The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, May 30, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518 516-593-5000

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit."
-Matt 28:20

May 30, 2021
Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Masses

Saturday Eve	5:00PM
Sunday	7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12Noon and 4:30PM
Daily	7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday	8:45 AM

Pastoral Team

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Father Chuck Romano

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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.

Memorial Day

The rectory office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 31st in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

America….Home of the Free Because of the Brave

CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET
Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET
Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am,12:30 pm ET
Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Always keep our Service Men & Women in your prayers …

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY
SPC Giuseppina (Josie) Coppola US ARMY
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY
Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Feast of the Blessed Trinity! The aim of this day is to see the Trinity as a saving mystery to be lived. As we think about the Trinity, we can experience it in the mystery of lives touched by God's creative, saving, and inspiring presence. The first reading from Deuteronomy presents Moses reviewing the past wonders to show that God has always been a faithful covenant partner. The people of Israel must now demonstrate their faithfulness to God. If they do then there will be lasting benefits of prosperity and long life. ***"This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other."*** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul assures the Romans that by God's grace they have become children of God. They are not to live in fear and can call God their Father. ***"Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."*** And finally in Matthew's gospel we see the invocation of the Trinity in this final gathering of the disciples before Jesus ascends to the Father. This shows that the mystery of the Blessed Trinity is the central mystery of our Christian faith and life. ***"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."***

Too often the Trinity has been seen as a problem to be solved. And then when all the formulas are exhausted trying to solve it, we just say that it is a mystery. But the Trinity actually helps us understand who we are by saying that each of us is a recipient of God's creative love, his saving love and his inspirational, sustaining comfort. God created the world as scripture attests. Then we see his vital, creative force reenacted every spring in our natural world. Plus, all the babies that are born worldwide each day strikes parents as a near miraculous occurrence giving evidence of the transcendent. And scripture tells us that God came upon us in human flesh to bring mercy, healing, and redemption. Whenever we experience forgiveness, we come in touch with the mystery of the God who saves. The savior is the very same creator who made us so that we could be called to the source from which we came. And the Gospels end with the promise of the Spirit of God to be with us till the end of time. All rebirth is a call to spread God's message of love. This is the Spirit of God's love poured out in creation and again in the blood of Jesus and in the waters of Baptism.

So as Pope VI said concerning mystery and it's seeming elusiveness: ***"No, it is something very near to you…already in your hearts."*** And that's why the Trinity is a mystery and not a problem.

Today, we will pull the winning ticket for the ***"Go for the Green 50/50"*** at 2pm in the rectory. The pot is over $4000 and can still grow. If you wish to purchase chances, stop by the rectory from 9am till 2pm on Sunday. Don't miss out on a chance to win some big money.

We continue to be encouraged by the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. It seems like we have more freedom to interact safely in larger groups and go without wearing masks-if one has been vaccinated. As I mentioned last week and on the parish website, getting vaccinated is our best way out of this dilemma. I believe this because of my own experience with COVID-19, the strong encouragement by all the doctors I see (and that is quite a few), plus our own Church leaders' positions from Pope Francis to the American Bishop's Conference. I received a liver transplant so that I could live, and I got vaccinated so I can continue to live more safely but also so that those around me can live more safely too. Now last week we began having processions in and out at all the Masses with music. Plus, one altar server was present at these Masses. We will continue again this weekend for Trinity Sunday. Next week we may add another change. Please remember that all are still required to wear masks in church as designated by the diocese and to also maintain some social distance. That is why we continue to keep the tape on the pews. Our attendance at Sunday Masses doesn't call for more seating to be needed as yet. Hopefully in time things will get even better.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from ***Parish Social Ministry,*** info from ***Religious Education*** and the ***Principal's Corner*** of St. Raymond School, an invitation to join ***FORMED*** (your Catholic faith on demand), and much more. To keep informed keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Memorial Day on Monday. ***Remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in the freedom and blessedness of the United States. And remember: You've got to stand for something, or you'll fall for anything.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021-THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.
Amen

The Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.
Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021-THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

FIRST READING
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people:
"Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other.
You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.
R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.
R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.
R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.
R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING
Rom 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters:
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

ALLELUIA
Rv 1:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL
Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.

St. Raymond Parish

has had an active chapter (known as a "conference") of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please email svdpstray@gmail.com for information on ways that you can participate.

GO FOR THE GREEN !

50/50

The Golf Outing may be cancelled **BUT** you still have a shot to win!!

Tickets are $10 each and 3 for $25.

Two strips have been mailed to all regular envelope users and they can also be purchased at the rectory during office hours. The drawing will be held on **Sunday, May 30, 2021** at 2pm in the rectory. Don't miss out on a chance to win some big money.

