

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, December 1, 2019

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

*"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you
do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

-Matthew 24:44



First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019

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

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

Religious Education Office.....593-9075

Religious Education Office Fax593-1156

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Music Ministries

Children's Choir: Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium.

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Deacon Rich LaRossa.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, December 1st

10:30am 1st Grade Breakfast

Cafeteria

Monday, December 2nd

7-8:00pm 7th Gr. Confirmation Project

Auditorium

Tuesday, December 3rd

6:30-8pm Cub Scouts

Cafeteria

7-8:00pm 7th Gr. Confirmation Project

Auditorium

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

MWMR

7:30-9pm Handbell Choir

Church

Wednesday, December 4th

9am Art Club

MWMR

10am Sodality Board Meeting

MWMR

7:30pm Choir

Church

7:30-8:30 Folk Group Practice

MWMR

Thursday, December 5th

7:00pm Christmas Tableau

Auditorium

Friday, December 6th

7:30-10pm Boy Scouts

Gym

Saturday, December 7th

8:00am-1:00pm Breakfast with Santa

Cafeteria

3:30pm Confessions

Church

7:00pm Christmas Cocktail

Auditorium



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



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

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings, God's blessings and Happy Advent to everyone! That's right! Today is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Church. Advent is a season of hope for the good things God has prepared for us. We just need to be prepared to receive them; whether Jesus comes on the last day of the world, the last day of our lives, the coming feast of Christmas, or in the opportunities of today. In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, we have mountain imagery where God's way will be clear for all to see once all obstacles have been removed. Once God's standards are in place, nations will experience a world changed for the better. **"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul warns that the Lord's arrival is close at hand and it is time for people to change their behavior from darkness to light. **"For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed, the night is advanced, the day is at hand."** And finally, Matthew's gospel, which will become the Sunday gospel for this new year, sets the theme for the entire Advent season. It is watchfulness. Only the Father knows when the Parousia is going to happen. Precisely because we don't know the exact time, everyone should live in a constant state of vigilance; but not in fear. **"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."**

What are we to prepare for? Isaiah speaks of a utopian age when all will receive just judgment. The fulfillment of this dream is the coming of Jesus Christ to the world. He offers us a kingdom, not of this world, where justice and peace can be realized. **How do we prepare?** Paul tells us to throw off the darkness of sin and take on acts of kindness and generosity to make God's love real in the world. Advent gives us a good time to draw on our prayer life, participate actively at Mass, make a good confession and take civic action to influence our elected officials regarding the many moral challenges facing our country.

We are all too familiar with the disasters that come upon us suddenly: floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, firestorms and so on. We realize the need to prepare for these occurrences. All the more so we should have a sense of urgent preparedness about the coming of Jesus. Our individual lives may well end before the world ends. To be ready we should practice being ready to meet him as he comes daily into our lives.

Advent offers us an opportunity to sharpen our vision and alert our sensitivity, to be prepared for the many ways Jesus comes to us each day. In a sense every Eucharist is an Advent. Jesus speaks to us in the word and nourishes us in the sacrament. Every Eucharist is an opportunity to meet Jesus. So, let's be prepared.

This Sunday, December 1st, we are beginning our **Forty Hours Devotion** at 5:30pm following the regular 4:30pm Mass. From then until 9:30am Tuesday morning, December 3rd, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar of our church. It is an opportunity for each of us to enter Advent with minds and hearts open to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Hopefully it will be a grace-filled time for us individually and as the whole family of St. Raymond Parish. Check the full-page ad in this bulletin. It gives a schedule that we will follow for the forty hours. So make plans to spend some time with the Lord during these forty hours. I promise you it will be time well spent.

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**, especially regarding our **Sponsor a Family and Giving Tree** programs for Christmas, info from **Religious Education**, an invitation to our children's **Christmas Pageant** on Sunday, December 8th, order forms for the **Christmas Cash 50/50** and the **Christmas Plants**, an invitation to sign-up for free to **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand), an order form for our special **One Year Memorial Candles** and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great start to the Advent season. **Smile, share and be prepared to welcome the Christ child into your hearts once again at Christmas. Plus, come and spend some time with Jesus during our Forty Hours Devotion. And remember: You're not too bad to come in and you're not too good to stay out.** God bless always.

