

## 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, March 3, 2019

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

**"You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam  
from your eye first; then you will see clearly  
to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."**

**Matthew 7:5**



**March 3, 2019  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
March 6, 2019  
Ash Wednesday**

## 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

### **Tuesday, March 5th**

3:30pm: 1st Holy Communion Practice	Church
5:00pm: Children's Choir Practice	Auditorium
7:30pm: Charismatic Prayer Group	MWMM

### **Wednesday, March 6th**

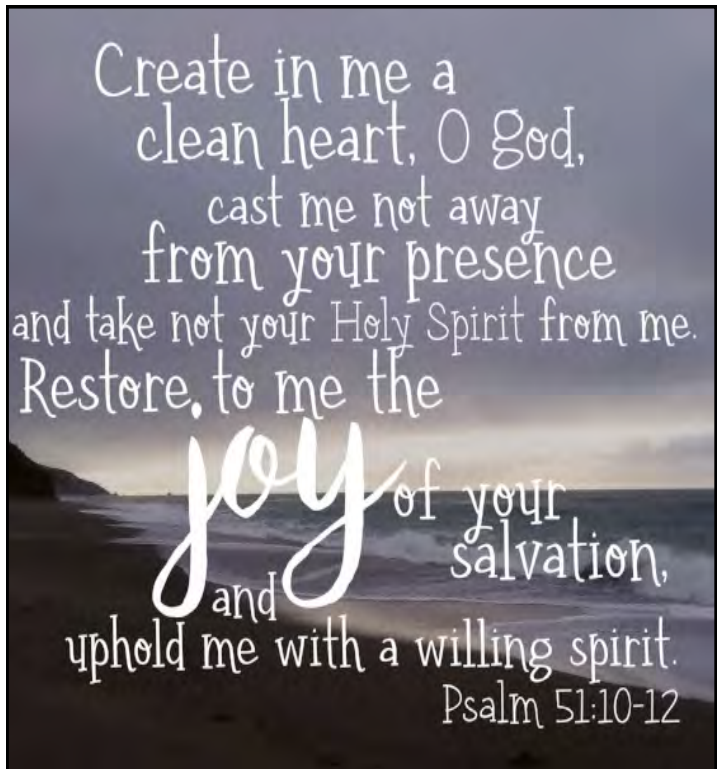
7:30pm: Folk Group Practice	MWMM
7:30pm: Adult Choir Practice	Church

### **Thursday, March 7th**

3:30pm: Sodality Scholarship Test	Cafeteria
9:45am: Bible Sharing	MWMM
5:00pm: Good Friday Services by Children	
Rehearsal	Church

### **Saturday, March 9th**

3:30pm: Confessions	Church
---------------------	--------



### ***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.,  
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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** We come to the final days of this segment of Ordinary Time. The holy season of Lent will begin this coming Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Today's readings point out the harsh criticism that Jesus levels at hypocrites who judge others for the same faults found in their own lives. The first reading from Sirach cautions people to be discerning in judgement. Words can reveal what lies deep and unseen within the heart. ***"The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind."*** Then in 1 Corinthians, Paul again looks forward to the victory of life over death. ***"But thanks be to God who gives the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ."*** And finally, Luke's gospel collects sayings from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. The main point is that one lives their covenant relationship with God the best when one imitates God. The blind cannot lead the blind. There is a hypocrisy in judging others and good people produce good things. To accomplish these admonishments, one tries best to follow Jesus. ***"No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."***

Because it is rooted in falsehood and deception, hypocrisy is a particularly subtle and sinister vice to which religious leaders may be especially susceptible. Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted, ***"People are very inclined to set moral standards for others."*** The implication is that we may not use the same criteria to regulate our own lives. Clergy of all faiths are in a precarious position here, for it is expected that they will publicly preach morality, since after all, it's their job so to speak. There is a Latin phrase that scarcely requires translation to show why abusive behavior by any clergy is particularly scandalous: ***"Corruptio optimi pessima est"*** which means: ***"The corruption of the best is worse of all."*** And we can see this most deplorably in the sexual abuse scandals that has and continues to stain the priesthood and Church hierarchy. Professing truth rings very hollow when truth is not lived.

