

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

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Father Theodore Iloh

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Mrs. Evelyn Contaldi

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Hand Bell Choir
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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

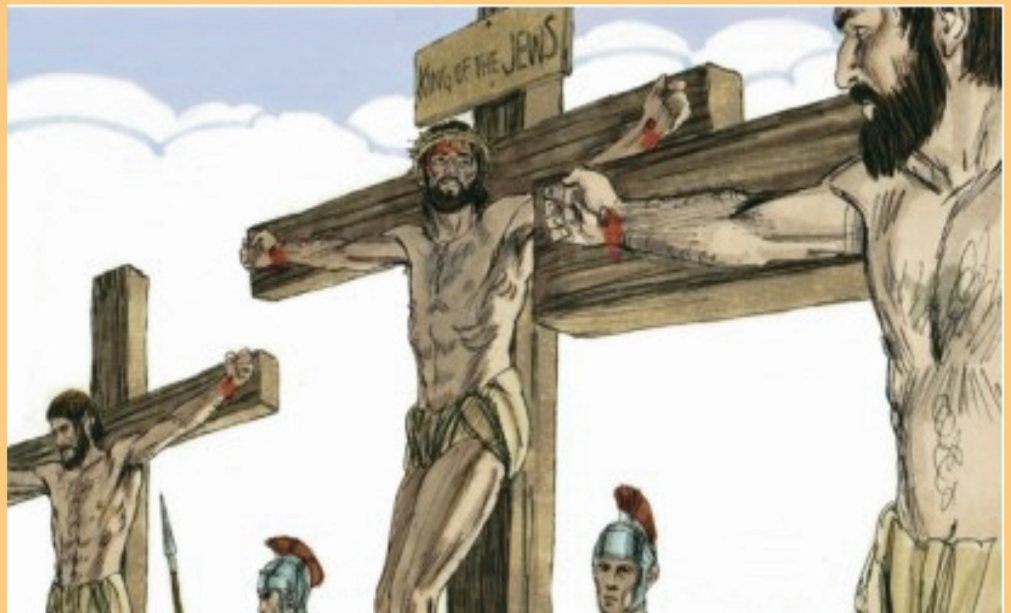
Sunday, November 24, 2019

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

*"Amen, I say to you, today you will be
with me in paradise"*

-Luke 23:43



Feast of Christ the King

November 24, 2019

Happy Thanksgiving!

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 Fax.....887-0554

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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 Fax593-1156

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

Music Ministries

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

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

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, November 26th

6:30-8pm Cub Scouts

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

7:30-9pm Handbell Choir

Cafeteria

MWMR

Church

Wednesday, November 27th

9am Art Club

7:30pm Choir

MWMR

Church

Saturday, November 30th

3:30pm Confessions

Church

**The Rectory office
will be closed**

**Thursday, November
28th in Observance
of Thanksgiving.**

**Wishing all the gift of
Faith and the Blessings
of hope this
Thanksgiving day!**

Collection Envelopes

To insure the accuracy of the recording of your weekly
offering, please indicate the amount of your offering on
the front of your envelope and write your envelope
number on your check. And please do not tape or staple
the contents or envelope flap.

Thank you! And God Bless you for your stewardship!

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 and God's blessings be yours on the Feast of Christ the King! This Sunday is the last for this Church year. Next Sunday we start a new year with the **First Sunday of Advent.** Our feast today

points to the end of time, when the fullness of Christ's kingdom will reign, extending to all the ends of the earth. The first reading from 2 Samuel points to the security of the kingdom united under David's rule and guided by faith in God's promises. **"And the Lord said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'"** Then in the second reading from 2 Colossians, Paul invites the people to be thankful to God for freeing them from sin and darkness and offering them a place in the kingdom of heaven. **"Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."** And finally, our last Sunday gospel of the year from Luke is filled with deep irony. Jesus is mocked as **"King of the Jews"** who is taunted into saving himself like he had been by Satan in the desert. Calling him King of the Jews with a mocking inscription is actually the absolute truth. And the mocking of the criminal who is suffering the same fate as Jesus is the lowest form of mockery. Yet the other criminal somehow recognizes that Jesus is the king of the Jews and seeks to be with him in his kingdom. Hence the famous words of Jesus: **"Today you will be with me in Paradise."** They will be in a place so far removed from their crosses.

At our Baptism, we are all called to be kings and queens. We live our lives today in service to the great king, Christ who is King of the Universe. Through Jesus Christ, the whole of creation is set free from slavery to give God ceaseless praise. We have been freed from slavery to walk joyfully in the freedom of God's beloved children. This means we are to continuously work at building Jesus' kingdom here on earth **"as it is in heaven."** Through Baptism we become adopted sons and daughters of God, our Father and coheirs with Jesus. Through our Baptism, God is calling us and empowering us to continue building his kingdom on earth. This is very different from the kings and queens we have experienced in our world. We celebrate this great **Feast of Christ the King** in anticipation of Advent next week when we open our hearts for our King to be born into our world. As we prepare to receive our King, let us remember who feeds us, not with fine wines and choicest meats; but feeds us with his body, blood, soul and divinity!

