucci, William Bretsehneider  
5:00pm Roy Clarke

## Sunday, February 24th *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

7:30am Daniel Carrano *in Ordinary Time*  
9:00am Mae Carnevale  
10:30am Christine Becker  
12:00pm Kevin McGreevy, Dorina Staffa,  
Teddy Ramos, Sr., Pola Cifuntes  
4:30pm The People of St. Raymond Parish

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

### Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

### Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

### Thursday

Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

### Friday

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

### Saturday

Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13

### Sunday

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;  
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

## Please Pray for Our Sick

Janet Kelly, Bob Kelly, Michaelina Vito, Catalina Aloj, Joseph Barbarino Giordano, Msgr. Thomas Candreva, Anne Gallagher, Irene Tortorella, Alyssa Fagan, Josie Genuth, Wolff Genuth, Olivia Bonino, Bridget Feminella, Barbara Neccio, Baby Dino Paul Scali, Pam Guzzardo, Marie Mazzola, Margaret Mary Barbato, Regina Dee, Michael Dee, Thomas Doty, John Devlin, Anne Lintner, Allen Labbe, Connie & Fred Pollock, Frank Guidice, Jodi Neckles, Gina Mazzola, Taryn Cochio, Anne Cuite, Mary Ann Hartt, Daniel McGill, Charles Henshaw.

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

## Rest in Peace



Anna A. D'Agostino  
Janet Edwards  
Rose Carpentire  
Patricia Esposito



## The Rose for Life

For this week is in loving memory of the

Deceased Members of the  
St. Raymond Human Life Committee



## The Sanctuary Light

For this week is in memory of

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

## Pastoral Council

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose hope is in the Lord."

—Jeremiah 17:7

### Pastoral Council Members

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Jeanne LaSala; Patricia Mayle, Chairperson;  
Patricia McCormack; Mary Carmel Murphy;  
Michael Palumbo, Secretary;  
Liz Tortorella; Father Chuck Romano.

# Parish Bulletin Board

## Spirituality for Singles

### Monthly Singles Gathering

Saturday, March 9th; 8:30pm

St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park

Our monthly gathering for singles; discussion and socialization. All singles ages 35+ are welcome.

Donation: \$5; snacks, pizza and beverages will be served.

Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994,  
or [spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com).

## Volunteers Needed!

### Catholic Charities

Volunteers needed to assist in food deliveries for Catholic Charities' Commodity Supplemental Food Program in Nassau County. Pick-up areas include Westbury, Rockville Centre, Valley Stream and Freeport. Delivery areas include Lynbrook, Lawrence, East Rockaway and Westbury. Days and times are flexible for pick-up and delivery and the box weighs 30-33lbs.

If interested, call Mary Ellen Kwiecinski at:  
516-733-7044

## AA Meeting

Monday Nights; 7:00pm

VFW Post 3350

164 Main St., East Rockaway

## Bereavement Conference

### Grief is a Journey

Sponsored by Diocese of Rockville Centre

St. Patrick's Parish, Huntington

Saturday, March 30th; 9am-3pm

Conference includes choice of morning and afternoon workshop; keynote speaker Kenneth Doka, Ph.D. \$40 per person; includes breakfast and lunch. Register early to secure preferred choice of workshop.

To register, visit: [drvc-faith.org/bereavement](http://drvc-faith.org/bereavement).

## 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](http://www.catholicendoflife.org)

## Reclaim

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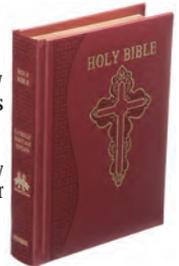
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