

## 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

## Pastoral Team

**Pastor**  
Father Chuck Romano

**Associate Pastors**  
Father Vincent H. Bulus  
Father Theodore Iloh

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Deacon Robert C. Campbell, OFS  
Deacon Thomas Wm. Connolly, T.O Carm  
Deacon Guy Donza, S.F.D.  
Deacon Thomas J. Malone Jr., T.S.A.

**Pastoral Associate, Youth &  
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Deacon Richard W. LaRossa

**School Principal**  
Sr. Ruthanne Gypalo, I.H.M.

**Director of Religious Education**  
Mrs. Evelyn Contaldi

**Business Manager**  
Thomas J. Donovan

**South Nassau Hospital Chaplain**  
Father Cornelius Dery

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**Music Ministry**    **Folk Group**  
Laura Garbitelli    AnnMarie Lynch

**Children's Choir**  
Patricia Mayle

**Hand Bell Choir**  
Se-beng Koh

**Plant Manager**  
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**Parish Secretary**  
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# *The Parish of St. Raymond*

## *A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, March 1, 2020

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

-Matthew 4:8



March 1, 2020

First 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.

**Web Site:** [www.SaintRaymonds.org](http://www.SaintRaymonds.org)

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Rectory.....593-5000

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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 Fax .....593-1156

### **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

### **Tuesday, March 3rd**

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

MWMR

7:30-9:00pm Handbell Choir

Church

### **Wednesday, March 4th**

9:00am Art Club

MWMR

7:30pm Choir

Church

7:30pm Folk Group

MWMR

### **Thursday, March 5th**

9:30am Bible Sharing

MWMR

3:30pm Sodality

Cafeteria

### **Friday, March 6th**

7:30pm FOCCUS

MWMR

7:30-10pm Boy Scouts

Gym

### **Saturday, March 7th**

3:30pm Confessions

Church

7:00pm Night of the Races

Auditorium

### **Sunday, March 8th**

7:00am-2:30pm Eagle Scout Ceremony

Cafeteria

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



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

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY

SPC Giuseppina (Josie) Coppola US ARMY

PV2 Thomas Chojnacki, Army National Guard

Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., U.S. Army

Sgt. Gerard Moran

*Please remember to pray for our  
wounded soldiers.*

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the First Sunday of Lent!** The readings this Sunday try to affirm that we are all beloved by God. We struggle throughout our lives trying to understand: **"Who am I?"** God reminds us over and over that we are his beloved children. In the first reading from Genesis, we see how God created everything good and paid attentive care to humanity. However, by the end of the reading a dramatic change has taken place in the relationship between man and God. **"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so, they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves."** Then in the second reading from Romans, we are shown that through disobedience death reigned over the world; but through the obedience of Jesus comes the saving plan of life. **"In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel, we have the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil. These are the temptations Jesus faced throughout his ministry. The upshot of the three temptations is that the devil will not give up, but he also will never succeed. **"Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him."**

The question of our primary identity is at the heart of our spiritual lives and of today's readings. Our original and ongoing struggle is to accept our identity as God's beloved. When Adam and Eve were persuaded to doubt their identity in God, disobedience soon followed. The temptations in the gospel are attempts by the devil to undercut the identity of Jesus as God's Son. Jesus knew who he was; he knew he was God's beloved Son in whom God was well pleased, and he did not fall into the devil's lies. We are called to reject these same lies and accept our primary identity as beloved children of God. We are also called to know who we are, not simply as individuals, but also in community. Belonging to the beloved community of the Church means that we see each other, even those most marginalized and cast out of society, as God's beloved.

Jesus' victory can also be ours. Through the Eucharist, God wants us to accept, know and experience his unconditional love for us. No matter how young or old you are it can be difficult to accept God's never ending and powerful love.

Today, God claims you by a truth infinitely more powerful than any of this world's lies: **You are his beloved child!** God who fashioned us out of love now calls us to this banquet as his family. We give him thanks every time we come home to his table.

The first week of Lent 2020 is underway and that means we will be starting our spread-out **Forty Hours Adoration**. We begin Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately after the 12:15pm Mass. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar from 1pm till 9pm each of the next five Mondays. There will be the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** prayed at 3pm and the **Rosary** prayed at 5pm each of these Monday's. **Confessions** will be heard from 7-8pm and at 8pm a **Lenten Reflection** will be offered by one of the priests or deacons. Then Exposition will conclude with **Benediction** at 9pm. This will be repeated each Monday for five weeks. Check the bulletin ad for further details. This Sunday also begins our special **"Giving, Not Giving Up.....It's a Lenten Thing"** program at all the Masses. Today, food donations have been requested. Everyone is asked to bring their food donations to the altar at the Offertory as a tangible sign of the community's self-giving. Next week we are asking for **"Toiletry Items"** with the same procedure being followed. Check the bulletin for each week's request.

