

Masses

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

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

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, April 11, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Thomas answered and said to him,
My lord and my God!”
-John 20:29



April 11, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

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

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

Music Ministries

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

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
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



***Always keep our
Service Men & Women
in your prayers ...***

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

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

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and Happy Easter once again! Remember that the Easter season is a fifty-day event so keep that Easter smile going. Today we also celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** and today's bulletin contains an invitation to join for a time of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer this Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm in our church. The focus of today's readings is to encourage us to continue celebrating the Easter season as the holiest time in our Church year. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles showed how the early Christian communities were united in a common bond and were known for being generous. **"The community of believers were of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common."** Then in the second reading from 1 John, belief that Jesus is the Christ is shown by love for God and keeping his commandments. **"For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments."** And finally, in John's gospel there are three basic elements that make up this account. First there is the post-resurrection appearance of Jesus, making himself known to his disciples. Second, he commissions the disciples to continue the work that he has started here on earth, and thirdly is Jesus' appearance to Thomas who had been absent for his first appearance. The first element solidifies that Jesus has truly risen from the dead and fulfilled all the promises he had made. The second element brings in the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus wastes no time. He offers peace then immediately commissions the disciples to carry on his work, especially the power to forgive sins. And thirdly, when Thomas sees the risen Jesus, that is enough for him to believe. It was no different than the other apostles when they got to see Jesus. Then Thomas makes a profound act of faith. **"My Lord and my God."**

Easter is a faith building time. The apostles were a little slow in recognizing who the resurrected Jesus was. Jesus urged them not be afraid and he wished them peace. Showing them his wounds convinced all of them. Do we need concrete proof? Think about the tremendous faith and courage being a follower of Jesus required in those early days. Despite the constant threats of arrest and death, they persevered which strengthens our own faith. Many questions concerning our faith cannot be clearly answered. Not all our questions are about beliefs, having black and white answers. Instead, we live in a million shades of grey.

In a sense the Catholic Church is the perfect home for mystery lovers. Where mind and reason falter, simple faith takes over. Our faith traditions invite us into holy mystery which I personally think is a nice place to be and live.

Trying to live up to the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament and the commandment of love given by Jesus in the New Testament is no easy task. We all falter countless times in our lives. What matters is that we try and not give up. The Church is here to assist us in a compassionate and loving manner. No matter how often we fall, the Holy Spirit is always present to pick us up and help us to continue our journey of faith. Today's gospel anticipated Pentecost Sunday. During Easter we can face our doubts and deepen our faith lives by taking to heart all the beautiful accounts of the resurrected Jesus. The Holy Spirit calmed the doubts of each apostle. Their faith was built up, the Church began and here we are celebrating the Eucharist over 2000 years later. Know you are not alone with doubts and fears. Open yourself to the Holy Spirit so that your life can be transformed for the better. **Remember: We are children of the light!**

Thanks to all our parishioners who gave generously in the special Easter collection and also in the free-will collection for Parish Social Ministry taken at every Mass last Sunday. Your help in financially supporting St. Raymond Parish and those in need is most appreciated.

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 today's Eucharistic Adoration service for **Divine Mercy Sunday**, an invitation to join **FOIRMED** (your Catholic faith on demand), a call to adults for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this coming Pentecost, May 23rd, and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great second Week of Easter! Keep that Easter smile going as you bask in the glory of Jesus' resurrection. **And remember: The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.** Have a great week. God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great

glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the

Father, You take away the sin of the

world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,

receive our prayer; You are seated

at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;

you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

The Our Father

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy Will be done,

on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day

our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who

trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial

with the Father; through him all things

were made. For us men and for our

Salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate

of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in

Glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the

Son, who with the Father and the Son is

adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and

apostolic Church. I confess one

Baptism for the forgiveness of

Sins and I look forward to the

resurrection of the dead and the

life of the world to come.

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

ALLELUIA

Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

FROM

IN MEMORY OF....

FROM

IN MEMORY OF....

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Dorothy Minutello

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Hugh McGrane
James Meehan
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Minutello Family
Moscatelli Family
Forte Family
Agnes Pilinko

Jessica Mitic

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

FROM

IN MEMORY OF....

FROM

IN MEMORY OF....

