

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12 Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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*"Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless Glory!
-Philippians 2:8-9*



March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week! We are concluding our Lenten journey in a few days and will soon enter the most holy days of the Triduum. Today we have the reading of the Passion of Jesus and the distribution of Blessed Palm. We are introduced into the most epic adventure of all time through Mark's gospel. Our personal and collective aim is to now walk with Jesus through Holy Week in the pattern of his death and resurrection that leads us to renew our own baptismal commitment on Easter Sunday. The first reading from Isaiah shows how even during challenges, the word of God will prevail. ***"The Lord is my help; therefore, I am not disgraced: I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."*** Then in the second reading from Philippians, Paul talks of the humility of Jesus walking among us and dying on a cross for us. ***"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped."***

Holy Weeks begins with the special triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The gospel pulls out all the bells and whistles to remind us how special Jesus is. He makes prophetic predictions of what is going to happen. The public greets him just like they would greet any other celebrity of the time, with a parade and shouts of praise. It looks like maybe the story of Jesus is heading for a joyous climax. ***But then everything seems to change overnight.*** The authorities now seek a quiet way to get rid of Jesus. Just as the threats start to become obvious, so does the resources that Jesus will use to overcome them, in this case faith and the Eucharist. But will these resources be enough? Will Jesus be smart and brave enough to win? Holy Week is meant to be a time of deepening our understanding of both faith and the Eucharist. These are the resources that Jesus has left for us to take on the challenges in our own lives. So today the passion narrative ends with everything lost. But with the eyes of faith, we look beyond Jesus dying on the cross. Holy Thursday gives us the great resource of the Eucharist to deal with all the threats to our spiritual lives. And we need the strength of the Eucharist to get through the greatest threat of all on Good Friday—namely death. But then we have Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, and you will just have to come back next weekend to see how the story of Jesus really turns out.

Holy Week is much more than a walk down memory lane. It is a renewed immersion into the event in which we have been initiated into by baptism. It is a recovery of our faith, which tends to get injured and grow weak over time. It is a renewal of our commitment to empty ourselves with Jesus, to serve and not be served, to die daily so as to live with him forever. So, let us walk with Jesus to the heavenly Jerusalem and the Easter Morn that dawns after the Good Friday that must precede it. ***And remember that every Eucharist is Holy Week in miniature.*** When we eat the bread of life, we are proclaiming Jesus' death until he comes into our living and until his ways become our ways and his triumph extends to the whole world.

The bulletin contains a ***Holy Week Schedule*** of all Masses, services and the extra Confession times on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday. Then, follow the schedule for the special ***Triduum Services*** on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. ***We hope to see you during this time, but please remember that there is still no obligation to attend any Masses or services at this time.*** We can only accommodate 50% capacity in the church so it may not be the best time to try and come to church if you have not already been attending. The Triduum Services and Easter Masses can all be prayed along with online or on tv.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. Besides the schedule for Holy Week, it contains many other items of interest and information 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, the ***Easter Masses of Remembrance*** envelopes, an invitation to join ***FORMED*** (your Catholic faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Holy Week filled with God's graces and blessings. ***Bring your Lenten practices of prayer, sacrifice, and charity to an ending with joyous faith through the Triduum and into Easter. Plus remember: Keep palm and sing hosanna!*** God bless always. ***Father Chuck***



THE PASSION OF THE LORD

N.—Narrator

J.—Christ

C.—Crowd

V.—Voice

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

C. "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

N. When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

C. "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."

N. They were infuriated with her. Jesus said, J. "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

N. Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over. On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

V. "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

N. He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

J. Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

N. The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover. When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

J. "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

N. They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

V. "Surely it is not I?"

N. He said to them,

J. "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

N. While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, J. "Take it; this is my body."

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, J. "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

N. Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

J. "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be dispersed*. But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

N. Peter said to him,

V. "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be."

N. Then Jesus said to him,

J. "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times."

N. But he vehemently replied,

V. "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."

N. And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

J. "Sit here while I pray."

N. He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,

J. "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch."

N. He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass by him; he said,

J. "Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will."

N. When he returned he found them asleep.

He said to Peter,

J. "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."

N. Withdrawing again, he prayed, saying the same thing. Then he returned once more and found them asleep, or they could not keep their eyes open and did not know what to answer him.

