

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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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, April 19, 2020

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

For the sake of his sorrowful Passion
Jesus we trust in You



April 19, 2020
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

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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)

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



PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!

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SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL BE
POSTED TO KEEP US ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.



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in your prayers ...*

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Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran

*Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.*

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's Easter blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Easter- Divine Mercy Sunday! I hope that you were able to have some Easter joy during the Eight Day Octave of Easter. Of course, we continue to be at the mercy of the Coronavirus and our lives are still very disrupted and sort of put on hold as a result. But today we have **Divine Mercy Sunday** as part of our Easter celebration. This feast was declared by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000. All devotion for this feast is predicated on faith and that is what the readings for the Second Sunday of Easter are all about. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows the ideal of faith in the developing communities. Being prayerful and generous were the hallmarks of these early believers. ***"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer."*** Then in the second reading from 1 Peter, the message of hope and joy in Christ resounds. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus there is hope of salvation and eternal life. And even though tested for a while, faith is always a source of joy. ***"Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."*** And finally, in John's gospel we have two appearance of Jesus to the apostles. Lingering in the background is the question: Would faith have been easier if we had been present when Jesus appeared to the apostles? The answer is a clear: no! ***"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."***

This gift of faith requires our active cooperation. But what exactly is faith? Archie Bunker, that esteemed television theologian said, ***"It ain't supposed to make sense-it's faith! Faith is something that you believe that nobody in his right mind would believe."*** And Mark Twain said, ***"Faith is believing what you know ain't so."*** Could there be a nugget of truth here? The turmoil in our world and even in our Church pose challenges to faith and provoke questions like: "How can God allow....," "Why should we believe anything they say when....," and "What difference does it make? You don't have to believe anything to be a good person." This Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us that the gift of faith comes from God's infinite mercy.

God doesn't shove the gift of faith at us shouting, ***"take it or leave it!"*** He wants it to be accepted by thinking, loving people-not programmed robots. And then we share and keep this gift of faith alive by passing it on. Our times desperately need faith-filled people to share and spread the faith. Archie is partly right because showing that faith is not unreasonable doesn't make every revealed truth look logical. So how do we share our faith? ***I say it's by attraction, not promotion.*** This means that the freedom and happiness you have in faith is visible. And we can all preach a bit. How? Well a natural, genuine reference to one's faith is a seed planter, and that's a form of preaching. Are you blessed with good things? Have you gotten through some rough patches by relying on your faith, on God's promises? Say so when a natural opportunity arises.

Don't worry about your lack of faith. Firmness tinged with pride is not the way to go nor is complacency in faith because it betrays a lack of gratitude. And if you mishandle doubts, don't let it nag you from behind the scene. Confront them and pray over them. Will we ever be physically closer to the one at the heart of our faith than when we receive him in Communion? For now, we have been deprived of that intimacy. But that should not diminish our faith, no matter how imperfect it may be. Like I said earlier, the gift of faith requires our cooperation. And now is a time to step up that cooperation!

As this bulletin goes to print, there is no new news to report about any changes in how we are dealing with things from a diocesan and parish perspective. St. Raymond Church continues to be open for private prayer every day from 9am till 5pm. The bulletin is available each week at the church and on the website. We are maintaining a group Facebook Page at ***(St. Raymond Parish, East Rockaway)*** to stay connected in prayer each day. The rectory has no regular hours, but we try to be somewhat open from 9:30am till 3:30pm most days. While the Parish Social Ministry is not open at this time, we try to help people from the rectory as best we can. So, hang in there and keep the faith! Pray always for those suffering at this time and all those who are helping others get through this crisis. Take care, stay safe and God bless always.

-Father Chuck



Please Pray for Our Recently Deceased

The following parishioners, and friends of St. Raymond have died since the time we have been unable to celebrate Funeral Masses. At a later date this year, Memorial Masses will be celebrated for them and their families. Please pray for them during this time when death is more saddened because of the limitations to our mourning.

Lorraine Edgar

Sadie Barbarino

Kathleen April Sci

Bob Duffy

Peter DeJesus

Nora Lynch

Tom Webster

Xavier Veliz

Estebana Moreno Deras

Mary DeSantis

Nick Taffner

Alice Laukaitis

Birute Kidolis

Gilma Serpas

Antonina Navetta

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament, I love You above all things and I desire to receive You Into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen



Living Stewardship

In today's reading, we hear about the disciples living in a communal lifestyle. We can easily imagine the pillar of hospitality standing strong within their midst.

