



Saint Raymond de Penafort

A Catholic Faith Community

Our Joyful Response to Living Stewardship

"Welcome. Love. Serve."

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020



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Dear Friends,

Over the last several weeks I have spoken and written about Advent bringing new hope for St. Raymond's to bring renewed vitality to our parish. As we begin the Church's Christmas season we are given a tangible reminder of God's vast love for each of us; He sent His only son, Jesus, to be light of the world. It is through our relationship with Jesus that we are strengthened to carry out our mission to witness to the power of God's love.

This New Year offers us the opportunity, as a community, to make a resolution to faithfully support the mission of St. Raymond. To help us do this, you will see some changes in the way we approach our parish support and charitable giving.

First, we will be eliminating all second collections, including the alms collection, at the weekend Masses.

Our giving at Mass will be focused on support of our St. Raymond mission and our ministries, including religious education, pastoral care of the sick, funeral ministry, social justice ministry, and ecumenical outreach. Our mission, and the future growth of our parish, depends on growing these ministries as well as developing new, creative outreach to youth and young adults.

Second, our charitable giving as a parish community will be made from our regular giving, instead of from separate weekly alms collections. St. Raymond has a long history of commitment to charitable giving as a parish community. This is a sign of the health of our parish. Our largest charitable commitment remains the annual assistance we give to St. Raymond School. This support has helped to maintain a standard of excellence in education that has resulted in two National Blue Ribbon awards, and has been a source of life for our parish community. We also support the chaplaincy program at Northwest Community Hospital which benefits people throughout our local area. And lastly, our annual Thanksgiving Mass collection supports the St. Raymond Emergency Fund.

Over the years, we have also supported a variety of causes through the weekly alms collection. Beginning in the New Year, decisions about charitable giving will be part of the responsibility of the newly formed Commission on Fundraising and Parish Partnerships. Members of the alms committee will be an important part of this new commission, which will discern how St. Raymond will partner with charitable causes each year. You will be hearing more about this soon.

Third, those of you who receive packets of envelopes for regular giving will notice a change. The packets will contain only envelopes for Sunday regular giving, for Holy Days, and for the annual collections mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago. As many of you know, 10% of our weekly regular giving goes to support the Archdiocese of Chicago. The envelopes for the collections mandated by the Archdiocese remain in the envelope packets in order to give donors the freedom to determine how much of their giving goes to the Archdiocese.

Fourth, we would encourage each of you to consider registering and donating through our on-line giving program, Give Central (<https://givecentral.org>). This option is available for your weekly or monthly giving and special/one-time donations to Saint Raymond Parish. This is a wonderful way to ensure that you are giving consistently to the financial support of the parish.

As you learned recently from our annual financial report, the future of our parish and our school depends upon a renewed commitment from all of our members to the support of our ministries through regular giving. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in discerning how each of us is called to participate in the mission of St. Raymond through our generosity.

Peace Be With You,

Fr. Scott Hebdon



Laila Soleil, child of Washington and Cecilia (Styczen) Franco



Bode James, child of Gregory Devine and Hadley Skeffington-Vos
Daniel John, child of Daniel and Kyrstin (Grant) Showalter



Please note:

We will be celebrating a Friday 8:15 am communion service
in place of the Friday 8:15 am mass on...

December 27

January 03

January 10

January 17

January 24

Come join us for fun and play!

Playgroup yoga 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)



St. Raymond Yoga Playgroup

Mondays

10:15-11:00am

January 13th & 27th

February 10th & 24th

March 9th

No reservation is necessary



SAVE LIVES
DONATE BLOOD

BLOOD DRIVE

HOSTED BY GIRL SCOUT SERVICE UNIT 404
JANUARY 12, 2020 - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
ST. RAYMOND CHURCH COMMUNITY ROOM
301 S. I-OKA, MT PROSPECT
APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED - WALK-INS WELCOME

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:
<http://bit.ly/ServiceUnit404BloodDrive>

The poster features a cartoon illustration of a boy standing next to a blood donation machine. A red line connects the machine to three other cartoon characters (a girl, a man, and a woman) who are also donating blood. The background is a solid pink color.



St. Raymond's Gargantuan Garage Sale will be March 26-28, 2020.

Please start putting aside those things you no longer need and would like to donate. Drop-off times will be announced in March. If you are interested in volunteering to help the week of the sale, please contact Pam Doucette at prdpt@comcast.net or 847-894-3645, we'd love to have you!





Religious Education PROGRAM



Coming Up:

Wednesday, January 8: Class

Wednesday, January 15: Class

Wednesday, January 22: Family Event – BINGO! Night, 5:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, January 29:

HELP NEEDED FOR BRANCHES!

We currently have 9 high school freshmen who are still waiting to belong to a Branches group. We are in need of two adults who can journey with these youth. Please call the PMC for more information: (847)253-8600.