In Luke's version of the condemnation of hypocrisy, Jesus directs the message not to the Pharisees but to his own disciples. And later in the same gospel, the same disciples are told to accept the

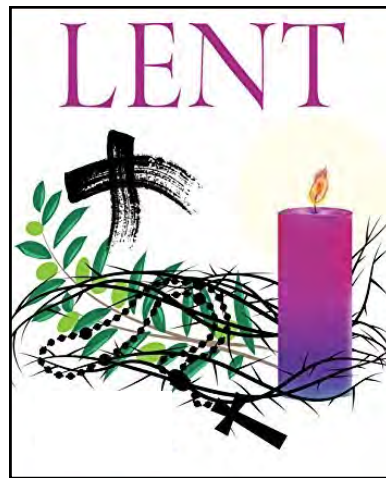
kingdom ***"like a child."*** Fear of being labeled a hypocrite should not lead us to give up on any and all public endorsements of moral standards. The only two alternatives to hypocrisy are perfection and honesty. I would say forget the perfection and work on the honesty. We approach the Lord's table, profoundly aware of our need for both forgiveness and nourishment so that we might not only proclaim the Gospel but live it. We pray today that the Eucharist may bring us not judgment and condemnation but instead healing in mind and body.

***This coming Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday which signals the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent for 2019.*** This bulletin contains a special Lenten page that outlines all the spiritual and practicable opportunities to help make our parish Lenten journey a truly awesome and spiritually enriching one. Please make note of all the prayer opportunities as well as our ***"Giving, Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing"*** program for all the Sundays of Lent. Together, may we journey through the desert and to the cross that leads us all to the joy of Resurrection life.

***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 schedule for ***Ash Wednesday***, an invitation to the upcoming ***St. Patrick's Celebration*** on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</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 first week of March and a peaceful entry into Lent!*** Start wearing that Lenten smile as you pray, fast and help others during this time. Plus, remember: ***One day you will rest in peace. So why not live in peace too?*** Happy Lent! 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!

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes will be distributed at the following times:

**7:15am, 8:45am and 12:15pm Masses,  
3:30pm Prayer Service; 7:30pm Mass**

### 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.

### Lenten Evening of Prayer & Song

Thursday evening, March 14th at 7:30pm in the church led by Al Barbarino.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**Toiletries:** soap ▪ toothpaste ▪ toothbrushes  
deodorant ▪ shampoo ▪ shaving cream  
razors ▪ tissues ▪ hand lotion

### March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

**Baby Items** (This is the "Baby Shower" for the Human Life Committee, concluding the nine months of prayer for the unborn):  
Diapers (sizes 5 & 6) ▪ formula baby food  
baby wipes ▪ baby toiletries

### March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

**Monetary Donations**— Free will money offering to help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and also our own Parish Social Ministry

### March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

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

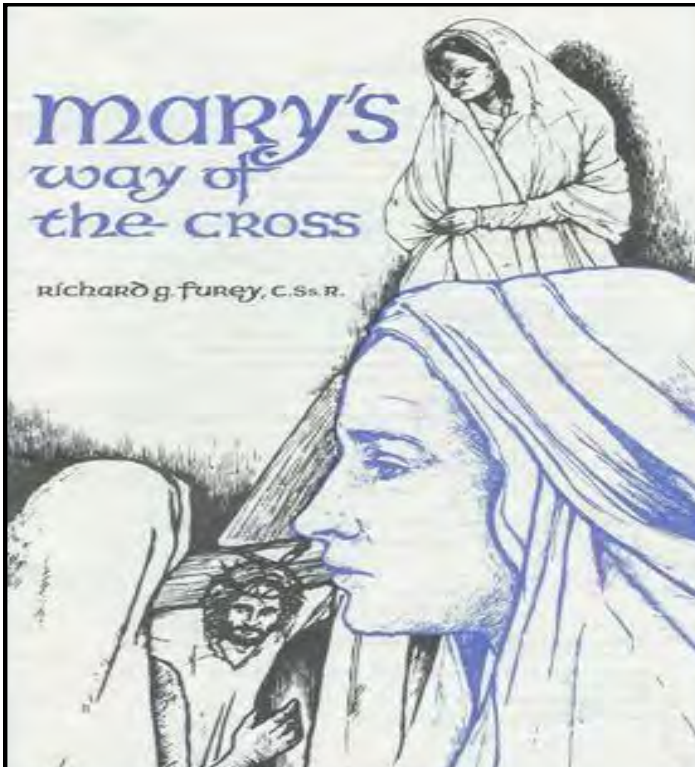
### April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

