

## 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

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, December 4, 2022

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

**“Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is at hand!”**

**-Matt 3:1**



**December 4, 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 8, 2022**

**The Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

## 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-4pm;  
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm  
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**Parish Social Ministry**.....887-9197  
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**Religious Education Office**.....593-9075  
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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

**Holy Communion**—Available to the homebound;  
call the rectory to schedule a visit

### 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

**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 Fr. Chuck Romano



**ST. RAYMOND CYO VOLLEYBALL  
REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN FROM  
DECEMBER 1ST TILL DECEMBER 15TH.**

**REGISTRATION IS ONLINE AT THE  
BELOW WEBSITE:**

**WWW.STRAYMONDSCYO.COM**



**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  
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY  
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY  
Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY  
Sgt. Gerard Moran  
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY  
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit  
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

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

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's Holy Advent blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Advent!** We start this second week by paying attention to the call for repentance and harmony in our lives. We are challenged to be people of peace, unity, and contrition in service to Jesus our Savior and King. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, God wants the people to open their minds to understand their purpose as God's chosen ones. **"There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea."** Then in the second reading to the Romans, Paul urges his readers to strive for the kind of harmony and unity that comes from the Scriptures' message. All believers are to be welcome from other nations. **"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."** And finally, Matthew's gospel prepares us for the ministry of Jesus by focusing on John the Baptist, whose preaching sets the stage for Jesus. The preparation John talks about is repentance in view of the kingdom of heaven. This repentance of John meant a radical change was affected. **"I am baptizing you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."**

You may be familiar with the former actress, Dolores Hart. She was a budding film star of the late fifties and early sixties, working with many top stars of that time. She became engaged to marry a man named Don Robinson at that time too. Then she met Pope St. John XXIII in Rome while playing the role of St. Clare in the Movie, Francis of Assisi. The pope declared that "you are Clare," a statement that stayed with Dolores. In 1963 she shocked Hollywood by breaking off her engagement and entering an order of Monastic nuns in Connecticut where she is now known as Mother Dolores Hart. Needless to say, the reaction of family and friends was not very kind and understanding.

Years later, Sister Dolores wrote in her memoirs, **"If you heard what I hear, you would come too."** Sister Dolores found lasting peace in being faithful to God, because despite her blossoming film career and engagement to a wonderful man, her heart would not be truly fulfilled.

She experienced and followed a call to radical change, even though it meant giving up the excitement of being a celebrity. Her efforts were rewarded with lasting peace. Maybe not so dramatically, but we too need to consider the radical change we must undergo to have complete fidelity to God. And to find out what, listen to the **"voice in the wilderness"** that will show you the way as the people who followed John the Baptist did and Mother Dolores Hart did.

On behalf of everyone I would like to give a special thanks to **Anne Marie Behrman** who created and made the beautiful altar cloth for the Advent Season. The frontal piece really stands out with its Advent Wreath candles and the individual messages for the four weeks of Advent. Thank you, Anne Marie, for sharing your time, talent and treasure in such a beautiful way with St. Raymond Parish.

In the continued spirit of thanksgiving, let me also express gratitude to our **Parish Social Ministry**, which just last week helped over 50 families enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner. And thanks to all the volunteers who helped and continue to help our Parish Social Ministry meet the needs of people in our community. Thanks also to all who made food donations and contributions that helps tremendously in our efforts to help others. It is when you are involved in these efforts, and for Christmas and the Giving Tree, that you truly show the face of Christ.

**Remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.** It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, the **Mass Schedule** for the December 8th Immaculate Conception Holyday, the **Countdown to Christmas** order form (still plenty of winners to come), the **Countdown Calendar** with current winning numbers posted, an order form for the **Special Memorial Candles**, a request for **Parishioner Emails**, 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 Second Week of Advent. **Bring peace to others wherever you go and remember: Instead of pointing a finger, lend a hand.**

God bless always- **Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

DECEMBER 4, 2022-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## The Gloria

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

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great  
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, You take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer; You are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

## 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.

## 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

DECEMBER 4, 2022-SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## FIRST READING

Is 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain. In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

## SECOND READING

Rom 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

## ALLELUIA

Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*

This second week of Advent we light a purple candle. This candle symbolizes faith and the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem.

It reminds us all to get ready for our Lord's Birth.



