

Masses

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

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

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Children's Choir
Patricia Mayle

Hand Bell Choir
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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

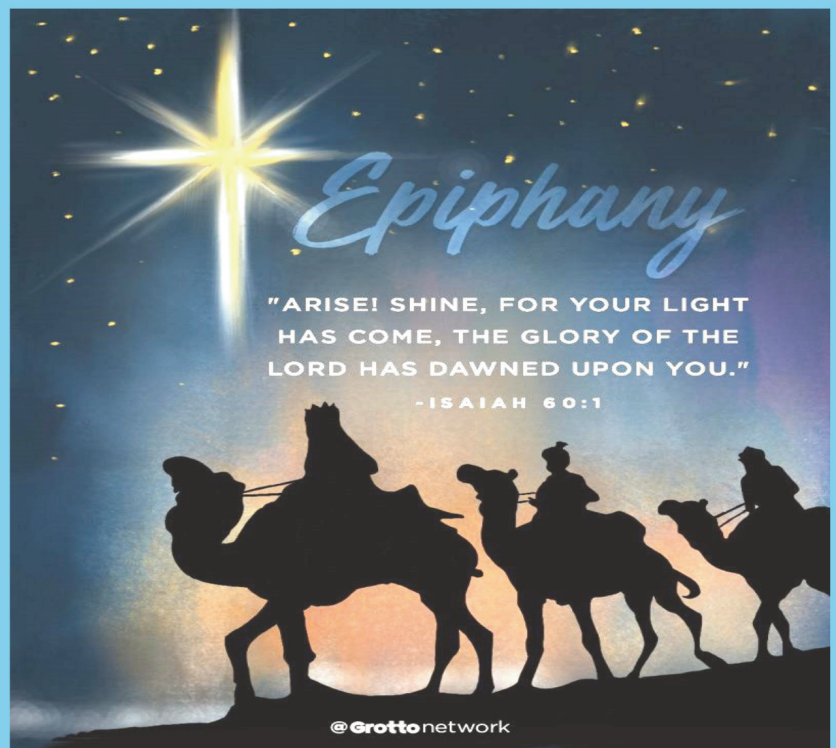
Sunday, January 5, 2020

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"and behold, the star they have seen at its rising
proceeded them, until it came and stopped over
the place where the child was."

-Matthew 2:10



January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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.

Parish Social Ministry Fax.....593-6278

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

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

Religious Education Office.....593-9075

Religious Education Office Fax593-1156

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

Music Ministries

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

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

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 5th

10:30am Rel. Ed 2nd Grade Breakfast Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 7th