—Father Chuck





FORTY HOURS DEVOTION



Our parish's *Forty Hours Devotion* will begin TODAY, December 1st which is the First Sunday of Advent. It will commence at 5:30pm immediately following the regular 4:30pm Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue on the main altar for the next 40 hours until 9:30am on Tuesday morning, December 3rd. At that time a Mass of Exposition will be celebrated. The regular 8:45am Mass on Tuesday will be moved to this time. During the forty hours, the church will remain opened with lighting in the first half of the church maintained throughout. The only interruptions to the Exposition will be for the 7:15am Masses on Monday and Tuesday, the 8:45am Mass on Monday and perhaps if there are any Funeral Masses on Monday, December 2nd. Otherwise the Exposition will be continuous throughout the forty hours.

The schedule for the Forty Hours Devotion will be as follows:

Sunday December 1st: After the initial Exposition at 5:30pm on Sunday, December 1st, there will be Confessions heard from 6-7pm. The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed at 8pm and Night Prayer at 10pm.

Monday, December 2nd: 7:15am and 8:45 Masses as usual. Confessions from 11am till 12noon, the Joyful Mysteries prayed at 1pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed at 3pm, Confessions from 4-5pm and 7-8pm, the Sorrowful Mysteries prayed at 8pm and Night Prayer at 10pm.

Tuesday, December 3rd: 7:15am Mass, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary prayed at 8am and the Mass of Reposition celebrated at 9:30am to conclude our Forty Hours Devotion.

I believe that we can all benefit from having this concentrated time of Eucharistic Adoration. It can be a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person as well as our whole parish. And what better time than the beginning of a new Church year and the start of Advent! We are asked to prepare our hearts to once again welcome the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. By spending some time in his holy presence during these forty hours, the seeds of a welcoming heart can be planted so that Advent will be a spiritually enriching time for all of us. And our beloved St. Raymond Parish will also benefit from this time of Eucharistic Adoration.

It is important that there always be some of us in the church during these forty hours. I have asked some of our parish organizations to commit to some of the hours scheduled. The time overnight both Sunday and Monday might be the hardest to cover. Probably from 10pm till 7am both Sunday and Monday nights. If you can commit to a certain hour(s), especially during these overnight times, please call the rectory so we can create a master coverage sheet. But above all, please just come to be with Jesus when you can!

May we all enter the spirit of this *Forty Hours Devotion* with prayerful reflection about our personal faith, our parish's mission moving forward, the need for healing for our whole Church and a deep desire to know, love and serve our Lord, Jesus as he leads us.

-Father Chuck



SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

As you have probably noticed, we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they will enhance many people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory.

This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

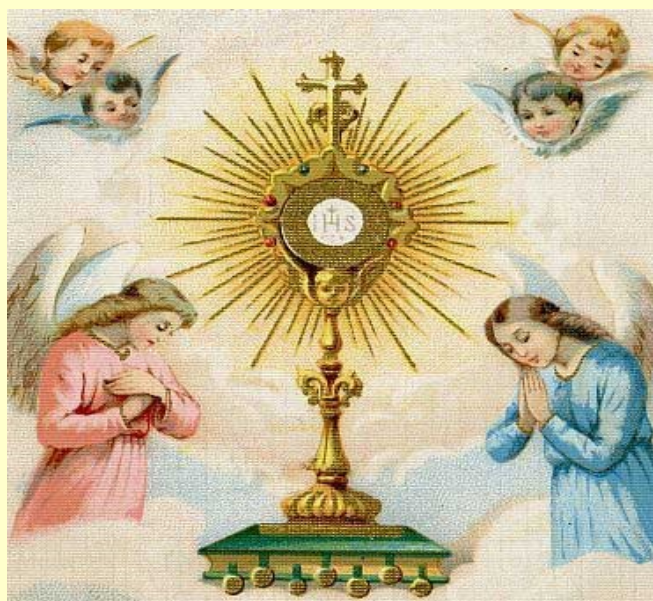
Blessed Mother Statue: _____ St Joseph Statue: _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print):



God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Anthony Joseph Magee
Daylen Jameson Nelson
Alivia Isabelle Polley
Thomas Matthew Colangelo
Peyton Grace Pignataro
Silvie Gray Accurso
Dominick Gary Anastasio
Ava Paige Catalano
Victoria Isabelle Cerami
Nicholas James Kemp
Sabrina Marie Kelly
Elaina Grace Dentici
Giulianna Ella Montalto
Ruby Elizabeth Munzing
Maeve Mary Shipman
Brielle Shea Taddeo
Stella Marie DiBlasio
Emery James Moreno
Alexander Jules Gamache
Charles Joseph Scaramell



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet this Friday, December 6th at 8pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!



