Saint Raymond de Penafort

A Catholic Faith Community

Our Joyful Response to Living Stewardship

"Welcome. Love. Serve."

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 15, 2019**

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Advent & Christmas Season

2019 Worship Schedule

Monday, December 16 - Advent Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 PM *Welcoming All Mt. Prospect Parishes at St Thomas Becket Church, Mt Prospect*

Tuesday, December 17 – the St Raymond School Nativity Performance

1:30 PM & 7:00 PM *the Students of St Raymond School celebrate the Nativity of Jesus*

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve

2:00 PM *Christmas Vigil Liturgy - Children's Choir*
4:30 PM *Christmas Vigil Liturgy - Teen Choir*
11:40 PM *Music Prelude*
12:00 AM *Midnight Mass - Festival Choir & Instrumentalists*

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM *Christmas Liturgy - Piano, Violin & Cantor*
11:30 AM *Christmas Liturgy - Young Adult Ensemble & Instrumentalists*

Saturday & Sunday, December 28/29 (normal weekend mass times)

The Feast of the Holy Family 5:00 PM 7:30 AM 9:30 AM11:15 AM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Mary, Mother of God – (New Year's Day)

11:00 AM *Mary Mother of God - Holy Day Liturgy*

Through Our Alms We Touch the World

St. Raymond Parish Ministries

St. Raymond is a large and dynamic Faith Community which has been blessed again and again by the talents, generosity and treasure of its members. The entire alms collection the weekends of December 21/22 and 28/29 will go directly to support the over 100 ministries, faith formation programs and the mission of our parish.

Without the faithful and continued financial support you offer this faith community, we would not be able to be a parish that continues to respond to the Lord's great commission of ministry and service to all who call this faith community their home, as well as those who grace our doors in need.

Please use the green alms envelopes available at each Church entrance. Thank you for your generosity.

From the Director of Operations: Year-End Tax Planning

The standard deduction may have been increased, making it less likely that charitable gifts will be itemized, but there are still many ways to make a tax-advantaged gift to the Parish.

Gifts from IRA Accounts
For donors 70½ or older, gifts up to $100,000 can be made directly from an IRA account. These gifts not only count toward meeting minimum required distributions, they are not subject to income tax and can lower a donor's total income.

Gifts of Stock
Gifts of appreciated stock are among the best ways to give, since those gifts are not subject to capital gains tax, saving you up to 20% on your gift.

"Bunching" Annual Gifts
If you would like to maintain your current annual charitable giving, but are concerned that you might not be able to itemize those gifts, consider "bunching" several years' worth of annual gifts into a single year. You might be able to itemize in your year of giving and then take a standard deduction in the following years, resulting in tax savings.

Please consult your tax and financial planning professionals to determine the best charitable giving strategy for you and your family. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

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GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

The best opportunity of the year to support Catholic schools

To increase the funds available for tax credit scholarships*, several donors partnered to create a **matching gift pool**. Every dollar donated to this program through the scholarship granting organization Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019 and Feb. 29, 2020 and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago will be matched with two dollars from this pool (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 29, 2020, whichever comes first.

Example: A taxpayer donates $2,000 to Empower Illinois through the match program. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a $1,500 tax credit when he/she files their previous year's taxes. The donation creates $6,000 in scholarship support (after the $4,000 match). For the net cost of $500 ($2,000 donation less $1,500 tax credit), this donor will provide a student with a $6,000 scholarship to attend a Catholic school of his/her choice.

To take advantage of the matching gift program, follow the steps at empowerillinois.org/donors. For additional information, contact the Archdiocese of Chicago's Tax Credit Scholarship Office at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617.

*The Illinois tax credit scholarship program provides a 75 percent state income tax credit to individuals who contribute money to fund scholarships for students from low-income families to attend private schools. Eligible students may use these scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake counties.

FAITH • ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE • SERVICE

ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL

The ABCs of Trees

The Kindergarteners took a trip to Spring Valley Nature Center. They were excited to observe many things they had learned in their classrooms. The experience was called, the “ABCs of Trees.” While at the nature center, they observed the various parts of the trees. The children were able to "build" a tree while learning about what a tree needs to live. They became “nature detectives!” While on a walk, the kindergartners discovered how animals and insects use trees as their homes, and on the trails they looked for animal homes and nests. Some other activities involved using sticks and leaves to create a shelter that a small animal may build, sorting and graphing leaves, and using magnifying glasses to observe insects and mushrooms up close. All of kindergarten had a fabulous time!

St. Raymond School 300 S. Elmhurst Avenue Mount Prospect, IL 60056 PH: 847-253-8555

During this Holy Season...we remember those whose lives reflected the light of the Son

The Advent and Christmas seasons are filled with hopeful anticipation and joyful celebration at the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the time of the year when families and friends make a special effort to be together and share with one another their Joy and Peace! It is also the most poignant when we miss our loved ones who have died.

Each year, the Art & Environment Ministry invites the St. Raymond Community to assist in creating a tangible remembrance of their family and/or friends by helping to fund the Advent and Christmas decorations in our worship spaces. We suggest a donation of $ 20.00 per memorial but we will be glad to honor your remembrance at whatever level works for you.

To participate, please fill out the form below and return it with your donation. There are also Flower Donation envelopes located on the tables in church. Please make your checks payable to St Raymond Church. Donations may be deposited in the Sunday collection (Please be sure the envelope is marked Advent and Christmas Memorials) or drop it off at the Parish Ministry Center during office hours.

Thank you for your generosity. *Art & Environment Ministry 2019*

Christmas Remembrance

In Memory of (Please Print)

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Donation from (Please Print)

_____

We are looking for a spirited group of people to be

CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY MINISTERS!

Please contact Lorelei McDermott at loreleimcd@gmail.com or 847-818-0448 if you would like to join the Christmas Greeters at one (or more!) masses. Sign up on ivolunteer.com using the link below: https://straymondparish.ivolunteer.com/christmashospitalityministers_003

Christmas Eve: 2:00 pm, 4:30 pm and midnight
Christmas Day: 8:30 am and 11:30 am

A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

SAINT RAYMOND DE PENAFORT

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. RAYMOND JUNIOR BRANCHES GROUPS MEET TOGETHER FALL 2019

Our St. Raymond Junior Branches students have come together this Fall outside of their regular group meetings to explore their faith and serve others. The Junior Branches groups are led by Patty & Rich Murawski, Terri & Terry Harmon, and Carolyn & Marty Mueller.