P. Montuoro

All Covid Patients

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Maria Baccari

Maureen Piil

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M/M Warner

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M/M Pizarro

Roland Vazquez

Ronald & Maureen

Angela Prisciandaro

DiMaggio & Prisciandaro

Wasson

Families

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Midge Webster

Dave Webster

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Agnes Rinaldi

Kathy Ryan

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John & Ann Connolly

Helen Rosalie

Frank Rosalie Sr

Patricia Russell

George Chrisofely

Anthony Santino

John & Frances Santino



**ASK Jesus
what He wants from you
and be BRAVE.**

—Pope Francis I



"It will come about after this
that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;
and your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28

Pentecost Confirmation

At this time I am accepting requests for the Sacrament of Confirmation from any adult Catholics of college age and older. The appropriate date each year for the conferring of Confirmation to adults is at a Pentecost Mass which signals the end of the Easter season.

***I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those
adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on
Saturday, May 22, 2021 at the 5:00pm
Pentecost Eve Mass.***

There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 593-5000 during office hours and tell me that you wish to be on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

—Father Chuck



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.

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:
Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850;
westernvicariate@drvc.org.**

Be Still, and know that I am GOD



**St. Raymond
Human Life
Committee**

**Fear not I Am with you; be not dismayed I Am
your God. I will strengthen you, and help you,
and uphold you with My right Hand".
-Isaiah 41:10**

For anyone needing help because of an unplanned pregnancy, please call one of the following numbers for free, confidential, caring assistance:

**The Life Center of L.I. - #516-798-8746
Birthright of L.I. - #516-785-4070**

For those suffering the effects of having had or having been part of an abortion, you are not alone. You are truly loved by God and us. Please contact the following number for free, confidential, loving assistance to aid on the road to healing:

**The Life Center's Post Abortion Healing
(for women and men)
#631-RACHELL**

"Jesus, I trust in you".

*"If we accept that a
mother can kill even
her own child, how
can we
tell other
people
not to kill
one another?"*

~ Mother Teresa



**"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?**



The Year of St. Joseph

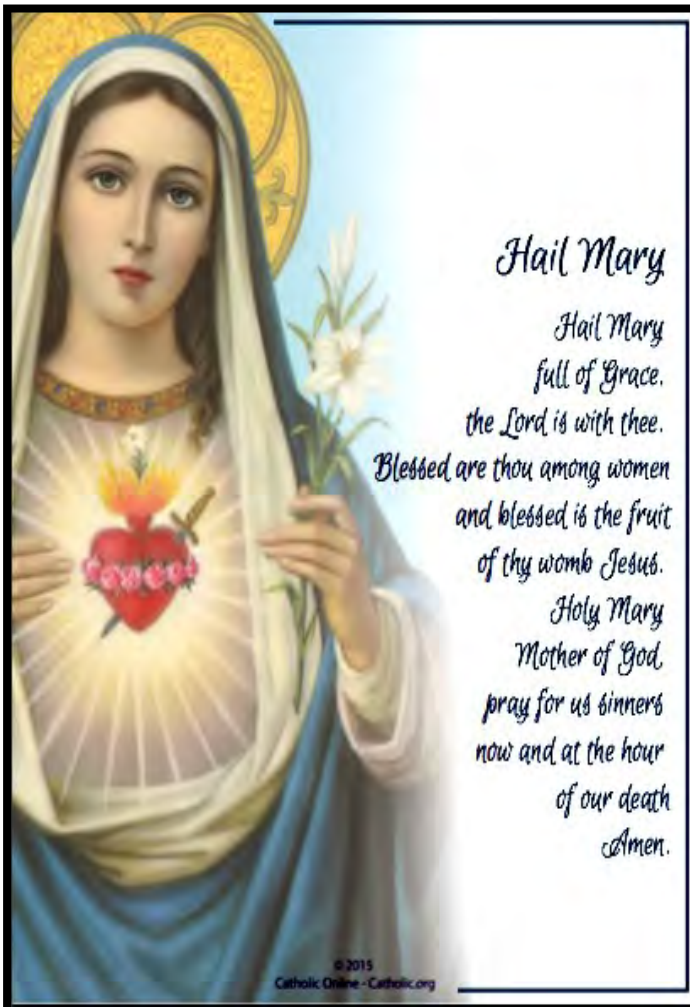
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse
of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

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

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

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

-Pope Francis



Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
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.

Religious Education- Faith Formation

Evelyn Contaldi, Director

**Religious Education 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 8TH 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.

Principal's Corner

Sister Ruthanne

"You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe." John 20:29 Immediately following the death and resurrection of our Lord, there were many followers who believed that Jesus was the Christ because they had witnessed with their eyes his presence among them. Some two thousand years later it is our turn also to witness, but without having physically seen the person of Jesus. It is our faith that brings us to that belief, and it is that belief that will bring blessings for us. Let us thank God for the gift of faith.

The opening bell rings tomorrow morning after a pleasant rest from the daily routine. Hopefully, everyone is refreshed and rejuvenated for these last few months of the school year.