**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 additional note is the full **Lenten Schedule**, an invitation to the **"Night at The Races"** next Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks** (not too late to get in it!), 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 First Week of Lent! **Get that Lenten smile going as a beloved child of God. And remember: Backsliding begins when knee bending ends.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**





# Make Lent 40 DAYS OF AWESOME

## LENT 2020

The Holy season of Lent is an opportunity for all Christians to grow in faith through prayer, fasting and works of charity. St. Raymond Parish offers the following opportunities to assist you on your spiritual journey. Perhaps you can join us for some of these prayer gatherings during the coming weeks. Hopefully, we may all grow in our personal and communal experiences of Jesus during the holy time. So, join us often and anytime. We'd love to see you!

### Additional Daily Mass

There will be an additional daily Mass  
At 12:15pm every week day throughout Lent.

### Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Will be prayed following the 12:15pm Mass  
each Tuesday and Wednesday during Lent.

### Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent  
At 7:30pm in the church.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday from 1-4pm in Our Lady's  
Chapel, and from 8-9pm in the Church on  
The First Friday of every month.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every  
Saturday in the church from 3:30-4:30pm.

### Lenten 40 Hours Adoration

Each Monday from 3/2—3/30 there will be  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following  
The 12:15pm Mass



## “Giving...Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing”

Once again, our parish will be conducting the special Lenten program entitled: **“Giving..... Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing”** for the five Sundays of Lent. All the items and money collected will be used by our Parish Social Ministry Office, St. Vincent de Paul and the Human Life Committee. Everyone is encouraged to bring the suggested items to Mass on the designated Sundays. We will bring our **“gifts”** forward at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts. This giving of our goods at the altar as a visible action will be a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to help those in our community who have these basic needs. The collection weekends will be as follows:

### February 29-March 1st

#### Non -Perishable Food Items:

Mayonnaise\* Mustard\*Ketchup\*Salad  
Dressing\*Pasta Sauce\*Pancake Mix\*Peanut  
Butter\*Jelly\*Mashed Potatoes\*Small Sugar  
Boxes\*Coffee\*Laundry and Dish Detergent

### March 7-8th

#### Toiletries:

Bar Soap\*Shampoo\*Toothpaste\*Toothbrushes\*  
Deodorant\*Razors\*Shaving Cream  
Tissues\*Hand Lotion\*Hand  
Sanitizers\*Combs\*Hairbrushes

### March 14-15th

#### Baby Items:

(this is the “Baby Shower” for the Human Life  
Committee concluding the nine months of  
prayer for the unborn): Diapers (sizes 5&6)  
\*Formula\*Baby Food\*Baby  
Wipes\*Shampoo\*Baby Toiletries

### March 21-22nd

#### Gift Cards:

CVS\*King Kullen\* Stop and Shop\*  
Visa\*Target\*Walmart, etc.

### March 28-29th

#### Money:

Free will money offering to help the St. Vincent  
de Paul society and Parish Social Ministry

## Lenten 40 Hours Adoration

During this Lenten Season we will have a special **40 Hours of Adoration** spread out over the five weeks of Lent.

Each Monday, starting with Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and concluding with Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 12:15pm Mass. Exposition will continue till 9pm each Monday night concluding with Benediction. That will be eight hours for five Mondays, equaling 40 hours. The schedule for each Monday :

**1pm- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**3pm- Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**5pm- Rosary**

**7-8pm- Confessions**

**8pm- Spiritual Reflection Offered**

**9pm- Benediction**



## 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.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

## LENT 2020

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent offers us a sacred time for contemplating what it means to accompany Our Lord as he carries the Cross.

During his Passion, we see Christ laboring under the burden of our sufferings and of those whom we love. As the prophet Isaiah says, "He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (cf. Is 53:4), and he still carries them today. Perhaps this year we might pray for the grace to accompany more closely our neighbors and loved ones who are suffering, and so participate in Christ's own sacrificial love as he shoulders their burdens.

Throughout our Diocese there are many who are suffering. We know this. Every parish has its stories of families experiencing hardship and loss. Our hospitals and shelters have their stories. Our nursing homes and schools have theirs. Indeed, we find the Cross in our own homes. Our parents and grandparents know heartache, and our children have burdens as well. Our Lord carries them all.

Perhaps you know a person who is sick or grieving the loss of a loved one. Maybe you know someone who is suffering from addiction or depression and is tempted to despair. Perhaps you know of someone who is lonely or has been altogether abandoned. It is good to remember that Our Lord is carrying each of them already with great love, placing his sheep on his shoulders (cf. Lk 15:5). And this Good Shepherd invites us to accompany him in holiness that we might share more fully in his mission.