As I announced last weekend, we will be having a special **40 Hours Devotion** at St. Raymond Parish beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1st. It will begin at 5:30pm immediately after the regular 4:30pm Mass and run for forty hours until 9:30am on Tuesday, December 3rd. Check the full-page ad in this bulletin for all the scheduling details for the Forty Hours Devotion. May this be a time of grace for each of us and for our Parish of St. Raymond.

A few weeks ago, Mr. Doug Yadanza received the St. Agnes Medal as the 2019 recipient from St. Raymond Parish. The award is given to parishioners who have given volunteer service to their parish over many years. Doug has done just that as a Lector, Religious Education teacher, and active member of the Msgr. Walsh/St. Raymond Knights of Columbus. Plus, we all have benefited from his deejay ministry at many parish functions for many years. On behalf of all our parishioners, I congratulate Doug on receiving this diocesan award and for representing the best in service as a St. Raymond Parishioner.

Thanks to all who have responded favorably to our special Stewardship Appeal conducted last month. The early returns are encouraging, and we hope to maintain this positive trend well into the future. A recent mailing has gone out to all those who have not yet responded. There is still time and a definite need so please take time to consider doing what you are able for this Stewardship Appeal.

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 everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, an invitation to the **Parish Thanksgiving Mass** on Thursday at 9:30am, and much more. To keep informed keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great last week of November! **May your Thanksgiving be a special time with family and friends. And remember: The best time to sit down for Thanksgiving dinner is-halftime. Gobble, Gobble!** God bless always.

—Father Chuck



FORTY HOURS DEVOTION



Our parish's *Forty Hours Devotion* will begin next Sunday, 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):

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.

BACKWARDS MONEY DRAWING WINNERS!

Last Sunday afternoon we held our annual ***Backwards Money Drawing*** after the parish's Hospitality Sunday. It was a great success with **\$20,000.00** awarded in prize money. Because of the generosity and support of so many people we were able to sell all **500** tickets. As a result, we realized a profit of over **\$32,500.00** for our school and parish. Thanks to all our parishioners, neighbors and friends from near and far who supported this fundraising event. Special thanks also go to the ***St. Raymond School Board*** and the ***St. Raymond Pastoral Council*** for all their work in coordinating this event last Sunday. The following is the list of ticket pulls and prize winners.

Ticket Pull #1- Ticket #33 (\$500.00)

Ticket Pull #50- Ticket #428 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #100- Ticket #219 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #150- Ticket #165 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #200- Ticket #38 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #250- Ticket #71 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #300- Ticket #133 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #350- Ticket #36 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #400- Ticket #231 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #450- Ticket #377 (\$200.00)

Ticket Pull #491- Ticket #459 (\$300.00)

Ticket Pull #492- Ticket #373 (\$400.00)

Ticket Pull #493- Ticket #128 (\$500.00)

Ticket Pull #494- Ticket #238 (\$600.00)

Ticket Pull #495- Ticket #447 (\$700.00)

Ticket Pull #496- Ticket #500 (\$800.00)

Ticket Pull #497- Ticket #77 (\$900.00)

Ticket Pull #498- Ticket #346 (\$1000.00)

Ticket Pull #499- Ticket #295 (\$2500.00)



Ticket Pull #500- Ticket #172 (\$10,000.00) Grand Prize

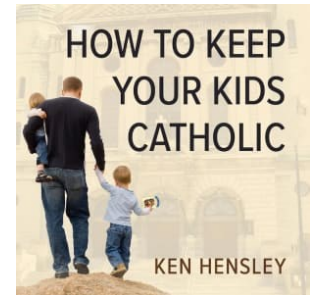
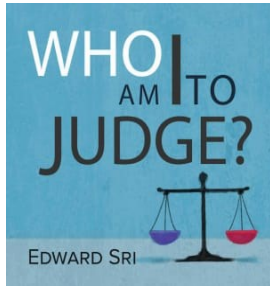


***Look for our next Backwards Money
Drawing in November 2020!***

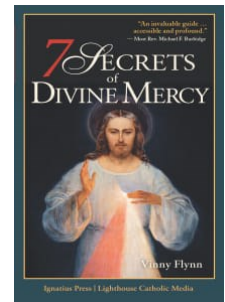
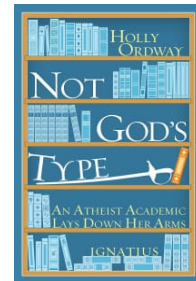


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Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne

We have once again come to the end of the liturgical year and the Feast of Christ the King. In today's

Gospel we read how the soldiers at the

crucifixion taunted Jesus about being "the King of the Jews"- a title He never used for Himself. Yet we know Christ to be King of heaven and earth. Let us pray that Jesus may always reign in our hearts both here and in eternity.