## Upcoming Religious Education events:

**Breakfast with Santa** – Saturday, December 10th, 2022 St. Raymond School cafeteria. Two seatings – 9am-10:30am and 11:30am-1pm. Breakfast will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. **THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

**Gaudete Sunday** – Sunday, December 11th, 2022 10:30am Kids Christmas Pajama Mass. Our Religious Education students in grades 1-5 are welcome to attend Mass in their Christmas PJs. All are invited to attend Hospitality Sunday after Mass in the St. Raymond School cafeteria hosted by The Ladies of Sodality.

**Children's Christmas Carols** – Saturday, December 17th, 2022. After 5pm Mass, our Religious Education students will perform Christmas Carols in the Church for the parish. We invite all to stay and enjoy this evening filled with the spirit of Christmas!

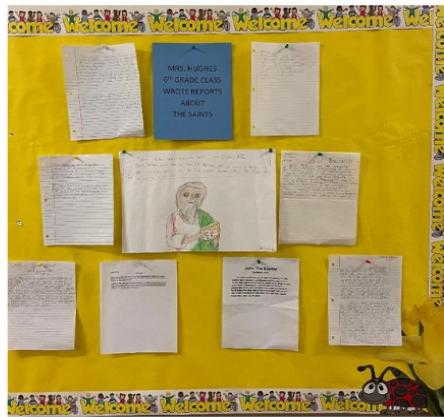
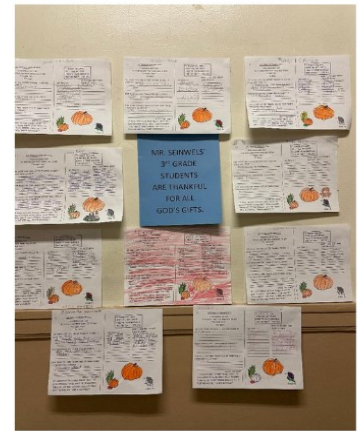
**Family Movie Night** - Friday, January 6th at 7:00pm, join us for a family movie night in the auditorium to watch The Star. This is not a drop off event. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Epiphany Sunday** – Sunday, January 8th, 2023. All are welcome to attend the 12 Noon Mass. Our Religious Education students will participate in a procession leading the Three Wise Men to visit our Lord and Savior.





# ART WORK FROM THE CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH



## Christmas Gifts for Babies

This Advent, the St. Vincent DePaul Society will collect unwrapped baby gifts for the Life Center in Hempstead to distribute to single mothers and their babies.

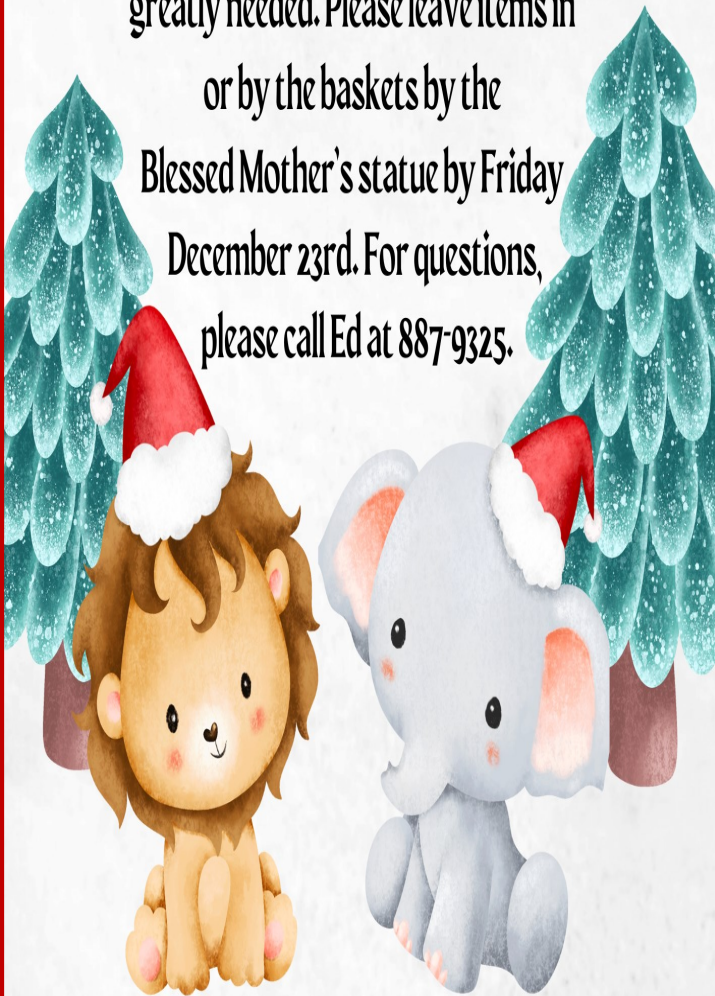
Donations of diapers, blankets, new clothing (birth to 2T); smaller items (nipples, pacifiers, baby shampoo, baby wipes and lotion), as well as gently used baby gear (strollers, baby carriers, diaper bags, and recently manufactured car seats) are all greatly needed. Please leave items in

or by the baskets by the

Blessed Mother's statue by Friday

December 23rd. For questions,

please call Ed at 887-9325.