6:30-10:00pm Boy Scouts Cafeteria

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group MWMR

7:30-9:00pm Handbell Choir Church

Wednesday, January 8th

9:00am Art Club MWMR

7:30pm Choir Church

7:30pm 8th Grade Parent Auditorium

Thursday, January 9th

9:30am Bible Sharing MWMR

7:30pm 2nd Grade Parent Meeting Auditorium

7:00-10:00pm Pre Cana MWMR

Friday, January 10th

7:30-10:00pm Boy Scouts Gym

Saturday, January 11th

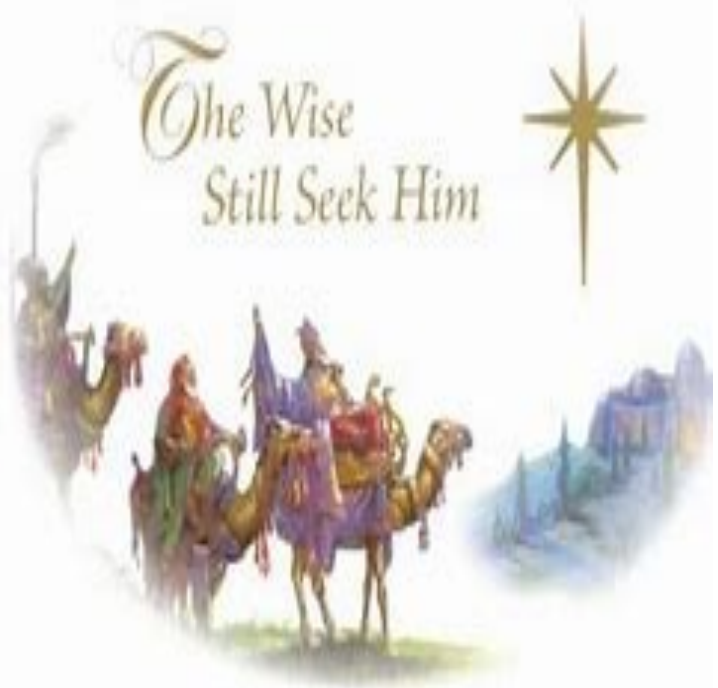
8:30am Defensive Driving Cafeteria

3:30pm Confessions Church

6:00pm Bingo Cafeteria



**We would like to create a new list of our
service Men & Women,
in order to keep them
In our prayers. Please email any
requests to strayrcc@optonline.net
and write
“Attention Bulletin Editor”
in the subject line.
Also, include name, rank and branch.
Thank you!**



Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and Merry Christmas once again on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord! It is important that we recognize today's feast as an important part of the Christmas season. The words of Isaiah, in the first reading are full of hope for the Jewish people. After a rough time when Israel failed to serve God faithfully, now things have dramatically changed. The people are ready to embrace their true role as servants of the Lord. **"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you."** Then in the second reading from Ephesians, Paul speaks of the revelation that he received which calls for the Gentiles to also share in the same faith which draws them into the promise of eternal life as proclaimed in the Gospel. **"You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation."** And finally, today's Gospel from Matthew sets the stage for great drama with the arrival of the Magi. **"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."**

Our Christmas creche is now complete. The figures of the Magi (the Three Kings) finishes this inspired scene. Remember that Christmas is not just one day but rather a season that we celebrate for almost three weeks. If you are finished with Christmas on December 26th, you are really losing out. Yet that seems to be the way of our North American culture. **So, be counterculture!** Keep the season alive in your home and hearts by beginning your own weeklong celebration of the Incarnation. The stories that we hear during this wonderful season keep our hope, faith, and love alive in deep and mysterious ways. Our culture is becoming more secular every year. Money and possessions seem to rule our lives. We easily succumb to the ways of the world. **So instead, succumb to the ways of the Gospel!** How you live can have a powerful effect on the people around you.

This feast of the Epiphany has much to teach us. The Three Kings represent the Gentiles. Jesus became present in our midst, not only for the chosen people in biblical times but also for all humanity, for the whole blessed earth. King Herod, in today's gospel, represents fear. **The Three Kings represent faith, truth and life.** Grace and peace always win out over fear. So let Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar lead you through the remainder of this Christmas season.

And as you receive Holy Communion today, may the real presence of Jesus in your life and in the sacrament, we celebrate, fill you with peace, healing and goodness.

As we start 2020, I want to first thank everyone who has responded positively to the **Enhanced Offertory Program** we held on October. Results have been encouraging and if we can sustain the growth it will be a big help to the parish finances going forward. And secondly, I want to again encourage everyone to take advantage of the **"free"** subscription that we offer to everyone so you can join **FORMED** which is a treasure trove of Catholic video and audio material for Catholics of all ages. Check the full-page ad in the bulletin and then simply join. I promise that you won't be disappointed.

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 our next gathering for **Adult Bingo** on Saturday, January 11th, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks** that starts on the third Monday of February, a form to reserve one of the **Special Memorial Candles**, the invitation I mentioned to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand), as well as invitations to join both our **Adult Choir and Folk Group** plus much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

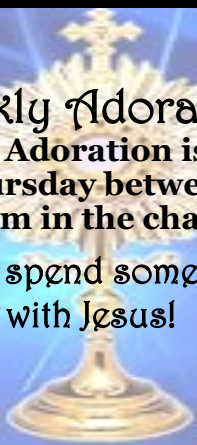
Have a great first week of 2020! **Smile, share and try to do a little bit more than you think you can each day. Plus remember: If you see only shadows that means a light is shining nearby.** Happy New Year and God bless always.

-Father Chuck



Weekly Adoration
Weekly Adoration is every
Thursday between
1-4pm in the chapel

Come spend some time
with Jesus!



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Collection

This Weekend of January 4/5

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!



Food
Collection

BINGO

Saturday, January 11th at 6:30pm
(doors open at 6:00 pm)

St. Raymond School Cafeteria

\$1,000 in Cash Prizes

\$25 Entrance Fee

Includes Entrance Board

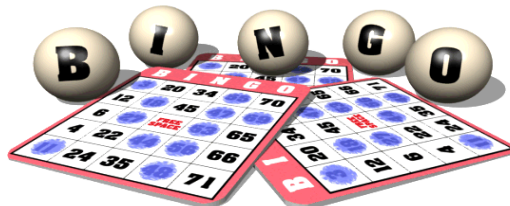
Light Refreshments • Soda • Coffee/Tea

Additional bingo boards available
for purchase.