Consider the figure of Simon of Cyrene. We know him from the Fifth Station of the Cross and from the Synoptic Gospels. He was compelled to carry the Cross of Christ (cf. Mt 27:32; Mk 15:21; Lk 23:26). We recognize his initial fear; it is the same as our own. We do not fault Simon for his resistance. Helping Jesus could not have been easy. And yet with God's grace what began as servitude was transformed into a gesture of compassion, even a sublime privilege.

To be sure, we may have cause to be fearful of accompanying Christ under the Cross. Social stigmas associated with some sufferings may cause us to stay away. We might fear our own inadequacies; weaknesses and wounds can cause self-doubt. We may even feel some degree of responsibility for the person's suffering: "I could have done more". Simon would have experienced these fears as Christ was passing by. Indeed, he needed to be driven by the Roman soldiers to accompany Jesus (cf. Mk 15:21). But the gaze of Christ prevailed on Simon and moved him beyond his fear.

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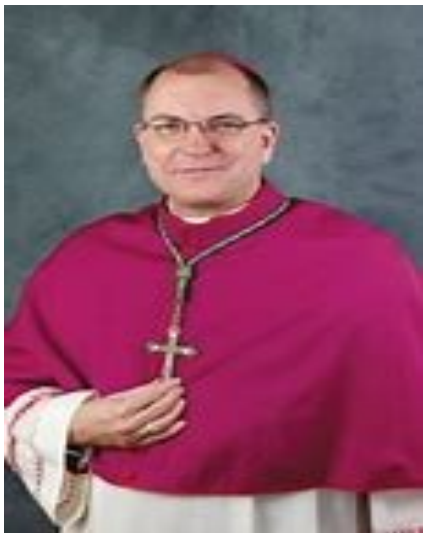
Christ himself prayed in the garden before taking up the Cross, "Father if it be possible, let this cup pass but he saw the Father's love for humanity and was moved to pray, "yet not as I will, but as you will" (cf. Mt 26:39). Love bends the will to the other. It was Christ's love that changed Simon's servitude into sacrifice. And it is Christ's love that can transform our fear into accompaniment.

As your bishop, I have the privilege of seeing that so many of you are already living as Simon, already accompanying Christ who carries the burdens of your neighbors and loved ones. I visit your homes and pray with you in your parishes. I witness your dedication to the people of your ministries and organizations. And I see that many of you, like Simon, allow the gaze of Christ to draw you underneath the weight of the Cross, where your own servitude becomes a privileged encounter with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and an encouragement to us all.

In light of this witness, I wish to bring particular attention to the newly formed Morning Star Initiative, designed to revitalize Catholic elementary school education on Long Island. I ask all of you to pray for our parishes and schools, our administrators and teachers, our students and their families, and all who are promoting a bold new era of Catholic education and evangelization on Long Island.

This way of sharing in the life of Christ moves us beyond imitation into a real participation with him in his relationship with the Father. The Cross is not a punishment to be endured; it is a decision to love. "He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities" (cf. Is 53:5). And when we move in this way toward others in their need, our experience of their suffering is transformed from a burden into an encounter with love. We find, with Simon, that our servitude becomes a mysterious privilege of accompaniment. Underneath the weight of a cross carried with love, we see Jesus.

Too often we feel regret for not drawing near to those who are suffering. Let us pray during this holy season, this season of conversion, for the grace to recognize the gaze of Christ in those who are suffering and to respond to his invitation to share in his Cross. In this way, the Church on Long Island will grow together with Our Lord in grace.



Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



## Principal's Corner

### Sister Ruthanne

Over the years we have had generous and talented young men and women go through our halls, graduate, and return to share their talents and time with the school community. Such was the case again this year at the end of the winter recess when Nicholas Shaw organized a group of Boy Scouts to complete his Eagle Scout project to paint the lower panel of the auditorium. What a great job they did! The room certainly is well used, and the wall has taken more than its share of bumps and bruises! Thanks to Nick and his "team" for making us look so good once again.

Congratulations to all our "Bridge" students for the remarkable STEM projects that they submitted to the school. They seem only to get better as the years go on! This year we are proud to send two projects to Chaminade for their annual Science Fair competition on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The winning teams are Francesca Palumbo and Aaliyah Walcott and Gus Dengel and Michael Rodriguez. We also have winners who will present at the Diocesan Stem Fair at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School on April 4<sup>th</sup>. They are eighth graders Victoria Saporito and Gabriella Sabatino, seventh graders Matthew Marchesini and Preston Waters, and sixth graders John Gaffney and Elizabeth Saporito. Way to go!