On November 24th our Juniors Branches students helped serve others at Feed My Starving Children's "Hope Filled Illinois Holiday Mobile Pack" event at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. This event ran the entire 11/22-11/24 weekend with 12 shifts, and our students helped pack meals during a shift on 11/24. During the weekend FMSC had over 5,000 volunteers preparing over 1.4 million meals. Great work SRS Junior Branches students!!

St. Raymond Kairos #5

January 17-20, 2020

Registration deadline is January 2, 2020

Name_____ Male_____ Female_____

How would you like your name to appear on your name tag?_____

Address_____

City/State_____Zip code_____

Home Phone_____Student Cell Phone_____

Student E-mail_____

School attending_____Grade_____Age_____Birthday_____

Are you a member of St. Raymond? Yes_____ No_____

If you belong to another parish or church community, which one?_____

	Mother	**Father**
Parent Name	_____	_____
Parent cell phone	_____	_____
Parent E-mail	_____	_____

***Important: Please watch your email for pertinent retreat details as the retreat date draws closer.**

Parent's signature_____

To register for Kairos, please submit this form, the Permission Form, the Participant Agreement, and your payment of $300 (made payable to St. Raymond) to the following address. If you are St. Raymond parishioner, please pay on www.GIVECENTRAL.org.

St. Raymond Youth Ministry, c/o Agnes Knott, 301 S. I-Oka Ave, Mt Prospect, IL 60056

All registration forms and payment must be received by January 2, 2020.

Registration is on a first-come basis with priority given to St. Raymond Parishioners.

Please do not let finances be an obstacle to your teen's participating. Scholarships can be available. Contact Agnes Knott at agnes.knott@st-raymond.org for more information.

No refunds can be made after January 4th, 2020.

Scholarship or Donations:

I am able to help with a scholarship of _____ (enter amount) for a teen to participate in the Kairos retreat.

Your name_____ Email or phone_____

Please contact Agnes Knott at (847) 253-8600 ext 150 or agnes.knott@st-raymond.org for information.

St. Raymond Kairos #5

January 17-20, 2020

Frequently asked questions:

What is Kairos?

Kairos, which means "God's time," is a 3-night, 4-day retreat experience for juniors and seniors in high school that enables them to spend time with peers, teen and adult leaders in order to get to know themselves, others, and God more deeply. Teens leave with a deeper understanding of themselves, their values, and their relationship to God.

Why go?

This is a good question. There are so many reasons that others who have been on Kairos might share with you about why you should go. Thousands of teens go on Kairos each year. They discover who they really are and how they want to live. They gain a better sense of themselves, what is important to them, and their relationship with God. Kairos is an experience of a lifetime. Many teens who attend say it was life-changing for them, or at the very least, a powerful and positive experience. Participants often leave with new and/or deeper friendships. Talk to past Kairos participants to learn more.

Who leads the retreat?

Each specific Kairos has a teen leadership team comprised of seniors who have previously attended a Kairos retreat. Leader application and selection began last year in April for this year's retreat. The team completes over 20 hours of training and team building. Adult volunteers from the parish also attend as re-treat facilitators. The power of the retreat is that it is student-led, but adult-guided.

Where is it?

Kairos #5 will be held at Cabrini Retreat Center in Des Plaines. Teens gather at St. Raymond on Friday afternoon, take a bus to retreat center, and return to St. Raymond on Monday afternoon. We will leave on Friday, January 17th around 3:30 p.m. and return in the afternoon (around 4:00 p.m.) on Monday, January 20th. Students will NOT have to miss school on Monday because it is the Martin Luther King Jr Holiday.

How much does it cost?

The cost for the 4 day/3 night retreat is $300. This includes all meals, lodging, supplies, and transportation. **However, finances and cost should not deter any teen from attending.**

Please contact **Agnes Knott at agnes.knott@st-raymond.org** if you need financial assistance. Scholarships are available.

Application available on the parish website : http://www.st-raymond.org/youth-ministry/kairos/

Join the St. Raymond Yoga Playgroup!

The St. Raymond Yoga Playgroup is a great opportunity for moms, dads, grandparents or caregivers and their little ones to connect through songs, yoga poses, breathing techniques, and mindfulness practices. Come join us for fun and community building every other Monday from 10:15-11:00am. *Adults must stay with their child.*

Our very own Molly Kranovich, St. Raymond *Class of 1997 alumna* and parent of four, will facilitate the fun. Molly is a 200-hour certified yoga teacher through YogaFit, as well as certified through Kidding Around Yoga.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sessions will be held in the
Buhrfeind Room in the PMC.
Enter Door # 1 at the
St. Raymond School Office to check in.
(corner of Milburn and Elmhurst Avenues)

Mondays
10:15-11:00am
December 16th
No reservation is necessary

Questions: Call the school office at (847)253-8555 or email Colleen Cunningham at Colleen.Cunningham@St-Raymond.org.
St. Raymond School
300 S. Elmhurst Ave., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
www.st-raymondschool.org

St. Raymond's SPRED Program

SPRED is a religious education program specifically intended to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities. St. Raymond's SPRED Program is designed for adults with special needs (21 years of age and older) whom we call Friends. Through the experience of friendship in a one-to-one relationship with a volunteer catechist, each of our Friends discovers a place where they belong and are able to develop a sense of personal dignity as they are helped to realize their own giftedness.

Through participation in a SPRED community of faith, Friends and catechists alike share how God has touched our lives and lives through us. Through prayer, activities, and fellowship/agape, our Friends develop a sense of the sacred, a sense of the Church, and a sense of God. As a result, our Friends are better able to enter into the worshiping experiences of the whole Church. We meet at St. Raymond every other Saturday morning from 9:00–11:00am during the school year (October through April).

If you have an adult person with developmental needs in your life, and you are interested in learning more about St. Raymond's SPRED Program, please contact either Sue Rudnick at rudsmc@gmail.com / 773-350-0354 or Kathleen Jensen at jjensen118@yahoo.com / 847-398-1686. We are anxious to meet new Friends and grow our SPRED faith community.