He returned a third time and said to them,

J. "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?"

It is enough. The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. See, my betrayer is at hand."

N. Then, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying,

V. "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely."

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PALM SUNDAY

N. He came and immediately went over to him and said,

V. "Rabbi."

N. And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. Jesus said to them in reply,

J. "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs, to seize me? Day after day I was with you teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me; but that the Scriptures may be fulfilled."

N. And they all left him and fled. Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked. They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. Peter followed him at a distance into the high priest's courtyard

and was seated with the guards, warming himself at the fire. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none. Many gave false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. Some took the stand and testified falsely against him, alleging,

C. "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands and within three days I will build another not made with hands.'"

N. Even so their testimony did not agree. The high priest rose before the assembly and questioned Jesus, saying,

V. "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?"

N. But he was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him and said to him,

V. "Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?"

N. Then Jesus answered,

J. "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

N. At that the high priest tore his garments and said,

V. "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

N. They all condemned him as deserving to die. Some began to spit on him. They blindfolded him and struck him and said to him,

C. "Prophecy!"

N. And the guards greeted him with blows. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the high priest's maids came along. Seeing Peter warming himself, she looked intently at him and said,

C. "You too were with the Nazarene, Jesus."

N. But he denied it saying,

V. "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about."

N. So he went out into the outer court. Then the cock crowed. The maid saw him and began again to say to the bystanders,

C. "This man is one of them."

N. Once again he denied it. A little later the bystanders said to Peter once more,

C. "Surely you are one of them; for you too are a Galilean."

N. He began to curse and to swear,

V. "I do not know this man about whom you are talking."

N. And immediately a cock crowed a second time. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times." He broke down and wept. As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

V. "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N. He said to him in reply,

J. "You say so."

N. The chief priests accused him of many things.

Again Pilate questioned him,

V. "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of."

N. Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. A man called Barabbas was then in prison along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion. The crowd came forward and began to ask him to do for them as he was accustomed. Pilate answered, V. "Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"

N. For he knew that it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate again said to them in reply,

V. "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?"

N. They shouted again,

C. "Crucify him."

N. Pilate said to them,

V. "Why? What evil has he done?"

N. They only shouted the louder,

C. "Crucify him."

N. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with,

C. "Hail, King of the Jews!"

N. and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull —, They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

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With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,

C. "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross."

N. Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said,

C. "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."

N. Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

J. "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

N. which is translated,

J. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

N. Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

C. "Look, he is calling Elijah."

N. One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink saying,

V. "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

N. Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

N. The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

V. "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

N. There were also women looking on from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and of Joses, and Salome. These women had followed him when he was in Galilee and ministered to him. There were also many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When it was already evening, since it was the day of preparation, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a distinguished member of the council, who was himself awaiting the kingdom of God, came and courageously went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was amazed that he was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had already died. And when he learned of it from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. Having bought a linen cloth, he took him down, wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses watched where he was laid.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021

PALM SUNDAY, 03/28/21

Blessing & Distribution of Palm at all Masses

Regular Saturday/Sunday Mass Schedule

HOLY MONDAY, 03/29/21

9:00am-4:00pm Confessions in the Rectory

HOLY TUESDAY, 03/30/21

5:00pm-6:00pm Confessions in the Church

7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions in the Church

HOLY WEDNESDAY, 3/31/21

5:00pm-6:00pm Confessions in the Church

7:00pm-8:00pm Confessions in the Church

HOLY THURSDAY, 4/1/21

8:00pm Parish Mass of the Last Supper

in Church (Eucharistic Adoration in the
Church till Midnight)

GOOD FRIDAY, 4/2/21

3:00pm Solemn Liturgical Service
in the Church

7:30pm Folk Group Stations
of the Cross in the Church

HOLY SATURDAY, 4/3/21

11:30am Blessing of Easter Foods
in the Church

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass in the Church
(The most beautiful Service of the year)

EASTER SUNDAY, 4/4/21

Mass Schedule in the Church

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am

12:00 Noon & 1:30pm

(No 4:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

Religious Education- Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director

There are no Religious Education classes the weeks of 3/29/2021 & 4/5/2021.
Classes will resume on 4/12/2021 and will end for the year on 4/22/2021.

