

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, March 14, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might
not perish but might have eternal life."

-John 3:16



March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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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 God's blessings be yours on the Fourth Sunday of Lent! Today's focus is to instill hope in the possibility of conversion and trust in the promise of salvation through the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. In the first reading from 2 Chronicles, God laments the infidelity of his people and the ruin of Jerusalem. And even with God's anger and sadness, there is still compassion and hope given to the people through King Cyrus of Persia. **"All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord, God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah."** Then in the second reading from Ephesians, Paul marvels at the many gifts we enjoy from God's abundant grace. New life was given in Jesus, even when we were dead because of sin. And now we are created to lead a life of good deeds. **"For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."** And finally, John's gospel has Jesus talking to the Pharisee, Nicodemus, who cannot understand how a person can be born again. Jesus speaks of the great love of God in giving his Son as a gift so that all who believe in him may have eternal life. **"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."**

There is a long history of God's people turning from him again and again from the earliest of biblical times. Yet no matter how far or how long people turn from God, conversion and eternal life are always possible. Why? Because of Jesus Christ! Sometimes when we read of a death bed conversion, we may wonder why it took so long. The usual answer is that the person was too busy for God during life. Through Adam and Eve, through the Israelites right up to you and me; God never abandons us. God always waited patiently for the Israelites to turn back to him. God had made a covenant with his people and he always remained faithful. Even a death bed conversion delights God and that person is welcomed into God's loving embrace.



Remember that God gave his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Jesus was lifted up on the cross to save all of us; past, present, and future. This instrument of shame and agony became an instrument of exaltation and glory. The crucifixion and resurrection are God's gift to the world and those who believe in his promise will be richly rewarded. People may refuse to believe in Jesus' death and resurrection, but the truth can never be diminished. Hope always remains for those who turn to God, even if it is at the last minute. But why wait?

Today is **"Gift Card Sunday"** when we asked everyone coming to Mass to bring a gift card from either Stop and Shop, Walmart or Target to help our Parish Social Ministry and Human Life Committee in their outreach to people in need. If you forgot this Sunday, you can certainly still bring gift cards to Mass next week or drop them off at the rectory during regular office hours. Your help in this Lenten practice of almsgiving is most appreciated.

This coming Friday, March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph. In honor of St. Joseph, we will have a special period of **Eucharistic Adoration** on the 19th immediately after the 12:15pm Mass until 3pm. In this year of St. Joseph as proclaimed by Pope Francis, it is very fitting for us to spend some time with his Son, Jesus while asking for St. Joseph's powerful intercession on his feast day. Come and spend some time as you **"Go to Joseph"** in prayer on Friday. Also, there are some very good videos on St. Joseph that you can enjoy on **FORMED**. So, sign up if you have not already. It's free!

Remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many other items of interest and information with something for everyone. Of additional note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks**, an ad about the **Pot of Gold 50/50**, an update about the **2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal**, an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Fourth week of Lent. Keep that Lenten smile going as you practice forgiveness and patience. **Plus remember: God likes it when you smile, but he loves it when he is the reason.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 –FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Penitential Act

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



The Our Father

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

Nicene Creed

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

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; It is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7

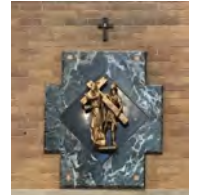


THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

Just as Jesus was wrongfully accused, sometimes people falsely place blame on me to escape the responsibility themselves. And yes, sometimes I also put others down in order to build myself up. When Jesus was condemned to death, even those who had once followed Him went along with Pilate. Do I care more about being accepted by those around me than returning your love? Help me Lord. Be with me Lord.

THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

Lord, help me remember the humble and loving way You carried Your cross up to Calvary when I experience life's heavy burdens and strife. Sometimes I think I can't go on. Help me remember I am not alone. You are always with me. May I imitate Your virtues of love, humility and perseverance while dealing with my crosses and offer them up on behalf of my sins, for the sick and less fortunate. Help me to understand that there is nothing You and I can't get through together.