Remember... Only $10 each and 3 for $25! You've got to be in it to win it!

Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.
-Psalm 27: 7-8

Pantry needs for this week include: Pasta sauce, Beets, Canned Fruits, Peanut butter, Juice, Deodorant, Shaving cream, Razors, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Tea Conditioner, Syrup, Pancake mix, Coffee, Mayonnaise, Sugar, Laundry detergent, and Dish detergent.

Thank you for you let support and prayers.

Jesus calls each of us to be evangelizers, who go forth and tell others about the Good News. This week, take some time to talk about Jesus to a friend or relative.

St. Raymond Human Life Committee

"Forty Days for Life" has become an international campaign which consists in having a prayer presence in front of abortion facilities and offering information to those entering the abortion facility, whether they are girls/women going for an abortion or to those who work in the abortion facility. "Forty Days for Life" was started in 2007, and since that time:

18,040 Babies lives were saved,
109 Abortion Centers Closed and
211 Abortion workers quit.

Former directors and workers of the abortion facilities have stated that when there is a prayer presence in front of the facilities, appointments for abortions are cancelled. And the good news is, that when abortions are cancelled, a baby lives and a mother is spared the after-effects of an abortion. Each Wednesday, after the 8:45 AM Mass, members of our committee go the the Planned Parenthood facility in Hempstead. We pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offer literature to those passing by and offer help and hope to those entering the facility. All are welcome to join with us in a peaceful, prayerful witness for life.

Wednesdays, 540 Fulton Avenue,
Hempstead, 9:45 am - 11:15 am.
For more information, please contact:
Mary McIntyre-#593-4363 or Mary Caffrey-#887-2458.

Prayer works!

CYO *Spotlight*

Basketball is Back!!!

St Raymond CYO basketball registration will be open June 1st -July 31st
We do not accept late registrations-no exceptions
Grades 3-12 &
Clinic kindergarten-2nd

A Prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,
As I prepare to go into the world,
Help me to see the sacrament
In the wearing of this cloth-
Let it be "an outward sign
Of an inward grace"-
A tangible and visible way of living
Love for my neighbors,
Christ,
Since my lips will be covered,
Uncover my heart,
That people would see my smile
In the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled,
Help me to speak clearly,
Not only with my words,
But with my actions.
Holy Spirit,
As the elastic touches my ears,
Remind me to listen carefully-
And full of care-
To all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be
Shield and banner,
And each breath that it holds,
Be filled with your love.
In your name and in
The name of love
I pray.
May it be so, May it be so.

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish $75-$200 per vehicle.

IRS TAX DEDUCTION
FREE TOWING
ANY CONDITION

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used,
please call: 718-491-2525
For details: svdpauto-brooklyn queens.org

First Saturday Novena

Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, June 5th
8:10am
St. Raymond Church
(Near the Blessed Mother Statue)

Be Still, and know that I am GOD

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Communion Closet

St. Raymond's St. Vincent DePaul Conference

Will be collecting gently used Communion dresses and suits

during the month of June 2021

Donated dresses and suits will be distributed prior to the

First Holy Communion ceremonies of 2022

At an organized *"selection spree"* advent.

For more information on how to participate in this unique clothing drive

Please contact Marynita Anderson at 516-972-1425

The Year of St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

-Pope Francis

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Christ, have mercy.	*Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy.	*Lord, have mercy.*
Jesus, hear us.	*Jesus, graciously hear us.*
God, the Father of Heaven,	*Have mercy on us.*
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,	*Have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit,	*Have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God,	*Have mercy on us.*
Holy Mary,	*pray for us.*
St. Joseph,	*pray for us.*
Renowned offspring of David,	*pray for us.*
Light of Patriarchs,	*pray for us.*
Spouse of the Mother of God,	*pray for us.*
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	*pray for us.*
Foster father of the Son of God,	*pray for us.*
Diligent protector of Christ,	*pray for us.*
Head of the Holy Family,	*pray for us.*
Joseph most just,	*pray for us.*
Joseph most chaste,	*pray for us.*
Joseph most prudent,	*pray for us.*
Joseph most strong,	*pray for us.*
Joseph most obedient,	*pray for us.*
Joseph most faithful,	*pray for us.*
Mirror of patience,	*pray for us.*
Lover of poverty,	*pray for us.*
Model of artisans,	*pray for us.*
Glory of home life,	*pray for us.*
Guardian of virgins,	*pray for us.*
Pillar of families,	*pray for us.*
Solace of the wretched,	*pray for us.*
Hope of the sick,	*pray for us.*
Patron of the dying,	*pray for us.*
Terror of demons,	*pray for us.*
Protector of Holy Church,	*pray for us.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,	*spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,	*graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.	*And prince over all his possessions.*
He made him the lord of his household.	