OUR 2ND GRADE PARISH CHILDREN RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH. CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF THEM AND THEIR PARENTS WHO HELPED PREPARE THEM FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY. DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO OUR 2ND GRADE TEACHERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION IN WORKING SO DILIGENTLY WITH THE CHILDREN.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Group 1-Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11am
Mrs. Joyce & Mrs. Layng classes plus
home schooled children

Group 2-Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11am
St. Raymond School students & Mrs. Ohlsen's class

Group 3-Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 1pm
Mrs. Hollenstein & Mrs. Casucci's classes

Group 4-Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11am
Mrs. Agnello & Mrs. Breuer's classes

Group 5-Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 1pm
Mrs. Hannon & Mrs. Kelhetter's classes

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Dates for 2021 Confirmation are not yet determined due to the pandemic. As soon as we know what the plan will be, we will advise parents immediately.

HOME TEACHING

For parents who have opted to teach Religion to their children at home, the student's completed workbooks are due the week of 4/19/2021. We are more than half way through the Religious Education school year and this is a reminder that you have until our final week of classes to complete your child's lessons. Mrs. Contaldi has been in touch with each of you and will be following up with you again early February. As we get closer to April, we will advise you of the procedure to return the completed books to the Religious Education office.

FIRST GRADE PARENTS

First grade parents have been teaching their children at home. The completed student workbooks are due to the Religious Education office the week of 04/26/2021.

Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest." And so begins the holiest week of the Church year. We have now come to Palm Sunday, commemorating the day that Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem. We also know well the story of this week with the suffering and pain our Lord endured for all of us. Let us unite ourselves with the Lord during this holy time and pray for all those in our world who are suffering any kind of persecution whether physical, emotional, or spiritual.

This is a short week for the school with just two and a half days before breaking for the Holy Week Triduum and Easter celebration. We have regular classes on Monday and Tuesday and an 11:30 dismissal on Wednesday.

Thank you to all folks who have supported our St. Raymond School Family with prayers and kind words. This is a hard time for all of us and we will continue to need your kindness and prayers. We are operating as normally as possible, including working on fundraisers to help us with the daily expenses for the remainder of the year. Please know that we have gift cards if you are interested in purchasing them. Just call Mrs. G in the office and she will gladly take care of you.

Our prayers during this week will be with all of you. You can say that we are walking the road to Calvary with our Lord. Please stay safe - wear our mask and keep your distance.

God bless you all.



Pot of Gold 50/50

Once again there will be a special "Pot of Gold 50/50" in honor of St. Patrick Day and all that is Irish. The "pot" has no lid so the "sky's the limit." The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday afternoon, March 28th.

Strips of tickets were included in the March/April regular envelope mailing.

They can also be purchased at the Rectory during regular office hours. The "Pot of Gold" chances are **\$10 each** and three for **\$25**. Simply return the ticket stubs with payment in the Envelope to the rectory, either by mail, in person, or in the Sunday Mass collection by **THIS SUNDAY** March 28th. At 2:00pm

The more tickets sold, the greater your winning share and the greater the profit of St. Raymond's. And you really don't have to be Irish to win, but a wee bit of leprechaun luck wouldn't hurt now would it!!

Remember!
Three for only \$25 or
\$10 each and the
"Sky's the limit!"



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

Help the Public FACE THE TRUTH About Abortion

We stand as a peaceful witness for the live, human babies in the womb.

DATE: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

TIME: 10:30 AM - NOON

**PLACE: NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
2201 HEMPSTEAD TPK, EAST MEADOW
(on the public sidewalk)**

Rain or shine. Signs will be provided.

Sponsored by The Long Island Coalition for Life
How symbolic to have this witness held on Good Friday. "Every abortion clinic is a modern day Calvary. On Good Friday on a hill outside Jerusalem the Most Precious Blood of the Innocent Son of God was shed for our salvation. And every day in abortion clinics throughout the world the blood of innocent children is being shed. When we go to pray at these places, we are in the same way entering into the mystery of the Passion of our Lord as He continues to suffer in the children who are being rejected and murdered....the challenge is being there in the right way. The persons whose examples teach us best,,,,,remains of course, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, John, the beloved disciple, and the holy women who were at the foot of the cross and, above all, Jesus who hung on the cross. They did not cry out in anger at those who crucified, Jesus. Rather, like Him, they offered forgiveness to their enemies and manifested confidence in God's Providence even in that dark hour. So too for us who pray at Calvary - we must remove, as best we can, feelings of

and condemnation and instead try to reflect to all the love of Christ."

