

## Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM  
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12 Noon and 4:30PM

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

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, April 4, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"Then the other disciple also went in,  
and he saw and believed."

~John 20:9



April 4, 2021

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

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### Confessions

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time to participate in preparation programs for the  
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Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on  
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7:30pm in the church.

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SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION  
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ALL CONNECTED  
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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 ...***

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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

**Alleluia! Jesus Christ is Risen Today!** Happy Easter to everyone. Well, it sure is a different Easter this year than in 2020. Last year our church, while decorated as usual, was silent without the usual throngs of people coming to Mass on Easter Sunday. There were no **"Happy Easter"** greetings, no singing the **"Alleluia"** music of Easter by our Adult Choir or Folk Group. Yes, it sure was different. And this year while much better is different from years past. We still have the distance seating with every other row taped off. Everyone must wear a mask and there are no missalettes to sing along from. The services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday were celebrated but with certain restrictions and modifications. But you know what? We are here and all who came to Easter Mass showed a joy and gratitude for the gift of salvation that we acknowledge by the resurrection of Jesus. While we still battle COVID-19 and its effects on our health and well-being, we still practice social distance and get vaccinated to hasten victory over this virus, today we acknowledge that Jesus has saved us and is with us in a powerful and graced way.

Easter is the day when we pay special attention to our Baptism which calls us to step over the obstacles of race, creed, and personal prejudice to build relationships where we encounter Jesus with and through one another. **Divisiveness and resentments have no real place in an Easter person.** The Resurrection of Jesus has unlocked the love of Jesus that shows us that God's love has no boundaries or partiality. It is interesting that the disciples were surprised to find the tomb empty. Remember that these were the ones who witnessed how Jesus walked on water, multiplied fish and bread, and turned water into wine. Yet now they are surprised, when he had told them time and again that he would rise from the dead in three days. Once again, Jesus has shocked them, moving far beyond their expectations. All of us too encounter Jesus in surprising ways and perhaps most surprising of all is that others can encounter Jesus in each of us.

The Gospels emphasize how much Jesus wanted to be with people face-to-face. He revealed how much God values every person, regardless of ethnicity, gender, or sinfulness. Jesus could not be bound by earthly trappings of rich or poor, gentile or Jew. He even broke free from the bonds of death. No one will find him in the tomb. Jesus will find his disciples in the coming days. In the same way, Jesus is with us, even when we are not looking for him. He is ready to always meet us where we are. Jesus loved his disciples more than they could ever know.

These beloved friends of Jesus will share stories of Jesus and announce the good news that he has risen from death. None of us should stare wide-eyed and silent, staring at an empty tomb. Our Easter celebration shouts out that we believe in the presence of Jesus alive in the world. So just like Jesus we must reject bias and judgement, deliberately meeting people face-to-face, with acceptance and love as Jesus did. May our encounter with Jesus this Easter transform our hearts into that of Jesus for all those we encounter every day.

Thanks to all who took chances for our **"Pot of Gold 50/50"** last month. The winning ticket was pulled last Sunday afternoon which was **F1613**. **The pot had reached \$4130.00 so the winning share was \$2065.00.** Congratulations! Look for our next **"Go for the Green 50'50"** coming next month.

Even though parish life has been curtailed and restricted quite a bit this past year, I know that many ministries have still been able to function to some degree. Our **School and Religious Education Program** have both been able to continue teaching our children either in person or via zoom classes and we are preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion for over 100 second graders in a couple of weeks. Our **Parish Social Ministry** has been able to maintain services to those in need throughout the pandemic and our **Ministry of Consolation** has always been able to help those suffering from the loss of a loved one in planning Funeral Masses. Our **Music Ministry** has continued to assist at all Masses and Services especially during Christmas and this Holy Week and Easter, as well as **Lectors and Ushers and EME's** when called upon. Our church is beautifully cared for and decorated once again to enhance everyone's prayer experiences when coming to Mass or for a visit. I know that while meetings have been scarce to none, the spirit of many ministries has continued through prayer chains and the magic of zoom. Hopefully in time more will be happening here for all of us.