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

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

The Rose for Life Program

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

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

For dedications, please call Mary Healy at 887-4062.

2021
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Monday is Memorial Day and we would like to recognize and show our appreciation to all who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

We would like to ask you to take a moment tomorrow to pray for those that have served and are serving our nation. Many families have lost loved ones, and our military men and women that have survived will face countless struggles and challenges for the rest of their lives.

On Monday when we honor and celebrate their service and sacrifice, let us also remember the once homeless veterans, who because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, have been helped through our ministries and programs like Catholic Charities *Project Veterans' Independence.*

Thank you for your support! You make a difference in the lives of so many through your prayers and generosity!

Religious Education- Faith Formation
Evelyn Contaldi, Director

In observance of Memorial Day, the Religious Education office will be closed on Monday 5/31/2021 – it will re-open on Tuesday 6/1/2021.

Registration forms for the upcoming school year have been e-mailed to parents. The forms can also be found on the parish website. At the present time, in-person classes are scheduled to be held in the St. Raymond School building starting in September for grades 2-8. First grade will be taught at home by the parents. First grade parents and their child will meet five times throughout the school year for instruction and then attend Mass together right after each meeting.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Religious Education program is in need of Catechists. Please consider joining this important ministry of educating our young people in our faith. For parents who decide to teach for us and have children in the program, there is no Registration fee. Please do not be apprehensive if you think you are not able to teach a Religion class. The teacher manuals are user friendly and there will be a new teacher workshop held at the beginning of the year. There is full-time support throughout the year from the Religious Education staff. Another consideration is to team-teach a class, meaning that there are two teachers sharing the responsibility of teaching a class. Here is where we need teachers:

2nd grade	**Tuesdays**
3:30pm-4:30pm	**4 teachers needed**

If you are able to join our ministry, please call the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075 – our office hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-4:30pm.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Dates for 2021 Confirmation are not yet determined due to the pandemic. Parents will be advised as soon as a plan is put into place. **The required Confirmation retreat is scheduled for Sunday, October 3rd, 2021** – please mark this date on your calendar. Specific details regarding the retreat will be sent home.

CATCH UP STUDENTS

For children who are in our 'catch-up program', those completed workbooks are due no later than June 25th, 2021. If they are handed in after that date, the child will still have to make up the year they missed.

On this Memorial Day, we remember the many brave men and women who have given their lives through the history of our country to protect from us from danger and harm. We remember all those who sustained injury in mind and/or body in the course of their service. We salute and honor all those who served in the military. God bless each and every one of them.

Principal's Corner
Sister Ruthanne

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – a feast for us all to think about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. What a powerful day this becomes as we invoke all members of the Trinity. I cannot speak about anyone else, but I can tell you that we could use as much help as possible across the street at the school. This last weekend of May means that the ending of school is that much nearer, and there is still a lot of unsettled matters that are looming. I am happy to tell you that some of our teachers know where they are going next year – but not all. I would ask you to please continue to hold our St. Raymond School Family in your prayers and heart as we get closer to the end. I do know that life goes on AND that children are resilient. However, adults are not quite the same and living with uncertainty can be very painful. In my 35 years at St. Raymond School, we have only not participated in the East Rockaway Memorial Day Parade for the last two! It is a major disappointment not to have a marching band, which I am sure the students miss as well. However, some of the students did continue taking instrumental lessons during the year. Therefore, Mr. Fisher will be in the parking lot to pick up instruments on Thursday morning, June 3rd at drop-off. This first week of June our 8th graders are finishing their comps on Tuesday and Wednesday and having their long-awaited "Graduates' Luncheon" on Friday, June 4th, their last full day of school. All I can say is that the clock does not stop ticking! Once again, I would like to invite all interested folks (school families, alumni, parishioners) to join us at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 19th as we celebrate St. Raymond School and all that it means to us. Following the Mass, all are invited to a picnic in the yard behind the Rectory. We would love to share memories with everyone, so please at least stop by. Have a great week and a beautiful Memorial Day. Remember all those who gave their lives that we may have freedom! God bless all who serve and protect us each day in our armed forces, police, fire and medical professions.

HUNGER KNOWS NO SEASON

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Collection

The Weekend of June 6/7

Please leave non-perishable goods at the entrances to the Church or in the Alter Servers' Sacristy. All food collected goes to the Parish Social Ministry.

Thank you for remembering those in need!