Gaudete Sunday



Sunday, December 15th, the Third Sunday of Advent, takes the name "Gaudete Sunday" to emphasize that having reached the halfway point of Advent it is the time to focus on "rejoicing." As part of our parish rejoicing for Gaudete Sunday, we will have a special Gaudete Hospitality throughout the day from **10:00am until 2:00pm** in the School Cafeteria.

There will be refreshments, carols, the picking up of Christmas Plant Orders, the pulling of the winning Christmas Cash ticket at 2:00pm and other "Gaudete Surprises." So make plans to stop by after Mass to get in the spirit of Advent Rejoicing that will lead to Christmas Joy!

Blessing the Crèche

The blessing of our outdoor creche will take place immediately following the 9:00am Family Mass on **Sunday December 15th**. Be sure to stop by the school cafeteria for the Gaudete celebration afterwards! Bring the whole family!

O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel!



DECEMBER 2019
SPONSOR A FAMILY PROGRAM
*If you can possibly share
Christmas Blessings
with a family!*

**PLEASE CALL PARISH SOCIAL
MINISTRY AT 887-9197**

FOR DETAILS
*We are requesting that the
family gifts be
returned to the Parish
Social Ministry at
The Ryan House by
December 9, 2019*



Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 8th; 7:00pm
St. Raymond Church



Our Children's Gift to our Parish!
*Refreshments to follow in the
school cafeteria, courtesy of the
Knights of Columbus!*

Giving Tree

*If you would like to share a little Christmas cheer with someone in need, please
take a card from our parish Giving Tree; each card contains an item from
someone's "wish" list. When you return your wrapped gift, please be sure
to attach the card securely to the outside of the package.*

*Please deliver your gift back to the Giving Tree no later than Monday,
December 9th to allow for distribution*

Thank you for your generosity!



**An Evening of
Lessons & Carols**
Presented by...
St. Raymond's Choir
Celebrate the Miracle!
Sunday, December 15th; 7:00pm
St. Raymond Church
Laura Garbitelli, Director
Eric Williams, Organist

"No Questions Asked" **Advent Penance Service** **With Confessions**

Tuesday, December 17th, 7:30pm
St. Raymond Church



**A gentle way to come back
To this healing sacrament.**



Christmas Cash

"GAUDETE SUNDAY"

Sky's the Limit 50/50

On December 15, 2019 at our "*Gaudete Sunday*" celebration, the winning "*Christmas Cash*" ticket will be drawn. The winner will receive one half of the money raised. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25 and may be purchased at the rectory during regular office hours or through the following tear-off. Simply fill out the information, include your check and mail it to the rectory (263 Atlantic Avenue). Ticket(s) will be sent to you the same day. The drawing date gets closer each week so get your order in as soon as possible. The more tickets sold the greater *your* winning share and the greater the profit to the parish. Wouldn't it be great to win some extra "*Christmas Cash*" just before the holidays? Don't miss out. Only \$10 each or three for \$25 and the "*Sky's the Limit*." Winner need not be present!

Christmas Cash "Sky's the Limit" 50/50

Name _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ # of Tickets _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Return this tear-off to the rectory, 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518.
Winner need not be present! Only \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25.**



CHRISTMAS PLANT SALE



This year, Saint Raymond's will be offering special decorated *Christmas Wreaths, Grave Blankets, Poinsettias, Crosses and Candy Canes* for sale on a pre-ordered basis only. I am sure these items will be well received as they are high quality seasonal plants at a good price that benefits both you and Saint Raymond's Parish.