This is a short week of school because of the

Thanksgiving holiday. Here are the specifics:

- Monday: COMPS continue (6th Math; 7th Social Studies; 8th Math); Baked ziti
- Tuesday: Enterprise for 5 & 6; Pizza; Chorus practice at recess in the Music Room; Bookworms after school
- Wednesday: Band and string lessons with FULL Band at 8:00 AM; School Mass at 8:45 AM with 3rd Grade hosts; 11:30 AM dismissal for all; 1st

Trimester officially ends

Next Sunday begins the new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. I mention that simply to remind you of a few holiday activities that are taking place early in the month. Please mark your calendars for the CHRISTMAS TABLEAU on Dec. 5th, BREAKFAST AND SHOPPING WITH SANTA on the 7th, the

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY also on the 7th (evening), the parish CHRISTMAS PAGEANT on the 8th, the CHRISTMAS CONCERT on the 11th, and "SCROOGE" on the 13th. I don't want you to miss out on all the fun and excitement of the season.

Please know that it is the prayer of our School Family that you all have a blessed Thanksgiving. We have so much for which to be grateful. All the folks who

continue to support our school are some of our greatest blessings! We thank God daily for each of you. Happy Thanksgiving.



Religious Education — Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director

There are no Religious Education classes on Wednesday 11/27/19 and Thanksgiving Day 11/28/19.

Next Sunday, December 1st, 2019 (the first Sunday of Advent), our first grade students will have their grade level Mass at 12Noon. The first grade has been invited to a bagel breakfast

before Mass at 10:30am in the cafeteria. After breakfast, we will walk over to Church for our celebration of 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 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 at telling the story of our Lord Jesus's Birth 'Through the Eyes of a Child'. Please join us!!!!

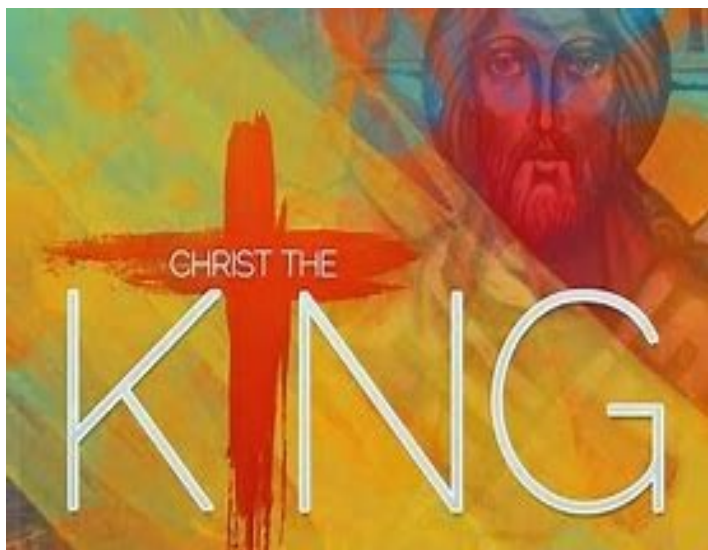
"I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with Thanksgiving". Psalm 69:30

Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving Day!

Evelyn Contaldi

Lucy Ostermann

Nancy Mott





Stewardship

A Way of Life

Living Stewardship

Let us put ourselves at the service of others. Jesus is our Lord and our God, let us show that fact to the world as we pray, give and care for others.

Sacrificial Giving

November 17, 2019: \$15,353

November 18, 2018: \$13,869

Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

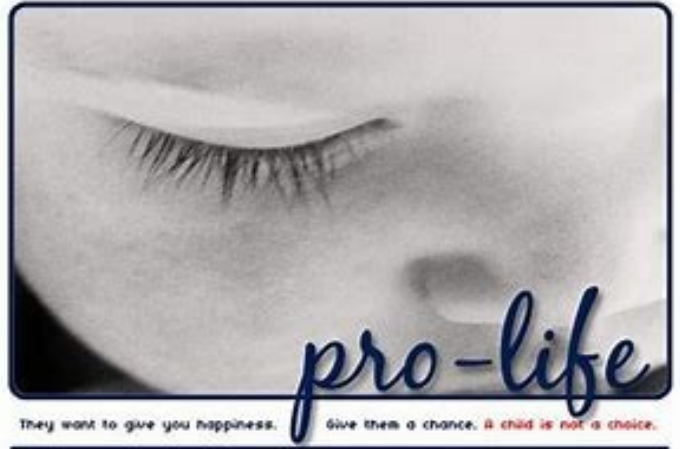
Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

-Mark 11:23-24

Pantry Items Needed: Bar soap, detergent, dish soap, shampoo, conditioner, canned fruit, hot cereal, Jelly, Juice, canned meat, deodorant, coffee, tea, hot chocolate



Thank you for your prayers and generous donations. You are always in our prayers.