**Have a blessed Easter!** Thanks to everyone for your generous contributions at this time, especially while facing hardships and adversity. **May the joy of the risen Lord Jesus fill your hearts with peace and strength.** Happy Easter and God bless always.

*-Father Chuck*



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021-EASTER SUNDAY**

## **Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do,  
[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



## **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, APRIL 4, 2021-EASTER SUNDAY

### FIRST READING Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:  
"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

### SECOND READING I Cor 5:6b-8

Brothers and sisters:  
Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, inasmuch as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### ALLELUIA Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



# EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

FROM

IN MEMORY OF....

FROM

IN MEMORY OF....

Aragona Family  
Patricia Ayers  
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Ray & Mary Hesler  
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M/M Johnson

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Healy & Duggan Families  
Deceased members of the  
Crockett & Hesler Families  
Haven Hobbs  
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John Calamari  
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Montuori

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# EASTER SUNDAY HYMNS



## HIS RESURRECTION Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 274

"He has risen!" Mark 16:6 (NIV)

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love: Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once, up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia!

(segue)

WORDS: Latin hymn, 14th cent.; tr. in *Lyra Davidica*, altered; Charles Wesley, stanza 3  
MUSIC: Robert Williams

LLANEAR  
7.7.7.7. with Alleluia

## Alleluia! Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise

Unknown

St. Basil's Hymnal

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an - them  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Like the sun from out the  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make us

rise, And the choirs of heav - en chant it In the  
wave, He has ris - en up in tri - umph From the  
rise From the life of this cor - rup - tion To the

tem - ple of the skies; Let the moun - tains skip with  
dark - ness of the grave. He's the splen - dor of the  
life that nev - er dies. May your glo - ry be our

glad - ness, And the joy - ful val - leys ring With ho -  
na - nons, He's the lamp of end - less day; He's the  
por - tion When the days of time are past And the

san - nas in the high - est To our Sav - ior and our King,  
ver - y Lord of glo - ry Who is ris - en up to - day.  
dead shall be a - wak - ened By the trum - pet's might - y blast.

## ALLELUIA No. 1

### REFRAIN

Capo 3. (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) C7 F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord, Al - le -

(D) (Bm) (A) (D) Fine  
F Dm C F

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

### VERSES

(D) (Bm) (G) (A) C7 D.C.  
F Dm Bb C

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth,  
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth,  
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ,  
4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God;

1. He is the king of cre - a - tion.  
2. Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
3. Now we shall live for ev - er.  
4. Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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## THREE DAYS

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1. Three days our world was bro - ken; the  
2. Three days and on the third day, the  
3. Three days our world was bro - ken and

1. Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he  
2. wom - en came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was  
3. in an in - stant healed, God's cov - e - nant of

1. told us who fol - lowed where he led. Would  
2. emp - ty, his bro - ken bod - y gone. Who  
3. mer - cy in mys - ter - y re - vealed. Two

1. we now hang in tor - ment with thieves on ev - 'ry side,  
2. could be - lieve their sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise,  
3. thou - sand years are one day in God's e - ter - nal sight,

1. our Pass - o - ver shat - tered, our hope cru - ci - fied?  
2. yet he walks a - mong us, and with our own eyes  
3. and yes - ter - day's sor - rows are this day's de - light.

1. Three days we hid in si - lence, in  
2. we've seen him at this ta - ble; we've  
3. Though still Christ's bod - y suf - fers, pierced

1. bit - ter fear and grief. Three days we clung to -  
2. shared his bread and wine. Hearts burn - ing bright with -  
3. dai - ly by the sword, yet death has no do -

1. geth - er where he had washed our feet.  
2. in us, we've seen his glo - ry shine.  
3. min - ion: the ris - en Christ is Lord!

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Easter 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!*** Around the world and across Long Island, we proclaim this marvelous truth. Good news is ours. Sin and death have been vanquished. Christ has conquered. God is victorious!