It's time for us to help St. Jude Children's Hospital through the MATH-A-THON. St. Raymond School has been a part of the Math-a-thon for at least thirty years and has been quite successful in raising money for the hospital - thousands of dollars! We may be smaller in number, but our families are most generous in helping worthy causes. If anyone would like to donate or sponsor a child doing math problems, please contact me at the school. The campaign extends till the middle of March.

Here's a look at the first week of March:

- Monday: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to morning mass; MATH-A-THON kick-off; Baked ziti; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime; Lenten adoration
- Tuesday: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to morning mass; Pizza; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Enrichment at lunchtime; Chorus practice at recess; Bookworms after school
- Wednesday: Band and string lessons with Full Band at 8:00 AM; Kindergarten to morning mass; Hot dog day; Gardening Club and Spanish Scrabble after school
- Thursday: Grade 5 to morning mass; Bagel day; Chorus practice at recess; Chess Club after school; Sodality Scholarship Test at 3:30 PM in the cafeteria; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Stations of the Cross at 7:30 in the Church
- Friday: Grade 4 to morning mass; 11:30 AM dismissal with Faculty meeting following
- Saturday: NIGHT AT THE RACES at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium

Hope to see many folks at our annual NIGHT AT THE RACES. Tickets are available both in the rectory and the school offices for \$25 (includes hot buffet dinner and beverages -not to mention the fun-filled evening and great company!). Join us for all the fun! Meanwhile, let's pray for one another during this season of Lent. God bless.

## Religious Education — Faith Formation-

*Evelyn Contaldi, Director*

### ATTENTION 7TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL PARENTS

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students will participate in a Stations of the Cross Presentation scheduled for Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:30pm in St. Raymond Church.

Religious Education & St. Raymond School seventh grade students, along with their parents, are to attend and witness this sacred production. There is a reflection paper in the Confirmation guidebooks that needs to be completed after the students attend this service. Kellenberg students and their parents are *invited* to attend.

### ATTENTION GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES BY CHILDREN PARTICIPANTS

The rehearsals will continue on the following Thursdays from 5pm-6pm in the Church: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The actual presentation will be on Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 12Noon in the Church.

### ATTENTION 5TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL PARENTS

Today's 12Noon Mass will be hosted by our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education & St. Raymond School students. The children and their families will enjoy a bagel breakfast from 10:30am-11:30am in the St. Raymond School cafeteria and then go to the Church to continue the celebration at Mass.







HERE'S YOUR INVITATION TO THE

## ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

FROM THE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Come enjoy the rich Irish traditions,  
complete dinner, Irish music  
(by the McSwitch), Irish Dancing,  
bagpipes, Guinness, Irish Coffee  
and sweets-all included,  
so get a table of friends  
to enjoy.

**MARCH 21, 2020**

**AT 7:30PM**

At St. Raymond's School Auditorium

**"GREEN ROOM"**

Tickets are only \$45 pp  
Early Bird purchase \$40 pp if  
purchase before 03/05/2020

**SENIOR DISCOUNT \$30 pp (65+yrs)**

Tables of 10 Welcome!

Tom Donza at 593-2521

(tickets on sale now...limited seating)



**Saturday, March 7th at 6pm**

**St. Raymond School Auditorium**

*This is certain to be a fun-filled night!*

**Races • Raffles**

**Dinner • Music**

*Live Auction ~ 50/50*

*...and more!*

**Tickets on sale at the school and  
rectory offices for \$25 each.**

**If interested, call Sr. Ruthanne at  
593-9010.**

### **Mission News**

***The dream continues...***

We have just learned that one of the young men in our project in Guatemala will be ordained a deacon on March 14. Gerson Roland Ujpan has been studying in the seminary, helped by monetary donations from our project. Gerson is following in the footsteps of 3 others in the project who have been ordained priests. (Padre Tomas, Padre Juan Carols and Padre Kevin) They are a blessing to the Church and to Guatemala. Gerson will now be assigned pastoral work and will wait for his bishop, Bishop Gonzalo, to decide on the date of his ordination to the priesthood. Please keep Deacon Gerson in your prayers. He comes from a very poor family and without our help he may not have been able to complete his studies. There are 4 other seminarians in the project also studying. Please keep Juan, Ulbaldo, Juan de la Cruz and Jose Maria in your prayers.