The wreaths are balsam, 12" double faced and decorated with a red velvet bow, pine cones and silk poinsettias. The grave blankets are handmade, decorated on a wooden base with two size offerings, a 24" length and a 42" length. Then there are poinsettias available in two sizes also. One is a 6" pot, one branched plant with 4 plus flowers or an 8" pot with 3 branched plants and 9 plus flowers. And finally there is a 24" cross decorated with red bow, pine cones and poinsettias.

All items ordered will be available for payment and pickup on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the School Cafeteria during our "Gaudete Sunday" celebration which will run from 8:30am till 2pm. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please fill out the tear-off below and return it to the rectory. **Payment is on pickup.** However all items must be pre-ordered so we know how much of each item to order.

We hope you will take advantage of these great holiday decorations at good prices. **The deadline for all orders is Sunday, December 8th.** You must have your order form to the rectory by 4 PM that day. **Remember, payment not required until pickup on Sunday, December 15th.** Any questions please call the rectory at (516-593-5000).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

<u>Christmas Wreaths</u>	12" - \$15 _____	Quantity _____		
<u>Grave Blankets</u>	24" - \$25 _____	Quantity _____	42" - \$35 _____	Quantity _____
<u>Poinsettias</u>	6" - \$10 _____	Quantity _____	8" - \$20 _____	Quantity _____
	Red/White/Pink (Circle One)		Red/White/Pink (Circle One)	

Decorated Crosses 24" - \$20 _____ Quantity _____

Decorated Candy Canes 24" - \$20 _____ Quantity _____

Order Total: Number of Items _____ Total Cost \$ _____

Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne



Today we take our first steps on the road to Bethlehem. How far do we need to travel? Obviously, most of us are not really going to visit the Holy Land and the site of birth of our Savior. But we should "make a trip" of our preparation of the celebration. It's a perfect opportunity to spend some extra time in conversation with Jesus; to prepare our hearts and souls for Jesus and the true meaning of Christmas. Let us all have a blessed and holy Advent!

Hopefully, that will begin with our participation in the parish's FORTY HOURS

DEVOTION. What a wonderful way to begin Advent!

Of course, Advent leads us right to the stable at Bethlehem and the celebration of Christmas. This week at St. Raymond School we have a few opportunities to really "get in the spirit" of Christmas. Our third and fourth graders have prepared the CHRISTMAS TABLEAU for Thursday evening. The tableau is a simple rendition of the Christmas story with narration and songs. It's a great way to feel the true meaning of the season. For the little ones among us, Christmas also means Santa Claus. So, Santa is coming to St. Raymond's cafeteria on Saturday for BREAKFAST AND SHOPPING WITH SANTA. (Slight change this year by combining the Breakfast with the Boutique.). Reservations are required since the space is limited. Please contact the school for more information.

We certainly don't want to overlook the parents with our celebrations. For their pleasure, the school is again hosting a PARENTS' CHRISTMAS SOCIAL on Saturday, December 7th in the auditorium. Tickets are \$25 per person for some "adult" time with friends, snacks and beverages. We would love to know who's coming so that we can plan accordingly. However, all are welcome to pay at the door. Again, it is a way to get folks into the holiday spirit.

I want to remind everyone that during Advent and Lent the students of St. Raymond School alternate turns in attending the 8:45 mass during the week. Please know that they are there to pray with you.

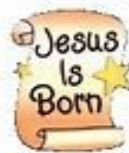
You may remember that back in September we had a team (Ray's for a cure) that participated in the WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S. Up to this time we have raised \$1830 toward our goal of \$2000. The Alzheimer's Association is taking donations toward the fund until the end of December. I mention it now just in case you would like to forward a donation to the cause. It can go directly to the Alzheimer's Association or can come to me. In either case, please accept my sincere gratitude for your support. It is such an important cause!

You will notice that the school is hosting Plaza Productions "Scrooge" on Friday evening, Dec. 13th at 7:30 PM in the school auditorium. Tickets are available at the school at \$10 each. Check the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

Here's the schedule for the upcoming week:

- Monday: Second Trimester begins; Grade 8 to mass; Baked ziti
- Tuesday: Grades 6 & 7 to mass; Pizza day; Chorus practice at recess; Spirit basketball at St. Joseph, Garden City
- Wednesday: Band and string lessons with Full Band at 8:00 AM; Kindergarten and Grade 1 to mass; Hot dog day; Spanish Scrabble after school
- Thursday: Grades 4 & 5 to mass; Bagel day; CHRISTMAS TABLEAU at 7:00 PM in the auditorium
- Friday: Grades 2 & 3 to mass; Dismissal at 11:30 AM; Assessment card distribution; parent Teacher Conferences; Spirit home game with St. Aidan's

Have a beautiful start to Advent. Let's pray for one another.