*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry  
The Ryan House "The Heart of the Parish"*

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197

Food Pantry Hours of Operation

Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*The Lord shall bestow His bounty, and our earth  
shall yield it's increase. Psalm 85(84):13*

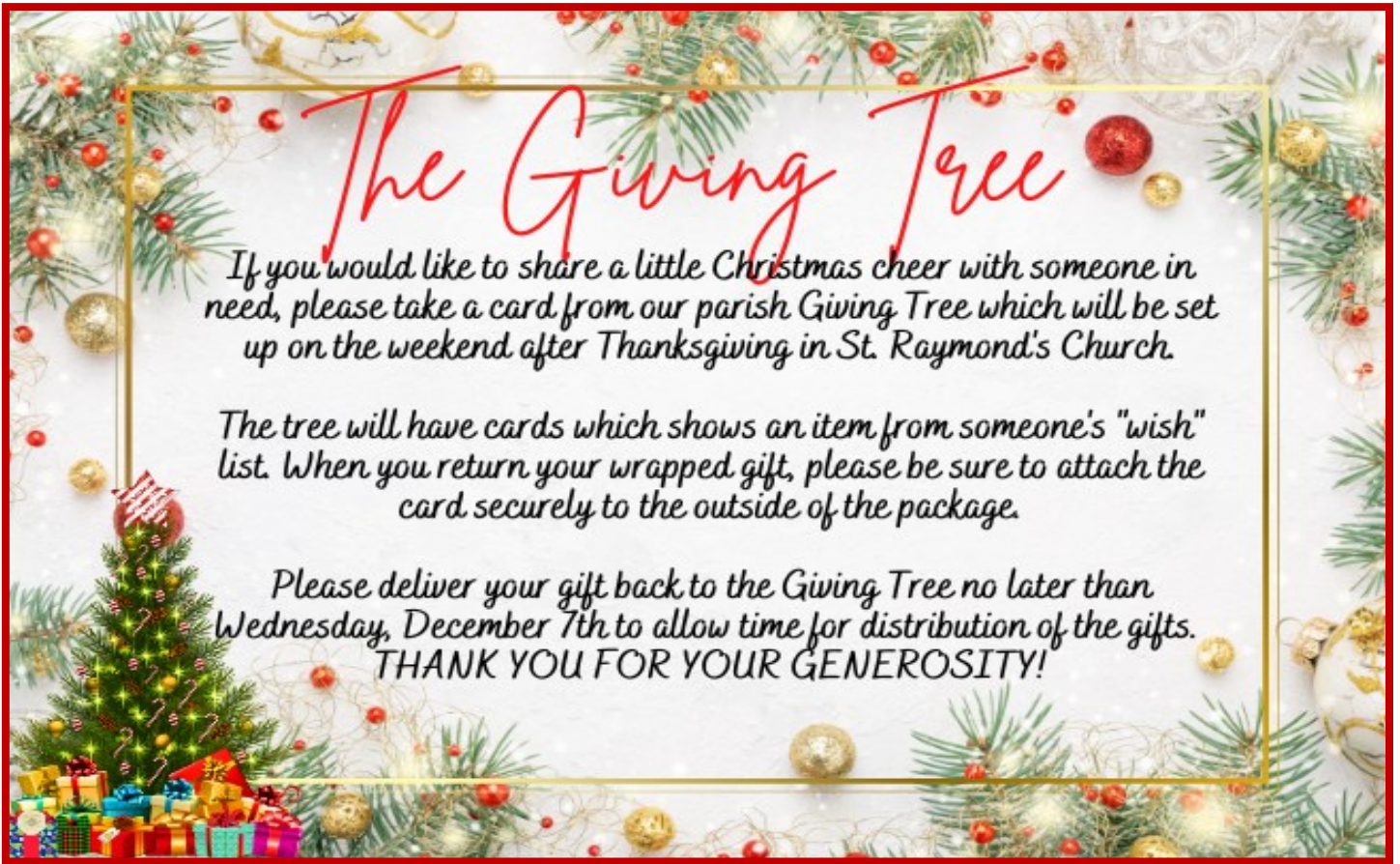
Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of November, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 67 households with food, personal care and some household items. In addition, we distributed 25 turkeys and all the trimmings. We hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the season of Advent and all the blessings it holds as we await the coming of Christ our Lord. Your continued generosity is something we are always thankful for and fills our hearts as well as our shelves.