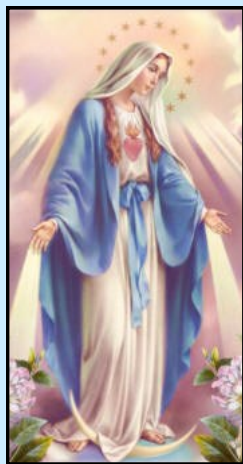
50/50 • Cash bar

Reservations may be made at the rectory
or school offices. Walk-ins welcome!

(No one under 21 years of age will be admitted)



~PRAY WITHOUT CEASING~



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.

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

Tis the Season to
Give Hope

Be a Holiday Hero to Patients

BLOOD DRIVE

WIN A TRIP TO CANCUN

Donate in **January 2020**,
and you will be entered to win a trip
for two to **Cancun, Mexico**



St. Raymond's School Blood Drive

Date: Monday– January 27, 2020

Time: 2:15pm-8:15pm

***Place: St. Raymond's School—Cafeteria
263 Atlantic Avenue East Rockaway, NY***

***To schedule an appointment, please call
Michelle Daniels @ 593-9010 ext. 14***

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring valid signature or photo ID**
 - Minimum weight 110lbs**
 - Age 16-75 (16 year old's need parental permission.
Age 76 and over needs a doctor's note)**
 - Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids –No tattoos for past 12 months**
- Medical Eligibility please call 1-800-688-0900**



#nybloodcenter

www.nybc.org

1.800.933.BLOOD

 **New York** Blood Center

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

WHERE: St. Raymond School Cafeteria

WHEN: Saturday-January 11, 2020
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

COST: \$50.00

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



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. (St. Raymond has already received donations from the Associated Vincentian Charities!) Your donation is tax deductible and will be towed away at no charge. The vehicle does not have to be operating.

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call:

718-491-2525

Or email: svdpauto@gmail.com

For details: svdpauto-



St. Raymond School is a participating charity in the Amazon Smile program. Every time that you make an eligible purchase at smile.amazon.com and choose St. Raymond School, East Rockaway, NY as your charity, St. Raymond's will receive 0.5% of the purchase price **at no additional cost to you!** Please make all of your purchases through Amazon Smile rather than Amazon.com and choose St. Raymond School, East Rockaway, NY as your charity. (Please note that there are several St. Raymond's listed. Be sure to choose the one that says "East Rockaway, NY" to ensure that our School benefits from your purchase.) It is a fast, easy and free way to provide much needed financial support to our School.

As always, we thank you for your generous support!



Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Oceanside Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of **\$20,986!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Oceanside Christopher VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave. in Oceanside, or for information call 620-8100, or visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.



SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

As you have probably noticed, we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they will enhance many people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory.

This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: _____ St Joseph Statue: _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print):

The St. Raymond Adult Choir

Invites you to sing in God's house!



"He who sings, prays twice!" St. Augustine

Come and join us as we sing and pray together during the 10:30am Mass on Sundays!

No Audition Required!

Choir rehearsals are held every Wednesday from 7:30-9:30pm in the Church Choir Loft.

Why not come to a choir rehearsal and see what we are about?

For more information, call Choir Director, Laura Garbitelli at 516-593-7345

Do you like to sing?
Do you play piano, flute or guitar?



Check out ...

St. Raymond Folk Group!

If you are in 7th Grade or older, we would love to have you join us!

We rehearse the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30-8:30 and every Sunday at 11:00am in the Rectory Lower Level and sing at the 12 Noon Sunday Masses.

For more information, call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836



Jesus is waiting to go to the homes of those who cannot come to His.

If you know anyone in our parish who would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please call the rectory at 593-5000.

God is 

Your true character
Is most accurately
measured by how you
treat those who can do
'Nothing' for you.



