

Masses

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

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
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A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, December 29, 2024

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“And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and
favor before God and man.”

-Luke 2:52



December 29, 2024

Feast of the Holy Family

January 1, 2025

Feast of Mary the Mother of God

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

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

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Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the
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from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at
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Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic
seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and
ask for Fr. Chuck Romano

Happy
New
Year

2025

The rectory office will
be closed Wednesday,
January 1st.
and will reopen
Thursday, January
2nd at 9:00am.
Wishing everyone
A Happy and Healthy
New Year!

St. Raymond's Bulletin...

As a reminder, in case you forget to pick up your
weekly Sunday bulletin, you can view it on our website:

www.saintraymonds.org.

If you would like to advertise an upcoming event for a
St. Raymond Ministry or group, please email your article
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**Always keep our
Service Men & Women
in your prayers ...**

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

God's continued Christmas blessings be yours as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family! The Christmas season continues today with readings that emphasize that holiness within the home leads us to be about God's will in our lives. In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, Hannah, in gratitude for the gift of her son Samuel, dedicates him to God. She brings him to Eli in the temple and says: **"Now I in turn give him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord."** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Colossians, Paul tells the people what is expected of them since they are now children of God. **"And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as he commanded us."** Finally, Luke's gospel passage is the famous **"Finding in the Temple"** scene which is also the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Now, the story does not express togetherness and harmony, but rather separation and anxiety. But it is in those moments when the opportunities for reliance on God and striving for holiness are most visible and appreciated. After the saga of Mary and Joseph searching for Jesus and finding him in the temple, plus a bit of parent to child and vice versa tension, the outcome shows the real togetherness that the Holy Family enjoyed. **"And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."**

We call this episode in Luke's gospel the **"Finding in the Temple"** which is an interesting description. First of all, Mary and Joseph had left Jerusalem for a full day not seeing Jesus. Then when they frantically returned to Jerusalem it took them three days to find him. That's four full days apart from their son. You can imagine the fear and anxiety they felt. Three days they searched for Jesus in Jerusalem which was a big city. Why did it take so long? I would guess because they first looked for Jesus in what they considered the obvious places, where they had stayed, conducted business, with the people they knew. Finally, they had to consider the less obvious places. They had to think **"outside the box"** to find Jesus and that led them to the temple. This place was the obvious place to be in Jesus' mind. **"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"** Now this is where God dwelt, so to us it seems the logical place. But for Mary and Joseph they ultimately found Jesus where they didn't really expect him to be.

The Holy Family gives us many ways to live that we can strive to imitate. But today, let's do what Mary and Joseph did in the gospel. Let's continue to look for Jesus in the not so obvious places. Look for Jesus in the stranger, in failures, in sorrows, in people we don't like and in the sinful too. Jesus is in all these places and in all these people too. While not obvious to us, they are obvious places to Jesus. Remember Jesus always told stories with surprise endings and challenged the way things had always been. The not so obvious places show us a God who simply loves every one of us more than we can imagine. God just keeps doing what God does! May Mary and Joseph help each of us to find Jesus, recognize him and encounter him-wherever.

Many thanks for the generous response of so many people in the Christmas collection. Your spirit of giving will be a big help to St. Raymond Parish. Thank you so much. Also, thanks for all the Christmas greetings and all the goodies we received at the rectory. We will be kept in sweet treats well into the new year.

Please 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** (Faith Formation), the **Mass Schedule** for January 1st which is the Feast of Mary the Mother of God (a Holy Day of Obligation), the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on in the inside back cover), 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.

Enjoy the last few days of 2024 and then Happy New Year to everyone! May we all begin 2025 in the joyful spirit of the Christmas season, eager to find Jesus in all kinds of people and places. **Remember: the meaning of your life is to find your gift and the purpose of your life is to give it away. God bless always. Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

DECEMBER 29, 2024-FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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 29, 2024-FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FIRST READING

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." ..Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

GOSPEL

Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Happy they who dwell in your house! Continually they praise you. Happy the men whose strength you are! Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob! O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Christmas Vacation is from Monday 12/23/2024-Thursday 1/2/2025.

Classes will resume and the office will re-open on Monday 1/6/2025.

Epiphany Sunday – Sunday 1/5/2025 - 12 Noon Mass - Epiphany Sunday procession.

All students are invited to attend this Mass. Students in grades 2 & 3 will participate in a procession leading the Three Kings to our Lord's Manger.



*In this new year, may the grace of Christ bless
us today and always!*

Happy and Blessed New Year!