Our second graders are getting that much closer to celebrating their First Communion next month, and in preparation for that sacrament, they will be having their First Reconciliation on the 12th at the close of the day. All of them are excited to be sharing more fully in the life of the Church.

This first week back is rather routine. We are, of course, hoping for warm weather giving us the ability to spend recess time outside with fresh air and sunshine. We do have one early dismissal on Thursday for our monthly faculty meeting. We will be dismissing on the 15th at 2:00 PM, so please mark your calendars if you need to pick up children.

As a heads-up, we are scheduled for "spring pictures" (the ones "out of uniform") on Tuesday, April 20th. Our kindergarten came dressed up for their Easter celebration, so I can not wait to see what outfits they will don for their pictures!

Have a peace filled Divine Mercy Sunday. Please know that we will be praying for all your intentions. As always, please keep your distance, wash your hands, wear your mask, get your vaccine, and stay safe. God bless.



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A Prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,

As I prepare to go into the world,

Help me to see the sacrament

In the wearing of this cloth-

Let it be "an outward sign

Of an inward grace"-

A tangible and visible way of living

Love for my neighbors,

Christ,

Since my lips will be covered,

Uncover my heart,

That people would see my smile

In the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled,

Help me to speak clearly,

Not only with my words,

But with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears,

Remind me to listen carefully-

And full of care-

To all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be

Shield and banner,

And each breath that it holds,

Be filled with your love.

In your name and in

The name of love

I pray.

May it be so, May it be so.

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 there.

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 dear to you.



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 2nd after the 9am morning prayer and continues through Saturday, April 10th.

"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

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
-Joshua 1:9

Pantry Items needed this week:

Pasta, Rice Side Dishes, Mashed Potatoes, White Beans, Beets, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Juices, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Sugar, Laundry Detergent.

Thank you for your generosity. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.



Thomas doubted the appearance of Jesus to the other Apostles. It was simply too much for him to believe without seeing. When you pray, do you pray with a strong faith? Or do you pray with doubts that your prayer will be heard? This week, pray with a firm belief and trust that your prayers are being heard by God.

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





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.

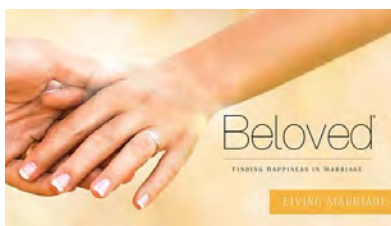
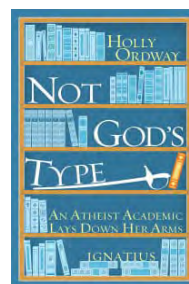
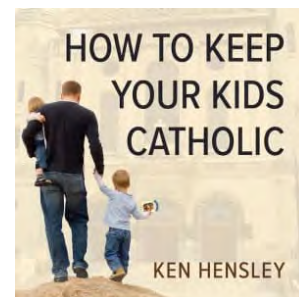
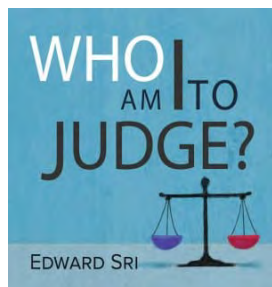
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

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.

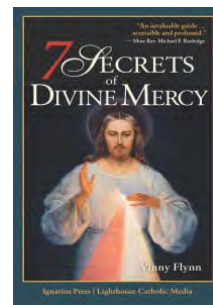


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Masses for this Week

Monday, April 12th

7:15am Gelsey Fusco

8:45am Vincent A. Guadagno

Tuesday, April 13th

7:15am Faculty & Families of St. Raymond

8:45am John Keanna, Jr.

Wednesday, April 14th

7:15am Anne & Frank Gallagher

8:45am Helen & Theodore Rehm

Thursday, April 15th

7:15am Donald Rainis

8:45am Jessica Lee Beickert (living)

Friday, April 16th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Vincent Madonna

Saturday, April 17th

8:45am Rosemary Gianpietro, George Perry

5:00pm Edda Conetta

Sunday, April 18th

7:30am Catherine Hawkins

9:00am Peggy Motherway

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Julius Goldenberg, Rosemarie McDonald

John Gagliardo, Ines Colasuonno

Matthew McDevitt

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7 / Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

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,
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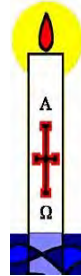
Rest in Peace

Herbert Johnson

Roseanne Strife

Margaret Geoffrion

Ralph Cerrate



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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

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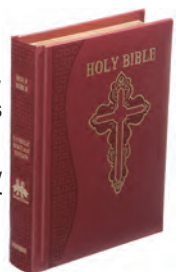
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