Knights of  
Columbus



**St. Raymond Knights of Columbus  
Knight of the Year  
Luncheon Honoring**

**Deacon Thomas Connolly**

**For his dedicated service to the  
Knights of Columbus and the entire  
St. Raymond Community**

**Date: March 1, 2020**

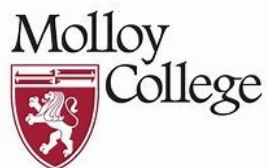
**Time: 2pm-5pm**

**Place: Hewlett Point Yacht Club  
72 Seawane Avenue, East Rockaway  
Full hot buffet lunch including  
Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea & Desserts**

**Donation: \$40 pp at the door  
\$35 pp if paying in advance  
Ages 13-18 \$15 pp—Under 12 Free!**

**RSVP: Anthony Barcia  
516-220-2521 (talk/text)  
Email: abkoc@aol.com**

**OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS  
OF THE PARISH**



**SPRING  
OPEN  
HOUSE**

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**1:00 PM**

**Molloy College  
1000 Hempstead Avenue  
Rockville Centre, NY  
(516) 323-4000**



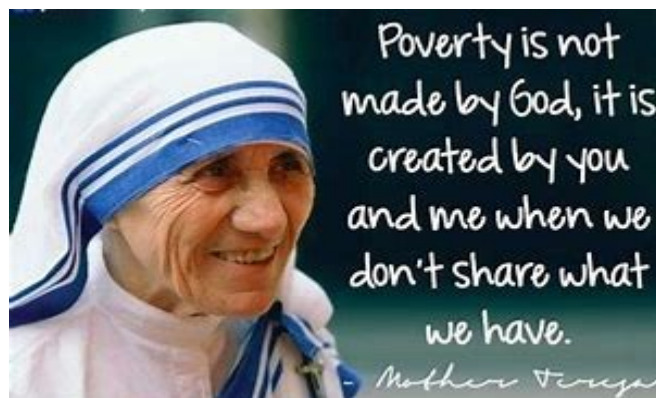
**THE  
CHURCH  
IN NEED**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is a particular need for help:

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - this collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation.

**The Church in Latin America** - for many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

**The Church in Africa** - although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.



## Parish Social Ministry

*The Heart of the Parish*

*Oh Lord I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who is  
bountiful with me.*

*-Psalm 13: 12*

**Parish Pantry Needs:** Hot cereal, Mac and cheese  
Evaporated milk, Sugar-2lb boxes, Salt, Cake mix, Mayo,  
Flour, Detergent, Bar soap.

*God bless you and keep you well.  
Thank you for your support!*

*Missing a loved one? Need to talk?*

*We are here for you !*

**St. Raymond's Bereavement  
Ministry**



**Inquiries, please call the  
rectory at 516-593-5000.**



***Congratulations to...***

***Danielle Keane & John Garren  
who will be married at  
St. Raymond's Church in March***



***God Bless Our Newly  
Baptized***

*Mila Joy Kalicovic*

*Brayden Robert Cash*

*Henry Joseph DelPrete*



## Diocese of Rockville Centre *Healing after Abortion*

Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

**Day of Prayer an Healing for Women**

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

**Please register by Monday, March 2nd**



For more information and to register please visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org)

or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or

[projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org).





## Living Stewardship

*The season of Lent is built upon the pillars of almsgiving, prayer and fasting. This week, if you have not already decided what you will do this Lenten season to grow as a Christian, pray to God and ask Him what He wills you to do.*

### Sacrificial Giving

**February 23, 2020: \$13,920**

**February 24, 2019: \$12,210**



## 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-brooklynqueens.org**



## St. Raymond Human Life Committee

Your baby is about 16-20" long and weighs between 4 - 9 pounds. With only one month to go, a layer of fat is produced and stored beneath the skin, for both insulation and as a food supply. Antibodies that give immunity to diseases are building up. The amniotic fluid is totally replaced every three hours, and the baby absorbs a gallon of it every day, more if the fluid sweetened! Your baby pumps 300 gallons of blood per day and the placenta begins to age. The center of the baby's bones are still hardening, but the bones in the head are soft and flexible for delivery. Even though your baby could survive outside the womb at this point without much medical help, it is still legal to abort him or her for any reason! Please keep praying for the baby's mother, that she will trust in God and be graced with a loving, generous and courageous heart and bring her baby to a live birth. Please check out the picture of a baby at this stage located on each of the Church's bulletin boards.