In light of the suffering and death of the past year, how blessed we are to behold again the Mystery of the Resurrection. These months have been dark and bleak. They have been long and challenging. Yet, as we encounter Easter 2021, we are reminded that God has the final word. Indeed, ***Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5)***. This Light, Jesus Christ, illumines our path. He gives hope. As the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council said:

Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death; He has lavished life upon us so that...we can cry out in the Spirit: Abba, Father.

With significant challenges facing us still on Long Island and across the globe, with darkness still afoot, perhaps the joy of Easter is difficult to embrace. Our hearts maybe like those of the disciples who went on Easter dawn to anoint the Lord's body. At the strange sight of an empty tomb and an apparently absent Jesus, instead of experiencing immediate joy, they were confused and distressed. Only in seeing the Lord face to face did they come to embrace His rising from the dead.

Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, we need to see Christ alive among us. We need to see the Resurrection in our midst. So, this Easter, let us ask, "Where is Christ alive?"

Christ is alive in the countless frontline workers, civil servants, and medical professionals who have served so faithfully and so heroically this past year. Their sacrificial love and Good Samaritan-willingness to help neighbors in need radiate the Lord Jesus!

Christ is alive in the catechumens who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Their reception of the Sacraments reminds us of the power of our own Baptism--where each of us had died with Christ and risen with Him to new life.

Above all, Christ is alive in His risen and glorified presence in the Eucharist and in the transforming power of His Body and Blood that we received in the celebration of the Mass. Christ is alive, and therefore the Church is alive. The Eucharist is the source of this life--and its power has become perhaps more evident than ever, after months of separation from the weekly and daily celebration of the Mass. Together, we recall the disciples' recognition of Jesus following the Resurrection of Emmaus in the opening ways in which our parishes and schools have continued to foster creatively this Emmaus experience on Long Island, both in-person and virtually. May we continue to recognize the Sunday Eucharist as the source from which the life of the Resurrected Christ bursts forth into the world.

At his Sunday Angelus on January 3, 2021, Pope Francis beautifully reminded us of Christ's continued presence in our midst:

"I like to think that when the Lord prays to the Father for us, he does not merely speak: he shows him the wounds of the flesh, he shows him the wounds he suffered for us. This is Jesus: with his flesh he is the intercessor, he wanted to bear even the signs of suffering. Jesus, with his flesh, is before the Father. Indeed, the Gospel says that ***He came to dwell among us***. He did not come to visit us, and then leave; He came to dwell with us, to stay with us".

May we continue to encounter the presence of Jesus Christ who dwells in and through His Church. May we continue to experience signs of His Resurrection even amidst the challenges and crosses we embrace, and may this encounter continue to fill our hearts, so that our voices can confidently cry out:

***The Lord is truly risen! Alleluia!***

**Faithfully in the Lord,**

*+ John O. Barres*

**Most Reverend John O. Barres**

**Bishop of Rockville Centre**



**Statement from  
Bishop John O. Barres**





## Happy Easter! Alleluia! The Lord Is Truly Risen!

**Christ is alive** and His light has illuminated the darkness. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, may we continue to discover where Christ is truly alive in our life and on Long Island. Christ is alive through your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, *creating pathways of faith* through the ministries it serves by touching more than 600,000 people in our community.

**Christ is Alive** through our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities programs that serve the needs of the disadvantaged in our Community.

**Christ is Alive** through our Faith Formation programs, educating our Lay Leaders and children. And through our Seminary as we train our future priests and deacons.

**Christ is Alive** in our Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries as our young people grow closer to the Lord.

**Christ is Alive** in our schools as children learn in an environment that's vision is directed by the teachings of our Lord.

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## Litany of St. Joseph

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

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

Jesus, hear us.