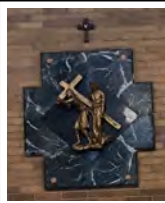


THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

I am like you, Jesus, in that I take up my own cross. But my cross is made up of my sins, temptation and Materialism. I carry my cross through my life, like You, Jesus, carried Your cross to Calvary. Jesus, You fell under the weight of my sins. I fall by accepting temptation and giving into evil. I fall when I give in to gossip or hurt others. You carry my sins to death so I can be free. Help me, Jesus, to really understand all that You have done for me. Help me to make my burden lighter.

THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

How does anyone have the strength to watch someone they love suffer and die? Death knows no boundaries and takes everyone. I need to have the strength and faith of Mary when I am faced with the loss of a loved one. Lord, while I know death is not an end but really a beginning, please give me the strength of faith that Your mother showed, and help me to be strong for the others who are grieving.

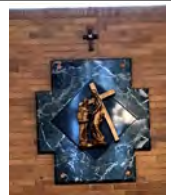


THE FIFTH STATION-SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

I need Your help to get me through these tough situations that I encounter during my day. Help me discover my options through prayer. Please help me to be nicer to those who are against me, and let me be trusting in my relationships with my friends, family and neighbors. I have enough to handle on my own. Why, then, am I further burdened with worry about family members or friends? Why does it always seem to be me who has to take on their problems as well as my own? Lord, show me the way.

THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Every day I see people who are suffering or in need of help. They seem to be everywhere. I wish someone would help them. I'm so busy; I just don't have the time. That isn't really true. I guess I just don't want to be involved. I have my own problems, I don't need to take on any more. O Lord, teach me to see Your face in the faces of those who need comfort. You have assured us that random acts of kindness will have their own rewards, if not here and now, then later, with you in the kingdom.



THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN

In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps on going-for me. With Your help, I can have the courage and the faith to get up again and continue on. Help me to pray that I will not follow my own way but, instead, the way of the Lord, for which Jesus was sacrificed.

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

STATIONS 8-14

THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

How difficult I find it sometimes to think of others particularly when I am troubled or hurting. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in myself that I shut others out, and I wonder if I can go on. Lord, You have shown me love and compassion for others even when they scorn You. Please help me to look beyond the exterior of others and help me to show compassion as You did. Please don't let me be selfish. Instead, let me always be merciful in my journey through life.



THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

I Sometimes fear the future. I become afraid of change. I am just so unsure of myself, let alone others. I need confidence. I need to know I am not alone. I need to understand that I am worthy of love and respect. Lord, forgive me for each day of my life that I sin against You. Sometimes I have the best intentions, but I turn away from You anyway. Help me to appreciate all you have done for me. Give me strength and wisdom to seek kindness in others and see myself in the image and likeness of God.



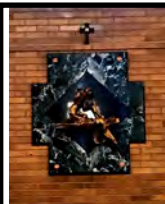
THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

My possessions are very important to me. I surround myself with beautiful and expensive things. I have far more clothes than I really need, and sometimes I spend money on silly things and forget about others who don't even have necessities. Dear Jesus, you not only sacrificed everything, You laid down Your life for me. Help me to be a strong spiritual follower in faith. Please show me the right way towards eternal happiness by following Your example.



THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

O, my God, sometimes I persecute others because they are different. I am embarrassed when I think of some of the things I've said about others. It's so easy to gossip. Sometimes I just don't like people because of their skin color or religion. Give me the courage to not give in to the pressures of putting others down. Dear Jesus, please forgive me and the others like me, and help me, instead to be Your messenger of love and care to all I meet so that they may experience Your love and concern through me.



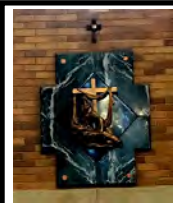
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Jesus, give me the strength so that I can survive the mysteries of life that are ahead of me. I know I'm going to fall many times. Give me the courage to stand back up. Let me recognize all the good things that surround me each day of my life. Our heavenly Father gave all of us a beautiful world. You even died so our sins would be forgiven. May I be like You in Your perfect example of sacrifice and love. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.



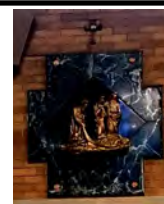
THE THIRTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Lord I am truly sorry for forgetting You. I am sometimes preoccupied by my life when I should be focusing on You. I really don't know why, but I always seem to let all the things in my life crowd you out. Often, when I do pray, I do not concentrate on my prayer. I sometimes just say the words and don't pay attention to what I am saying. Help me to show that You are my first priority by setting aside time for You each day.