**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!**



## Parish Bulletin Board



### *The Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation*

All members of the Parish are invited to attend the Stations of the Cross from Mary's point of view. Imagine her agony as she watched her only son experience this great sacrifice.

The Sodality is sponsoring Mary's Way of the Cross and we hope you will join us on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the church. All Sodalists who are able to attend are asked to gather in the front pews of the church at 7:15pm.

God bless us all during this season of Lent.

We adore you, O, Christ  
and we Praise You,  
because by your Holy Cross  
you have redeemed the world.



*To Jesus Through Mary*

### A Lenten Presentation

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

With Al Barbarino

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**



### *The Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation*

**The Sodality of Our Lady 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."**

**March Meeting:**

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria**

**Time: 7:30pm**

*We honor St. Joseph and St. Patrick at this meeting! Come and join us in a fun evening!*

# Parish Bulletin Board

## Principal's Corner *Sister Ruthanne Gypalo*

What a busy start we have had to the month of March! Already we have enjoyed FAMILY FUN NIGHT with the children and NIGHT AT THE RACES with the adults – AND the month has just begun! Of course, we're all quite aware that this is the month of Irish celebrations and two parades for the "Golden Rays". Let's just hope that the weather cooperates with our efforts. It can be very difficult for our young folks to march in the snow and rain!

This first full week of March has us busy about many things (something new and different!). Our students will be "JUMPING ROPE FOR HEART" during their Physical Education classes to help raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders (and all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in our parish who were accepted to Catholic High Schools) will be taking the Sodality's Scholarship Test with an eye to giving a little help to next year's tuition. Of course, right in the middle of the week we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. That also means that our students will be taking turns attending the 8:45am Mass each week day. Here are the specifics of the week:

- Monday: Baked ziti; Jump Rope for Heart begins
- Tuesday: Pizza day; Math Olympiads for 4-6 after school; Parish Children's Choir from 5-6pm in the auditorium
- Wednesday: Ash Wednesday (Ashes after the 8:45am Mass); Band and string lessons with Full Band at 8:00am; NO SPECIAL LUNCH (Children must bring their own lunch); Math Olympiads for 7-8, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Club, and Spanish Scrabble after school
- Thursday: Grade 1 to morning mass; Bagel day; Math Enrichment for Grade 8 at lunchtime; Chess Club and Chorus after school; Sodality Scholarship Test at 3:30pm in the cafeteria
- Friday: Grade 2 to morning Mass; Hot pretzels at lunch; Math Enrichment for Grade 8 at lunchtime

Thanks again to all those who supported our Night at the Races. Hopefully, you had a fun time and will join us again in the future. It's through all these adult fundraisers that we are trying to maintain a manageable tuition. Interested in helping even more? Join us for our next adult BINGO on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Have a fun "FAT TUESDAY" and a prayerful Lent. Let's pray for one another.

## Religious Education — Faith Formation *Evelyn Contaldi, Director*

### Attention 3rd Grade Parish Parents:

Today's 12 Noon grade level Mass will be hosted by our 3rd grade parish children.

***There are no Religious Education Classes on Ash Wednesday, March 6th.***

### Distribution of Ashes schedule:

7:15am Mass, 8:45am Mass,  
12:15pm Mass, 3:30pm Prayer  
Service, 7:30pm Mass.

Please make every effort to bring your child to receive his/her Ashes as we begin the Lenten season.