Note: Nearby parishes may have programs for younger-aged persons. If interested, we can assist by putting you in contact with those parishes.

Thank you to the St. Raymond Parish Community and Volunteers for the Gracias Fairs Trade Market

We wish to thank Fr. Scott, the staff and the entire St. Raymond Parish Community for their overwhelming support and generosity for the GRACIAS International Fair Trade Market the first Sunday in Advent.

Thanks to your efforts the artisans from Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, the Philippines, South Africa, Kenya, India and Pakistan will be receiving a "fair price" for their crafts.

We would especially like to extend our thanks to those who shared their time and energy unloading on Saturday and Loading on Sunday afternoon to make this event happen; this would include Cheryl Haluczak, Agnes Knott, Grace Bailie, Joe Hanafee, Gary Hanafee, Mary and her son Nathan, Karen, Kurt and Paige Thompson, Dina and Dan Petricca, Bob Razinski, Robyn and Ryan McCluskey, Trish, Thomas and Mark Haban, Jim Byrne and the St. Raymond's Boy Scout Troop #155.

Additional thanks to the women who helped package the gifts after all of the Masses: Julia Tabbert, Pam Valentino, Carol Bolger, Judy Velan, Isabel Gibson, Sally Murphy, Megan Kuning, Peggy McMahon, Rosemary Hinkemeyer and Grace Bailie,

Jeanne Ann and John Sattler, Volunteer Coordinators of GRACIAS Fair Trade Market

Nurse Position Open

St. Raymond School is looking for a someone to fill a nurse position/health assistant. The candidate will provide direct nursing services to students to maximize health and wellness in the school community.

Qualifications: Associate's degree or Bachelor's Degree and CPR certified.

Interested candidates should contact: Ms. Mary Eileen Ward, Principal

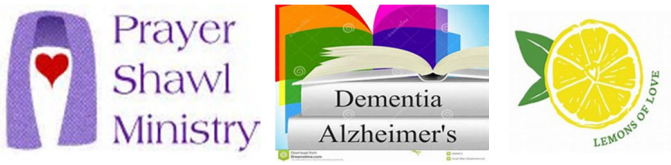
maryeileen.ward@st-raymond.org or call (847)253-8555.

Rescue/Recycle Religious Items Ministry

Have you wondered what to do with religious items that you no longer want to use or keep? There is a "Rescue and Recycle Program for Religious Items" ministry at St. Raymond's Parish. This ministry was started by Ruth Hauswirth as a resource for people to be able to re-purpose their religious items that are no longer being used . Thousands of items have been donated and re-purposed. All items are treated in a respectful manner by going to those people or organizations who would again have use for them. The Rescue Ministry will take any type of Catholic religious items: religious statues in any condition, pictures, medals, rosaries, crucifix's, holy cards, blessed candles, scapulars, religious books, holy water/holy oils, Saint relics, Catholic books, cd's or dvd's, and unwanted jewelry (beads and jewelry will be re-purposed and made into rosaries). Items that are broken but fixable are also accepted but we cannot accept Mass or greeting cards from religious organizations. Items that you would like to donate can be brought to the PMC. If you have questions or need information please contact Ruth Hauswirth by 224-558-3618 or at ruthhauswirth@yahoo.com.

The Legion of Mary

Come on Mondays at 7:30 pm to the PMC to pray and cooperate in the Virgin Mary's and Church's work by participating in the Legion of Mary. The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church serve the Church. To learn more please email Mariloren Bell @ mariloren @gmail.com



The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates hand crafted shawls for those in our community who are in need of our prayers, love and support. We also make hats for chemotherapy patients .

As you create shawls and hats for others, your handiwork becomes an expression of your love and concern for our community and the loving care of God who works through you.

Please consider joining us to put your skills to good use or to learn a new skill. It is a fun way to meet new friends and to help those in our community in need of comfort.

Meeting take place on the last Thursday of the month from 6:30PM-8:30PM . in the PMC dining room.

For more information or are interested in joining our group, please call Judi Muniz, phone #847 293-5134, or email, judimuniz@hotmail.com or Francie Wilcox at tfsbw@hotmail.com or phone #847 398-0309.

"Baby Aromatherapy" Hearts for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Northwest Community

Do you enjoy sewing? Would you like to be an angel of love for babies (and their parents) in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Northwest Community Hospital? Baby Aromatherapy Hearts created from cotton flannel or microfleece prints and solids are now being accepted at Northwest Community Hospital to help these babies bond with mom and dad as they become familiar with their scent. Because of the babies' fragility and sensitivity it's important to follow the pattern and specific instructions provided by NCH in the creation of these hearts. If you would like a copy of the instructions and pattern, please contact Sr. Val at 847-253-8600 x 143 or Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org. Thank you for being an angel of love!

Women's Spirituality Circles

Women's Spirituality Circles are small groups of women who gather once a month to nourish, reflect upon and share their own spiritual lives. A resource book is used, which enables the women to come to a deeper understanding of themselves and their own unique spirituality. Through reading, discussion and prayerful reflection, the women experience a deeper prayer life and the invitation to share their gifts in service to God's people. They gather strength, insight and a sense of gratitude from one another. Each group has a facilitator. For information please contact Kathy Hemler at either 847-427-1472 or chuck.kathy.hemler@comcast.net.

Men's Saturday Morning Scripture Group

Did you know that the Mens Bible study group has met in Coggins Hall every Saturday morning for over twenty years? It's a lively yet reflective group of guys who read and discuss the scriptures for the coming Sunday Mass. What do we get out of it? An appreciation of God's word coming from many perspectives. Sometimes, as we listen to scripture in church, it doesn't make sense, but going in having discussed the coming readings brings things into a better light. There's just one catch, we meet at 6AM on Saturday morning. Too early you say? We find it to be the best time of day to reflect and talk before the world really gets cranked up. We end by 7:30 so you have the rest of the day to meet the many activities we all have. We hope you'll join us and see how we help each other appreciate the beauty of God's word and the beauty of the life he has given each of us. Call John Ruskuls at 847-394-5693 or Brian Murphy at 847-298-5186 for more information.

Home & Hospital Visits

Ministry for Our Homebound Parishioners

Are you aware that any parishioner who finds it difficult to attend Mass, or who is recuperating following an accident, illness, or surgery is welcome to receive the Eucharist at home? If you or a loved one is homebound and would like a visit from a Minister of Care, please contact Sr. Val at 847-253-8600 x 143 or email Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org to make arrangements. We are happy to bring St. Raymond to you!