JOY TO THE WORLD
THE Lord
Has Come

Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne

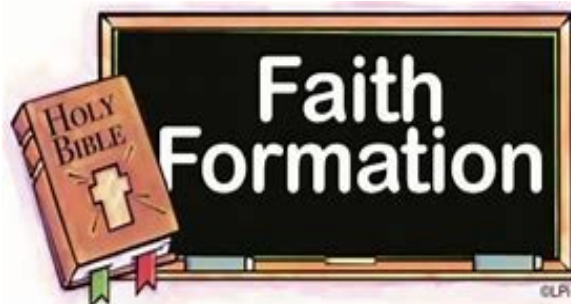
St. Matthew tells us that when Jesus was born the magi from the east arrived asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." We all know the story that indeed the magi found the Child and returned to their homes by an alternate route to avoid meeting Herod again to protect the newborn. What about us now over two thousand years later? Are we looking to find our King and do him homage? Perhaps that should have been one of resolutions for the new year. It is never too late to honor our King and God!

Well, we've been out of routine for the last two weeks and now it's time for us to snap to it! It was good to have a long vacation, but we have much to do in the next few weeks, so we need to get right to it. Let me share what the next week holds:

- Monday: Baked ziti; 8th Grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime
- Tuesday: Pizza; 8th Grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime; Chorus at recess; Boys' Spirit home game with OLP @ 4:45pm; McDonald's Night at Oceanside from 5-8pm
- Wednesday: Band and string lessons (NO Full Band); Hot dog day; Spanish Scrabble after school; Grade 8 Student/Parent Sacramental meeting at 7:30pm in the auditorium
- Thursday: World's Finest Chocolate sale begins;
- Bagel day; Chorus at recess; Boys' Spirit home game with Notre Dame; 2nd Grade Sacramental meeting at 7:30pm in the auditorium
- Friday: 11:30am Dismissal for our monthly Faculty Meeting
- Saturday: DEFENSIVE DRIVING from 9:00am - 3:30 pm; ADULT BINGO at 6:30pm

Please note that if you're interested in Defensive Driving there's still time to register. The course is from 9:00am to 3:30pm with a half hour break for lunch. The cost is \$50 (checks payable to St. Raymond School). I would strongly suggest that registered attendees bring a pillow for the metal chair (which is both uncomfortable and COLD) and possibly an extra sweater since the room is not highly insulated. For further information or to register for the day, please call the main office at 593-9010. Mrs. Giglio will be delighted to assist you.

With the month of January comes preparations for the annual celebration of CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK. Please note that this very special week begins this year on Sunday, January 26th. As usual we will begin with the 9:00am mass in church, followed by an OPEN HOUSE in the school beginning at 10:30am. More specific information concerning the week will appear over the next couple of weeks, but I wanted to be sure that any new family who may be interested in becoming a part of our St. Raymond School Family saved that date. For more information or to arrange for a personal tour of the school during the school day, please contact the main office at 593-9010. Again, Mrs. G will take care of you. An important part of Catholic Schools Week in the recent past has been our annual SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE. This year is no exception and the drive will take place on Monday, January 27th from 2-8pm in the school cafeteria. Please consider donating to help save a life. Happy Epiphany! Let's bring our gifts to the King!



Religious Education — Faith Formation- Evelyn Contaldi, Director

THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN AND RELIGION CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2020.

Today's 12Noon Epiphany Sunday Mass will be hosted by our second grade students. The second grade has been invited to a bagel breakfast before Mass at 10:30am in the cafeteria. After breakfast, the students will walk over to Church carrying their 'stars' and join everyone for the celebration of Mass.

Attention 8th grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School Parents & Students

There will be an 8th grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School parent and student meeting on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Kellenberg parents and students are welcome but not required to attend.

Attention 2nd grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School Parents

There will be a 2nd grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School parent meeting on Thursday, January 9th, 2020 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Details regarding the student's upcoming Reconciliation ceremony, scheduled for Saturday, February 1st, 2020, will be discussed.



May the greatest gift
to be received
this Christmastide
not be the one
that is really wanted
but the One
who is truly needed

John 3:16-17

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Living Stewardship

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we have been given the gift of the Faith to go out and spread the Good News. We are in church today because of someone who spread the Word to us. Let us be at God's service and spread the Word to someone else this week.

Sacrificial Giving

December 22, 2019: \$15,969

December 23, 2018: \$17,665



Parish Social Ministry The Heart of the Parish

We wish to thank all our benefactors for your support and for all you do throughout the year. You have made a difference in the lives of numerous people and have put a smile on the faces of many this Christmas. God bless you.

O people of Sion, behold, The Lord
will come to save the nations, and the
Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

Isaiah 30:19,30

The food pantry will be closed from December 23rd to January 6th. If you have donations to make, please do so after January 6, 2020.

