

## 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, August 2, 2020

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the  
fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.”

-Matthew 14:20



August 2nd

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

### Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm;  
Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

**Web Site:** www.SaintRaymonds.org

**Facebook:** St. Raymond Parish, East Rockaway

**E-Mail:** StRayRcc@optonline.net

Rectory.....593-5000

Rectory Fax.....887-0554

**Parish Social Ministry**.....887-9197

Office Hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm.

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

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

**Religious Education Office**.....593-9075

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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!  
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY  
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION  
WILL BE POSTED TO KEEP US  
ALL CONNECTED  
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



**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

Sunday at 3:30 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

***Please remember to pray for our  
wounded soldiers.***

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessing be yours on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** The focus for this Sunday's readings is to allow God to nourish our spiritual lives. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the people who had been people in exile are invited to draw closer to God. Israel is encouraged to pursue a right relationship once again with God. **"I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David."** Then in the second reading from Romans, the people are told that there is nothing on earth, below or above that should shake their confidence in God's love for them. **"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel we have the miracle of the loaves and fish where Jesus with five loaves, a couple of fish and a prayer to his Father multiplied what he had so that the immense crowd could eat. **"They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over-twelve wicker baskets full."**

Eating healthy is about being nourished, sustained, strengthened, and cared for. Our bodies are made to be nourished so they can flourish. And just as we are called to nourish our bodies, so must we care for our souls, so that our spiritual lives can blossom. If we go to our God, he promises to nourish us, feed us, and strengthen us each day so that we can flourish. **Wherever you are in your relationship with God, he wants you to be spiritually fed and to give you fullness of life.** God calls each of us to come as we are, not as we wish we were, or who we hope to be one day, but as we truly are. In times of trial, anguish, and difficulty, we often realize what has been true, namely that God is always with us, offering us strength, compassion, direction, and salvation. God is with us during the big moments of our lives and in our ordinary days. Think of a time when you were struggling and you experienced God nourishing you with what you needed at that time (strength, hope, joy or maybe mercy). God wants to feed our spirits in every season, no occasion is too massive or mundane to avoid turning to God with our needs.



Even in our spiritual lives, we can experience lifeless and disconnected from our relationship with God. But just like the abundance of Jesus gifts of healing and feeding, he wants to give each of us abundance in our spiritual lives. He wants our relationship to flourish so that the overflowing of his grace in our lives nourishes not only us but the world around us. To be spiritually fed there are four simple things to do each day. The first is to pray and the Our Father is the simplest and most direct prayer we have. Secondly read some scripture. The Word of God offers us encouragement, hope, healing, joy, and the experience of God's love outpoured. Thirdly we should receive the sacraments when possible for they are a source of healing, strengthening, and restoring our spiritual lives. And finally, we need to practice discernment. Don't consume spiritual junk food. What you read, watch, and scroll through certainly impacts one's spiritual life. Put into practice these four ways and I believe we can experience the tremendous love of God every day.

**Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass or read it on the parish website ([www.SaintRaymonds.org](http://www.SaintRaymonds.org)).** It contains items of interest and information with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, information from **Religious Education**, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks** (we really need everyone's help to make this new round a rousing success), an invitation to joined **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.

Let us keep praying for all those afflicted with the coronavirus. May they speedily recover. Let us also keep praying for the safety of all medical personnel and those who care for the sick, plus those working diligently on effective treatments and vaccines. Our regular Mass schedule is still in effect but remember the obligation to attend is not in force and those who are vulnerable due to age or medical conditions should stay home and pray along with Mass online or on TV. Have an enjoyable first week of August. **Keep cool, calm, and collected. Remember: Worrying doesn't stop bad things from happening, it just stops you from enjoying the good.** God bless always.

*-Father Chuck*

# *It's time for the next round of...*



Dear Friends,

To enhance our Parish Picks fundraiser, in our last segment, we added a new system which allowed you to receive additional tickets. Please think about purchasing additional tickets since this is a fundraiser that helps us pay some of our big bills.

This is how the system works: The basic entry to participate in Parish Picks is \$60.00. For \$60.00 you will now get **THREE TICKETS**. If you contribute \$120 you will receive **SIX TICKETS**. Yes, we are offering additional tickets for **FREE** according to the amount you contribute (see below)

	Number of Tickets			TOTAL AMOUNT
Ticket Cost	for each \$60.00	Free Tickets	BONUS TICKETS	OF TICKETS
\$60.00	1	1	1	3
\$120.00	2	2	2	6
\$180.00	3	3	3	9
\$240.00	4	4	4	12
\$300.00	5	5	5	15
\$360.00	6	6	6	18

Your participation would greatly help the expenses St. Raymond incurs. **YOU GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!** We would like to give you a call and **MAKE YOU HAPPY!**

The next segment begins in **August 2020** and runs through **February 2021**. You "**regulars**" know how it works, but for those of you who haven't yet joined...here's the scoop: The cost of a ticket is still \$60, and you're eligible to participate in all the monthly drawings because even if you win, your ticket automatically goes back in for the remaining drawings. Each month the following prize amounts are awarded:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1,000    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$500    3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$250    4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$250**

Entry money for the next six months must be received by **August 15, 2020**. Ticket numbers are not reserved; they will be given in the order in which your payment is received. Members of the committee can be contacted to answer any questions.