Religious Education — Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director

Today's 12Noon grade level Mass will be hosted by our first grade students. The first grade will begin their celebration by participating in a bagel breakfast in the cafeteria at 10:30am. After breakfast everyone will process to the Church for Mass.

Attention 7th grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School parents

The 7th grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School students (Kellenberg invited to participate but not mandatory) will be participating in their Confirmation service project on Monday 12/2/19 and Tuesday 12/3/19 from 7pm-8pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. The students are to come directly to the auditorium where attendance will be taken.

Each student is asked to bring one men's collared shirt (knit or woven fabric is acceptable - as long as it has a collar) for the residents of St. Christopher's Inn. Shirts can be purchased at stores such as Modells or Kohls at a bargain price. St. Christopher's Inn is a substance abuse rehabilitation center for men who suffer from alcohol or drug additions. When the men attend their mandatory weekly group sessions, they are required to wear a collared shirt (t-shirts are not allowed). There will be a guest speaker from St. Christopher's Inn who will speak to the students about the Inn.

The student is asked before they bring their shirt to class, to write an anonymous note of encouragement and attach it to the shirt packaging. There is a reflection paper in the student's Confirmation guidebook that will need to be completed after they attend this session.

St. Raymond School students can attend either night.

Please plan on attending the Christmas Pageant presented by the children of our parish on Sunday, December 8th, 2019 at 7pm in the St. Raymond Church. The students who are in the choir and play are working very hard to tell the beautiful story of our Lord Jesus's Birth 'Through the Eyes of a Child'. After the presentation, all are invited to the cafeteria for hot chocolate and cookies sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please take the time from your busy Christmas preparations and join us!!!



Plaza Thzatrical Productions, Inc.
Presents.....**SCROOGE**



The sixty-minute holiday musical tradition, based on Charles Dickens' classic novel, A Christmas Carol, comes to life on the Stage. Follow miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he learns the true Spirit of the holidays!

*St. Raymond's Auditorium
263 Atlantic Avenue
East Rockaway, NY*

December 13, 2019 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$10.00

To reserve tickets, call (516) 593-9010

Tickets will be on sale at the door.

To Honor Our Blessed Mother.....



All are invited to join the ladies of The Sodality of Our Lady For a Candlelight Procession and Living Rosary at

*St. Raymond's Church to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Friday, December 9, 2019
7:00 pm Mass will follow at 7:30 pm*



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Living Stewardship

Let us use the season of Advent to prepare for Christ's coming, by learning to recognize Him more closely in the world today. Let us use this time to increase our prayer life as we prepare for Christ's coming.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

"You have to become a bit schizophrenic. In one room, you encourage a patient that the slight irregularity in the fetal heart is not important, that she is going to have a fine, healthy baby. Then, in the next room, you assure another woman, on whom you just did a saline abortion, that it is a good thing, that the heartbeat is already irregular...she has nothing to worry about, she will NOT have a live baby....all of a sudden one noticed that at the time of the saline infusion there was a lot of activity in the uterus. That's not fluid currents. That's obviously the fetus being distressed by swallowing the concentrated salt solution and kicking violently and that's to all intents and purposes, the death trauma Somebody has to do it, and unfortunately we are the executioners in this instance...." (Dr. Szenes, abortionist, "Voice of the Unborn", August - Oct. 2011) Where's the so-called "choice" for girls and women when time and again they are lied to. What happens to them when they find out the truth? Will the abortionists and those who champion their "right to choose" be there to help? Dr. Szenes, the abortionist did tell the truth in one instance, "we are the executioners". Yes, the abortionists are - paid executioners.

CYO Spotlight

SEAGULL CLASSIC OCT 5th, 2019

On behalf of the SEAGULL CLASSIC Committee....Frank and John Honerkamp, we want to thank all of the parish That helped support this event this year ...