THE FOURTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Dear Jesus, following Your death, helplessness and despair was felt by many. Your death on the cross left those who really knew You empty inside. Lord, when I am feeling empty inside, help me to attain inner strength and peace to make it through the day. Knowing that You love me and believe in me, gives me the reassurance I need. Help me to face my problems, and to remember that You are with me always until the end of time.



Gift Card Sunday

This Sunday, March 14th, which is the Fourth Sunday of Lent we will be having a special ***“Gift Card Sunday”*** for the dual benefit of ***Parish Social Ministry*** and the ***Human Life Committee***. We are asking everyone to donate gift cards when you come to Mass on that Sunday. Simply place your gift card donations in the baskets along with your regular Sunday contributions.

Now we are very specific about which gift cards we are asking for.

We want only “Stop and Shop” for our Parish Social Ministry and either “Walmart or Target” for the Human Life Committee.

Please get only these cards. They are the only ones needed and serve the Immediate purpose for these ministries. So, remember ***“Gift Card Sunday”*** on March 14th, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It is the perfect way to practice some almsgiving for Lent.



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Master the fundamentals. Let us become people of prayer! Join Matthew Kelly for free, daily Lenten reflections, and start feeding your soul like you never have before!

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

March 23 Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us...
online via ZOOM

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.**

Religious Education- Faith Formation
Evelyn Contaldi, Director



FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 16, 2021
4pm-5pm St. Raymond Church
Mrs. Breuer / Mrs. Hollenstein / Mrs. Hannon
Mrs. Kelhetter / Home Schooled Children

ST. RAYMOND STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE
DURING CLASS TIME –DATE TBD

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.

Principal's Corner
Sister Ruthanne

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, giving us but a few weeks left of this holy season. Today both the Gospel acclamation and the Gospel itself remind us that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life." Wow! What a gift! And our part is simply to believe in him. Sounds like an easy way to get to heaven. Yet the "believing" can be a hard thing for some folks. It would be good for all of us to pray for an increase in our own faith and the faith of others. Let us pray together.

Normally this week we would be EXTREMELY excited about preparations for St. Patrick's Day and our band's participation in the annual parades in the city and Rockville Centre. Sadly, that is not happening this year (along with MANY other fun things), but we will still celebrate St. Patrick's Day. After all, everyone is Irish on that day! (We definitely are not forgetting St. Joseph and his feast on the 19th - especially in this year of St. Joseph.)

This week does have some other important things happening. First, the assessment (report) cards will be given out on Monday. That means that we will be dismissing at 11:30 AM on the 15th to allow teachers the opportunity to speak with parents about the student's progress. Teachers are requesting conferences (zoom) with parents they need to see. However, if you were not contacted but would also like to meet with the teacher, please contact the teacher or main office to arrange it.

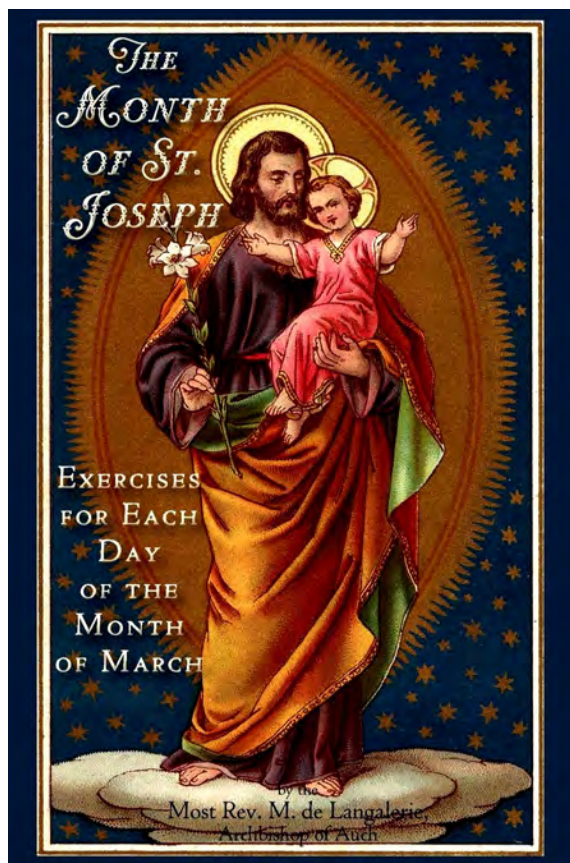
Tuesday our 8th graders will be having their graduation pictures taken. We will give each of the students his/her own cap and gown (steamed to remove creases) that morning so that there will be no concern over sharing with anyone else. We will collect the gowns after pictures and keep them in a safe place until nearer to graduation.