(Fr. Fidelis, CFR)

**"It is not My Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish."
(Matthew 19:14)**





Living the Gospel Through our Support of the CMA

During this final week of Lent – the Great Week, may we continue to grow in a spirit of holiness and mission so that we can truly be missionary disciples of our Lord. Through prayer, almsgiving and service, we show our gratitude of God’s love for us. The Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us an opportunity to be stewards of God’s gifts in many different ways.

Gift of Financial Resources: More than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from the funds shared through the CMA each year. These programs include pastoral care to those in need through Catholic Charities food and nutrition programs, affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people.

Gifts of Time and Talent: The CMA offers opportunities to share our time and talent. Our parishes CMA committees support a smooth and organized Appeal effort. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports. One of the great benefits of the Appeal is communication. People are informed of the many good works, programs and opportunities in this diocese. The CMA tells of the good works of the Church and communicates the opportunities to share our God-given gifts.

Gift of Prayer: The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to be socially responsible as we support those in need. May we keep those who support us and those who are served by us in our daily prayers, especially during Holy Week and Eastertide.

Please make check payable to the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

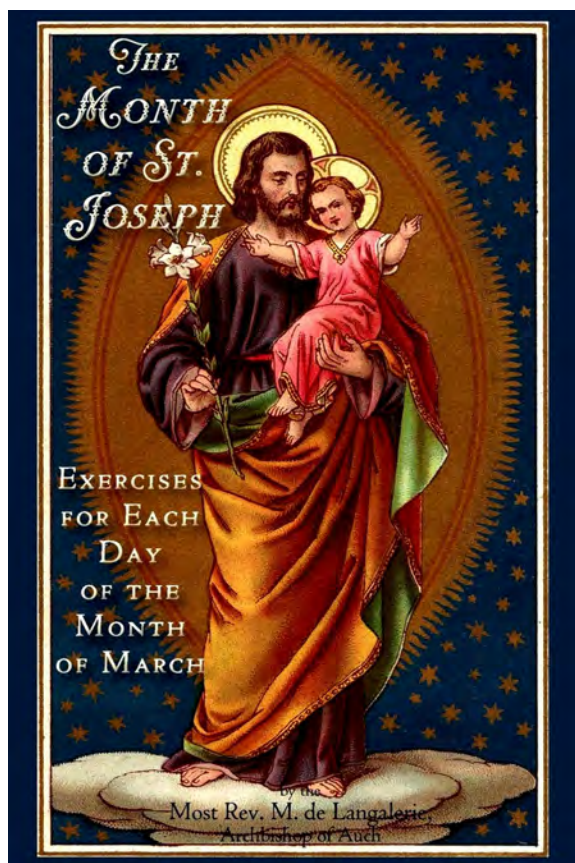
Thank You!

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH



O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.



O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child. With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of my life.

O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.

O my Spiritual Father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings. Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.



Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

St. Joseph,

pray for us.

Renowned offspring of David,

pray for us.

Light of Patriarchs,

pray for us.

Spouse of the Mother of God,

pray for us.

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

pray for us.

Foster father of the Son of God,

pray for us.

Diligent protector of Christ,

pray for us.

Head of the Holy Family,

pray for us.

Joseph most just,

pray for us.

Joseph most chaste,

pray for us.

Joseph most prudent,

pray for us.

Joseph most strong,

pray for us.

Joseph most obedient,

pray for us.

Joseph most faithful,

pray for us.

Mirror of patience,

pray for us.

Lover of poverty,

pray for us.

Model of artisans,

pray for us.

Glory of home life,

pray for us.

Guardian of virgins,

pray for us.

Pillar of families,

pray for us.

Solace of the wretched,

pray for us.

Hope of the sick,

pray for us.