Thank you and God Bless!



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

Senator Gillibrand's office confirmed that she blocked the nomination of Judge Tom Marcelle to the US District Court due to his pro-life stance. (Albany Times Union, 8/29/19) She said, "There's some issues that have such moral clarity that we have as a society decided that the other side is not acceptable....(Sept. 8, 2019)

Yes, there are some issues that have such moral clarity that we, as a society, have decided that the other side, those in favor of the intentional killing of live, human babies in the womb, from conception, up to and including the time of birth, through abortion, is NOT ACCEPTABLE! And so we travel to D.C. to stand up for the little ones who cannot speak up for themselves.

MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

MASS: 5:00am

DEPART: 5:30am (immediately following Mass)

RETURN: BETWEEN 10:00 - 11:00pm. (same day)

TRANSPORTATION FREE (free will offering)

"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere when human lives are in danger, when dignity is in danger." (Elie Wiesel, survivor of the Nazi Holocaust) With every "successful" abortion, a human being, however small, not only endures suffering, but the ultimate abuse - annihilation! Let us not be silent! Let us not be neutral! Our silence, our neutrality over the past 47 years have allowed the intentional destruction of over 55 MILLION babies in the womb through surgical abortions, not including the number killed through chemical abortions. We invite all who can, to join us in D.C. and be a voice for the vulnerable babies in the womb. We hope, with your help, to send a full bus of St. Raymond's parishioners to D.C. For more information or to make a reservation, please call either: Mary Caffrey - #887-2458 or Mary McIntyre - #593-4363. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the day of the March from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Perhaps those who are not able to go to D.C. will consider making a special visit to the Blessed Sacrament that day and be united with us spiritually in prayer.

We wish all a New Year filled with Joy, Peace & Love!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS Cont...

FROM	In Memory of...	FROM	In Memory of...
Deirdre Butler	Maureen E. Boller	Rosemary McGrane	Hugh J. McGrane
Bruno Family	Anthony J. Boller, Jr.	M/M McSweeney	Timothy McSweeney
Dorothy Caraher	Josephine Bruno	Teresa Meehan	James Meehan
Annette Cimato	Michael Quirk	M/M Murphy	Murphy & O'Connell Families
M/M Cornicello	Michael & Francis Caraher	M/M A. Parrinello	Christopher Parrinello
M/M Costanzo	Joseph Lupo	Prisciandaro Family	Prisciandaro & DiMaggio Families
The Dejak Family	Geary & Cornicello Families	Krystyna Rebilas	Rebilas Family
Thomas Duggan	Costanzo, Florentino & Mastrotta Families	Rizzo Family	Frank, Pat & Lynda DeFresco
Debbie Evans	Mark Dejak	Kathy Tomasello	Carol Robinson
John Giannotti, Jr.	Mary & Thomas Duggan	Patricia Russell	McKenna & Tomasello Families
Paul Grupp	Rose & Gandolfo Scola	Jeanne Ryan	Rudolph Diglio
M/M Michael Hyland	Amelia Giannotti	K. Santiago	Michael J. Ryan
Pat Johnson	Sharon Grupp	Anastasia Schepers	Candida Santiago
Jodi Johnson-Kahn	Angela Hyland	M/M Schloth & Family	Bert Schepers
The Keegan Family	O'Neill, Johnson & Hoyt Families	M/M Paul Sirianni	Cornelius Schloth
M/M Peter Keenan	Sandra Johnson	Barbara Smith	Christopher Schloth
Mary & John Lynch	KellyAnn Keegan	Joyce Sellitti	Walsh & Sirianni Families
John & Susan Mauro	Rosemary & Gerard Keenan	Peter & Jean Warner	J. Arthur Smith
Eileen McCauley	Mary & Charles Varney	Ida Lederman	Frances R. Troeller
M/M A. Michela	Lynch & Thornton Family		Ronald & Maureen Wasson
Dorothy Minutello	Edward & Margaret Archibald		Charles & Jean Warner
	Ann Kennedy		MaryKate & Thomas McCauley
	Vulpis & Michela Families		
	Patrick Minutello		

Thank you for your support!



St. Raymond Memorials

Often people ask if there is something they could memorialize in memory of a loved one. Besides having **Mass Intentions**, there are other opportunities for individuals, families and groups to remember a loved one in a tangible and sometimes lasting way. Some of the weekly liturgical memorials that we have are the **Bread and Wine**, the **Rose for Life** and the **Sanctuary Lamp**. These memorials can be arranged at the rectory.