Pantry items needed this week are: Pancake mix, Syrup, Chef Boyardee, Mayo, Mixed vegetables, Tea, and Bar soap.

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy

*Thank you for your continued support  
and generosity. You are always in our prayers.*





# The Giving Tree

If you would like to share a little Christmas cheer with someone in need, please take a card from our parish Giving Tree which will be set up on the weekend after Thanksgiving in St. Raymond's Church.

The tree will have cards which shows an item from someone's "wish" list. When you return your wrapped gift, please be sure to attach the card securely to the outside of the package.

Please deliver your gift back to the Giving Tree no later than Wednesday, December 7th to allow time for distribution of the gifts.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



**Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!**

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of **\$20,986!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union 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 516-620-8100,

**visit their website at:**  
[www.oceanfinancial.org](http://www.oceanfinancial.org)




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

**St. Raymond Folk Group!**  
 We are back...

We rehearse Wednesday nights from 7pm-8pm & Sunday at 11am in the Rectory Lower Level and sing at the 12 Noon Sunday Mass

If interested please call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836  
 7th Grade and higher are Welcome!



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Collection**  
 December 3rd & 4th

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!*



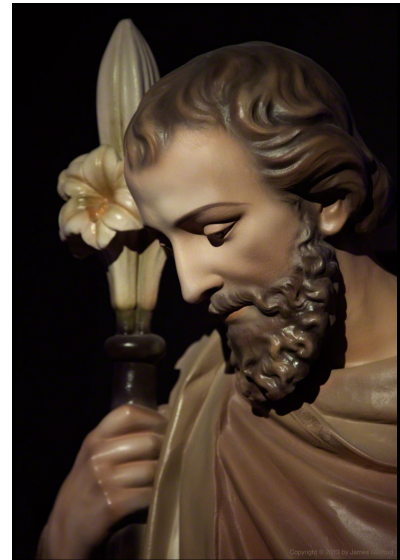
## SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

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

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

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

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



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: \_\_\_\_\_ St Joseph Statue: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for the candle name plate (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_



**LAST CHANCE**

## 2022 CHRISTMAS PLANT SALE

Once again, Saint Raymond's will be offering special *Christmas Wreaths, Grave Blankets, Poinsettias and Crosses* for sale on a pre-ordered basis only. I am sure these items will be well received as they are high quality seasonal plants at a good price.

The wreaths are balsam, 12" double faced and decorated with a red velvet bow, pine cones and silk poinsettias. The grave blankets are handmade, decorated on a wooden base with two size offerings, a 24" length and a 42" length. Then there are poinsettias available in two sizes also. One is a 6" pot, one branched plant with 4 plus flowers or an 8" pot with 3 branched plants and 9 plus flowers. Then there is a 24" cross decorated with red bow, pine cones and poinsettias as well as a 24" decorated candy cane.



*All items ordered will be available for payment and pickup on Sunday, December 11, 2022 in the School Cafeteria during our "Gaudete Sunday" celebration which will run from 8:30 AM till 2 PM.* If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please fill out the tear-off below and return it to the rectory. *Payment is on pickup.* However all items must be pre-ordered so we know how much of each item to order.

We hope you will take advantage of these great holiday decorations at good prices. *The deadline for all orders is Sunday, November 27th.* You must have your order form to the rectory by 5pm that day. Remember, payment not required until pickup on Sunday, December 11th. Any questions please call the rectory at (516-593-5000).



**UPDATED DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER! MONDAY-DECEMBER 5TH**

(Detach and Return)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Wreaths 12" \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

Grave Blankets 24" \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity 42" \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

Poinsettias 6" \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity 8" \$22 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity  
(Red/White/Pink) Circle (Red/White/Pink) Circle

Decorated Crosses 24" \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

Decorated Candy Canes 24" \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

**Order Total: Number of Items** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Cost** \_\_\_\_\_



# Countdown to Christmas Raffle

Announcing a new and exciting way to make some **"Cash for Christmas"** while also helping St. Raymond Parish. Instead of our usual "Christmas Cash 50/50 Raffle" we have a special **"Countdown to Christmas Raffle"** that starts on Thanksgiving Day and concludes on Christmas Day. Each day a money prize will be awarded to the winning number drawn. Starting with \$500 on Thanksgiving Day and culminating with \$1000 on Christmas Day there will be 32 cash prizes awarded totaling over \$5000.00. Now to get in on the action all you have to do is fill out the tear-off found on this page, include the number of tickets you want amount and return it to the rectory **ASAP**. Your control number ticket will be sent to you and depending on how many tickets you purchase, that number of tickets, all with the same number, will be entered into the drum.