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

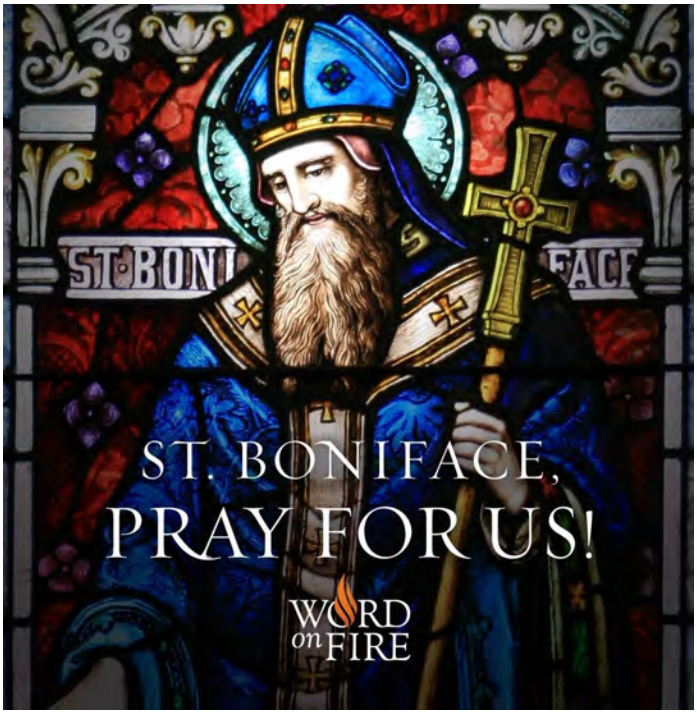
O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this Land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed With the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in you motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. **Amen.**



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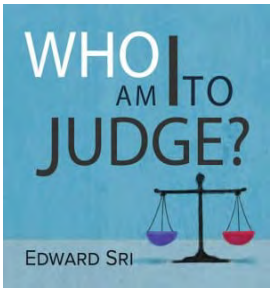

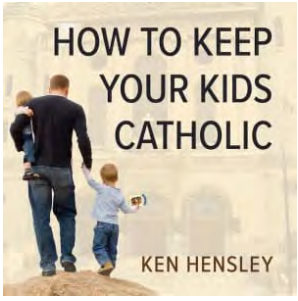

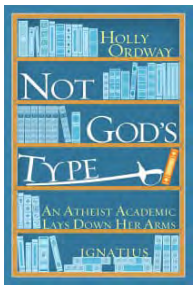

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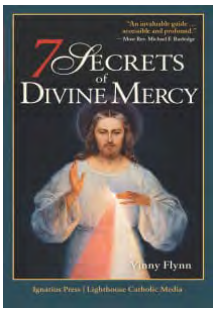

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
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We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
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Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our 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, May 31st ***Visitation of the Virgin Mary***
7:15am Eleanor Chadzutko
8:45am Marie Finken

Tuesday, June 1st ***St. Justin***
7:15am Sr. Mary Immaculate CSSR
8:45am Katie Lynch

Wednesday, June 2nd
7:15am J. Kenneth Behr
8:45am Deceased Members of the Martovana Family

Thursday, June 3rd
7:15am Hank Richardson
8:45am Mary Kay Iffinger

Friday, June 4th
7:15am Louise Stiffel
8:45am William Siletti

Saturday, June 5th ***St. Boniface***
8:45am Marianne Malone, Kathleen Clancy, Roseanne Strife
5:00pm Patrick O'Connell

Sunday, June 6th ***Corpus Christi Sunday***
7:30am Jean Whitney
9:00am Edward Humphery
10:30am Anna Simeti
12:00pm Henry Metzger, Kristiana Reilly
Victoria DeMott, Frank Altamore
Michael Dessart, Kathleen Clancy
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday
Zep 3:14-18a /Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday
Tb 2:9-14 /Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday
Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a /Mk 12/:18-27
Thursday
Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/ Mk 12:28-34
Friday
Tb 11:5-17 /Mk 12:35-37
Saturday
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20 /Mk 12:38-44
Sunday
Ex 24:3-8 /Heb 9:11-15 /Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Jeanette Kostyrka, Margaret Mary Barbato, Taylor Clark, Liz Biondi, Jodi Neckles,Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B., Bart Castellaneta, Victoria Wilkinson, Nick, Kathleen Clancy, Rob Ruggiero, Peter Scala, Suzie McHale, Baby Madison Grace Layman, Ellen Bretschneider, Hailey Faith Bevers, Martha Catel Ginny Kondrat, Baby Faith Madison, Pamela Guzzaro, Pat Bolino, Ann Marie Russo, Peggy Kelly, Joseph Murphy, Jim Kallstrom, Frank Pasqualino, Danielle Zollo, Joiemarie S

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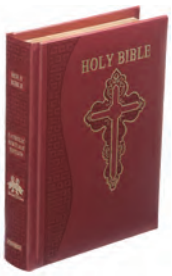

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