This was our second time for the race's renewal....over 35 runners did the 1 Mile fun Run, and 240 runners joined us in the 5 K race..... this is almost 100 more runners than in 2018 ..

The race was able to raise some funds this year, and will be sending a check along to CYO in support of the youth special needs program that works with children that are both mentally and physically challenged

Next year is Season 3....set right now for October 3rd.... Hope to see you with us in any way you can support the youth of our community

ENHANCED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who will be asked to support this appeal?

We plan to ask each member of our parish family to consider making a sacrificial increase in their regular support for our parish. We hope each parishioner will play a conscientious role in shaping the future of our parish.

By how much should I increase my offering?

Only you can decide what is appropriate for you and your family. A lasting and meaningful increase by all of the faithful of our parish will make a tremendous impact.

What if I miss Mass and am unable to bring my offering?

The church depends upon the consistent, regular offerings of all its members. If you are unable to attend Mass, it would be very helpful if you could "make-up" your offering at the next Mass that you are able to attend.

What if I cannot increase my offering at this time?

While it is our hope that this appeal will have a significant, positive impact on our offertory, I am particularly interested in hearing from 100% of our parish. Not everyone is in a position to increase their support. However, everyone can respond to the appeal. Perhaps there is something that we can do to assist you and your family. I ask everyone to pray for the success of this appeal.

When should I start contributing at my new level?

Please start contributing at your new level immediately. Please try and maintain this new amount as your regular giving level each time you make an offering.

Is Automated/Electronic Giving available for our offering?

Yes. We offer Automated/Electronic Giving (ACH) for those who like to pay their regular bills (mortgage, car payments, etc.) in this manner. Please check the appropriate box on the Intention Card this weekend.

GUIDELINE TO GIVING

Find your present weekly giving level and, if possible, consider giving the suggested amount. A forward step by all who can will make a significant difference.

Present Weekly Giving Level	Suggested New Giving Level
\$1.00	\$2.00 to \$3.00
\$2.00	\$4.00 to \$5.00
\$3.00	\$6.00 to \$8.00
\$4.00	\$7.00 to \$9.00
\$5.00	\$8.00 to \$10.00
\$7.00	\$11.00 to \$14.00
\$10.00	\$14.00 to \$17.00
\$15.00	\$20.00 to \$25.00
\$20.00	\$27.00 to \$32.00
\$25.00	\$32.00 to \$39.00
\$30.00	\$37.00 to \$44.00
\$35.00	\$42.00 to \$49.00
\$40.00	\$47.00 to \$54.00
\$45.00	\$52.00 to \$59.00
\$50.00	\$57.00 to \$64.00
\$55.00	\$62.00 to \$69.00
\$60.00	\$67.00 to \$74.00
\$65.00	\$72.00 to \$79.00
\$70.00	\$77.00 to \$84.00
\$75.00	\$82.00 to \$89.00
\$80.00	\$87.00 to \$94.00
\$85.00	\$92.00 to \$99.00
\$90.00	\$97.00 to \$104.00
\$95.00	\$102.00 to \$109.00
\$100.00	\$110.00 to \$115.00

What Our Lord Asks Is

Not Equal Gifts — But Equal Sacrifice

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

I come to You in Thanksgiving, knowing that all that I am and all that I have are gifts from you. Teach me to be generous as You have been generous with me. I offer to You this day all the facets of my life, whether at home, at work or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous and to be holy.

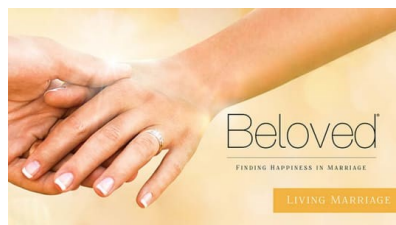
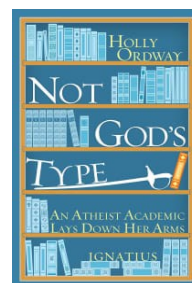
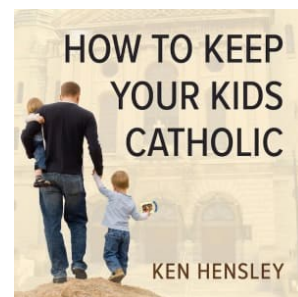
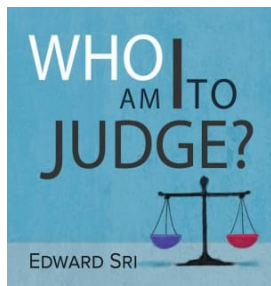
Keep me mindful that as Your disciple, I am called through the Holy Spirit, to be an instrument of *dramatic missionary growth*, radically faithful to participation in the Sunday Mass, deeply devoted to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and courageous in living the truths of our Faith and sharing the "Good News" with the world.