Patron of the dying,

pray for us.

Terror of demons,

pray for us.

Protector of Holy Church,

pray for us.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.

And prince over all his possessions.

He made him the lord of his household.



Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Be Still, and know that I am GOD

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The Rose for Life Program

The Rose for Life program began here at St. Raymond on Mother's Day, May 12, 1985. A rose is placed on the Offertory Table at the 5:00pm Mass and is presented to the priest at the Offertory. The rose symbolizes the life of a preborn baby who dies from abortion. It remains at the tabernacle for the coming week.

The main purpose of the rose is to remind each one of us to pray for the babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week.

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Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues Liturgical Catechesis Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

April 27 Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform

May 25 Liturgy and Personal Growth

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, presentations in February and March will be available only through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register. Please see below for instructions on how to register in order to gain access to these presentations. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you.

**Please call or email to register:
Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850;
westernvicariate@drvc.org**

Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

***As for me, I trust in the Lord. Let me be glad
and rejoice in your mercy, for you have
seen my affliction.***

Psalm 31:7-8.

Pantry needs for the week:

Mayo, Ketchup, Baked beans, Beets, Jared
Spaghetti sauce, white rice, Tea bags, juices,
cooking oil, laundry detergent, dish detergent,
Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant.

***Thanks and praise to you for all
your support and love.
You are in our prayers.***



EASTER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

Many people like to request the intention for a Mass on Easter Sunday. Since there are a limited number of Masses for Easter, all requests are not able to be fulfilled. Therefore, there will be a special Novena of Masses for Easter; the Easter Masses of Remembrance.

Those who you mention will be remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season. Special envelopes have been mailed with the regular envelope packet and in the Easter mailing to all parishioners. They are also available on the front side pews and the back pews by the doors of the church. Simply fill out the intentions you wish to have remembered on the front of the envelope, include your donation and either mail it back, drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or place it in one of the wooden boxes marked "Easter Masses." Please do so by Sunday April 4th. Thank you! -Father Chuck

Abstinence and Fasting

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain **entirely** from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired and excused from fast and abstinence.

Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is

required to excuse oneself from

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday**

fast and abstinence.



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

1st Place—\$1,000

#33-Dr. Wayne & Katherine Sebastino

2nd Place—\$500

#175-Susan & John Mauro

3rd Place—\$250

#528-Thomas & Kathleen Flood

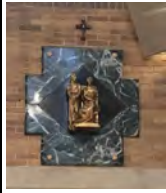
4th Place—\$250

#496-Gail DiResta

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

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7

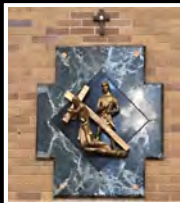


THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

Just as Jesus was wrongfully accused, sometimes people falsely place blame on me to escape the responsibility themselves. And yes, sometimes I also put others down in order to build myself up. When Jesus was condemned to death, even those who had once followed Him went along with Pilate. Do I care more about being accepted by those around me than returning your love? Help me Lord. Be with me Lord.

THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

Lord, help me remember the humble and loving way You carried Your cross up to Calvary when I experience life's heavy burdens and strife. Sometimes I think I can't go on. Help me remember I am not alone. You are always with me. May I imitate Your virtues of love, humility and perseverance while dealing with my crosses and offer them up on behalf of my sins, for the sick and less fortunate. Help me to understand that there is nothing You and I can't get through together.

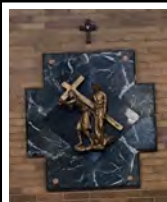


THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

I am like you, Jesus, in that I take up my own cross. But my cross is made up of my sins, temptation and Materialism. I carry my cross through my life, like You, Jesus, carried Your cross to Calvary. Jesus, You fell under the weight of my sins. I fall by accepting temptation and giving into evil. I fall when I give in to gossip or hurt others. You carry my sins to death so I can be free. Help me, Jesus, to really understand all that You have done for me. Help me to make my burden lighter.

THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

How does anyone have the strength to watch someone they love suffer and die? Death knows no boundaries and takes everyone. I need to have the strength and faith of Mary when I am faced with the loss of a loved one. Lord, while I know death is not an end but really a beginning, please give me the strength of faith that Your mother showed, and help me to be strong for the others who are grieving.