*Jesus, graciously hear us.*

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

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

Holy Mary,

*pray for us.*

St. Joseph,

*pray for us.*

Renowned offspring of David,

*pray for us.*

Light of Patriarchs,

*pray for us.*

Spouse of the Mother of God,

*pray for us.*

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

*pray for us.*

Foster father of the Son of God,

*pray for us.*

Diligent protector of Christ,

*pray for us.*

Head of the Holy Family,

*pray for us.*

Joseph most just,

*pray for us.*

Joseph most chaste,

*pray for us.*

Joseph most prudent,

*pray for us.*

Joseph most strong,

*pray for us.*

Joseph most obedient,

*pray for us.*

Joseph most faithful,

*pray for us.*

Mirror of patience,

*pray for us.*

Lover of poverty,

*pray for us.*

Model of artisans,

*pray for us.*

Glory of home life,

*pray for us.*

Guardian of virgins,

*pray for us.*

Pillar of families,

*pray for us.*

Solace of the wretched,

*pray for us.*

Hope of the sick,

*pray for us.*

Patron of the dying,

*pray for us.*

Terror of demons,

*pray for us.*

Protector of Holy Church,

*pray for us.*

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

*spare us, O Lord.*

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

*graciously hear us, O Lord.*

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

*And prince over all his possessions.*

He made him the lord of his household.



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

**Saint Joseph, pray for us.**

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## *The Rose for Life Program*

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

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

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

**April 27 Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform**

**May 25 Liturgy and Personal Growth**

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

**Please call or email to register:  
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**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

For 20 years parishes throughout our Diocese, St. Raymond's included, have participated in the Mother's Day Carnation Sale for Birthright of L.I., a pregnancy care center, located in Wantagh. Due to COVID, there was no fundraiser held last year and this year is likely going to be the same. Each year our parish raised, on average \$1,800.00, which was donated to Birthright. Thanks to the recent "Lenten Gift Card" collection in our parish and to your generosity, our parish donated \$1,600.00 in gift cards along with baby items and beautiful handmade blankets to Birthright. These gifts were greatly appreciated by the staff at Birthright, as there had been a drop in donations last year and yet, the need is great for the mothers and their little ones. May God bless you abundantly for your faithful support and caring for them. Our parish also has had fundraisers for The Life Center of L.I. This center is in need of diapers. An anonymous donor has agreed to match monetary donations for diapers up to \$500.00. If anyone would like to participate, simply send a check made out to "The Life Center of L.I." and specify on the check "Diaper Donation", and mail

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***"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad." (Psalm 118:2)  
We wish all a very Blessed and Happy Easter!!***



**"If we do not learn from history,  
we are doomed to repeat it".**

**Slavery:** "A slave is the property of the owner & can be bought, sold used or even killed by the owner at the owner's discretion."

**Abortion:** An unborn baby is the property of the mother & she can have the baby killed by abortion, up to and including any time until baby's birth.

**Slavery:** Although he may have a heart, and a brain, and he may be a human life biologically, a slave is not a human person (Dred Scott Decision, 1857)

**Abortion:** Although he may have a heart and a brain and he may be a human life biologically, an unborn baby is not a legal person (Roe V. Wade, 1973)

**Slavery:** A black person only becomes a legal person when he or she is set free. Before that time we should not concern ourselves about him because he has no legal rights.

**Abortion:** A baby only becomes a legal person when he is born and in some cases now even if the baby is lucky to be born after the abortion (live-birth), even then the baby's life is still in jeopardy in some states.

**Slavery:** If you think slavery is wrong, nobody is forcing you to own slaves. But don't impose your morality on someone else!

**Abortion:** If you think abortion is wrong, nobody is forcing you to have one. But don't impose your morality on someone else!

**Slavery:** 11 years later in 1868, the 14th Amendment was enacted to right this dreadful wrong!

**Abortion:** Over 4 decades (45 years) have passed since the Supreme Court made its infamous and deadly abortion decision.