Patients at Northwest Community Hospital

In late October we received word from the Spiritual Care Services Department at Northwest Community Hospital that they will no longer send the daily patient census to the Ministry of Care Coordinators at the parishes and other churches. Up to this time, Sr. Val received a confidential listing of St. Raymond parishioners at NCH, enabling us to offer the pastoral care that we want to provide for our parishioners experiencing illness requiring hospital care. Due to this change in policy, there is no way to know if any of our parishioners are at NCH. Therefore, if a loved one has been hospitalized at NCH, we would deeply appreciate a call or email with this information. This is also true for patients at Lutheran General, Alexian Brothers, and Resurrection Hospitals. Please contact Sr. Val at 847-253-8600 x 143 or Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org when a loved one is hospitalized so that we can continue to provide pastoral care during a time of illness. Thank you.

St. Raymond Parish Domestic Violence Outreach
Awareness-Services-Prevention

Awareness

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior. It is used to exert power and control over another person. It is found in the context of a dating, family or household relationship.

Questions to ask:

- Does your partner isolate you from family and friends?
- Are you being physically, psychologically, economically or sexually abused?
- Is your partner attempting to destroy your self-esteem and self-confidence?

Domestic violence victims often report:
"I didn't know it was abuse."
"I thought I could fix it.",
"I didn't tell anyone."

These are traps that keep people bound.
Domestic violence. Dating Violence.
No Excuse
You are loved and you are not alone.

Services

GET HELP!
IN AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.

Help is also available from:

National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-SAFE (7233) and/or
www.ndvh.org

National Dating Abuse Helpline (For Teens)
1-866-331-9474

Accessible via text "LOVE IS" to 77054 to talk to peers 24 hours - confidential.
Www.loveisrespect.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline:
1-800-656-HOPE(4673) and Wings
Housing/Emergency Shelter: 847-221-5680

Prevention

Healthy Relationship Characteristics

- Trust
- Mutual respect
- Good communication/open and honest communication
- Partners work together to make decisions.
- Belief in nonviolent conflict resolution/ anger control
- Ability to negotiate and adjust to stress
- Belief in partner's right to autonomy
- Individuality
- Honesty
- Compromise
- Fighting fair
- Empathy

Source: CDC, Liz Claiborne Dating Matters

Additional Resources

Visit the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach webpage at https://www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org
Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network http://www.rainn.org
Veto Violence—Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.vetoviolence.org/datingmatters

Widows Circle Ministry
Meeting Dates & Location Change

The Widows Circle Ministry is for widows who are moving forward with their lives. This ministry is not for widows who have recently lost their spouses or need a grief support group.

The meetings are the last Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm at Outback Steakhouse at Randhurst. Please email us one week prior if you are attending or if you have questions at widowscircle56@gmail.com.

Upcoming meetings: 12/29, 1/26, 2/23, 3/29, 4/26

Thank you, Theresa Drangines & Harriet Malinowski

MAC (Men of Action and Contemplation)

MAC is a group of five or six men who commit themselves to meeting twice a month for one hour to dialogue, support and encourage each other to live the Gospel message more fully in their daily lives. A resource book, based on the daily scripture readings is used. Each man is asked to find ten minutes each day to reflect and pray over the daily reflection. The men involved find that this experience helps them in their daily lives. Contact the Parish Office with questions or additional information at 847-253-8600.

Support Groups for Those Suffering with Addiction and Their Loved Ones

- **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)**
  Closed Step Meeting
  Parish Ministry Center
  Coggins Hall
  Wednesday 7:30 pm
- **Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA)**
  Parish Ministry Center
  Living Room
  Saturday 10:15 am

Drug, alcohol and gambling addiction is a disease which is chronic, progressive and treatable, but terminal if untreated. Recovery is possible if the person is willing to ask for help and work toward that goal. Families with addicted family members also need help and understanding. Worry, fear and anger destroy both relationships and the family unit. The Substance Abuse Team is available to reach out with support and care. CONFIDENTIALITY AND ANONYMITY are the very essence of our ministry.

Please call our team members for help:
Dan Sullivan 847-962-5208; Jill Bergner 847-228-6073; Kathy & Warren Goldberg 847-483-0443; Marie McGarry 847-398-0415; Bob O'Donnell 630-400-9479; Dan Lapinski 847-259-4645.

God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

The Long Goodbye

A Gathering of Husbands to support each otherwhile walking the difficult journey with a spouse and dementia

Any plans and dreams for our future have been suddenly swept away. Our lives are forever altered. The one I love and once knew is now different. The way it was will never be that way again. How do I move forward when she is forgetting me?

Where can we husbands, who now find ourselves to be caregivers, turn to when we are frightened or frustrated, or angry and feeling alone? How can we stop over-burdening our children who are also dealing with this? How do we address issues of relationships and intimacy when dementia enters into the lives of a husband and wife? How can I help her when I, too, need help? How can we try to grasp those precious moments on this journey in order to share the long goodbye?

We can turn to one another; to other husbands who are forced to walk this journey too. We can support each other, listen to each other, affirm and learn and challenge each other in order to get through this week and next week and the rest of this unplanned and unwanted journey. By telling our story, we might be able to help the other husbands who are gathered with us.

This is a gathering of husbands who find themselves in this situation. If this is where you find yourself now in life, please join us. Come to listen and hopefully share because your sharing might be what I need to hear too. There is no need to register and no need to call in advance ... just show up.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday evening of every month
at 5 PM at the RackHouse Kitchen & Tavern
222 E. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL
(Algonquin Rd just east of Arlington Hts Road)

Yes, in a casual setting we can share over food & drink
(for more information—voicemail—**847-804-5026**)

"Tell Me How Others Do It?
There's So Much Time Between Now and Then
Tell Me How We Get Through It?"

Grandmothers in Prayer

Grandmothers In Prayer is a ministry which gives Grandmothers a special way to connect with their grandchildren: by praying for them. These women come together on two Wednesdays every month (from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon) to pray for their grandchildren, their schools and teachers. For more information please call Donna Czajka at (847) 228-6360.