Lucy, Nancy & Mary Ann

Mrs. Bocchetti's 5th Grade Class



Mrs. Hughes' 5th Grade Class



After last weekend's 5pm Mass, we had a treat from our Religious Education students. They sang Christmas Carols that took us away from the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations and put us in the true Christmas spirit. We would like to thank Madeline Parlato and Laura Garbitelli for working with the children to get them ready for this joyous event

Merry Christmas!





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STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL
NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



Lamb of God
Part 1

Continuing through the Communion Rite, we have prayed the Our Father and exchanged a holy and reverent Sign of Peace. What comes next? As The General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains, "The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name [Breaking of the Bread was a common name for Mass in the early Church], signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ, who for the salvation of the world died and rose again. The fraction or breaking of bread is begun after the sign of peace and is carried out with proper reverence, and should not be unnecessarily prolonged or accorded exaggerated importance... The priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious" (GIRM, 83).

The Lamb of God
in Scripture



You may be thinking, Hold on, Father! What about the Lamb of God? Well, as we will see, at this moment of the Mass a couple of actions will be overlapping. At this point in the Mass, we

either sing or say the Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace."

The Roman Missal instructs that the first phrases may be repeated if needed, but the final time always ends with "grant us peace." As John the Baptist heralded, Jesus is the Lamb of God—the one true sacrifice offered out of love for



us for the forgiveness of sins. As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "The slaughtered lamb is of extreme importance throughout Sacred Scripture. The prophecy of Jeremiah is that the suffering Servant of the Lord would be like a 'lamb led to the slaughter.' The Book of Revelation states that enthroned on the Heavenly Altar is the Lamb of God showing the marks of being slain for our offenses. For the Jewish Passover, the lamb was the prescribed animal of sacrifice. The sacrifice of Jesus is the new Passover. In fact, as the Gospel of John details, Jesus is the Lamb of the new Passover" (A Study of the Mass, p. 18).

For Reflection: Meditate on one or more of the lamb-related passages Fr. Luke features in this week's reflection: Ex 12; Isa 53; Jn 1:19–51; Rev 5. Give thanks to the Father for revealing the Lamb of God to us.

Next Week:
Lamb of God Part 2

St. Raymond Church

Opportunities for a Holy Hour

Each Day, the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00

Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM

Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM

NEXT FIRST FRIDAY – January 2, 2025



“...and his mother kept all these things in her heart.”

- Luke 2:51

Feast of the Holy Family

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Now that we have introduced the Four Pillars of Mission, we now offer ideas on how to apply them to your life.

PILLAR 2 – EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY

Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Work of Mercy to pray for the living and the dead invites us to spiritually support others, fulfilling the call to pray for the living and the dead, which brings grace, healing, and comfort to all involved. Here are suggestions for you to actively live out this mercy:

To Bear Wrongs Patiently:

- **Offer the Holy Communion for the Dead:** Offer the grace of a Mass or Holy Communion for the souls of the deceased, especially if the person has no one else to pray for them.
- **Pray the Rosary for Others:** Praying the Rosary is a beautiful way to pray for both the living and the dead. You can offer each decade for specific intentions those living or for the souls in purgatory.
- **Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet:** The Divine Mercy Chaplet, especially when prayed for the souls in purgatory, is a powerful prayer for those who have passed away, asking for God's mercy on them.
- **Make a Spiritual Offering:** Dedicate your daily tasks, prayers, and sufferings as a spiritual offering for the living and the dead. This can include offering up minor inconveniences or challenges for others.
- **Visit a Cemetery:** Visiting a cemetery to pray for the deceased is a traditional way to practice this work of mercy. Pray for the souls of those buried there, especially those who have no one else to pray for them.
- **Light a Candle for the Dead:** Lighting a candle in Church in memory of a deceased loved one is a physical way to offer prayers and intentions for them.

“Christ has no body on earth but ours. no hands. but ours. no feet. but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world. Ours are the feet with which He goes about doing good. Ours are the hands with which He blesses His people.” St. Teresa of Avila

Pillar 2 - Eucharistic Witness

“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” -St. Paul VI

Pray for the Living and the Dead

Marian Fathers

“Many souls are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul.” Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska

Though many of the corporal works of mercy can take gobs of time, talent, or treasure, praying for the living and the dead is easy, accessible to everyone, and can cost a mere moment of your time. Also, it helps you as much or more as it helps those for whom you pray - anything that draws you closer to God, that encourages you to open yourself to the power and presence of the Trinity, leads you closer to the meaning of life, the universe, and everything. You were made for communion with God, made for divine filiation. You were made to become a son or daughter of God, and prayer is one of the times when that relationship is made most obvious, most clear.