You may remember that we are having another food fundraiser at Moe's in Oceanside on the 16th as well. This one runs from 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Please be sure to tell them that you are there for St. Raymond School (or show them the flyer) so that the school can benefit. Once again, thank you for your continued support. You are the best!

Please remember that all TRANSPORTATION requests are due to the various school districts on March 24th. If you are going to need transportation for next year, NOW is the time to apply. Continue to practice safety measures as we attempt to control COVID-19. Wash your hands often; maintain social distancing; wear a face mask; stay home if you are sick; get your vaccine whenever it is available. I got mine!

Have a happy St. Patrick's Day and a happy St. Joseph's Day. God bless.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



Feast of St. Joseph March 19, 2021

This coming Friday, March 19th is the
Feast of St. Joseph. Pope Francis

Declared 2021 as the

Year of St. Joseph

and has encouraged everyone to

"Go to Joseph"

in prayer. As a special way of celebrating St. Joseph's feast this year, we will have Eucharist Adoration in church after the 12:15pm Mass on March 19th till 3pm. All are invited to spend time with St. Joseph who spent his life as the earthly father of Jesus in Perpetual Adoration. May St. Joseph favor us with his powerful intercession now and throughout the year. So, come to church and

"Go to Joseph"

in prayer on Friday, March 19th.

This is how an indulgence is defined in the Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (# 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints".

The *Plenary Indulgence* is granted during the Year of St Joseph:

1. 1. to those who shall contemplate the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes
2. 2. to those who participate in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day which involves a meditation on Saint Joseph
3. 3. to those who, after the example of Saint Joseph, shall fulfill a work of corporal or spiritual work of mercy
4. to those who recite the Holy Rosary in families and among betrothed;
5. to those who shall daily entrust their life to the protection of Saint Joseph
6. to the faithful who shall invoke through prayer the intercession of St Joseph, the Worker of Nazareth, so that those in search of work may find employment and the work of all people may be more dignified
7. to the faithful who shall recite the Litany to Saint Joseph or some other prayer to Saint Joseph, in favor of the Church persecuted and for the relief of all Christians who suffer any form of persecution
8. To the faithful who shall recite any prayer legitimately approved or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, for example, "To you, O Blessed Joseph"
 - on March 19
 - on May 1
 - on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
 - on the 19th of every month
 - on any Wednesday, the day dedicated to the Saint's memory
9. to the elderly, the sick, the suffering and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house.

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.



“May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.” - Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One good way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help feed people in our community each year through both Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach Centers.



[For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit drvc.org/cma](https://drvc.org/cma)

or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Parish Social Ministry

The Heart of the Parish

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, it shall be opened.

- Matthew 7:8

Our Pantry needs for this week are:

Coffee, Cooking oil, Jello, Hot cereal, Deodorant, Canned potatoes, Mashed potatoes, Grape jelly, Juice, Sugar, Laundry soap, Canned fruit, Mixed vegetables, Shampoo, Conditioner, and Dish detergent.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness



Abstinence and Fasting

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain **entirely** from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired and excused from fast and abstinence.

Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is

required to excuse oneself from

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

fast and abstinence.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM CONCLUSION

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month-nine months after his or her conception. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He or she is now more human and alive, no more different now, than he or she was before birth except in the manner the baby breathes and eats. This little one is truly a miracle! Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist that is like your spiritually adopted baby! In celebration of their births we are asking for donations of gift cards from either Walmart or Target on "Gift Card Sunday" which will be given to The Life Center of L.I. and Birthright of L.I., two local pregnancy care centers. Simply bring the gift cards to Mass on Sunday, March 14th, and place them in the baskets along with your regular Sunday contributions. These gift cards will make it easier, at this time, for the centers to give aid to mothers in need in order to bring their babies to birth. Thank you for your caring. In addition to celebrating our spiritually adopted babies, our family is all celebrating the birth of our great-granddaughter, Sofia Marie. She was born, 5lbs.14ozs., 19" long, just in time for this bulletin's deadline. Her sonogram pictures showed she had a bit of hair and seemed to look like her father. Well, sure enough, Sofia has a nice head of black hair and certainly looks like her father! And why not, Sofia is the same person now as she was when she was in her mother's womb!