St. Raymond Rosary Makers

Founded in 1996, this ministry has grown to over 20 male and female members of all ages, who have lovingly hand made and distributed over quarter-million rosaries free of charge to local ministries and mission fields worldwide. These **"Gospels on a string"** have been shipped all across America, as well as to 28 countries overseas.

ROSARY MAKERS GROUP meets virtually every Tuesday from 1 - 3 pm year round in our Community Room. In addition, many members choose to make rosaries at home in their spare time. If you wish to participate in this artistically creative and spiritually fulfilling ministry which enables the global poor to pray for peace, please contact Rob Glowacki at 847-981-1481 or robglow27@gmail.com.

The Afghan Makers Group

All women, young and not-so-young, are invited to join the Afghan Group on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month in the Parish Ministry Center from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. If you like to knit or crochet (or would like to learn), come join us. Yarn is provided. While we are using our hands to create items for the needy, we also enjoy each other's company. This is a wonderful ministry of caring and sharing. **WON'T YOU CONSIDER JOINING US?** Please call Cheryl Zalinski 847-818-9901 or just come to the Parish Ministry Center on the dates and times listed above. **Donations of yarn are welcome!** Please bring your donation to the PMC.

Did you know St. Raymond has a weekly newsletter?

Interested in receiving all the latest parish news, then please send us your current email address. We will add you to our Constant Contact system and keep you updated!

Please forward your information to t.kneisel@st-raymond.org

We Pray...

Seamless Garment/ Respect Life Ministry

As persons who respect all life from conception to natural death, we pray for those on death row scheduled for execution during the month of December. Let us also hold in prayer their families and most especially their victim's families.

12/5	Lee Hall Jr.	Tennessee
12/9	Daniel Lee Lewis	Federal
12/11	James Hanna	Ohio (Reprieved)
12/11	Lezmond Mitchell	Federal (Stayed)
12/11	Travis Runnels	Texas
12/13	Wesley Ira Purkey	Federal
12/13	Jakeem Towles	Pennsylvania

Ministry of Praise

Volunteers in this ministry pray daily for the needs of the community and the world. Many in this ministry are homebound. The goal of this ministry is to connect those who are no longer physically able to join us for worship, but can offer prayer for the community. They have meaningful gifts to offer through their service of prayer. A monthly letter is sent asking the ministers to pray daily for the intentions mentioned. If you know a homebound person who would like to be part of this ministry, please call the PMC. Contact: Sr. Valerie Kulbacki at 847-253-8600 x143 / sr.val@st-raymond.org.

Moms Rosary Group

The Moms' Rosary group meets the first Tuesday or the month in the PMC. They pray the rosary for their adult children, their intentions and concerns. New members are most welcome. For information contact Kathi Szott at either 847-226-6369, or katsz928@yahoo.com.

As good neighbors in our community, we ask St. Raymond parishioners and their guests to observe the Illinois state parking laws when parking on the streets around the parish. Parking a vehicle, whether occupied or not, blocking even partially a public or private driveway, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, or within 20 feet of a crosswalk is prohibited by law. St. Raymond has a spacious parking lot for our worshipers and visitors. The Village of Mount Prospect graciously grants us permission to close Lincoln Street on Sundays to make our parking lot even more user friendly. However, we do not have permission to violate street parking laws. Anyone who does not observe these laws may be ticketed.

Liturgical Ministries Schedule — January — 2020

Time	Mass Coordinators	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
January 4-5				
5:00	CGrango, MMcGarry	WBraunsdorf, K&CHemler, RHill, K&DMurray, JScala, JSemerau, JSkonicki, JTabbert, NSciurba	Conlon/ Messina	JNeugebauer MHarmon, BLopez
7:30	TDrangines, JRuskuls	LLuxem, MMasini, HMatecki, KMizwicki, KMurphy, KPawlowski, GRosean, AMoore	Bertucci/Beck	ADiblik, MNuelle GBehles
9:30	CMeyer, JThomas	JBergner, BBlau, JMetken, KNuelle, DPetricca, KRitchie, DRusk, K&FSchafer, KSchultz, SSmedinghoff, AWurbia, PZa-bawa	Pelicore/ Nowickas	KOchab, LOchab MInorio
11:15	BKlaus, KGoldberg	LKnaus, DKreb, DMack, JMatzek, DMazeski, MKMcMahon, GNeugebauer, DMartin, LOlsen	Bruso/Cecala	KBuchberger Jolson., LMueller
January 11-12				
5:00	SLentine, TTheis	SAllen, J&BBrandt, ACole, DConlon, K&RCummings, NDaly, PDarwit, RMazanek, SMoreno	Zalinski/ Glowacki	KSipko, JSawadski JNeuhalfen
7:30	MKirby, JRuskuls	PAdam, DBorris, TBrandenburg, DCoppola, MEmigh, IGibson, B&DHollis	Chapman/ Wilcox	B, J & J Kowalczyk
9:30	P&CMeyer	MBabczak, JBilletdeaux, DBurke, GFarry, JGeraci, KHigginson, M&MHigginson, JMaher, HMalinowski, JPalczynski, LZajac	Barnes/ Ghengarry	DMarshall, MMarshall BSchultz
11:15	BKlaus, AArceo	MBell, ABriggs, CBuchberger, ECole, P&BDoucette, BGabzdyl, JMaresso, SMurphy	St Louis/ Shute	DHarmon SCarrico, TCarrico
January 18-19				
5:00	CGrango, MMcGarry	WBraunsdorf, K&CHemler, RHill, K&DMurray, JScala, JSemerau, JSkonicki, JTabbert, NSciurba	Fier/ McDermott	DMeyer, MMeyer SHong
7:30	TDrangines, JRuskuls	LLuxem, MMasini, HMatecki, KMizwicki, KMurphy, KPawlowski, GRosean, AMoore	King/ Anderson	WFlondro BRolla, RFalls
9:30	CMeyer, JThomas	JBergner, BBlau, JMetken, KNuelle, DPetricca, KRitchie, DRusk, K&FSchafer KSchultz, SSmedinghoff, AWurbia, PZabawa	Hinkemeyer/ Karnes	RNava, NFardella KCantieri
11:15	KGoldberg, AArceo	LKnaus, DKreb, DMack, JMatzek, DMazeski, MKMcMahon, GNeugebauer, DMartin, LOlsen	Garland/ Hanafee	KLynch, KLynch ASykes
January 25-26				
5:00	SLentine, TTheis	SAllen, J&BBrandt, ACole, DConlon, K&RCummings, NDaly, PDarwit, RMazanek, SMoreno	Cichon/ Cichon	J & J Montesinos, NStachyra
7:30	MKirby, JRuskuls	MKirby, JRuskuls, PAdam, DBorris, TBrandenburg, DCoppola, MEmigh, IGibson, B&DHollis	Benden/ Siefke	AMurray, NMurray JKeane
9:30	P&CMeyer	P&CMeyer, MBabczak, JBilletdeaux, DBurke, GFarry, JGeraci, RGlowacki, KHigginson, M&MHigginson, JMaher, HMalinowski, JPalczynski, LZajac	Salzman/ Lapinski	WRatzki, CBullock KBullock
11:15	BKlaus, AArceo	BKlaus, AArceo, MBell, ABriggs, CBuchberger, ECole, P&BDoucette, BGabzdyl, JMaresso, SMurphy	Scheller/ Knot	TKnott, AKnott TWrede