**We have repeated history. Same old  
arguments, same old rationales, Just a  
different segment of our human family.  
How much longer is it going to take us to  
recognize and return protection to the  
vulnerable, innocent, voiceless little ones?  
To overturn the injustice to the  
babies in the womb?**

**Religious Education- Faith Formation**  
**Evelyn Contaldi, Director**

**There are no Religious Education classes the 4/5/2021. Classes will resume on 4/12/2021 and will end for the year on 4/22/2021.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

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

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

**ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

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

**HOME TEACHING**

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

**FIRST GRADE PARENTS**

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

**May your heart and soul be blessed with  
the beautiful spirit of Easter!**

**Rejoice and celebrate the miracle and  
Triumph of Christ's resurrection. May God  
fill your home with peace, hope, and love.**

**Evelyn Contaldi  
Lucy Ostermann  
Nancy Mott**

**Principal's Corner**  
**Sister Ruthanne**



"We are an EASTER people. ALLELUIA is our song!" It is so good to think about resurrection and new life after the Lent that we had. Let us celebrate this wonderful feast of the Church, knowing that one day we will also be enjoying new life with the Lord in heaven. Happy Easter.

Obviously, this is a quiet time in the school since this is our Easter (Spring) break. I would say that the break comes at a good time, allowing us to absorb and process all that has happened in the last few weeks. Please continue to pray for us that we may all exercise patience and understanding through these confusing times. There are lots of changes for all of us - students, teachers, parents, and administrators. However, we will survive because we have one another and our God to hold us all.

Enjoy the restful week and we will happily see everyone on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Stay safe - wear your mask (maybe covered in bunnies!) - wash your hands - keep your distance - get vaccinated if possible- and do not eat too many jellybeans!

**God bless.**

**Be Still, and  
know that I am  
GOD**



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 11TH



### The Divine Mercy Message

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

**Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world.

**Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

*Plenary indulgence prayers at all Masses  
2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
2:10pm Rosary  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:50pm Benedictions*

#### Nine-Day Novena

Jesus requested that St. Faustina make a special novena before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Nine-Day Novena begins on Good Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 9am morning prayer and continues through Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

*"On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment"*

*– Diary of St. Faustina, 699*



### 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.**

## Parish Social Ministry

*The Heart of the Parish*

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

**Psalm 31:7-8.**

Pantry needs for the week:

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

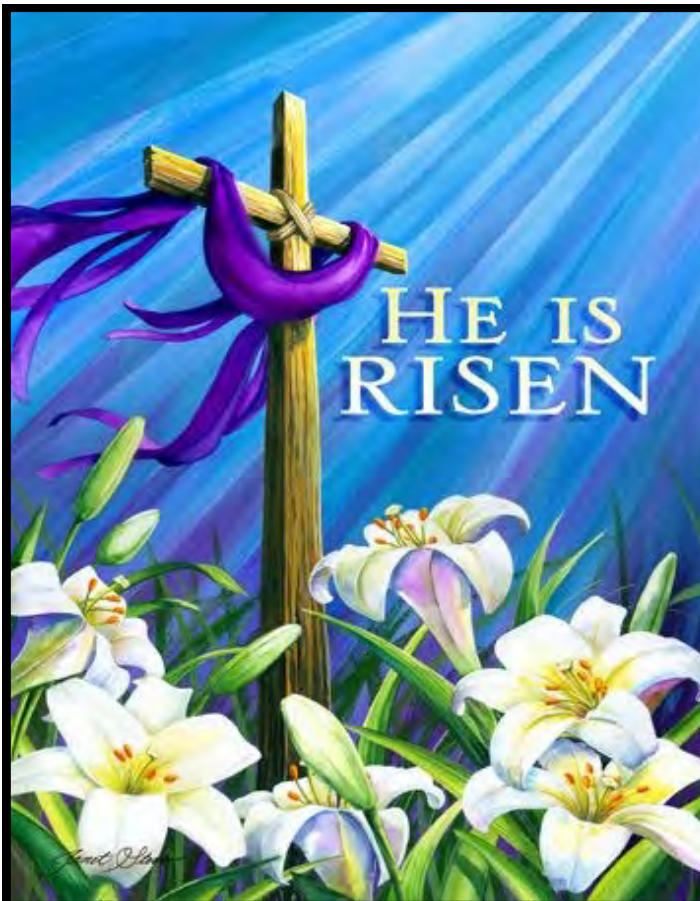
***Thanks and praise to you for all  
your support and love.  
You are in our prayers.***