### Hospitality Sunday, March 17th

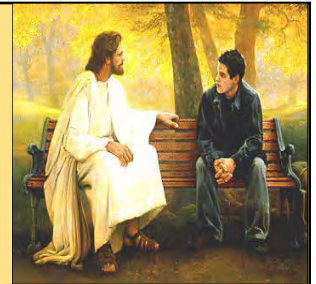
Religious Education along with Social Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul ministry, Light of the World ministry and Ministry of Consolation are hosting Hospitality Sunday on Sunday, March 17th after the 9am, 10:30am and 12Noon Masses. Please mark your calendars and join us!

## 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





# Parish Bulletin Board

## St. Raymond Human Life Committee

We are pleased to announce the winners in this year's Diocesan Respect Life Contest on the parish level:

### Level One (7th grade - 8th grade)

#### First Place

*Emma Bratichak, Michaela Fusco, Julie Shaheen*  
(8th grade, St. Raymond School; Joint Mural entry)

#### Second Place

*Colin Mitacek*  
(8th grade, St. Raymond School; Photography entry)

#### Third Place

*Stephanie DeAngelis*  
(7th grade, Rel. Ed. Program; Bookmark entry)

#### Honorable Mention

*Jaclyn Bricca*  
(7th grade, St. Raymond School; Poetry entry)  
*Victoria Saporito*  
(7th grade, St. Raymond School; Video)

### Level Two (9th grade - 12th grade)

#### First Place

*Sean Tortorella*  
(11th grade, St. Raymond parishioner; Essay entry)



All entries were sent to the Diocesan Respect Life Office to be considered for awards on the Diocesan level. We will know in mid-March the Diocesan winners. We wish to thank Sr. Ruthanne, Principal of St. Raymond School, Mrs. Evelyn Contaldi, Religious Education

Director and the Religion teachers for their support and cooperation throughout the years in making it possible for the students to participate in this contest. Thanks also to the students who participated.

May God bless you and keep you in the Palm of His Loving Hand. A special message to the young people of today:

**"You are Christ's disciples today.  
Shine His light upon this great city and beyond.  
Show the world the reason for the hope  
that resonates within you.  
Tell others about the Truth that sets you free."**

**--Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**

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

## St. Raymond Revue 2019

The 2018 St. Raymond Revue has been completed and is available for you to take home (one copy per family, please!) and enjoy reviewing the wonderful happenings here at St. Raymond Parish.

As you can see by the beautiful month by month story, we really do want your pictures and blogs to highlight the events which happen in this year of 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.

We prefer that you email all pictures and blogs to Pat Mayle: [pmayle@verizon.net](mailto:pmayle@verizon.net)  
or

Attach your photos to a text and text to:  
Pat Mayle: 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 our wonderful parish of St. Raymond!**

*Pat Mayle & the Revue Committee*



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

***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!**

# Parish Bulletin Board



## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

### Stewardship "Thought for the Week"

Can you remember the last time you invited a friend to Mass or told them you would pray for them? Can you remember the last time you critiqued a friend in a judgmental way or gossiped about them to someone? For some of us, we may remember the latter because it may have happened more frequently. This week, whenever we think of condemning someone or gossiping about someone, pray for them first and ask God what He wants you to do in that person's life.

#### Sacrificial Giving

February 23, 2019: \$12,210

February 24, 2018: \$13,332

### Special Collection *The Church in Need*

On March 10th a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The collection will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help:

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - the funds collected provide support for pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

**The Church in Latin America** - your support provides lay leadership training, catechesis, religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

**The Church in Africa** - funds supports projects that strengthen communities in their faith and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. Thank you for your generosity.

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS

### Parish Social Ministry *The Heart of the Parish*

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

—1 Peter 5:5

**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.

### Mission News

For the past few weeks we have been highlighting seminarians who are part of our Mission Project in Guatemala. Juan de la Cruz and Jose Maria have recently been added. Gerson is a third seminarian in Guatemala who has been in the project for a number of years. He is getting very close to ordination. Gerson had an older brother who had studied at the same seminary but unfortunately he died while trying to save another seminarian who was drowning in Lake Atitlan. Their family has made a great sacrifice for the church.