Be Still, and know that I am GOD

Easter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

None of us could have imagined even weeks ago, that we would celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday virtually.

I have been amazed and inspired by the creativity and initiative of our pastors, our people and our parishes to continue evangelizing all of Long Island. Whether it is video-streaming Masses and Eucharistic adoration, conducting a virtual parish mission, or a health precaution sensitive Eucharistic procession through neighborhoods, you are all moving forward and trusting in the transformative power of the Risen Christ as we continue to experience the tragedies, trauma, unemployment, financial and economic distress of the COVID19 crisis.

The light that streams from the glorified wounds of the Risen Jesus always touches and transforms our wounds and fears, and the wounds and fears of the world.

We remember in a special way this Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter season the souls of those who have died from the corona virus and their families, and those who, as Pope Francis says, are “writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, deacons, religious men and women and so very many others.” We remember our families and the efforts of each of us to care for our families and our neighbors.

While we are all in pain that our Holy Week 2020 needs to be a virtual one, we do have a Pastoral Letter, The Great Week: A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week which can help strengthen, lift and inspire our virtual Holy Week celebrations.

This Pastoral Letter is a user-friendly, easily understandable synthesis of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum, its liturgical theology, spirituality and history, designed to show the relationship between the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week and Catholic Evangelization.

I encourage everyone to participate in all the Holy Week liturgies virtually through the Catholic Faith Network (see: catholicfaith-network.org for details) and through your own parishes streaming the liturgies.

Let's take this unique and virtual evangelization opportunity to pray that the Risen Christ might lead a massive return of Catholic Long Islanders to a full, active and conscious participation in our Holy Week liturgies and our Sunday Masses throughout the year.

I encourage you all to read and pray our Pastoral Letter which is available on our diocesan website DRVC.org and in the March 2020 Long Island Catholic magazine that many of you received at home.

I also had the opportunity on March 27, 2020, to share the Pastoral Letter with every American Bishop in the United States for possible use in their dioceses as they celebrate virtual Holy Weeks around the country.

I received an email from the Bishop of Fairbanks, Alaska. He thanked the Diocese of Rockville Centre for sharing the Holy Week Pastoral Letter with the people of Fairbanks, Alaska and said: “We have 37 remote parishes of Native Alaskans, pretty much on ‘lock down’ that could benefit enormously from the Pastoral Letter.”

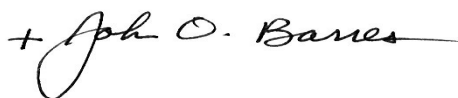
Catholic Long Islanders stand in the solidarity of the Risen Lord with Catholic Alaskans! This is just another example of the global Catholic solidarity that our Holy Father Pope Francis models for us and calls us to.

Thank you for continuing to support your parish and the vital ministries of our Church as your means allow during this most challenging time for all of us. The Church continues to serve the spiritual and physical needs of people during this crisis. Weekly collections mailed or given online will be critical to the sustaining and reemergence of our parishes.

Our Easter joy may be delayed this year, but our faith, hope and trust in the power of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection must shine brighter than ever. The cross of this crisis offers us the opportunity for a renewed and lasting appreciation for the gift of family and the transformative power of faith. Know that you and all your families are in my heart and in my prayers as we celebrate The Great Week, Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season.

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre





Letter from Most Rev. John O. Barres

April 19, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Twenty years ago, on April 30, 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska, the humble messenger of Divine Mercy. During his homily at the Mass of her canonization, while reflecting on the timeliness of the message of mercy for the twentieth century, the Polish pontiff pondered what humanity's future might be like. He answered plainly. "We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences."¹

The COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted families, parishes, and communities across Long Island and beyond, stands today as one of those painful experiences. What Pope Saint John Paul II knew vaguely to be on the horizon then is sadly ours to experience firsthand now. The devastating effects of the coronavirus – death, illness, fear, uncertainty, isolation, unemployment, financial distress – have invaded our lives. The weight of this Cross has fallen on our shoulders.

Although Pope Saint John Paul II could not have foreseen the particularities of the pain we are enduring, he knew the soothing balm that would bring us peace. He understood what would "illumine the way" during this time, namely, "the light of divine mercy," the supernatural gift that uplifts every generation.² What he proposed to humanity in his homily two decades ago, he still proposes from "the window of the Father's house"³ today: A radical receptivity of God's "great and unfathomable mercy."⁴

This Divine Mercy Sunday 2020, encouraged by Pope Saint John Paul II who points to merciful light in the midst of darkness, the Diocese of Rockville Centre receives anew the message of mercy entrusted to Saint Faustina. Together, on this Second Sunday of Easter, we look upon the Image of the Divine Mercy. In contemplating this serene painting of Our Lord, we discover again three aids for these days of crisis: Christ's gaze, His action, and a timely prayer.