"...today I have set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your children may live..."
(Deuteronomy 30:19)

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



Dear Friends,

We are about to venture on another segment of Parish Picks. To enhance Parish Picks we have added a new system so you can obtain additional tickets.

Here's how the new system works: The basic entry to participate in Parish Picks is \$60.00. For \$60.00 you will 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 2021** and goes through **July 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:

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

Entry money for the next six months must be received by January 18, 2021. 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: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

St. Patrick
Patron of Ireland

Feast Day
March 17th



May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!

May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours!

This day, O Lord, and evermore.

Amen

Pot of Gold 50/50

Once again there will be a special "Pot of Gold 50/50" in honor of St. Patrick Day and all that is Irish. The "pot" has no lid so the "sky's the limit." The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday afternoon, March 28th.

Strips of tickets were included in the March/April regular envelope mailing.

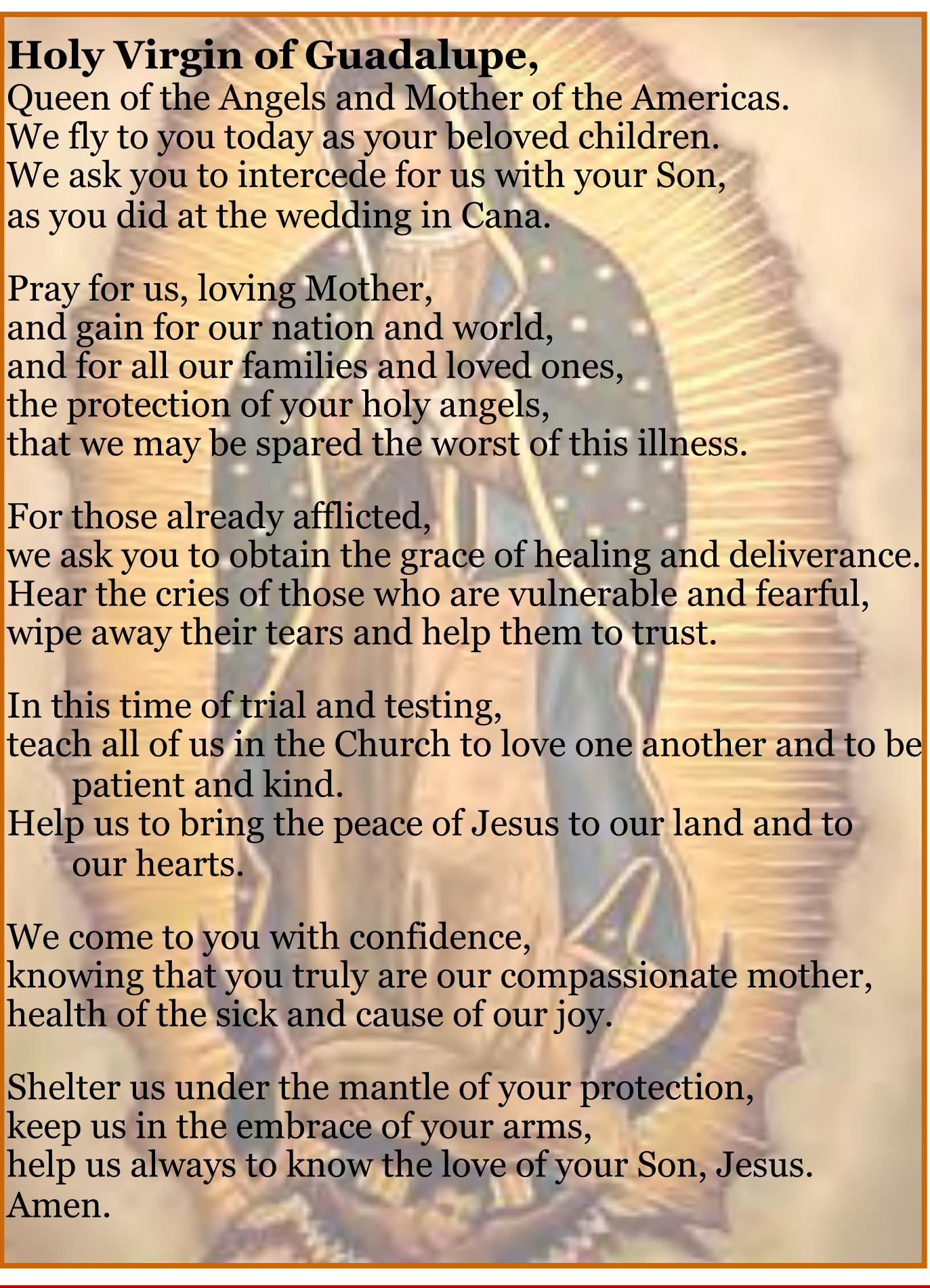
They can also be purchased at the Rectory during regular office hours.