There is still another (Juan) who grew up in our sister parish and is now studying for the Vincentian priests at St. John's University in Jamaica. Our project has been blessed. Please keep all these young men in your prayers as they discern God's will for them. God is Good---all the time.



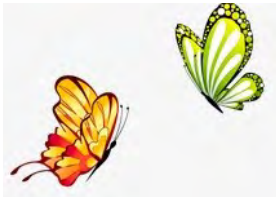
### Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

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).



## Parish Bulletin Board



### Sodality of Our Lady

*Invites you to our annual*

### Spring Dinner

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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@mollooy.edu](mailto:dbock@mollooy.edu)  
or 516-599-8264 or  
or Kathie Flood: [kflood@mollooy.edu](mailto:kflood@mollooy.edu)  
or 516-599-1267

For raffle donations contact:  
Jean Chojnacki at [jnacki@optonline.net](mailto:jnacki@optonline.net)  
or 516-236-1248  
or Karen Gonyon at [karengonyon@gmail.com](mailto:karengonyon@gmail.com)  
Or 516-330-6982



*To Jesus Through Mary,*  
*Monica Tobin, Prefect*



HERE'S YOUR INVITATION TO THE

## ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



*Come enjoy the rich Irish traditions, complete  
dinner, Irish music (by The McSwitch),*

*Irish Dancing, bagpipes, Guinness, Irish Coffee and  
sweets—all included, so get a table of friends to enjoy.*

**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)*





Lent 2019

Office of the Bishop  
Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre

Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis says: "Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)...The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (3)...Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)...The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138)."

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since "the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation". (Pope Benedict XVI, *The Word of the Lord* ) (48). Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

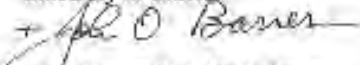
In his Apostolic Exhortation *The Word of the Lord* (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of *lectio divina* or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit's tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres' Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict's approach to *lectio divina*, see this link [www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org](http://www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org).) The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtois points out: "Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers".

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



# 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 Curriculum · 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!**



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish Bulletin Board



***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.

## 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 on Amazon.com. The difference is that now when you shop on AmazonSmile ([amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile)), 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 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)

## St. Raymond Memorials



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

There are also other liturgical items that are seasonal, like the **Christmas** and **Easter Flowers**, the **Paschal Candle**, **Advent Wreath**

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

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



## 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](mailto:svdpauto@gmail.com)  
For details: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)



## Masses for this Week

### Monday, March 4th

*St. Casimir*

7:15am Siro Gonzalez

8:45am James P. Sullivan

### Tuesday, March 5th

7:15am Thomas P. Duggan

8:45am Richard Gottcent

### Wednesday, March 6th *Ash Wednesday*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am George O'Keefe

12:15pm Terese Lloyd Campbell

3:30pm Prayer Service

7:30pm Msgr. William Jablonski

### Thursday, March 7th *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity*

7:15am Godwin Family

8:45am Norma Calteri

12:15pm Timothy J. Motherway-10th Anniversary

### Friday, March 8th *St. John of God*

7:15am Daniel Paolantonio

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15pm Brian Fahey

### Saturday, March 9th *St. Frances of Rome*

8:45am Terese Lloyd Campbell,  
Louise Saar, Esther Brennan

5:00pm Margaret O'Connell

### Sunday, March 10th *1st Sunday of Lent*

7:30am Daniel & Frances Carrano

9:00am Catherine Callagy

10:30am Caroline & Peter Tauckus

12:00pm Carmen R. Martinez, Gennaro Vardaro.,  
James F. Abrams, James Pefrizzi,  
Catherine Carfora

4:30pm The People of St. Raymond Parish

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

### Tuesday

Sir 35:1/Mk 10:28-31

### Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

### Friday

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

### Saturday

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

### Sunday

Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

## 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,  
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

Joseph Dragotto  
Marie D. Spinelli



## The Rose for Life

For this week is in loving memory of the

Nina LoBello

Donated by the 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

"A good person  
out of the store of goodness in his heart  
produces good."