Pricing for the tickets is as follows:

**1 Ticket for \$25.00 - 5 Tickets for \$50.00 - 9 Tickets for \$75.00 - 15 Tickets for \$100.00**

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## Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include payment for your ticket(s) with this form. Upon receipt, you will be mailed the number assigned to all your tickets. If you request more than 15 tickets an additional number will be assigned to you.*

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You may mail your order form to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket at Mass. You may also drop your entries at the rectory in the mail slot at any time. Winners will receive a telephone call on the day they win. Winning tickets will be placed back in the box. You may join the raffle at any time, however, to be included for all 32 drawings, we must receive your entries and payment by Wednesday, November 23rd. Winning numbers will be added to the calendar that is printed in the weekly parish bulletin.

**Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas to all, and to all Good Luck!!**

Let's have a holy and happy Advent, joyous Christmas season and a hopeful New Year!  
Thanks for your support in this new and exciting fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish!


**Father Chuck Romano**

# MERRY Christmas

## Countdown to Christmas Cash Raffle 2022

Over \$5,000.00 in Prizes – 32 Cash Prizes to be Awarded



December 25  Christmas Day Prize: \$1000.00				November 24  #4079  Thanksgiving Day Prize: \$500.00	November 25  #1525  Prize: \$100.00	November 26  #3855  Prize: \$100.00
November 27  #1559 First Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	November 28  #846 Prize: \$100.00	November 29  #1559 Prize: \$100.00	November 30  Prize: \$100.00	December 1  Prize: \$100.00	December 2  Prize: \$100.00	December 3  Prize: \$100.00
December 4  Second Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 5  Prize: \$100.00	December 6  Prize: \$100.00	December 7  Prize: \$100.00	December 8  Feast of the Immaculate Conception Prize: \$250.00	December 9  Prize: \$100.00	December 10  Prize: \$100.00
December 11  Third Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 12  Prize: \$100.00	December 13  Prize: \$100.00	December 14  Prize: \$100.00	December 15  Prize: \$100.00	December 16  Prize: \$100.00	December 17  Prize: \$100.00
December 18  Fourth Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 19  Prize: \$100.00	December 20  Prize: \$100.00	December 21  Prize: \$100.00	December 22  Prize: \$100.00	December 23  Prize: \$100.00	December 24  Christmas Eve Prize: \$500.00



## **Qualified Charitable Donations (QCD)**

### **Direct transfers from IRAs to Charities – a tax benefit for you**



**This unique opportunity allows taxpayers to make charitable contributions through a direct IRA transfer.**

#### **If you would like to make a gift using your Ira and if:**

You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift

Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify)

You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

#### **Tax Saving Advantages:**

**QCDs are not included in your adjusted gross income.**

**QCDs deliver a tax benefit while "regular" charitable donations might not since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act almost doubled the standard deductions amounts.**

**QCDs taken from your traditional IRA counts as a distribution for the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules. Therefore, you can donate all or part of your RMD that you would otherwise be forced to receive and pay taxes on.**

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

**VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Charity. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.**

*Chuck has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to St. Raymond Parish. Upon hearing of the **Charitable IRA Rollover** opportunity, he directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2022 directly to St. Raymond Parish as the family's 2022 gift. He gets to exclude the IRA distribution given to charity from income.*

**This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.**



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by **GOD**, in view of the merits of **Jesus Christ**, the **Savior** of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin....

