Masses

Saturday Eve

5:00PM

Sunday

7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily Saturday

7:15, 8:45 AM 8:45 AM

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The Parish of Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Jove and Friendship

Sunday, February 24, 2019

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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"Do to others as you would have them do unto you." l uke 6:30



February 24, 2019 **Seventh 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

St. Raymond School Fax.......593-0986
Religious Education Office593-9075

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

Tuesday, February 26th

3:30pm: 1st Holy Communion Practice Church 7:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group MWMR

Wednesday, February 27th

7:30pm: Folk Group Practice MWMR
7:30pm: Adult Choir Practice Church
7:30pm: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Ryan House

Thursday, February 28th

9:45am: Bible Sharing MWMR 7:30pm: Light of the World Cafeteria

Friday, March 1st

7:00pm: Family Fun Night Cafeteria 8:00pm: Nocturnal Adoration Church

Saturday, March 2nd

8:10am: Our Lady of Fatima Novena Church
3:30pm: Confessions Church
7:00pm: Night at the Races Auditorium



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: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org



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

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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.,

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Michael Gondek, National Guard, SPC John C. Hayes, U.S. ARMY, Lance Corporal Dylan J. Hickam, U.S.M.C.

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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 blessings be yours on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! The basic theme for this Sunday's readings calls us to strive for unconditional, unlimited love because of our attachment to Jesus. King Saul hunted David down because he was jealous of David's popularity. However, when David had the chance to kill King Saul he refused. "Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord's anointed." Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul emphasizes our attachment to Jesus as much as to Adam. "Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one." And finally, Luke's gospel continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. The demands of love go way beyond our emotions. The challenge presented here presupposes that one has a strong faith commitment to the kingdom of God. Life in the kingdom of God differs greatly from life in Caesar's kingdom. "For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Our human nature invariably tempts us to avenge real or perceived wrongs or to return evil for evil. We may want to take advantage of others for our own purposes. Jesus' instruction on enemy love demands that we imitate him in laying down our lives for others-even if they have offended us. Deeming something fair is too often subjective. Jesus sets a much higher standard with his command about enemy love. We are to imitate God's own love for us. With that as our measure, we can never be complacent or think we have done enough. Ours is no mere human guideline. Do not judge; do not condemn; rather, forgive and give without measure. Such is our commitment to following Jesus.

Luke radicalizes the love command in several ways, including going against the natural instinct of self-preservation. Luke calls for the attitude of love, the words of praying and blessing, and selfless actions that go beyond what we are entitled to.

While Jesus' culture advocated reciprocity, even in friendship, he commands his disciples to extend kindness and generosity to an extreme. Turning one's cheek and giving someone your underwear as well as your coat is as startling now as it was then. Enemy love is all inclusive and non-discriminatory. You love those who seek your love and provoke your hatred. God's reward far exceeds expectations, enabling us to act as God's children. The sobering advice is that "the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." Wisdom advocates that we use God's measure. Meditating on the enormous implication of Jesus' command to enemy love, we are at once humbled by our weakness and empowered by God's grace to be open and willing, inclusive and generous in the service of the Gospel.

Congratulations to the 7th and 8th Girls'
Basketball Team from St. Raymond School. This past week our girls won the Spirit League
Championship! And how did they do that? By being giant killers and defeating mighty St. Agnes Cathedral not once but twice. Way to go girls and kudos also to your coach Mrs. Rose Regan.

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, an ad about this week's gathering for the Light of the World on Thursday, February 28th, an invite to "A Nite at the Races" next Saturday, March 2nd, an order form for the new round of Parish Picks (still plenty of time to get your numbers) 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 February. Smile, share, love an enemy and remember: Intelligence is like underwear. It's important that you have it, but not important that you show it off. God bless always and "semper ubi sub ubi!"

—Father Chuck



Nocturnal Adoration
Friday, March 1st
at 8pm in the Church
Come spend time with Jesus!

First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, March 2nd; 8:10am St. Raymond Church



Principal's Corner Sister Ruthanne Gypalo

Welcome back from (hopefully) a week of rest and fun. School reopens Monday morning at the regular time – please God, with healthy students and faculty! The weeks before the break were full of flu, strep and viruses. We're all praying that the germs found their way out of the school and went far, far away!

Just in case you didn't hear, "We are the champions" with both our girls' and boys' Middle School Spirit Basketball Teams! The teams played their championship games at St. Mary's High School in Manhasset right before the winter break and SCORED beautifully! Congratulations to the team and, most especially, to their devoted coach, Mrs. Rosemary Regan. With the girls win on Thursday, Rose achieved her 100th win with the Spirit teams. Way to go, Rose!!

Anyone who is participating in our "Mixed Bag" catalog sale should be aware that all orders are due on Tuesday. The bags are lovely and hopefully will serve folks well. This seems like the ideal time to thank everyone for their continued support of our candy sale. I am so grateful to tell you that the school made a profit of \$3000 on the sale. Thank you, a thousand times, over!