—Luke 6:45

## 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.



# 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).

## 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.

## Birthright

Pregnant? Need help?

24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-550-4900

## Eucharistic Retreat Day

With the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist  
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception

440 W. Neck Rd., Huntington

Sunday, March 10th; 8am-5pm

Join the Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist for a Eucharistic Retreat Day. Day includes hot breakfast and lunch, Rosary, Spiritual Meditations, Holy Mass with Bishop Rey, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. You must register in advance - space is limited. \$35 donation, cash or check.

For info and registration, call Allison Ferrara at 631-896-0870, or register by emailing name, address, parish and phone number to:

[MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com](mailto:MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com), Or call 631-629-6514.

Silent Retreats also available; call Chris at 631-423-0483, ext. 115 or [cmann@icseminary.edu](mailto:cmann@icseminary.edu)

## 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).

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE YOU NEED**  
**LIFEWATCH**  
**At HOME and AWAY!**

- ✓ Ambulance
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Friends/Family

**Solutions AS LOW AS \$19.95 A Month!**

Real Time GPS Tracking  
Fall Detection  
SOS Emergency Button  
24 Hour Monitoring

**CALL NOW! 800 890-6212**

EMERGENCY MONITORING IN THE USA **LIFEWatchUSA** PROTECT YOUR HOME AND LIFE

## BRINGING CHRIST'S HEALING MISSION TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

Catholic Health Services has first-class doctors and hospitals across Long Island. For one near you, call 855-CHS-4500.



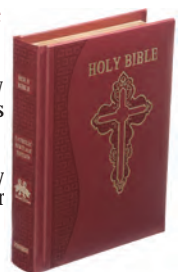
Please  
Patronize  
Our  
Advertisers

## Fireside Catholic Heritage Edition Bible

The Catholic Heritage Edition in the New American Bible Revised Edition translation is the ideal Catholic Family Bible.

**Features:** Our Catholic Family, Family Record section and Burgundy padded cover with gold-gilded page edges.

**Only \$69.99 post paid**



C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc.

200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704

Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped:

post paid to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIDENBAUM**  
**THE LEADER IN PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION**