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Mass Schedule:

**Wednesday December 7th:**

**7:00pm Living Rosary**

**7:30pm Sodality Mass**

**Thursday December 8th:**

**7:15am**

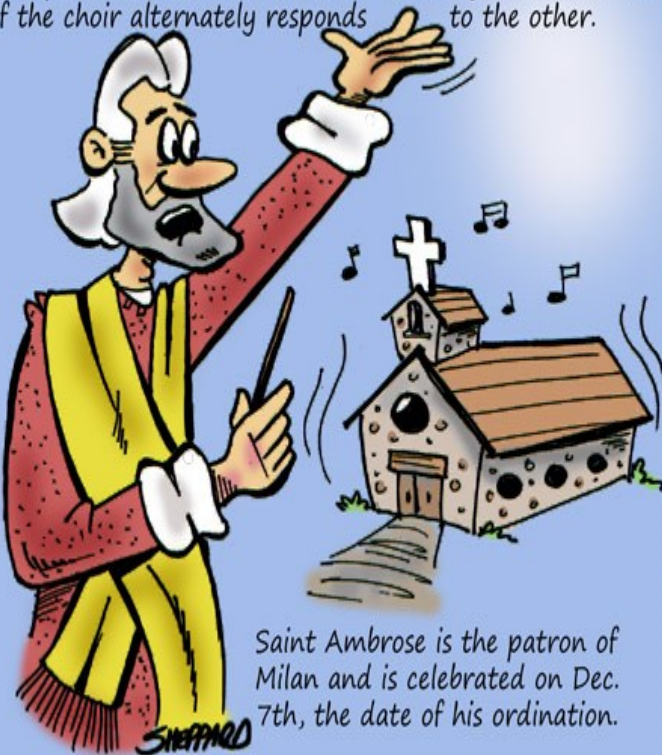
**8:45am**

**12:15pm**

**7:30pm**

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

A successful lawyer prior to becoming a bishop, Ambrose was one of the four original doctors of the Church. Ambrose is traditionally credited with composing the "antiphonal chant," a method of chanting where one side of the choir alternately responds to the other.

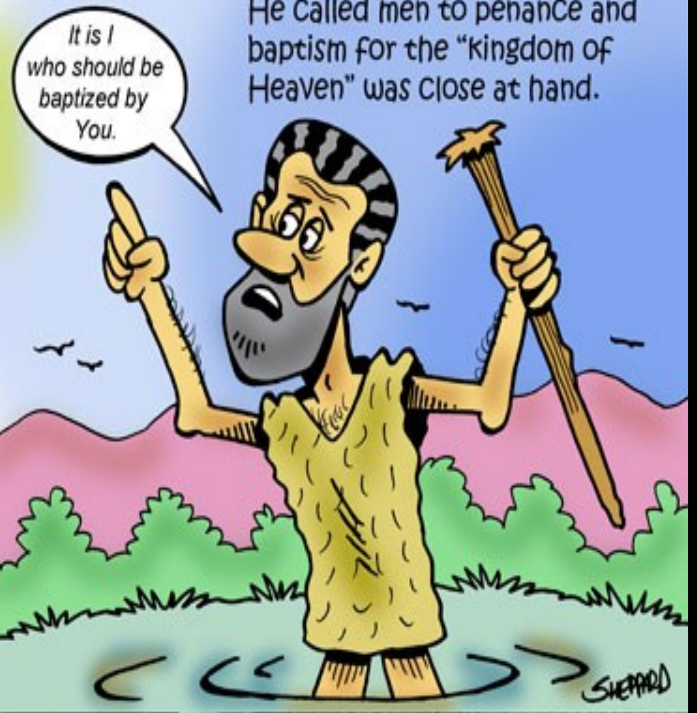


Saint Ambrose is the patron of Milan and is celebrated on Dec. 7th, the date of his ordination.

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

When he was 30 years old he began preaching on the banks of the Jordan river against the evils of the time. He attracted very large crowds. He called men to penance and baptism for the "kingdom of Heaven" was close at hand.



John the Baptist

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**LOVE**  
 IS NOT EASILY ANGERED REJOICES  
 1 CORINTHIANS 13

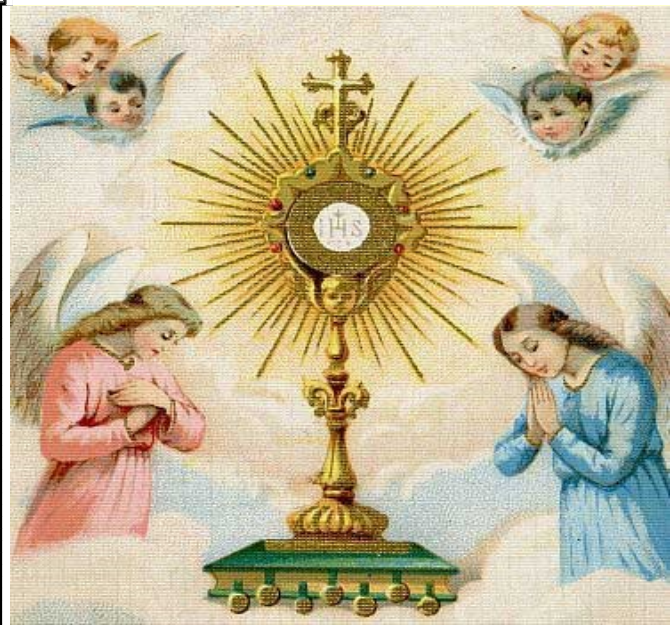
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*Salvator Ninivaggi*  
*Sarah Gotimer &*  
*Stephen Washington*  
*who will be married at*  
*St. Raymond's Church in*  
*December*