As we return to our regular routine this week, our first graders will experience their first "standardized test" as they take the Cognitive Abilities Test. There is no special preparation necessary – just a good night's sleep and a tasty breakfast!

Of course, the exciting part of this week comes at the end of it with FAMILY FUN NIGHT for the children on Friday evening and NIGHT AT THE RACES for the adults on Saturday night! Tickets are available through the school for both events, so don't miss out on the fun.

Here's a look at the daily schedule:

- Monday: School reopens; baked ziti; quiet start to the week
- Tuesday: Mixed Bag Sale ends; COGATS for Grade 1; pizza; Parish Children's Choir from 5-6pm in the auditorium
- Wednesday: Band and string lessons with Full Band at 8:00am; COGATS for Grade 1; 4th Grade FIESTA; deli sandwiches; 6th Grade Book Club and Spanish Scrabble after school
- Thursday: COGATS for Grade 1; bagel day; 8th Grade Enrichment Math at lunchtime; Chess Club after school
- Friday: 11:30am dismissal for monthly Faculty Meeting;
 Family Fun Night
- Saturday: Night at the Races at 6:00pm in the auditorium

Looking forward to seeing everyone bright and early Monday morning!

Religious Education — Faith Formation Evelyn Contaldi, Director

Attention Grade 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 Catechists:

Just reminder that there will be two Catechists meetings for grades 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 scheduled for Monday 2/25/19 and Tuesday 2/26/19 - both at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. I ask that teachers attend **one** of these meetings. There are two dates to choose from so that as many catechists as possible are able to attend.

Attention 3rd Grade Parish Parents:

Next Sunday's (3/3/19) 12Noon grade level Mass will be hosted by our 3rd grade parish children. The children are asked to bring one non-perishable food item to help fill the food baskets for the poor. Please make every effort to attend this special Mass with your child.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee New York State Reproductive Health Act of 2019 Abortion Expansion Act



For a more detailed explanation of this obscene abortion bill, which makes legal the "right" of a woman - a mother - to have her live baby residing in her womb killed through the gruesome abortion procedure right up to the time of the baby's birth, please go to the

Diocese's Respect Life Office website. It is important that we educate ourselves, so that we may share the information with others, in particular women, about this extreme new law. How can this law be celebrated by women, when non-physicians are now legally able to perform this medical surgery on them? Wasn't one of the original purposes to legalize abortion, was to have it safe for women by having physicians perform the abortions? It seems that what is most important now, is to have abortion available throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy - not the health and well-being of women/girls and definitely not the innocent babies in the womb. Diocesan website: respectlife@drvc.org

Day of Prayer & Healing for Women Project Rachel – Healing After Abortion Date: Saturday, April 6th

Project Rachel is a network of specially trained, compassionate caregivers who are prepared to assist those who are suffering from abortion loss. For confidential information or to make a reservation, please call: 516-766-2538 or 888-456-HOPE (4673) se habla espanol or Email: projectrachel@drvc.org

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.

St. Raymond School

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Please join us in congratulating the Catholic Middle School Athletic Association 2019 Basketball Champions!

Jaclyn Bricca Nora Casey Colleen Chojnacki Courtney Gaffney Alexandra Marchesini Megan Mulroy Lucia Palumbo Francesca Palumbo Aaliyah Walcott

Alani Paul
Emma Poland
Catherine Saporito
Victoria Saporito
And Coach Rosemary Regan



St. Raymond School Girls Basketball Team



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Stewardship "Thought for the Week"

Love your enemies. This is often much easier said than done! However, it must be done. Jesus shows us this when He prayed for his persecutors. It may be easy to hate your enemy, hold on to anger and become bitter, but God calls us to much more. Hate the sin, but love the sinner; God commands it for our own good.

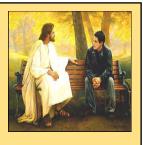
Sacrificial Giving

February 10, 2019: \$12,516 February 11, 2018: \$13,016 February 17, 2019: \$12,807 February 18, 2018: \$13,906

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



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

EMPOWER, ASSIST, CARE, 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

Parish Social Ministry The Heart of the Parish

"Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

-Psalm 31:3-4

Pantry Items Needed: Instant potatoes, mac and cheese, jelly, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, ketchup, mustard, canned potatoes, small bottles of oil, sugar, dry milk, juice, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish detergent.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Mission News

Last week we printed a picture of a new seminarian who is now being helped by our project in Guatemala...we have just added another....Juan de la Cruz is 26 and is studying in the major seminary



He is one of 10 children in his family and as you can imagine money is tight. His father works in the corn fields; we hope that our economic help will allow him to concentrate on his studies to be a priest. Please keep him in your prayers.

A Lenten Presentation

"Our Lady's Messages from Around the World & their Affect on Us Today

With Al Barbarino

Thursday, March 14th at 7:30pm



Our Blessed Mother, has prophesied, many years ago and to the present time, the turmoil (family/sin/the church/the world) which exists in today's world and what we MUST DO, TO STAY CLOSE TO GOD!

CDs available for sale following presentation; all profits to support the Friars Ministry for the Poor and Croation Relief Services.