On behalf of the Parish Picks Committee, I thank you for your continuous support of this parish fundraiser. Your participation is a big help to St. Raymond Parish and our many ministries. God bless you always.

**Sincerely, Father Chuck, Pastor & Julianne Grennen & Doreen Dolan**  
**StRayRCC@optonline.net or 516-593-5000**

## **St. Raymond's Parish Picks Order Form**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ ticket (s) in the Parish Picks. I will receive extra tickets for each ticket that I purchase in accordance with the chart shown on the enclosed letter. (Each ticket is good for 6 months of chances and costs \$60.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

### ATTENTION 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE PARISH PARENTS

**With our prayers that we can have First Holy Communion ceremonies, the dates are:**

**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, etc as we go along over these next months.

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 and attach them to your child's 2020/2021 Religious Education Registration form.

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE BEING WORKED ON AND WILL BE SENT HOME TO PARENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



## Parish Social Ministry

*The Heart of the Parish*

### **The Parish Social Ministry is back!**

*My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.  
-Psalm 63:3-4*

Pantry needs for this week are as follows: Tomato sauce, peanut butter, Mac 'n cheese, shampoo, conditioner, Laundry detergent, and dish detergent.

***Please note that as of July 27, the Parish Social Ministry and food pantry will be open Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM. We thank you for your cooperation and pray you have a blessed summer.***



### *The Journey of Grief*

Share the memories of your beloved.  
Let us encourage you with compassion.  
Life has changed for you, we are here  
with caring hands.

*St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry  
Call: 516-593-5000*



*God Bless Our  
Newly Baptized  
Emily Marie Boccia  
Michael Anthony Boccia  
Ryder Scott-William  
Reich*



*Congratulations to...  
Colleen Thornton & Lawrence Vacchia  
Victoria Federico & Mark Romanelli  
who will be married at  
St. Raymond's Church in August*

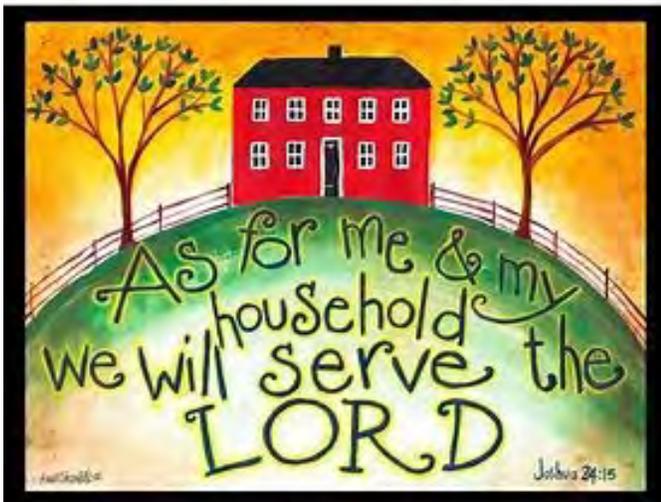


*The Rose for Life Program*

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.



Prayer for the Feast of St. Dominic

May God the Father, who made us, bless us. May God the Son, who redeemed us, send healing into our midst.

May God the Holy Spirit, who gives us life, move within us.

May God give us eyes to see to God, ears to hear God, and hands to bring God's work into the world.

May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all. May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us at last by God's grace to the eternal Kingdom.

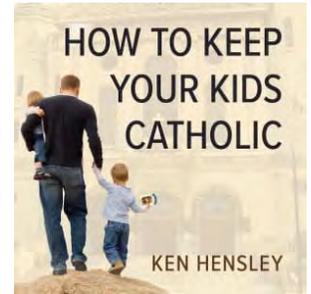
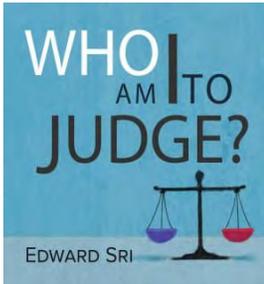