Make us One Family in Mission so that together, we may ignite our Church with the joy of the Gospel. Amen.

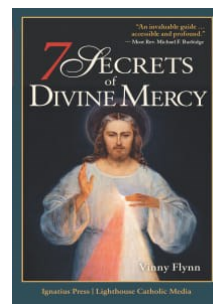


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**I am the living bread that came down from
heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this
bread will live forever.**

-John 6:51

A Special Invitation...



The greatest gift that God has left for us is Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Raymond we have the privilege of time set aside each Thursday from 1:00-4:00pm in Our Lady's Chapel to be before the Lord in Adoration. It is a time to escape from worldly things and sit quietly in silence or personal prayer from your heart. It is a time to bring to the Lord all your cares and worries, as well as thank Him for His blessings.

Time before the Lord in Adoration gives peace and serenity that is difficult to explain. "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament," St. Alphonsus Ligouri tells us, "consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer." Please join us on Thursdays, for whatever amount of time you can spend, as Pope St. John XXIII has said, "There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon you and your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration."

"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."

—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Masses for this Week

Monday, December 2nd

7:15am Joseph Mullagh

8:45am John J. Woods

Tuesday, December 3rd *Saint Francis Xavier*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:30am Martin Evans

Wednesday, December 4th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Marianne Malone

Thursday, December 5th

7:15am Mary McIntyre

8:45am Nicholas Suriani

Friday, December 6th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Daniel Pignataro

Saturday, December 7th *Saint Ambrose*

8:45am John & Jeanne –50th Anniversary

Ann Hassett (living)

Joan Graff

5:00pm Thomas & Noel Kelly

Sunday, December 8th

7:30am Anne Cuite

9:00am Thomas Moriarty

10:30am Mary Russo

12:00pm James Waters, Jerry Silecchia,
Marie Abbott, Maureen O'Shaughnessy
Marianne Malone, Robert J. Chojnacki

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Please Pray for Our Sick

Bridget Feminella, Dickie Ohlsen, Michael Apice, John Devlin Sr.
Josie Genuth, Wolff Genuth, Alan Carbonero, Maria Mazzola,
Gina Mazzola, Angie Madonna, Pat Criscuolo, Rose & Frank A.,
Joanellyn Bolino, Neil & Gloria Jean Criscuolo, James Ryder,
Pam Guzzardo, Angela Pericles, JoAnne D'Alessio, Anna
De Felice, Ro Bandin-Werner, Josephine Joyce, Catalina Aloï,
Jodi Neckles, Michelina Vito, Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B.
Margaret Mary Bardato, Helen Skelos, Lydia Dengel, Thomas
Botkin, Jack Dempsey, Bill Saar, Jane Fitzpatrick.

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



The Bread & Wine

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Martin Evans

From Doreen & Ed Malone



The Rose for Life

For this week is in Honor

John Mooney

On His Birthday

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Congratulations to...

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Pastoral Council

You know the time; it is the hour now for you to
wake from your sleep...Let us then throw off the
works of darkness and put on the
armor of light. -Romans 13:11-12

Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki; Monica Collins, Vice Chairperson;
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Liz Tortorella; Father Chuck Romano.

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Supervised, Meaningful Caregiver Support Group of Long Standing

Wednesday's from 3:50 to 4:50 at SNCH Health Counseling Center.

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For information contact Mental Health Center at

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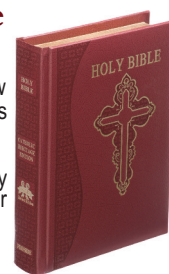
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