Sodality of Our Lady

Invites you to our annual

Spring Pinner

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 <u>jnacki@optonline.net</u>
or 516-236-1248
or Karen Gonyon at <u>karengonyon@gmail.com</u>
Or 516-330-6982





To Jesus Through Mary,

Monica Tobin, Prefect





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March 23, 2019 at 7:30PM

at St. Raymond's School Auditorium
"Green Room"

Tickets are only \$45 pp.

Early Bird purchase \$40 pp if purchased

before 3/5/19)

SENIOR DISCOUNT \$30 pp (65+ yrs)

Tables of 10 Welcome!

Tom Donza at 593-2521

(Tickets on Sale Now...Limited Seating)





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	ē		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 areawarded:

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

Entry money for the next six months must be received by <u>February 10, 2019</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 Grennan & Doreen Dolan StRayRCC@optonline.net or 516-593-5000

St. Ray	mond'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 pur (Each ticket is good for 6 months of cha		th the chart shown on the enclosed letter.	
(Laci licket is good for o months of cha	ances and costs 400.)		
Name:	,	Envelope #:	
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Saturday, March 2nd; 6pm

St. Raymond School Auditorium

This is certain to be a fun-filled night!

Races • Raffles Dinner • Music

Live Auction of Classroom Memorabilia ...and more!

Tickets on sale at the school and rectory offices for \$25 each.

Sponsorship to the event is available; If interested, call Sr. Ruthanne at 593-9010.



We need your help!

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

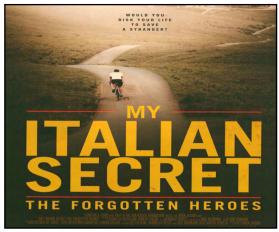
Please send in any box tops that you have collected before March 1st. We must submit the Box Top\$ before the March deadline in order for the school to receive cash this year.

We will continue to 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, Betty Crocker, 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!





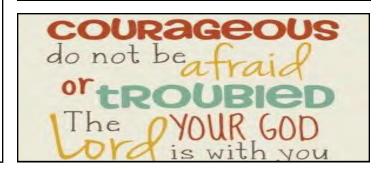
Lecture Series

Presents...

"My Italian Secret"
Presented by Vincent Marmorale
Thursday, Feb. 28th 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 Bar-tali 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.





Masses for this Week

Monday, February 25th

7:15am Maureen Butler

8:45am Filomena Cibellis

Tuesday, Febraury 26th

7:15am Restituto Montoya

8:45am James Fromme

Wednesday, February 27th

7:15am George Martorana

8:45am Brian Fahey

Thursday, February 28th

7:15am Justine Carney Zima

8:45am Frank Pignataro, Sr.

Friday, March 1st

7:15am Maroa Leichtle

8:45am Paul Talty

Saturday, March 2nd

8:45am Facone Family

5:00pm Eleanor & Patrick Muldowney

Sunday, March 3rd

8thSunday

7:30am Rita Reid

in Ordinary Time

9:00am Gene H. Torborg, Sr.

10:30am Marie A. Caffasso

12:00pm William Albergo, Theresa Dower,

Carmela Zizzo

4:30pm The People of St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Please Pray for Our Sick

Janet Kelly, Bob Kelly, Michaelina Vito, Catalina Aloi, 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, 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.)





The Rose for Life

For this week is in loving memory of the

Mary & John Winters

Donated by Mary McIntyre and Family.

For dedications, call Mary Healy at 887-4062.



The Sanctuary Light

For this week is in memory of

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Pastoral Council

"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you..."

- uke 6:27

Pastoral Council Members

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

Spirituality for Singles Monthly Singles Gathering Saturday, March 9th; 8:30pm St. Aidan Parish, 510Willis 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.

Bereavement Program Holy Name of Mary Church 8 Week Program, March 5th—April 9th Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm

This program offers support for anyone who has recently experience the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, relative or friend. The program provides an opportunity for participants to develop an understanding of the grieving process and to find ways of coping with the challenges that death can bring. The group is run by a professional leader and two assistants, all of whom have experienced the benefits participating in bereavement groups. There is no fee, but registration is necessary.

Call the Parish Outreach Office at 825-0177 to register.

Reclaim

A science-based Catholic program for overcoming addiction to pornography and other unhealthy sexual behaviors.

For info, visit www.reclaimsexualhealth.com

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.**

Atlantic City Bus Trip Caesar's Casino Thursday, March 21st American Legion Malverne Post 44

Franklin Ave. & Legion Pl.

Reserve and pay by March 18th. Free parking, coffee, bagels and donuts. Arrive at 8:15am and bus departs promptly at 9:00am. Tickets: \$45; includes \$30 casino play. For reservations, call Bob Guarnari: 483-5631 or John Hassett: 887-7473.

Widowed, Divorced, Separated, & Single Catholics of Long Island

New Member Orientation Wednesday, Feb. 27th; 7:30pm St. Frances de Chantal School 1309 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh

Non-denominational, all are welcome! Please bring proof of single status to join. Refreshments served after meeting. For info, call Carol at 516-794-4933.



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