First, beginning at the top of the Image, we encounter the gaze of mercy. There, the Lord's eyes look upon us. How good this is to hear and know again! Jesus looks at us. He sees us as we are, laden, especially now, with the anxieties, burdens, and challenges of life. He sees us just as he saw those Gospel figures whom we met this Lent - the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and Martha and Mary, the grieving sisters of Lazarus. He loves us as He loved them. When feelings of loneliness or discouragement arise, when questions pervade our hearts or perplexities disturb our peace, the Image reminds us that we can look to the Lord and always find Him looking at us. In his eyes, we can discover "the look of love which [we] crave."⁵ There, we can meet mercy, "the greatest attribute of God," which "no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."⁶

Second, in contemplating the Image of the Divine Mercy, we note the two rays emanating from Our Lord's breast, one red and one pale. As the Lord told Saint Faustina, "The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls."⁷ With the Church through centuries, we see in them the sacraments, Baptism and Eucharist, and we trace these gifts of life back to their source, His pierced side (cf. Jn. 19:34). These glorious rays flow from woundedness. Their origin is in the victory of the Cross. They highlight an act of love, a total gift of self. This pale ray and red ray remind us that the Lord has acted for us. Undeserving though we were, he loved us to the end (cf. Jn. 13:1) and laid down his life for us. "God is love, and Mercy is His deed."⁸ And we are the beneficiaries of that mercy. In these weeks, when God might seem unmoved or distant, these rays proclaim again the tender mercy shown from the Cross. They profess that God has acted and that He still acts with a mercy that sustains the world.

Third, we read the "signature" at the bottom of the Image, "Jesus, I trust in you."⁹ On this year's Feast of the Divine Mercy, the familiar line is more striking. Its five words formulate perfectly a prayer in the midst of so much uncertainty. How good is the Lord! He still teaches his disciples how to pray (cf. Lk. 11:1), and He invites us to make these words the signature of our lives. This prayer is not offered blindly. It is said after having met the Lord's gaze and having been vivified in His lifegiving rays. Our bold placing of trust arises from "the ocean of mercy" He has shown to us and from which we have received.¹⁰ Through our contemplation of the Image, we recall that God has moved towards us, that He has loved us, and that He has shown mercy to us, and therefore, we know it is reasonable to say, "*Jesus, I trust in you.*"

The Lord's look, His love, and that brief prayer are special gifts this year. They offer consolation. They provide peace.

The Image of the Divine Mercy also serves as "a reminder of the demands of [His] mercy."¹¹ As Pope Saint John Paul II said in his second encyclical, *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy), "Jesus Christ taught that man not only receives and experiences the mercy of God, but that he is also called 'to practice mercy' towards others."¹² In short, we who have received mercy are called to give mercy.

In these weeks, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are being lived radiantly. Witnesses of mercy are in our midst, and our gratitude flows to the many who are sharing what they have received. We call to mind the heroic virtue and tender mercy alive in our families and among our neighbors. With Pope Francis, we think, too, of those women and men who are "writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and order forces, volunteers, priests, deacons, religious men and women and so very many others."¹³ In this challenging time, mercy is on display.

Divine Mercy Sunday falls this year between two notable anniversaries in the life and pontificate of Pope Saint John Paul II. Both of which provide insight and wisdom for our present situation.

The first anniversary occurred on March 25th, when we marked twenty-five years since the release of Pope Saint John Paul II's encyclical letter on the Gospel of Life (*Evangelium Vitae*). That letter shone the light of the Divine Mercy on threats against life. It articulated the good news of life, a gift from God that leads to eternal life with God, and it called every person to "respect, protect, love and serve life."¹⁴ The truth and beauty of the encyclical is underscored in these days when our fragility is before us and society is united in its concern for life.

The second anniversary falls on May 18th, when we will celebrate the centenary of Pope Saint John Paul II's birth. Spending time with this indefatigable preacher of mercy, it is good to remember that his life was not immune to crisis and turmoil. He witnessed and experienced much that could have weighed him down. However, throughout his journey, he turned to the Lord and sought to know His mercy. May he help us invite the Divine Mercy into our lives, especially in these days.