*God Bless Our*  
*Newly Baptized*

*Serafina Grace Costanzo*  
*Michaela Grace Gaudiosi*  
*Leah Marlene Kaleli*  
*Pasquale Lorenzo Bilotta*  
*Vincent Salvatore Tesoriero*  
*Marley Lan Fran*  
*Julian Paolo DiMarco*  
*Madison Marie Moran*  
*Leo Francis Borg*  
*Sienna Hope Mummendey*

Children  
 are  
 A **★ gift**  
 FROM THE  
**Lord.**  
**THEY** are  
 A  
 reward  
 from Him.  
 PSALMS 127:3





### Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, December 2nd from 7:30-8:30pm 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!



### First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

December 3, 2022

8:10am

St. Raymond Church

Near the Blessed

Mother Statue

*Make Reparation for sins  
against The Immaculate*

*Heart of Mary*

## Advent Prayer for Light

Son of God,

You are the light of the world.

This Advent shine your light on  
all our choices this day.

Create in us the ability to let  
your light shine forth for others.

We ask this in the name of the  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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*“Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for Him!”*  
-Pope Francis

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# Parish Email List

At this time, we are setting up through our parish roster a way to send emails from St. Raymond Church straight to all registered parishioners or even selected groupings of people in the parish. It is a feature that our PDS program offers, and we would like to take advantage of its capabilities going forward. We can send our reminders, schedules, emergency news and other timely bits of information. But, in order to reach the largest group of parishioners as possible, we need to grow our parishioner e-mail list. Currently we have only about 500 emails out of 3800 registered parishioner families. So, in order to reach as many people as possible with these messages we need more emails. If you would like to be on this listing for parish messages, please either call the rectory to give us your email, send it in to the parish email (StRayRcc@optonline.net), or fill out this form and return it to the rectory. Your email information goes no further than being a part of your registration profile for the purpose stated above.

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### St. Raymond Parish

has had an active chapter (known as a "conference") of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please email [svdpstray@gmail.com](mailto:svdpstray@gmail.com) for information on ways that you can participate.

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# ST. RAYMOND PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**(Fiscal Year September 2021-August 2022)**

The following statement is a condensed version of our yearly financial report which is submitted to the diocese. I make this report available so that everyone can see how we are doing on a yearly basis and what fiscal challenges face our parish in the immediate future. The stability of our day-to-day operations will only hold if we are able to increase revenue and build a savings base for the future. Thank you for your faithful stewardship to our parish and God bless always. Father Chuck

**Income** (Ordinary)

Regular Collection:	\$904,800	(Includes Sunday and Holy Days, Easter, Christmas)
Fund Raising:	\$67,715	(Parish Picks, Super 50/50, Bricks, Memorial Candles, Go for Green, Pot of Gold, Christmas Cash)
Parish Programs:	\$277,599	(Religious Education, Parish Social Ministries, CYO, Sodality of Our Lady, Human Life Committee, Scouts)
Auxiliary Income:	\$112,790	(Church Fees, Candles, Poor Boxes, Convent Rent, Interest, Bulletin Commission, Summer Camp, Donations)
Extraordinary Income:	\$155,000	(School Mandated Services, Closing School Acct. Balance)

**Total Income:** **\$1,517,904**

**Expenses** (Ordinary)

Salary/Benefits:	\$609,458	(Priests and Lay Personnel)
Parish Programs:	\$145,968	(Religious Education, Parish Social Ministry, CYO, Sodality, CYO, Pre Cana, Baptism Program, Human Life Committee)
Office Expenses:	\$130,750	(Printing, Postage, Computers, Telephone, Professional Fees, Furniture, Cable, Copiers)
Rectory Household:	\$32,726	(Food, Laundry, and Household Expenses)
Maintenance/Utilities:	\$352,885	(Utilities, Repairs, Equipment, Contracted Services, Supplies, PSIP, Furniture)
Diocesan Assessments:	\$94,071	(Annual Tax to Diocese)
Auxiliary Expenses:	\$92,825	(Liturgical Expenses, Hospitality, Charity)