Pray! Pray for the forgotten, those remembered only by heaven above. Pray for those who are loved and lost, and those who are loved and found. Pray for the good, the bad, the lukewarm. Pray for the Holy Spirit to come down upon all the nations, and for all the nations to go up to God. Pray for the change of times and seasons, for the healing of the harm we have done to the earth and to one another. Pray for the impossible to become possible, the irreparable to be made whole, all wrongs to be made right, all right to be made perfect.

Pray as though you're starving for grace, as though you're choking for lack of the wind of the Spirit, as though the life of God is your only hope - for it's true, though we do not often feel it.



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, December 6th 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!



Feast of Mary the Mother of God

New Year's Eve

**Tuesday, December 31st
5:00pm**

New Year's Day

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025
9 am, 10:30am and 12 noon
and 1:30pm**



First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

January 4, 2025

8:10am

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

"Most high glorious God enlighten the darkness of my heart; give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge so that I may carry out Your holy and true command." St Francis of Assisi



**Come and see how
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God's Creation**

**Blessed Raymond Lull Secular Franciscan
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Please contact Louise at 516-318-7798 or
Deacon Bob at the Rectory for more
information.**

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in January 2025



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Our Newly
Baptized*

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Ryder Patrick Warren
Messiah Anthony Perez
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Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

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MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM

10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Matthew 5:42

The Parish Social Ministry staff hopes that you and your family had a blessed Christmas that filled your hearts and homes with joy, peace and love. We would like to sincerely thank all of our parishioners who participated in The Giving Tree. Your tremendous generosity is greatly appreciated and, because of your kindness, we were able to provide Christmas gifts to 64 families. Thank you for making someone's Christmas a little brighter.

Pantry items still needed: Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Baked Beans, Canned White Potatoes, Grape Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Small Cooking Oil and Mayonnaise.

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for always helping the Parish Social Ministry serve the people in need in our community. May the light of God's love shine upon you this Christmas and guide you and your loved ones to a new year filled with peace and prosperity! Happy New Year!!



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Let us come to Jesus in prayer and not only ask, but listen. Take time this week to just sit before the Blessed Sacrament... and listen.



*"I am the
Immaculate
Conception."
Our Blessed
Mother to St.
Bernadette Soubirous
at Lourdes*

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ABORTION PILL REVERSAL

The abortion pill mifepristone (better known as RU-486) works by blocking the natural hormone progesterone that the developing baby needs to survive. The abortion pill reversal (APR) works by the administration of extra progesterone, ideally within 24 hours of taking the abortion pill. There has been misinformation give out by those who are for abortion charging that APR is unproven and potentially harmful to women. However, pro-life OB/GYN Dr. William Life explained that the technique is based on principles that are well understood. The academic journal Scientific Reports published a study by Franciscan Univ. neuroscientist Dr. Stephen Sammut, that found "progesterone administered shortly after misfepristone, reversed the abortion with living fetuses present at the end of gestation in 81% of cases. And the good news, reported by Abortion Pill Reversal Network latest statistics, show that the success rate is between 64-68% and as of November 20, 2024, 6,000 babies have been saved by the abortion pill reversal.

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Masses for this week

Monday, December 30th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Kathleen Gormley

Tuesday, December 31st

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Lilly Lourdes Poorajah

5:00pm Frances Guadagno

Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Norma M. Esposito

10:30am Genova & Simeti Families

12:00pm Mark Charles, Nicholas J. Collins,
Deacon Stephen T. Hayes

1:30pm Pasquale Rinaldi

Thursday, January 2nd

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

7:15am Fr. Dennis Conway

8:45am Violet McHale

Friday, January 3rd

7:15am Mary W. Duggan

8:45am Lorraine Guerin

Saturday, January 4th

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:45am Patricia & Phelan Brady, Fr. Michael

5:00pm James Patrick Groark

Sunday, January 5th The Epiphany

7:30am Samuel Sunshine

9:00am Lorraine Guerin

10:30am Jesus Vazquez

12:00pm John Matthews, Ann & Ray Harrington,
Vincent Saldutti, Josph Saldutti,
John St. Amand, Doris McCawley,
Patrick Walsh, Fr. Michael Toisuta

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday

Numbers 6:22-27/Luke 2:16-21

Thursday

1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28

Friday

1 John 2:29-3:6/John 1:29-34

Saturday

1 John 3:7-10/John 1:35-42

Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Fr. Don Hansen

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

Patrick Dunning

Philip Barone

Caroline Saporito

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Jose Colon

Patrick Malone

Eileen Schreiber

Maureen McCarthy

Nick S.

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



Rest in Peace

Nancy Gallo



The Bread & Wine For this week is
in loving memory of

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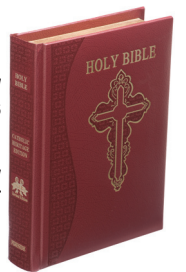
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