Together with Pope Saint John Paul II and Saint Faustina, let us implore Almighty God:

*I fly to Your mercy, Compassionate God, who alone are good. Although my misery is great, and my offenses are many, I trust in Your mercy, because You are the God of mercy; and, from time immemorial, it has never been heard of, nor do heaven or earth remember, that a soul trusting in Your mercy has been disappointed.*¹⁵

Let us pray for the souls of those who have died from the coronavirus and for the solace of their families. We entrust them to the Divine Mercy. And whatever may come, let us never fail to say, Jesus, I trust in you.



Statement from
Bishop John O. Barres



Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres".

Most Reverend John O. Barres

Bishop of Rockville Centre



Jesus I trust in You

¹ Pope John Paul II, Homily at the Mass for the Canonization of Sr. Mary Faustina Kowalska, April 30, 2000. ² Ibid. ³ Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Homily at the Funeral Mass of the Roman 4 Pontiff John Paul II, April 8, 2005. Faustina Kowalska, *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul* (Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2007) no. 570. ⁵ See Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter, *Deus Caritas Est*, 18. ¹³ Pope Francis, *Extraordinary Moment of Prayer*, March 27, 2020. ¹⁴ Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter, *Evangelium Vitae*, March 25, 1995, 5. ¹⁵ Kowalska, *Diary*, no. 1730.

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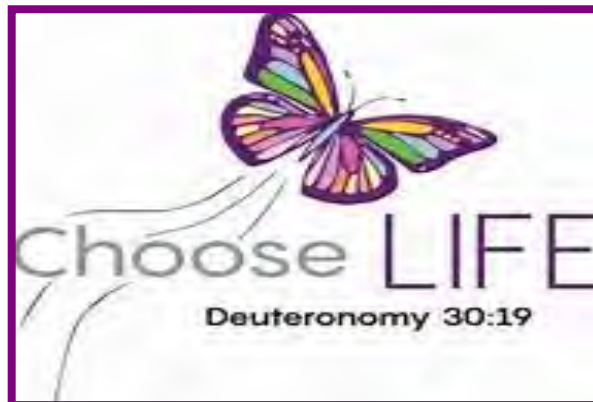
Special "Pot of Gold" tickets were
included in the March/April regular
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ticket stubs with payment in the
envelope by mail. The deadline for
the tickets will be announced.

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



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

Today, tragically, the intentional killing of babies in the womb through abortion has become almost commonplace. Yet, at the same time, our knowledge of the reality of human life in the the womb has grown. Parents can watch their babies move, sleep, and suck their thumbs, in real time, thanks to four dimensional ultrasound technology. In recent years, surgery on children still in utero to correct spina bifida, hydrocephalus, breathing obstructions, and other problems has become more commonplace, more safe, and sophisticated. The survival of an infant outside the womb is possible at increasing earlier stage of pregnancy - as early as 21 weeks in some cases - with new treatments to ensure the health of these tiny children being developed all the time. Our culture's sensitivity to the effects of a mother's lifestyle on her preborn baby has grown as well. Expectant mothers are discouraged from smoking, drinking alcohol, or taking drugs, and parents are encouraged to interact with their preborn child through talking and music. What kind of society are we? We go to great lengths to care for the babies in the womb but at the very same time we declare that they have no "right to life"?



The Journey of Grief

Share the memories of your beloved.
Let us encourage you with compassion.
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St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry
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As always, we thank you for your generous support!

SAVE THE DATE



**St. Raymond's Annual
Golf Outing & Dinner
Tuesday, May 26th
Hempstead Golf & Country Club
Honoree Rich Madden
Registration & Sponsorship
Information to Follow Soon**



**Maria Regina DHS
Class of 1970
50th Reunion
October 3, 2020**

**For more information
email
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Religious Education — Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director

Let us continue to pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world that are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace. We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and wisdom as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2020/2021

Registration forms for the 2020/2021 Religious Education school year are on hold temporarily. As more information becomes available to us, we will proceed accordingly.

The 8th grade parents were asked to either e-mail - econtaldisre@optonline.net or text Lucy at 516-445-0490 with their child's height for the Confirmation gowns. To date we still do not know when Confirmation will be held this fall but we wanted to have the measurements on hand so that we would be ready at a moment's notice to place the gown order. If you haven't sent in your child's measurements, please do so as soon as you can.

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARISH PARENTS

Since the President has extended social distancing to April 30th, after much discussion, sadly, we have decided to postpone the First Holy Communion ceremonies for our 2nd grade students. We were holding out for the original April 15th deadline of social distancing, but once the date was extended to April 30th, we felt it was safe for everyone concerned to postpone the ceremonies.