CAN YOU HELP??

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS MINISTRY

Attention All Crocheters: If you know how to crochet, are you able to commit to making ONE mat in the next couple of months? If several crocheters could make one mat, we'd have several more Chicago street folk protected from the frozen ground. (Plarn can be provided.)

The purpose of this ministry is to provide sleeping mats to homeless persons on lower Wacker Drive. Clean, plastic grocery bags are cut, knotted into "plarn" (plastic yarn) and crocheted into mats. We need people to: 1) sort and flatten the plastic bags; 2) cut the plastic into strips; 3) knot the strips and roll into balls of plarn; 4) crochet the mats.

Be involved in this ministry from home. We do gather on the 3rd Wednesday (6:30pm-8:30pm) of every other month for camaraderie, learning, sharing and fun in the PMC Formation Room. Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2020. **There is NO December meeting.**

For more information, please call or text Kathi Szott at 847-226-6369, or email katsz928@yahoo.com

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." ~ Vince Lombardi

MEMORY LOSS CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

GUIDING FAMILIES THROUGH THE JOURNEY

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Groups provide emotional, educational and social support for family and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's disease, other dementias or memory loss conditions.

Meetings are the Second Wednesday of the Month at 7 pm (12/12, 1/8, 2/12, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9)

Autumn Leaves Arlington Heights
1625 S Arlington Heights Rd
(just north of Golf)
Arlington Hts, IL 60005

For more information, please email Sandy at sandylsupp9@gmail.com or call the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter at 1-800-272-3900 or go to alz.org/illinois and click on 'Support Groups'.

Northwest Choral Society

Kevin Kelly, *Artistic Director*

PRESENTS:

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LAUDA

Laud to the Nativity

by Ottorino Respighi

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

St. Raymond de Penafort Church
Mt. Prospect, IL

Pre-Concert Chat 3:30 p.m.
Concert 4:00 p.m.

with anthems, carols, and popular songs for Christmas

General: Advance $20, At the Door $25
Student/Sr.: Advance $15, At the Door $20

To purchase tickets call **224-585-9127** or visit: **nwchoralsociety.org**

Northwest Choral Society
Giving Voice with Joy

Liturgical Ministries Schedule — Christmas & New Year's 2019	
Time	**Mass Coordinator & Eucharistic Ministers**
Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24	
2:00 PM	P&CMeyer, JRuskuls, DConlon, DCoppola, KHigginson, M&MHigginson, B&DHollis, LLuxem, DMack, JMaher, SMurphy, KNuelle, DPetricca, JSkonicki, JTabbert, RuWaters, LZajac Lectors—Carrie Conlon and Larry Fujara
4:30 PM	DCole, MMcGarry, JThomas, BBlau, ECole, ECole, IGibson, KGoldberg, RHill, RMazanek, DMazeski, KMurphy, DRusk, JScala, K&FSchafer, CSemerau, JSemerau Lectors— Gail McCue and Rob Glowacki
Midnight Mass	AArceo, TTheis, MBabczak, ACole, MMasini, JMetken, KMizwicki, SMoreno, SSmedinghoff Lectors— BL Pelicore and Jimm Glengary
Christmas Day– Wednesday, December 25	
8:30 AM	MKirby, SHaut, KBach, JBergner, DBorris, MEmigh, HMalinowski, AWurbia Lectors—Tish Chapman and Tim Wilcox
11:30 AM	MKirby, BKlaus, CBuchberger, BDoucette, PDoucette, JGeraci, JMaresso, DMartin, HMatecki, MKMcMahon, KSchultz Lectors— Christine Savaiano and Dan Lapinski
Mary, Mother of God– Wednesday, January 1	
11 AM	TDrangines, SLentine, MKirby, LLuxem, SMurphy, JRuskuls Lectors— Mary Ann Zalinski and Joe Messina
Altar Servers are being scheduled directly through Mrs Beck and Mrs Shaw	

ORDERS PLACED BY 10 AM MONDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AFTER 1 PM THURSDAY

ORDERS PLACED AFTER 10 AM MONDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY

SCRIP Program Purchase Form **Date:** _____ | Check #

Email Address: _____ **Phone:** _____ | DD/check/cash

Name: **Amount Due:**

Please Indicated Number and Value of Cards Ordered

# of Cards		Value	%	Total $	# of Cards		Value	%	Total $
	Amazon.com	$25/$100	2.5%			Marathon	$25/$100	3%	
	BP Gas Card	$50/$100	1.5%			Marianos Fresh Market	$25/$50/$100	4%	
	Buffalo Wild Wings	$10/$25	8%			Meijer	$25/$50/$100	3%	
	Chipotle	$10/$25	10%			Menards	$25/$100/$500	3%	
	CVS Pharmacy	$25/$100	6%			Outback Rest. (Group)	$25/$50	8%	
	Darden Rest. (Group)	$25/$100	8%			Panera	$10/$25/$50	8%	
	Dennis Uniform	$20	5%			Shell	$25/$50/$100	2%	
	Dunkin Donuts	$10/$25	3%			Speedway	$25/$50/$100	4%	
	Exxon/Mobile	$50	1%			Starbucks	$10/$25/$50	7%	
	GAP/Old Navy(Options)	$25/$100	14%			Subway	$10/$50	6%	
	Home Depot (The)	$25/$100/$500	4%			Target GiftCard	$25/$50/$100/$250	2.5%	
	Jewel Foods Gift Card	$25/$50/$100	4%			TJMaxx/Marshalls	$25/$100	7%	
	Kohl's	$25/$100	4%			VISA	$50/$100/$250	1.5%	
	Landry's Rest. (Group)	$25	9%			Walgreens	$25/$100	6%	
	Lettuce Entertain You	$25/$100	12%			Walmart/Sam's Club	$25/$50 /$100/$250	2.5%	
	Lowe's	$25/$100/$500	4%						