They want to give you happiness. Give them a chance. A child is not a choice.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM FIFTH MONTH DEVELOPING BABY

Half the pregnancy has now passed. Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now and is about 12 inches long! His or her mother can now feel the baby's movement, before the baby was too small for the mother to feel. Although he or she swam with ease in their watery world, the baby needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it (the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling). If a sound is especially loud or startling, the baby may jump in reaction to it and may even cover his or her ears to protect them from the loud noise! Babies at this stage of development (19-20 weeks) are surviving at an increasing rate thanks to medical technology. Please continue praying for your special little one. Your prayers have been helping your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and hopefully, seek the assistance she needs now and in the future. You may view an accurate picture of the unborn baby at this time of his or her growth on the bulletin boards located at each of the Church's entrances. Please stop and view these pictures so that when anyone talks about abortion or the "right to choose", you will have a picture in your mind of whose life is being "chosen" to be aborted (terminated). You will see that the rhetoric of a "blob of tissue" or a "clump of cells" does not accurately describe these little ones.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

This weekend we will be conducting our annual Christmas Card Fundraiser. The cost is just \$5.00 for a package of 10 religious Christmas cards. The profits from the sale will be used for our pro-life work throughout the year. As always, thank you for your continual support and faithfulness to the smallest and most vulnerable of God's children, the babies in the womb.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



Parish Picks Winners *Congratulations to November's winners!*

1st Place—\$1,000

#525-Dianne & John McGuire

2nd Place—\$500

#154-Helen Parrinello

3rd Place—\$250

#73-RoseMarie Calamari

4th Place—\$250

#247-Janet Matthews

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

God is good all the time.....all the time God is good.



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 \$ _____



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Join us in prayer at our special parish Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30am in the church. Remember to bring some bread and wine that you will be using at your Thanksgiving dinner table.

They will be blest to show the connection of thanks from the Table of the Lord at Mass to your Thanksgiving dinner table at home.

We hope to see you on Thursday!

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Give thanks unto the Lord,
for he is good: for his mercy
endureth forever.
Psalm 107:1

WITH GOD ALL
THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE



Thanksgiving Blessings

*Lord, as we bow our heads to pray,
We celebrate Thanksgiving day
Help us have the right attitude,
As we turn to you in gratitude.*

*Thank you, Lord, for this good food;
Thank you for our festive mood.
Thanks for blessings great and small;
Thank you, thank you for it all.*

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WHEN: Saturday-January 11, 2020

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**Please call Rose Giglio at the
school office 593-9010 to reserve your
seat for this defensive driving course.**

**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, November 25th

7:15am Fr. Michael Carroll

8:45am Frank Pignataro, Sr - 3rd Anniversary

Tuesday, November 26th

7:15am James Meehman

8:45am Daniel Pignataro

Wednesday, November 27th

7:15am Sharon Grupp

8:45am St. Raymond's School Families

Thursday, November 28th *Thanksgiving*

9:30am Martin Gilchrist Jr.

Friday, November 29th

7:15am Nicholas Medoro

8:45am Muriel Henry

Saturday, November 30th *Saint Andrew*

8:45am John & Genevieve Courtney

John & Winifred Keane, Timothy McIntyre

John & Dorothy O'Connell

John & Mary Dick, Theresa Courtney

5:00pm Sara Sammartino

Sunday, December 1st *First Sunday of Advent*

7:30am Maria Baccari

9:00am Thomas Moriarty

10:30am Caryl Donovan

12:00pm Silvio Piromi, Dionigi LoSardo

Giuseppe LoSardo, Francesco LoSardo

Luigi & Adelaiede Lazzinnaro

Ildo Lazzinnaro, Maria Baccari, Tony Alati

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Sir 50:22-24/Lk 17:11-19

Friday

Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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.)



Rest in Peace

Santa Testani

Bridget M. Lavelle

Joan Mulcahy

Rudolf Jankus

Maria M. Baena



The Sanctuary Light

For this week is in memory of

Daniel Pignataro

Love, The Ferrara Family



The Bread & Wine

For this week is in loving memory of

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From Doreen & Ed Malone



The Rose for Life

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Pastoral Council

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

-Psalm 22

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Parish Bulletin Board

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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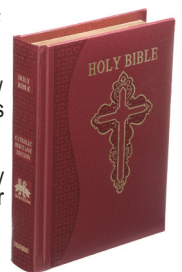
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