The "Pot of Gold" chances are \$10 each and three for \$25. Simply return the ticket stubs with payment in the Envelope to the rectory, either by mail, in person, or in the Sunday Mass collection by Sunday, March 28th.

The more tickets sold, the greater your winning share and the greater the profit of St. Raymond's. And you really don't have to be Irish to win, but a wee bit of leprechaun luck wouldn't hurt now would it!!

Remember!
Three for only \$25 or
\$10 each and the
"Sky's the limit!"





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.

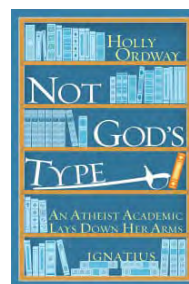
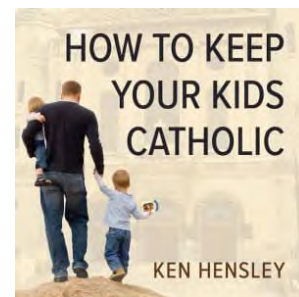
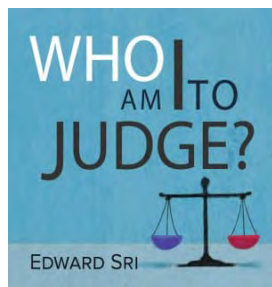
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

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.

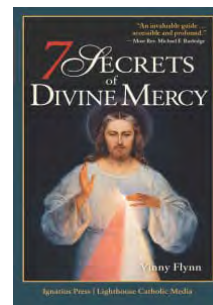


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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 15th

7:15am Buddy Mooney
8:45am Maryellen Sullivan
12:15pm Arnie Abad

Tuesday, March 16th

7:15am Arlene Schloth
8:45am Sean Scully
12:15pm Deborah Ligarewski

Wednesday, March 17th

7:15am Helen & Theodore Rehm
8:45am Scanlon & Brandon Families
12:15pm Brendan McGuire

Thursday, March 18th

7:15am Donna LaFiandra
8:45am Estebana Moreno Deras
12:15pm Stephen P. Webb (living)

Friday, March 19th

7:15am Emanuele "Manny" Prisciandaro
8:45am Margaret "Peggy" Motherway
12:15pm Marcucci & Penzavecchia

Saturday, March 20th

8:45am Brian Branagan, Estebana Moredo Deras
5:00pm Sheila & Frank Boppert

Sunday, March 21st

7:30am Patrick Connolly
9:00am Mary Fitzgerald
10:30am Sodality
12:00pm Joseph Anthony Neglia, Kathleen Ryan
Richard Anthony Rooney, Harold Lord
Estebana Moreno Deras
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 65:17-21/ Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Jer 31:31-34/ Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr, Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Jeanette Kostyrka, Rudy Romano, Tamika Brown, Azai Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervolino, Ralph Cerrato, Sky Mary Cirrito, Pat Bolino, Anthony Sisco Gloria Criscuolo, Gina Mazzola, Dr. Sam Iyer, Samara Q, Patricia Criscuolo, Joan Ellyn Bolino, Connie & Fred Polik, 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 Beavers, Ginny Kondrat.

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



Rest in Peace

Mary Stella
Danielle Kírrane
Anton Geise



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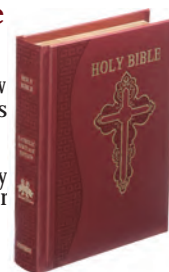
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