[mptrg.com/bulletins](http://mptrg.com/bulletins) • 516.479.9170

Hablamos Español

Maidenbaum Property Tax Reduction Group, LLC

	 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Perry Funeral Home, Inc.</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Kenneth Lysak Jr., Philip M. Taglia George L. Perry Since 1825</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Owned &amp; Operated</li> <li>Newly Renovated</li> <li>Area's Largest Chapel</li> <li>Preplanning</li> <li>Prepayment</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>118 Union Avenue, Lynbrook</b> <b>516.593.1111</b> <b>www.perryfh.com</b></p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handicap Accessible</li> <li>Monuments &amp; Inscriptions</li> <li>Children's Playroom</li> <li>Competitive Pricing</li> <li>Ample Parking</li> </ul> </div>		<h3 style="text-align: center;">BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU/SUFFOLK</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">(516) 785-4070 <b>Confidential Assistance</b></p>
 <p><b>Ed McNulty Realty.com</b> Free Market Appraisal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">516-887-3603 Mention This Ad For Savings!</p>	<p><b>Celebrity Chase Collision</b> 191 Earle Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563 <b>516 593-0920</b> Ask about your parish discount</p>		<p>Marilyn I. Ventuleth, Psy. D., ABSNP Child-Adolescent Psychologist 337 Merrick Rd Ste 7, Lynbrook <b>887-4548</b></p>
<p><b>REPAIR iKURE BUY SELL</b> CUSTOM (iPhone - iPad - iPod)</p> <p>1-844-MY-IKURE Hewlett: 5 Franklin Ave. Oceanside: 375 Long Beach Rd. Massapequa: 4344 Merrick Rd.</p>	<p><b>CARROLL FINANCIAL GROUP</b> Joe Carroll 40 Rowe Ave. Lynbrook, NY <b>Tel 516-825-1110</b> <b>Fax 516-825-1115</b> www.CarrollFinancialGroup.Net The advice you deserve.</p>		<p><b>Blue Moon</b> Italian Kitchen Coal Fired Pizza • Casual Dining • Private Party Room Available 26 No. Park Ave., RVC <b>516-763-4900</b></p>
<p><b>Joey's Pizza</b> 5 Huntington Ave. Lynbrook</p> <p>Is there someone you care about? Send some love with Joey's frozen dinners. <b>Holiday Party Trays \$25.00 599-2929</b> www.joeyspizzalynbrook.com</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <h1 style="color: red;">Donza</h1> <h2 style="color: red;">FUNERAL HOME, INC.</h2> <p>• Solely Owned &amp; Operated by The Donza Family • Newly Expanded and Decorated Chapels • Ample Parking</p> <p>333 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, N.Y. 11518 Tel: (516) 593-2521 / Fax: (516) 825-6380 email: donzafuneralhome@aol.com</p> </div> </div>		<p><b>FATHER &amp; SON</b> Est. 1978</p>  <p><b>AUTO CORP.</b> AUTO REPAIRS SALES 170 Atlantic Ave., Lynbrook <b>516.599-8666</b> www.fatherandsonauto.com</p>
<p><b>CAREFREE</b> AIR CONDITIONING GAS HEATING AIR FILTRATION WATER FILTRATION <b>516-599-2848</b></p>	<p><b>BURGER BANDIT</b> 2 Broadway Lynbrook 11563 <b>516-593-4015</b> www.burgerbandit.com Burgers • Dogs • Fries Shakes   We Deliver <b>10% Off Entire Order w/Ad</b> (\$20 Minimum purchase) (In Store Only)</p>		 <p><b>BECKER REALTY SERVICES, INC.</b> "Long Island's Most Trusted Name in Real Estate" HILARY H. BECKER, C.P.M. <b>(516) 887-0677</b></p>
<p><b>Assisi Veterinary Hospital</b> Internal Medicine, Surgery &amp; Emergency Medicine Pet Grooming and Boarding Available 250 Hempstead Ave., Malverne <b>516-256-0022</b> www.assisivh.com</p>	<p><b>Mixology Clothing Company</b> presents <b>MIX WAREHOUSE</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">             tons of styles <b>\$15</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">             nothing over <b>\$50</b> </div> </div> <p>42 Broadway Lynbrook, NY OPEN DAILY 10AM-6PM Women's Designer Fashion at Outlet Pricing</p>		 <p><b>Lynbrook Restorative Therapy &amp; Nursing</b> <b>World - Class Rehabilitation Center!!!</b> 243 Atlantic Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563 <b>516-599-2744</b></p>
<p><b>James Tech Electric</b> Your East Rockaway Licensed &amp; Insured Electrical Contractor Jamestechelectric.com 536-6900 647-0960</p>	<p><b>Edwin C. Gerrity Agency</b> All your Insurance needs 25D Main St., East Rockaway, NY 11518 Serving the Community over 50 years <b>(516) 593-4242</b></p>		
<p><b>TOWERS FUNERAL HOME INC.</b> 2681 Long Beach Rd Oceanside <b>(516) 766-0425</b> www.towersfuneralhomeny.com</p>	<p><b>Flinch &amp; Bruns</b> Est. 1932 Funeral Home, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Arrangement Counseling</li> <li>Medicaid Approved Burial Trusts</li> <li>Cremation Services</li> <li>Serving All Faiths</li> <li>Monuments • Funeral Directors Available 24 hours a day</li> </ul> <p>"A Continued Family Tradition" Serving the Local Communities with Tradition, Commitment, and Integrity since 1932. 34 Hempstead Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563 (cor. Peninsula Blvd.) <b>516-599-3600 / 516-599-3602 (fax)</b> www.flinchandbruns.com</p>		 <p><b>Ristorante Italiano</b> 12 N. Park Ave., RVC <b>516-764-3000</b> Private Party Room Avail.</p>