Please note this is only a partial list of participating retailers. For a complete list go to shopwithscrip.com.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH SCRIP PROGRAM NEWS

MARIANO'S AND ROUNDY'S RELOADABLE CARDS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Unfortunately, ***Mariano's and Roundy's Reloadable cards are no longer available.*** Roundy's has decided to stop offering this option. We understand this is an inconvenience. Roundy's $25, $50, and $100 physical gift cards are available to order.

$5 & $10 GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE TO ORDER WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

A handful of your favorite brands are offering $5 and $10 gift cards. They're perfect as holiday gifts for kids, teachers, mail carriers, and more people who deserve a special treat. For a complete list of cards go to shopwithscrip.com.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

ShopWithScrip is now accepting credit cards as on online payment option. **This is available only for online payments. We will not accept credit cards at the parish office.** When you place your order online you now have the option of using a credit card to pay. VISA and MasterCard are accepted, St. Raymond still receives the full rebate on your purchase, there is 2.6% transaction fee for each purchase.

CHRISTMAS ORDERS

The last order before Christmas will be Monday, December 16th. There will be no order placed on Monday, December 23rd. There will be an order placed on Monday, December 30th.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or more information regarding the program please call Mary Siefke at the PMC 847-253-8600. Thank you very much for your continued support of this program.

amazonsmile A simple and automatic way to support St. Raymond Parish making everyday purchases.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select St. Raymond Parish from over one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Is there any cost to charitable organizations or to customers?

No. There is no cost to charitable organizations or to AmazonSmile customers. The shopping experience is identical to Amazon.com with the added benefit that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

HUMAN CONCERNS

Counseling Services

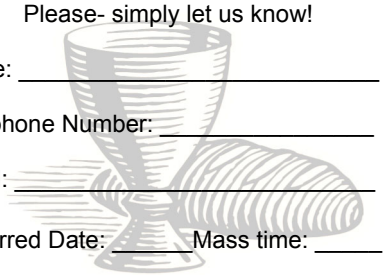
Counseling services are available for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, a relationship, job, and other challenging life situations through our Human Concerns Commission. If you would like to talk with a counselor, please contact Sr. Valerie Kulbacki, Director of Care Ministries, at 847-253-8600 x 143 or at Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org.

Pray for our Military

Heavenly Father, we pray for the people of this nation and every nation that we might work to bring liberty, justice and peace to all. We ask that you care for the men and women who serve our country in the military that they might know of our prayers and be blessed and protected through your ever loving presence. Amen.

"All Are Welcome"

Please know that everyone is invited to bring up the gifts of bread and wine at mass … that means a family of 6 or a family of 1
Please- simply let us know!



Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Date: _____ Mass time: _____

Just drop in the offering basket, call or email us at 847-253-8600 x 145 or worsihpoffice@st-raymond.org.

Parishioners who use a Special Host.

The container of special hosts is located just inside the vestry door. We hope this will save you steps and make it easier for you!

Pray for Our Sick As Members of the Parish Faith Community, it is our responsibility to remember both in concrete and spiritual ways those who cannot celebrate with us each week because they are ill. Those who are sick in turn, remember all of us daily in their prayers and in their sufferings. We experience many blessings because of their remembering us. And so … please remember in your prayers the people listed,

*Infant
Abplanalp, Esther
Adam, Richard
Adamo, Mary Jane
Adams, Kathie
Adams, Robert
Amodio, Antoinette
Archibald, Rosetta
Baker, Robert
Baldassano, Al
Baldassano, Dina
Balmes, Evann
Banadera, Leonida
Benden, Jeff
Berg, Edward
Brandson, Jeanne
Breitsameter, Barbara
Brown, Gerald L. "Chip"
Buchberger, Greg
Burns, Fr. Tom
Bychowski, Mike
Campbell, Sr. Elaine
Carr, Patrick
Caulfield, Jim
Cavage, Adeline
Chojnowski, Edward
Comanici, Coca
Commare, Nancy
Cotto, Mason
Crafton, Dean
Creeden, John
Crooks, Richard
Cyrier, Ruth
Czajka, Donna
Czajka, Frank
Dauer, Elizabeth Anne
DeRoche, David
Donald, Clifton
Drain, Daniel
Dzurisin, John
Egart, Jean
Eichberger, Mary Ann
Fardella, Rosa
Felderman, Reese
Ford, James
Froelich, Roy
Gierszewicz, Patricia
Glynn, Rosemary
Goetz, Richard
Heidkamp, Josh
Hochmuth, Sue
Hodyl, Jerry
Hofmann, Dr. Lorenz
Hofmann, Victoria
Hunt, Ann
Iannello, Jennifer
Janas, Becky
Johnson, Margaret H.
Juell, Cathy
Kamaryt, Donald
Karnes, Mitchell
King, Marguerite
King, Marianne
Klein, Ann
Kramer, Eleanor
Kurka, Peg
Kuzniak, Krzysztof
LaCosse, Mary
Lapcewich, Polly
Lapinski, Louise
Leuzzi, Angela
Lillquist, Evan*
Linkman, Jim
Longfellow, Dorothy
Lopatkowicz, Christine
Maffenbeier, Joanne
Magiera, Lillian
Maher, Elena
Martinelli, Gloria
Maslon, Emilija
Mathews, Scott
Mendoza, Leo
Moisan, Connie
Monson, Dorothy & Clarence
Murphy, Aria*
Murphy, Bill
Nacht, Dora
Nitkiewicz, Tony
Nolan, Bill
Nowickas, Ellen
Nykiel, Antonina
Oerter, Judy
O'Keefe, Debbie
Olsen, Julia
Oshgan, Angeline
Penze, Denise
Peterson, Marion
Reising, Donald E.
Riley, Barbara
Riley, Liz
Russell, Jim
Sadeghloo, Donna
Sadeghloo, John
Sasiadek, John D.
Schreiner, Amy
Scialo, Patrick
Shea, Dorothy
Sheehy, Eleanor
Skillman, John
Skowron, Blake
Slack, Patricia
Smith, Jack C.
Sommers, Georgia
Swider, Frances
Swietek, Chester
Theis, Tim
Torello, Rick
Tortorello, Carol
Ullrich, Andrea
Vecchio, Helen
Walkowiak, Gloria
Wilson, Irene
Zabawski, Alice

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

† We Remember †

Monday—December 16, 2019
8:15 am † Jeffrey Allen Surber, Sr.