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 worshipping 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.



ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL

FIFTH GRADERS DEVOUR NEW BOOKS

Our fifth graders attended a "book tasting" hosted by their teachers. Students had an opportunity to "taste" new book genres, book authors, and book types to expand their reading interests. Assistant Principal, Mrs. Hart, participated in the event by welcoming students, giving them their table numbers, and joining them in "tasting" the new books. Students read for five minutes and rated the books. They shared their thoughts about the books at their table groups. This allowed the students to develop their thinking and introduce their favorite new finds to others. The students devoured the experience!



I like how I got to try new genres to see what I like. I was surprised by the amount of books I liked. -Joey P.



The book tasting got me to read books I probably wouldn't have read before. -Danny



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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.

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 tfbsw@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.



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: 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 OTHER WHILE WALKING THE DIFFICULT JOURNEY WITH A SPOUSE AND DEMENTIA

ANY PLANS AND DREAMS FOR OUR FUTURE HAVE BEEN SUDDENLY SWEEPED 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 January. Let us also hold in prayer their families and most especially their victim's families.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



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.

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
(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 sandy1supp9@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'.

HELP PREVENT CONSUMER FRAUD

It is more important than ever to be aware of the fraud that technology makes possible. Always remember to follow basic safety precautions.

1. We are grateful for your generosity in supporting St. Raymond. But, if you wish to donate to the parish, please make all donations directly to St. Raymond Parish. The only gift cards that benefit the parish are those that can be ordered through the parish office.
2. Never give credit card or gift card information to anyone by email, unless you are making a purchase as part of an account that you have set up with a seller.
3. Never provide personal data such as social security number or credit card information to anyone over the phone unless you personally know and trust the individual on the other end of the line.
4. If you think that an email might not be genuine, it probably is not. Always contact the sender to verify that the email is authentic. Use the Block Call function on your cell phone to prevent unrecognized callers from calling again.

Also be aware that the National Advertising Initiative Consumer Opt Out website allows you to opt out of unwanted contacts from advertisers.

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.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS



ShopWithScrip is now accepting credit cards as an 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.

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.

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 #					
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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.

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



† WE REMEMBER †

Monday—January 6, 2020

Saint André Bessette, Religious

8:15 am † Ron Tovella

Tuesday—January 7, 2020

Saint Raymond de Penafort, Priest

8:15 am † Fr. William Buhrfeind

† Fr. Leo Coggins

† Fr. Robert J. Loftus

† Fr. Thomas O'Brien

† Bishop William McManus

Wednesday—January 8, 2020

8:15 am † Patricia Slack

Thursday—January 9, 2020

8:15 am † Polly Lapcewich

Friday—January 10, 2020

8:15 am † Communion Service

Saturday—January 11, 2020, 2019

5:00 pm † Sue Broeren

† Laura Corry

† Andrew Steffens (25th anniversary)

Sunday—January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am † Frances Swider

9:30 am † Sue Broeren

† Terrell Davis

† Jim Korbecki

† Meghan Korbecki

11:15 am † Frances Falduto

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, January 6, 2020

9:00 am	Afghan Group Meeting	LDR
4:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	CHU
6:30 pm	RCIA Meeting	CR

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

1:00 pm	Rosary Maker Meeting	CR
7:00 pm	Women's Club Event	CR
9:30 pm	Men's Basketball Drop In	PLC

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

7:00 pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal	CHU
7:30 pm	AA Weekly Meeting	CH

Thursday, January 9, 2020

7:00 pm	MISS Support Group Meeting	BR
7:00 pm	Part Time Choir Rehearsal	CHU
9:30 pm	Men's Basketball Drop In	PLC

Friday, January 10, 2020

Saturday, January 11, 2020

6:00 am	Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study	CH
9:00 am	RCIA Retreat	CR
10:15 am	Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting	LR
12:00 pm	Parish Baptisms	CHU

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:30 am	Newcomer Welcoming Session	BR
9:00 am	Interfaith Union School	Café
12:00 pm	Kairos Meeting	BR

Buhrfeind Room	BR	Leadership Room	LDR
Church	CHU	Living Room	LR
Community Room	CR	Rector's Basement	RB
Coggins Hall	CH	Parish Life Center	PLC
Dining Room	DR	Formation Room	FR



Patricia Slack, Mother of Deborah, David, Diane,
Daniel, Denise and Dayle

Polly Lapcewich, Mother of Kim, Michael, Jodi,
Scott and Maggie

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If you park on the street rather than the parking lot, please park legally and not block our neighbors' driveways. Please note that the Mt. Prospect Police Department will leave a reminder on the windshields of those who have forgotten "the rules of the road!"

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Sunday: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM

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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.

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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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.

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