### "40 DAYS for LIFE"

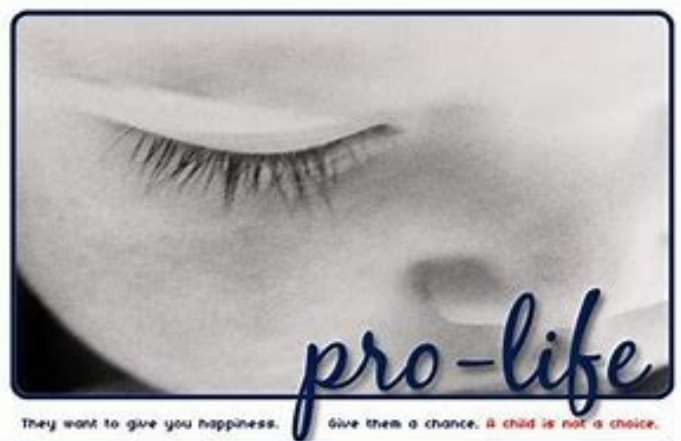
#### Planned Parenthood

**540 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead**

Members from our committee will be attending the 8:45 A.M. Mass on Wednesday, March 4th, and leaving directly after Mass to pray the rosary at the Planned Parenthood facility in Hempstead. We invite all to join with us and be a witness for the voiceless babies in the womb. For more information, please contact either Mary McIntyre - #593-4363 or Mary Caffrey- #887-2458. or contact the Diocese at: [dcrean@drvc.org](mailto:dcrean@drvc.org) or #678-5800 Ext. 626 for other dates and times.

*"Heavenly Father, we have turned our backs on You and Your principles in Your Word. We have allowed man to usurp Your role as God over life and the number of our days. But we come to You in our brokenness and repentance over our sin. We cry out for Your mercy and ask You to remove the scourge of abortion from our land. Use us as Your vessels, Lord, to bring the light of Your Truth to our nation once again. Because of Christ we pray, amen."*

(40 Days for Life, Devotional Guide)





## CYO Spotlight

Saint Raymond's CYO would like to congratulate the 7th grade girls basketball team and their coaches Mike and his son Richard Alvarez for **WINNING the C division championship game.**



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 on the first Wednesday  
of the month**

**From 7:30pm - 8:30pm**

**And Sunday at 11:00am**

**in the Rectory Lower Level  
and sing at**

**the 12 Noon Sunday Masses.**

**If interested please  
call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836**



## *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.

## *A Special Invitation...*



The greatest gift that God has left for us is Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. Here at St. Raymond we have the privilege of time set aside each Thursday from 1:00-4:00pm in Our Lady's Chapel to be before the Lord in Adoration. It is a time to escape from worldly things and sit quietly in silence or personal prayer from your heart. It is a time to bring to the Lord all your cares and worries, as well as thank Him for His blessings. Time before the Lord in Adoration gives peace and serenity that is difficult to explain. "Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament," St. Alphonsus Ligouri tells us, "consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer." Please join us on Thursdays, for whatever amount of time you can spend, as Pope St. John XXIII has said, "There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon you and your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration."

*"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth."*

*—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



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For information call 483-7383.**

*First Saturday  
Novena  
Our Lady of  
Fatima*



*Saturday  
March 7, 2020  
8:10am*

*St. Raymond Church  
(Near the Blessed Mother Statue)  
Make Reparation for sins against  
The Immaculate Heart of Mary*



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Monthly Food Collection  
This Weekend  
February 29th & March 1st**

**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!*



**ATTENTION  
EUCCHARISTIC  
MINISTERS**

Please pick up a copy of the March schedule where you sign in (The Sacristy Vestibule) The schedule will not be able to send via computer this month. Sorry for any inconvenience. ALSO, we are short ministers at some of the masses, so please go up when you see the need.



**Golden Wedding  
Jubilee Celebration**

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a special Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown. The Mass will begin at 2:00pm. Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory office. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org). If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.



**The EAC Network** is an in-home respite program, not for profit, social service agency that provides respite for caregivers of the elderly in Nassau County. Looking for adults to offer anywhere from 2-6

hours of relief each week. We introduce a caring person to visit their frail loved ones, keeping them safe and engaging them in appropriate activities. Our companions are trained and carefully screened. Reasonable fees of \$5-\$12 an hour sliding scale based on income of sick person. If you are or know someone caring for a family member, or if you are interested in visiting an older individual please call:

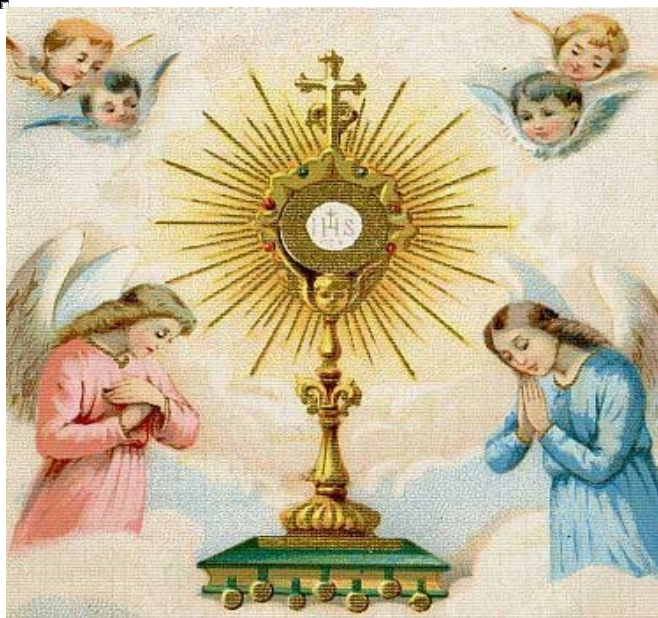
**516-539-0150 extension 215 or 218  
Or email: [Inhomerespice@eac.org](mailto:Inhomerespice@eac.org).**