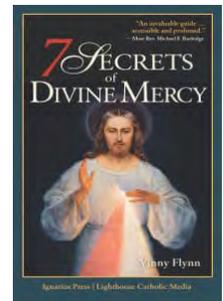
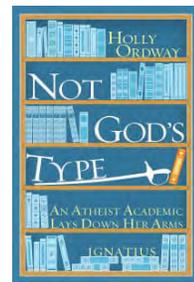
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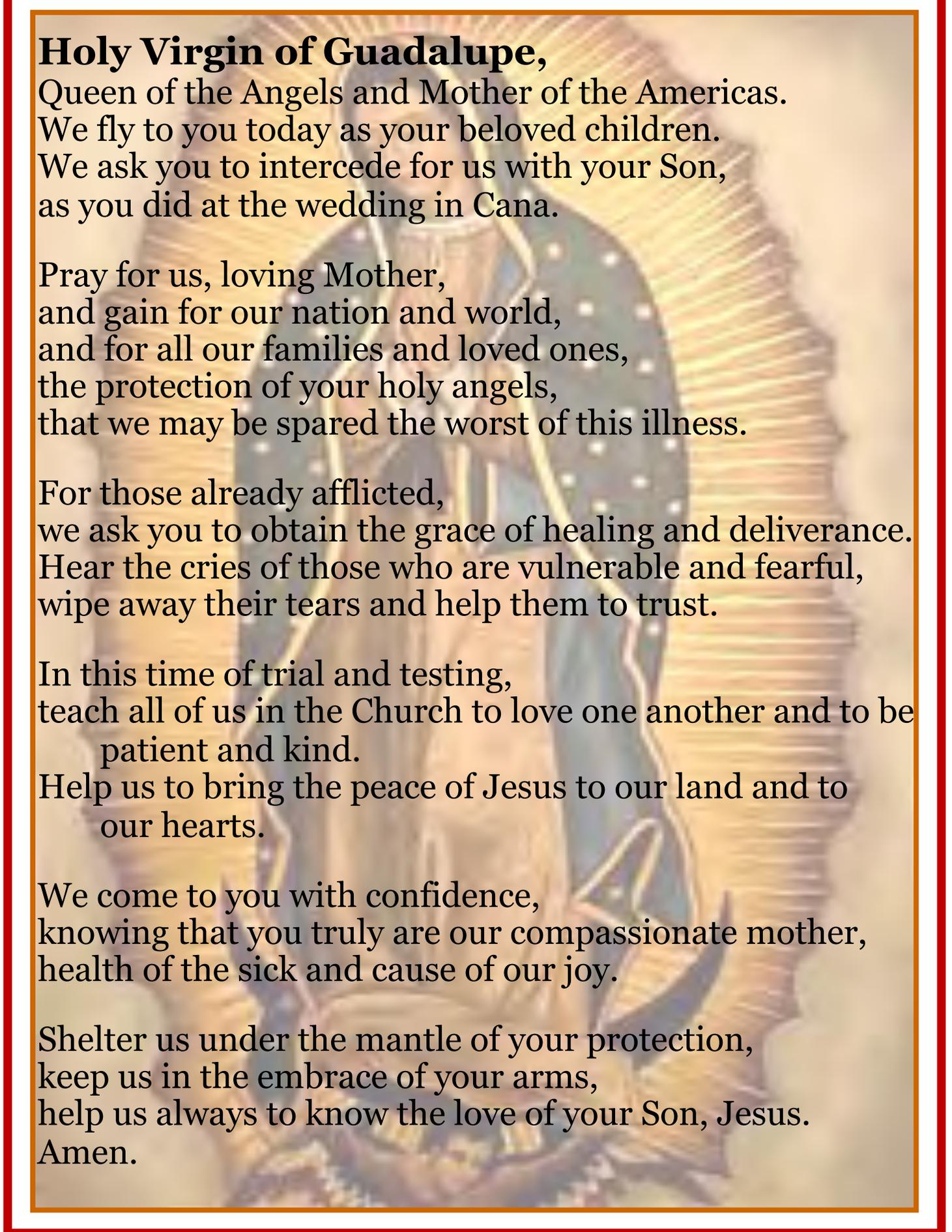


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## **Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,**

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

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.

# 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*

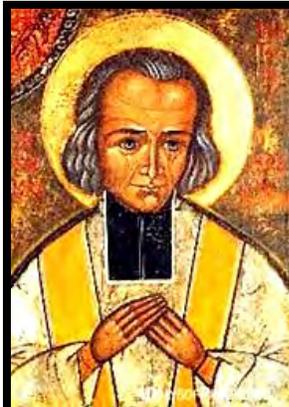


## St. Raymond Human Life Committee

"It is now estimated that in 2020, over 50% of abortions will be chemical abortions (aka RU-486 or the abortion pill), up from 40% last year! In addition, the cost to Planned Parenthood is only \$80 for the abortion pill; yet women are charged as much as \$500 to \$1,000!....More and more women are taking RU-486, especially during this pandemic because more abortion facilities were closed & had their in- clinic services substituted with telemed abortions. The abortion pill was prescribed via the internet without the woman ever actually seeing a doctor in person!..."