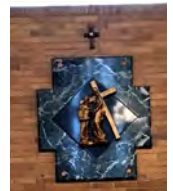


THE FIFTH STATION-SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

I need Your help to get me through these tough situations that I encounter during my day. Help me discover my options through prayer. Please help me to be nicer to those who are against me, and let me be trusting in my relationships with my friends, family and neighbors. I have enough to handle on my own. Why, then, am I further burdened with worry about family members or friends? Why does it always seem to be me who has to take on their problems as well as my own? Lord, show me the way.

THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Every day I see people who are suffering or in need of help. They seem to be everywhere. I wish someone would help them. I'm so busy; I just don't have the time. That isn't really true. I guess I just don't want to be involved. I have my own problems, I don't need to take on any more. O Lord, teach me to see Your face in the faces of those who need comfort. You have assured us that random acts of kindness will have their own rewards, if not here and now, then later, with you in the kingdom.



THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN

In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps on going for me. With Your help, I can have the courage and the faith to get up again and continue on. Help me to pray that I will not follow my own way but, instead, the way of the Lord, for which Jesus was sacrificed.

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

STATIONS 8-14

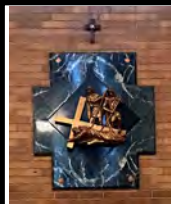
THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

How difficult I find it sometimes to think of others particularly when I am troubled or hurting. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in myself that I shut others out, and I wonder if I can go on. Lord, You have shown me love and compassion for others even when they scorn You. Please help me to look beyond the exterior of others and help me to show compassion as You did. Please don't let me be selfish. Instead, let me always be merciful in my journey through life.



THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

I Sometimes fear the future. I become afraid of change. I am just so unsure of myself, let alone others. I need confidence. I need to know I am not alone. I need to understand that I am worthy of love and respect. Lord, forgive me for each day of my life that I sin against You. Sometimes I have the best intentions, but I turn away from You anyway. Help me to appreciate all you have done for me. Give me strength and wisdom to seek kindness in others and see myself in the image and likeness of God.



THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

My possessions are very important to me. I surround myself with beautiful and expensive things. I have far more clothes than I really need, and sometimes I spend money on silly things and forget about others who don't even have necessities. Dear Jesus, you not only sacrificed everything, You laid down Your life for me. Help me to be a strong spiritual follower in faith. Please show me the right way towards eternal happiness by following Your example.



THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

O, my God, sometimes I persecute others because they are different. I am embarrassed when I think of some of the things I've said about others. It's so easy to gossip. Sometimes I just don't like people because of their skin color or religion. Give me the courage to not give in to the pressures of putting others down. Dear Jesus, please forgive me and the others like me, and help me, instead to be Your messenger of love and care to all I meet so that they may experience Your love and concern through me.



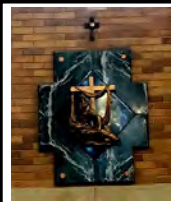
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Jesus, give me the strength so that I can survive the mysteries of life that are ahead of me. I know I'm going to fall many times. Give me the courage to stand back up. Let me recognize all the good things that surround me each day of my life. Our heavenly Father gave all of us a beautiful world. You even died so our sins would be forgiven. May I be like You in Your perfect example of sacrifice and love. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.



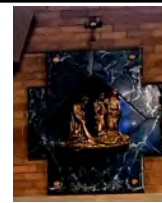
THE THIRTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Lord I am truly sorry for forgetting You. I am sometimes preoccupied by my life when I should be focusing on You. I really don't know why, but I always seem to let all the things in my life crowd you out. Often, when I do pray, I do not concentrate on my prayer. I sometimes just say the words and don't pay attention to what I am saying. Help me to show that You are my first priority by setting aside time for You each day.



THE FOURTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Dear Jesus, following Your death, helplessness and despair was felt by many. Your death on the cross left those who really knew You empty inside. Lord, when I am feeling empty inside, help me to attain inner strength and peace to make it through the day. Knowing that You love me and believe in me, gives me the reassurance I need. Help me to face my problems, and to remember that You are with me always until the end of time.