The new dates for First Holy Communion will be:

Saturday, September 12th, 2020 @ 12Noon Mass for Groups 1 & 2

Saturday, September 19th, 2020* @ 12Noon Mass for Groups 3 & 4

*As of today, we have checked the Lynbrook and East Rockaway school calendars for 2020/2021 and the schools are open on Friday September 18th, 2020 (Rosh Hashanah).

If for some reason you are unable to attend your assigned date, please let us know ASAP and you can surely participate in the other date. We will continue to keep you advised of additional instructions, as we go along over these next months.

Fr. Chuck has offered to 2nd grade parents the opportunity for their child to receive First Holy Communion over the summer (hopefully and prayerfully Masses will resume by that time), at one of the regular Sunday morning Masses (9am, 10:30am and 12Noon). However, if you decide to do this, **YOU NEED TO NOTIFY THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE BEFORE MAY 30TH, 2020. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THIS SPECIAL REQUEST AFTER MAY 30TH, 2020. PLEASE E-MAIL US AT econtaldisre@optonline.net.**

Assignments were forwarded home to each grade via e-mail. Families are kindly asked to join FORMED which can be found on the parish website. Instructions on how to register for FORMED were included in the e-mail as well. The short videos that have been assigned to each grade are found in this platform. In order to complete the 2019/2020 Religious Education school year, the students and their parents are asked to view the video together and to write a short paragraph about the video. Each video assignment should be done on three separate sheets of paper. Please have the child write his/her name on the top of each sheet, their grade and the name of the video that they watched and write or type their thoughts about the video. Please staple the three pages together so that assignments can be collected. Information regarding the collection procedure will be forwarded to the parents. These lessons should be completed by the end of April.



Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

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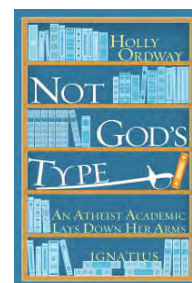
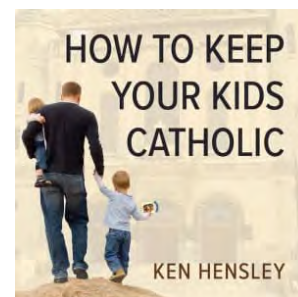
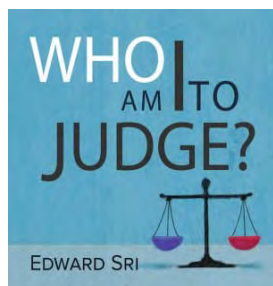
parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Oceanside Financial VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave. in Oceanside, or for information call 620-8100, or visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.





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We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



Masses for this Week

Monday, April 20th

7:15am Nora Lynch

8:45am Rosemarie McDonald

Tuesday, April 21st

7:15am Alice Laukaitis

8:45am James Donlon

Wednesday, April 22nd

7:15am Nick Taffner

8:45am John Murphy

Thursday, April 23rd

7:15am Tom Webster

8:45am Peter Broughal

Friday, April 24th

7:15am Bill Godfrey

8:45am Frank Behrman

Saturday, April 25th *Feast of Saint Mark*

8:45am Nora Lynch

John Cliggett

5:00pm Maralyn Miller Campanella

Sunday, April 26th

7:30am Richard Palmieri

9:00am Alex & Louis Marcucci

10:30am Joseph A. Vito

12:00pm Raymond Harrington, Cathy Turner

Denise Sanito, Marie Rossi

Walter J. Bakanau, Jr.

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows
James Ryder, Margaret Mary Barbato, Lydia Dengel,
Thomas Botkin, Jane Fitzpatrick, Olivia Bonino, Jodi Neckles,
Mary Lynch, Annemarie Montell, Lee Wilson, Ann Marie, Baby
Azai Morris, Dr. Sam Iyer, Marie Rossi, Olivia Bonino.
Veronica, Zelda, Gina, Marie, Joan Ellyn Cullen, Pat Bolino,
Nick S., Jeanette Kostyrka, Anthony B., Alyssa B.

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



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For there are three ways of performing
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forgiving, and by comforting; secondly, if
you can offer no word, then pray-that too
is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy.

~St. Faustina

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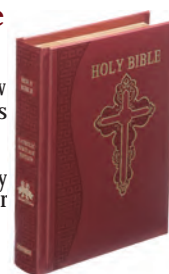
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