(The Life Center of L.I.)

**For anyone experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, you are not alone. Please call the following for caring, confidential, free assistance:**  
The Life Center of L.I. - #516-798-9100  
Birthright of L.I. - #516-785-4070



"I love You, O my God,  
and my only desire is to love You  
until the last breath of my life.

"I love You,  
O my infinitely lovable God,  
and I would rather die loving You,  
than live without loving You."

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

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**As always, we thank you for your generous support!**



**The second Reading for this week is so powerful. Let us encourage our brothers and sisters by reminding them that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**



# Masses for this Week

## Monday, August 3rd

7:15am Larry Niccio  
8:45am Vincent Boden

## Tuesday, August 4th *Saint John Vianney*

7:15am Catherine Thornton  
8:45am Peter Broughal

## Wednesday, August 5th

7:15am Vanessa Testani  
8:45am Joyce & Ralph Sellitti (living)

## Thursday, August 6th *Transfiguration of the Lord*

7:15am Edward Collins  
8:45am Patrice Wamil-Elmi

## Friday, August 7th

7:15am Rose Thies  
8:45am Mary Marzano

## Saturday, August 8th

8:45am Josephine Nischo, Patricia Betzag  
5:00pm Walter Convery

## Sunday, August 9th

7:30am Mary Margaret Grennen  
9:00am Edward DiResto  
10:30am Peter Broughal  
12:00pm Denis Motherway, Mary Bolan  
Josephine Rapanaro, Roberto E. Domengues  
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36

#### Tuesday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36

#### Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15: 21-28

#### Thursday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Mt 17:1-9

#### Friday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28

#### Saturday

Hab 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20

#### Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

### Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Margaret Mary Barbato, Lydia Dengel, Marie O'Brien, Thomas Botkin, Jodi Neckles, Mary Lynch, Annemarie Montell, Lee Wilson, Ann Marie, Baby Azai Morris, Dr. Sam Iyer, Olivia Bonino, Veronica, Zeldia, Gina, Marie, Joan Ellyn Cullen, Pat Bolino, Nick S., Anthony B., Alyssa B., Anthony DaMato, Jeanette Kostyrka, Jane Gelson, Michael Conconan, Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervalino, Ralph Cerrato, Joe DelGirno

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



### Rest in Peace

Mary Ann Hart  
Catherine Miller  
John Puntar



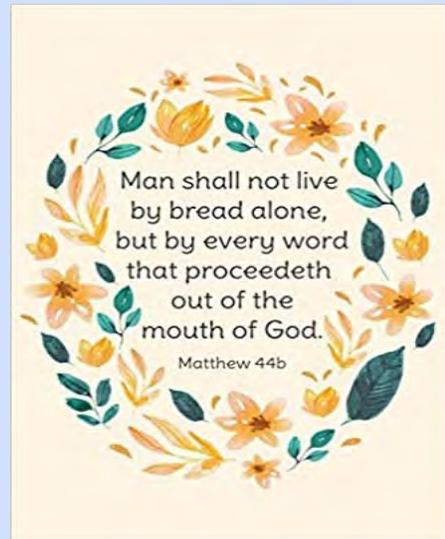
### The Rose for Life

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## Pastoral Council



### Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki, Monica Collins, Vice Chairperson;  
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### St. Raymond's Bulletin...

As a reminder, in case you forget to pick up your weekly Sunday bulletin, you can view it on our website:

[www.saintraymonds.org](http://www.saintraymonds.org).

If you would like to advertise an upcoming event for a St. Raymond Ministry or group, please email your article or notice two Fridays before the date of the bulletin to:

[strayrc@optonline.net](mailto:strayrc@optonline.net).

Please write: "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line of you email. All bulletin articles are subject to the Pastor's approval.

### End of Life Decision Making

Catholic teaching on end of life decisions; nutrition and hydration; palliative and hospice care; assisted suicide, euthanasia; healthcare proxies and living wills.

For info, visit [www.catholicendoflife.org](http://www.catholicendoflife.org).

### Engaged Encounter Preparing for Marriage?

August 7,8,9 2020

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
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Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions.

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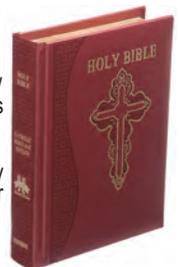
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