## EASTER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE

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

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



## PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

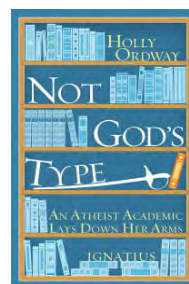
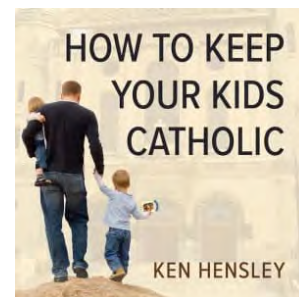
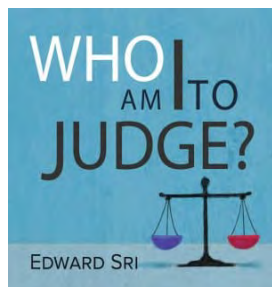
***My Jesus, I believe that you are  
present in the most Blessed  
Sacrament, I love You above all  
things and I desire to receive You  
Into my soul. Since I cannot now  
receive You sacramentally, come at  
least spiritually into my heart. I  
embrace You as if You have already  
come, and unite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

***Amen***

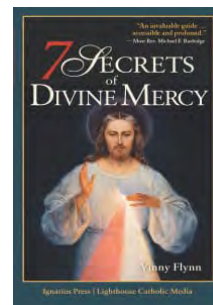


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## Masses for this Week

### Monday, April 5th

7:15am Juan Pablo ( 2nd Anniversary)

8:45am Stephanie Lamontanaro

### Tuesday, April 6th

7:15am Faculty & Families of St. Raymond

8:45am Vincent F. Murray

### Wednesday, April 7th

7:15am Pola Cofuccetaz

8:45am James Gallagher

### Thursday, April 8th

7:15am Noel & Thomas Kelly

8:45am Frank Fazekas

### Friday, April 9th

7:15am Judy Ricci

8:45am Lorraine Grosso

### Saturday, April 10th

8:45am Estebana Moreno Deras,

Juan Antonio Deras, Owen McVeigh

Patrick Puglissi, Mary McCarthy

5:00pm Hugh J. McGrane, Jr.

### Sunday, April 11th

7:30am Anne & Frank Behrman

9:00am Rosalia Barbaro

10:30am Stephen & Josephine Genova

12:00pm Nora Zerella, Florence Bell, Rosemarie Dyke

Joseph Saldutti, Dennis McSweeney,

Estebana Moreno Deras, Domenica Cuscino

Angela, Claudio & Irma Coppola

Giovanni Moretto

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33 /Mt 28:8-15

#### Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18

#### Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10 /Lk 24:13-35

#### Thursday

Acts 3:11-26 /Lk 24:35-48

#### Friday

Acts 4:1-12 /Jn 21:1-14

#### Saturday

Acts 4:13-21 /Mk 16:9-15

#### Sunday

Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 /Jn 20:19-31

### 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,  
Ginny Kondrat, Baby Faith Madison, Pamela Guzzaro, Pat Bolino

Ann Marie Russo, Peggy Kelly,

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



### Rest in Peace

Vincent Madonna

Domenica Cuscino

Joseph Fiore



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In today's first reading, we hear Peter announce that  
Jesus called the Apostles to preach the Good  
News. As Catholics, we are all called to preach that  
same Good News. One way to do that this week  
could be to remind someone that  
Jesus loves them.

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The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream.



## Great News! Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org>

Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience Thursday/Mondays April 8-29

## 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.

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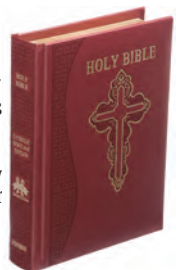
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