Tuesday—December 17, 2019
8:15 am † Mark Gelinas (1st anniversary)

Wednesday—December 18, 2019
8:15 am † Jim Drain

Thursday—December 19, 2019
8:15 am † Rose Marie Loch

Friday—December 20, 2019
8:15 am † Sheila McNulty
† Anita & Tom Pendergast

Saturday—December 21, 2019
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
5:00 pm † Ed & Betty Conlon
† Edward J. Conlon III
† Natalina Nicolosi
† Al Yokie

Sunday—December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 am † Fred & Lillian Beaudoin
† Kazimiera, Kazimierz, Tadeusz, Piotr Litwiniuk
9:30 am † Daniel Cobry
† Esther Cobry
† Jozef Nagorzanski
† Richard Ringa
† Curtis Thomas
11:15 am † John Baggot
† John Burke

Susan Broeren, Mother of Molly, Bill, Rick, Maggie, Katie and Jane

Tess Heffernan, Aunt of Luke Atwood, and Great Aunt of Patrick, Kevin, Daniel, Maddie and Annie

Rosalie Bruno, Mother of Sandy DiCaro

Jeanette Jurczykowski, Mother of Gail Bajkowski

Joseph Sebastian, Jr., Father of Beth Ryan and Karen Haaning, and Grandfather of Katie Ryan, and Maggie, Michelle and Carly Haaning

Norm Halvorsen, Father of Chris

Altar Bread and Wine in Memory of
John Wurbia
Week of December 15, 2019

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 16, 2019		
9:00 am	Afghan Group Meeting	LDR
4:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	CHU
6:30 pm	Athletic Board Meeting	BR
7:00 pm	RCIA Meeting	CR
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	LDR
Tuesday, December 17, 2019		
1:00 pm	Rosary Maker Meeting	CR
4:00 pm	Teen Choir Rehearsal	CHU
9:30 pm	Men's Basketball Drop In	PLC
Wednesday, December 18, 2019		
4:30 pm	Liturgical Dance Practice	CHU
7:00 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CR
7:30 pm	AA Weekly Meeting	CH
Thursday, December 19, 2019		
4:30 pm	Liturgical Dance Practice	CHU
9:30 pm	Men's Basketball Drop In	PLC
Friday, December 20, 2019		
4:30 pm	Liturgical Dance Practice	CHU
7:00 pm	Collins/Ferro Wedding Rehearsal	CHU
Saturday, December 21, 2019		
6:00 am	Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study	CH
10:15 am	Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting	LR
12:00 pm	Liturgical Dance Rehearsal	CHU
3:00 pm	Collins/Ferro Wedding	CHU
Sunday, December 22, 2019		
1:00 pm	Parish Baptisms	CHU

Wedding Announcements

Wedding Banns:
Stephanie Collins & Vincent Ferro

Parish Office Hours for Christmas and New Year's Holiday:

Tuesday, December 24th	Office closes at 12:00pm
Wednesday, December 25th	Office closed
Thursday, December 26th	Office closed
Friday, December 27th	Regular office hours
Tuesday, December 31st	Office closes at 12:00pm
Wednesday, January 1st	Office closed
Thursday, January 2nd	Regular office hours

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PMC@St-Raymond.org

Monday—Thursday: 8:30 AM—7:45 PM
Fridays: 8:30 AM —6:30 PM
Weekdays Closed: Noon—1:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: Mass of Anticipation 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:15 AM

Morning Mass Hours
Monday - Friday - 8:15 AM

Eucharistic Prayer Chapel Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday - 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday - between Masses - 1:00 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday -13 Hour Adoration - 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Thursday Adoration - 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays *(individual)* 4:00 - 4:30 PM

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***Chairperson*

VISITATION OF THE SICK: If you or a family member are in a local hospital or are homebound, and would like a visit from a minister of care or a priest, please call Sr. Valerie Kulbacki (x143), Director of Care Ministries.

BAPTISM: Our Baptismal Ministry is pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. Through our Baptism Ministry, you are welcomed to meet with other new parents as well as a host couple with the goal of better understanding your role as a Christian parent and also to help plan the Baptism liturgy. Our goal is to make your child's entrance into our Faith Community a rich and rewarding experience. Baptisms are scheduled on the 1st and 4th Sunday at 1:00 p.m., the 2nd Saturday at 12 noon, except during the season of Lent. Please call the Worship Office (x145) for more information.

ADULT CHRISTIAN INITIATION: If you are looking for a place to belong or for a church community with whom you can share your questions and beliefs, perhaps you would like to find out more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. The Faith Community of Saint Raymond has something quite special to offer and we would love to share the gift of faith with you. Please call the parish office at 847-253-8600 for more information regarding the RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*).

MARRIAGE: If you are planning to be married at St. Raymond, your preparation process should begin approximately one year prior to your wedding date. Please call the Worship Office 847-253-8600 (x145) to secure a date as soon as possible. Membership at St. Raymond is *not* a requirement. We look forward to helping you during this time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage.

Parish Registration: To enter into our faith community as a member of St. Raymond Parish, we invite you and your family to attend one of our Welcoming Sessions. **Our next gathering and registration will be on January 12, 2020. Our session begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Buhrfiend Room, located in the Parish Ministry Center at the corner of S. I-Oka Avenue and Milburn Avenue, Door #4, followed by the 9:30 a.m. liturgy.** No pre-registration is needed. For more information or questions, please contact Pam and Bill Doucette at 847-894-3645.

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