**Expenses Total:** **\$1,458,683**      **Total Parish Assets:** **\$675,221**

**Year End Totals:**

Income	\$1,517,904	<b><u>Restricted Parish Assets:</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>\$226,151</u></b></span>
Expenses	<u>\$1,458,683</u>	
<b>Ordinary Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$59,221</b>	<b><u>Disposal Parish Assets:</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b><u>\$449,070</u></b></span>

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# Masses for this Week

## Monday, December 5th

7:15am Frances Forster  
8:45am James Donlon

## Tuesday, December 6th

7:15am George Mueller  
8:45am Sheila Sparling

## Wednesday, December 7th St. Ambrose

7:15am Elizabeth Jordan  
8:45am Grace Ligarzewski  
7:00pm Living Rosary  
7:30pm Sodality Mass

## Thursday, December 8th

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:15am Francis Gallagher  
8:45am Angela Johnson-1st Anniversary  
12:15pm Helen & Theodore Rehm  
7:30pm Deceased Members of Cassese Family

## Friday, December 9th

7:15am Rita Dombrowski  
8:45am Sheila Starling

## Saturday, December 10th

8:45am Joseph & Katherine Testagrossa  
Michelle Cirillio  
5:00pm Patrick O'Brien

## Sunday, December 11th

7:30am Brendan Ryan  
9:00am Josephine Vaglio  
10:30am Carol Gottcent  
12:00pm James Pelan, Jeanne M. Ryan,  
Antoinette Santonino, Kathleen Scire,  
Anthony Alessandro, Raymond Perez  
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

Is 35:1-10 /Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday

Is 40:1-11 /Mt 18:12-14

### Wednesday

Is 40:25-31 /Mt 11:28-30

### Thursday

Gn 3:9-15, 20 /Lk 1:26-38

### Friday

IS 48:17-19 /MT 11:16-19

### Saturday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 /Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10 /Jas 5:7-10 /Mt 11:2-11

## Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Carolyn Talbot  
Baby Madison Grace Layman, Hailey Faith Bevers,  
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas, John Lynch  
Frances Marie Hallas, Liz Tortorella, Dina Bitman,  
Kristine Hopkins, Nick S, Baby Cooper Graham, Connie  
Polik, Diane Minucci, Jay Witemeyer, Fr. Don Hanson,  
Maxine Vitelli, Sean Donovan, Michael McPike, Dawn  
Rose Loretta, Mary Smith, Benay Mugman,  
Linda D'Agostino, Tom Donza, Donald J. Colwell,  
Christine I., Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill,  
Joseph Petraro, Jennie Gaeta

*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the  
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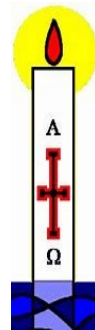


## Rest in Peace

Anthony Alessandro  
MaryAnn Vellucci



The Bread & Wine  
Is offered this week in  
Loving Memory for  
Kathleen Venis  
Much Love,  
Christina M. Gapp



The 2022 Paschal Candle  
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# Parish Bulletin Board

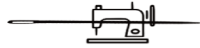
## Help Wanted



The Parish Social Ministry needs volunteer drivers to assist our parishioners who have no one to take them to their medical appointments in the area. Please contact the Parish Social Ministry, Monday thru Wednesday, from 10am to 2pm, at 516-887-9197 if you have some free time to volunteer to help us and your fellow parishioners.

**Thank you and God Bless You!**

## Help Wanted: Sew from Home



Wakes & Waves, an apparel & accessory brand created in 2021 by St. Ray's Alum Anthony Capellupo '12 is looking for at home sewing assistants for freelance and paid project work. Work from the comfort of your home assisting with simple lining, seam, & item/bag Construction For more info email: wakesandwaves.co@gmail.com **Skill Level: Beginner/Intermediate**  
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## Communal Prayer before Mass

*Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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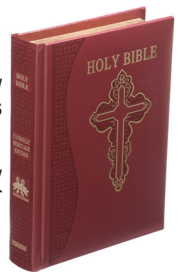
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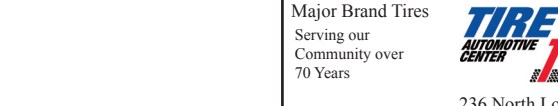


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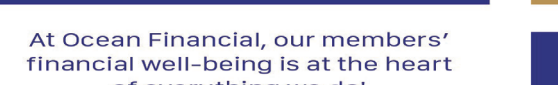


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