There are also other liturgical items that are seasonal, like the **Christmas** and **Easter Flowers**, the **Paschal Candle**, **Advent Wreath Candles** and other holy items we can use for religious services. Then we also have a certain lasting type of memorial called a **"Memorial Brick"** that can be set in one of four beautiful outside locations. One location is by the **Holy Family Statue** on the front lawn of the rectory, the **St. Teresa Statue** behind the rectory, the **God and Country Memorial** near the front of the church and finally our newest **Padre Pio Statue** on the walkway between the rectory and church. Each location is open for anyone wishing to have such a Memorial Brick placed.

These bricks are 4" by 8" with up to three lines of text. The donation for each brick is \$250. Anyone wishing to purchase one of these bricks should contact the rectory during regular office hours. Maybe you will consider one of these special places on the grounds of St. Raymond to celebrate life and pay tribute to someone.

Pastoral Council

Rise up | splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come.
-Isaiah 60:1

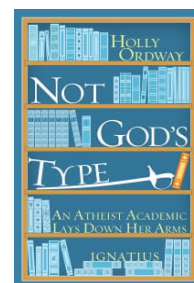
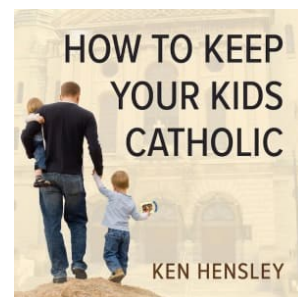
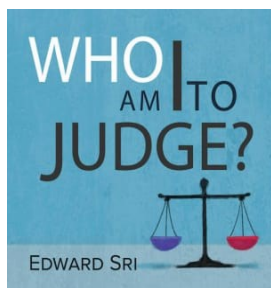
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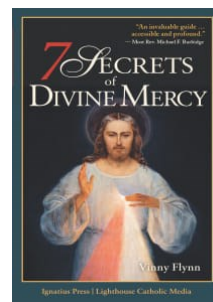


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Dear Friends,

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 **February 2020** and runs through **August 2020**. 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:

1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$500 3rd Prize: \$250 4th Prize \$250

*Entry money for the next six months must be received by **February 20, 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.)

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Masses for this Week

Monday, January 6th

7:15am Don Devine
8:45am Edward O'Connell

Tuesday, January 7th

7:15am Kevin Keane
8:45am Nicholas Chiara, Sr.

Wednesday, January 8th

7:15am Daniel O'Brien
8:45am Josephine Coribello

Thursday, January 9th

7:15am James & Deana Gormley & Children (living)
8:45am Deceased Members of the Villaci Family

Friday, January 10th

7:15am Paul David Sullivan
8:45am Thomas Henry

Saturday, January 11th

8:45am Gertrude Gypalo
5:00pm Jackie Visone

Sunday, January 12th *The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

7:30am Daniel Pignataro
9:00am Paul Carrella
10:30am Marianne Malone
12:00pm Pat Campano, Daniel O'Brien
Giovanni & Louis Moretto, Denise Winters
Nicolo & Filomina Moretto
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 JN 3:22-4:6/MT 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 JN 4:7-10/MK 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 JN 4:11-18/MK 6:45-52

Thursday

1 JN 4:19-5:4/LK 4:14-22

Friday

1 JN 5:5-13/LK 5:12-16

Saturday

1 JN 5:14-21/JN 3:22-30

Sunday

IS 42:1-4, 6-7/ACTS 10:34-38/MT 3:13-17

Please Pray for Our Sick

Bridget Feminella, Dickie Ohlsen, James Ryder,
Margaret Mary Bardato, Helen Skelos, Lydia Dengel, Thomas
Botkin, Jane Fitzpatrick, Olivia Bonino,
Alyssa B., Anthony B.

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified
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Thomas Pescatore
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Giocannina Cardella



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MOVIE "UNPLANNED"

Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall
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Friday, January 17th at 7:30pm

The movie tells the story of Abby Johnson, a former director at a Planned Parenthood facility and now a spokesperson for the pro-life movement. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. The movie is not recommended for those below 8th grade.

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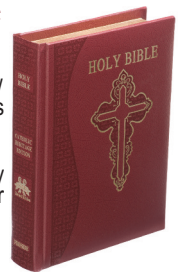
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