**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 **\$21,761** 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 Financial 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](http://www.oceanfinancial.org).





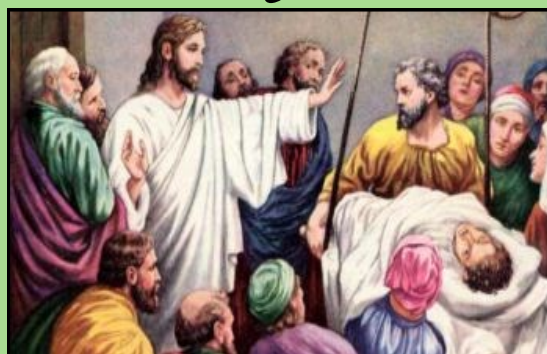
### Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, March 6th at 8pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration.

Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!

## Healing Mass



*Father Augustine Fernando*  
presiding

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**  
**7:30pm**

**Rosary at 7:00pm**

**Sponsored by**

*St. Anastasia's Church*

*45-14 245th St.*

*Douglaston, Little Neck NY*

**Music by Al Barbarino**



***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.

WITH GOD ALL

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## Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues Liturgical Catechesis

**Tuesdays this Spring @7:30pm**

**March 31st: Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us**

**May 12: Liturgy and St. Paul II Reform**

**June 9: Liturgy and Personal Growth**

**Cure of Ars Parish School Auditorium**

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**Please call or email to register:**

**Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850**

**westernvicariate@drvc.org**

**Or Cure of Ars. Merrick at 516-623-1400**

**All are Welcome—Bring Your Friends. Free Will Offering.**

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



Dear Friends,

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

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

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

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

The next segment begins in **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:

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

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

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

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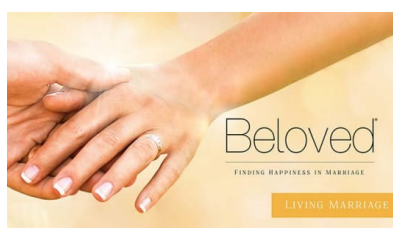
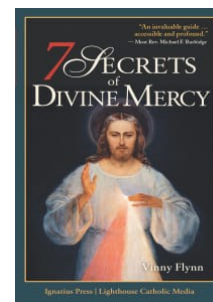
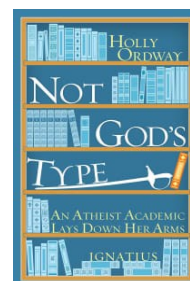
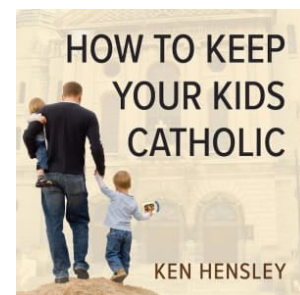
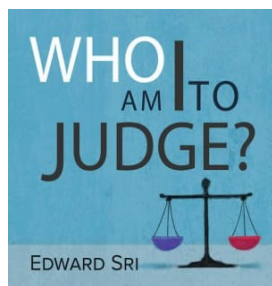
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## Masses for this Week

### Monday, March 2nd

**7:15am** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**8:45am** Violet McHale  
**12:15pm** Falcone Family

### Tuesday, March 3rd

**7:15am** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**8:45am** Patricia Gill  
**12:15pm** Carmela Zizzo

### Wednesday, March 4th

**7:15am** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**8:45am** James Donlon  
**12:15pm** Siro Gonzalez

### Thursday, March 5th

**7:15am** Thomas P. Duggan  
**8:45am** Bailey McLeady  
**12:15pm** Richard Gottcent

### Friday, March 6th

**7:15am** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**8:45am** Charlie & Gerry Peknic (living)  
**12:15pm** James P. Donlon

### Saturday, March 7th

**8:45am** Timothy Motherway, Patricia Betzag,  
 James P. Sullivan  
**5:00pm** Sheila & Eileen Muldowney

### Sunday, March 8th

**7:30am** Joan Matthews  
**9:00am** Mary A. Stack  
**10:30am** Robert Jones  
**12:00pm** Msgr. Santi Privitera, Gregory Reszka  
 Nancy & Frank Iovino Gannon, James Abrams  
 Camille Brancato & Joseph Migliaccio,  
 Pomo OLIC  
**4:30pm** St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

#### Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

### Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr. Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa  
 James Ryder, Margaret Mary Barbato, Lydia Dengel,  
 Thomas Botkin, Jane Fitzpatrick, Olivia Bonino, Jodi Neckles,  
 Mary Lynch, Annemarie Montell, Lee Wilson, Laurene Donnellan,  
 Pete Broughal, Ann Marie, Baby Azai Morris, Dr. Sam Iyer,  
 Veronica, Zeldia, Gina, Marie, Joan Ellyn Cullen, Pat Bolino,  
 Nick S., Jeanette Kostyrka, Anthony B., Alyssa B. Olivia Bonino,  
 Valerie Fellows

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



### Rest in Peace

Joseph Carrigan  
 Nicholas Buttitta  
 Bridget Feminella



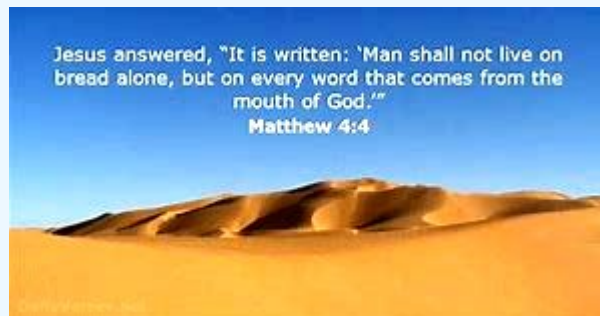
### The Rose for Life

For this week is in Memory of  
 Chester Parziale

Donated by Jennifer Parziale,  
 Stephen Rapanaro & Isabelle

For Dedications call Mary Healy at 887-4062

## Pastoral Council



### Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki, Monica Collins, Vice Chairperson;  
 Jeanne LaSala, Patricia Mayle, Chairperson;  
 Patriacia McCormack, Secretary; Mary Carmell Murphy;  
 Liz Tortorella; Father Chuck Romano

# Parish Bulletin Board

## Reunion...Save the date!

**October 10, 2020 at McQuades in Lynbrook**

Looking for Graduates of St. Raymond **Class of 1965** to celebrate their 55th Reunion. For more information please email Lorraine Guarnieri Keegan [Ltk271982@yahoo.com](mailto:Ltk271982@yahoo.com)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE - CAREER SEMINAR

**WHEN:** Wednesday March 4th @ 4:30pm

**WHERE:** 105 Maxess Road, Suite 124 Melville NY 11747

**TOPIC:** One hour orientation on the career path with Knights of Columbus Insurance...The Catholic Financial Company. Would you like a meaningful career where you are rewarded for helping others and your efforts help fund Catholic causes worldwide?

**SPEAKER:** Frank R. Hernandez

**RSVP:** [HERNANDEZAGENCYMAIL@KOFC.ORG](mailto:HERNANDEZAGENCYMAIL@KOFC.ORG)

**QUESTIONS:** 631-574-4520

## East Rockaway Senior Center

**6 James St., East Rockaway.**

**Monday—Thursday; opens at 9am**

The East Rockaway Charles Formont Center is looking for 55 and older seniors to come and join our group. Enjoying socializing. Join us for coffee and bagel in the morning. We play card games, bingo and Mahjong. Sometimes small day trips; speakers that join us with a light lunch. Transportation is available within the East Rockaway area only. All Welcome!

**For info, call: 887-6300 Village Hall.**

## Position Available *Driver*

Catholic Charities' Oceanside Senior Center, located at St. Anthony's Church, needs drivers with passenger endorsed commercial licenses, possible 2 days a week \$16.76 per hour. We are an EOE employer.

**If interested please call Barbara at: 516-764-9792.**

## Supervised, Meaningful Caregiver Support Group of Long Standing

**Wednesday's from 3:50 to 4:50 at SNCH Health Counseling Center.**

**2277 Grand Ave Baldwin NY 11510.**

We create a comfortable and caring environment where ideas are shared and strategies are suggested to provide resources to reduce caregiver stress. Please join us. For information call Mental Health Center at **516-377-5400**

## TOMORROW'S HOPE FOUNDATION

The mission of Tomorrow's Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic Schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Val Seitz at 516-745-7611 or [vseitz@thfny.com](mailto:vseitz@thfny.com)

## End of Life Decision Making

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

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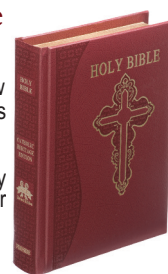
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