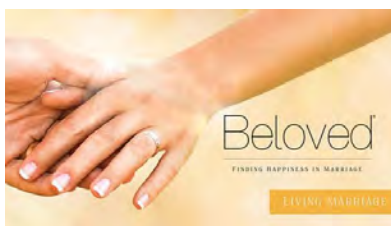
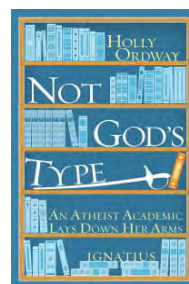
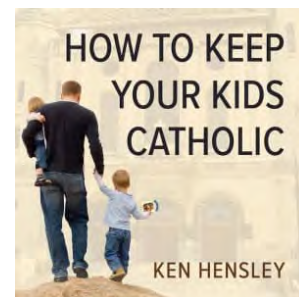
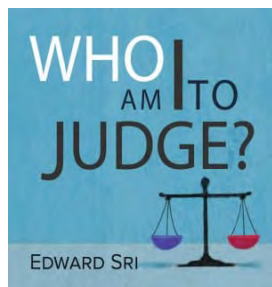
TALKING POINTS

1. During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather and celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.
2. Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.
3. It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships. We have an opportunity to help them through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.
4. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges-many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious, and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. Supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.
5. Who are these Christians? Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work, and pray in the Holy Land.
6. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express the solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.
7. What has been accomplished? Last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection:
 - Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions
 - Provided a home for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence
 - Offered 400 scholarships for high school and university education
 - Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K grade 12 students
 - Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
 - Restored and maintained 1000+ houses/apartments for Christian families
 - Offered assistance at senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
 - Created 1,200 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
 - Preserved 65 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets
8. Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join the Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

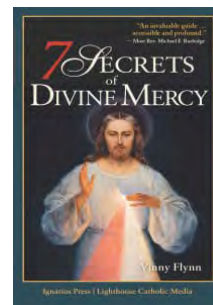


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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 29th

7:15am Leoncio Rivera
8:45am Joan & William Stanton
12:15pm Teresa Webb (living)

Tuesday, March 30th

7:15am Viviana Trapani (living)
8:45am Brian Flood
12:15pm Mario Carbonaro—10th Anniversary

Wednesday, March 31st

7:15am John Raber
8:45am Thomas Owens
12:15pm Mary Grace Sellitti

Thursday, April 1st *Holy Thursday*

9:00am Morning Prayer
8:00pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday, April 2nd *Good Friday*

9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy w/Communion
7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 3rd *Holy Saturday*

9:00am Morning Prayer
11:30am Blessing of Easter Food
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 4th *Easter Sunday*

7:30am Margaret "Peggy" Motherway
9:00am Frank & Carmella Sciallo
10:30am Santa "Sadie" Barbarino
12:00pm Helen & Theodore Rehm, Nora M. Lynch,
Antonieta Daraio, Danielle Kirkane
Estebana Moreno Deras
1:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12 / Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Gn 1:1—2:2 / Mark 16:1-7

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Jn 20:1-9

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows,
Jeanette Kostyrka, Margaret Mary Barbato, Taylor Clark,
Liz Biondi, Jodi Neckles, Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B.,
Bart Castellana, Victoria Wilkinson, Nick, Kathleen Clancy,
Rob Ruggiero, Peter Scala, Suzie McHale, Baby Madison Grace
Layman, Ellen Bretschneider, Hailey Faith Beavers,
Ginny Kondrat, Baby Faith Madison, Pamela Guzzaro, Pat Bolino
Ann Marie Russo, Joseph Fiore
(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the
rectory is notified otherwise.)



Rest in Peace

Patrick Grey
Louise Preziosa



The Sanctuary Light

For this week in memory of

Helen & Theodore
Rehm



The Rose for Life

In Thanksgiving for those who
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As we enter Holy Week, take some time
out of your week to come to Church
throughout the Triduum (Holy Thursday,
Good Friday and Holy Saturday.)

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

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Rectory.....593-5000

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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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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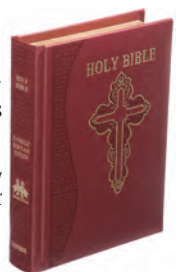
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