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If God is for us, who can be against us?

- Romans 8:31b

February 28, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (live streamed and communion service immediately following)

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (live streamed and communion service immediately following)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday, from 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Bulletins are available outside the entrances of the Church and PMC.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is1:10,16-20;Ps50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23;Mt23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi7:14-15,18-20;Ps103:1-4,9-12;Lk15:1-3,11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;

1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alt readings (Year A):

Ex 17:3-7;Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;

Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Dear Friends of St Raymond,

Receiving bad news is hard to hear. We have trouble listening to what is being said. We have difficulty comprehending the full message. It is for this reason that it is good advice to have an advocate be present when receiving a major diagnosis from the doctor, a third party who is able to take in the complete message on our behalf.

But what if, today, we were given a glimpse of what our lives will look like once this dreaded pandemic is over? Would such an experience have an impact of how we live now? Imagine if we could see that we will be fortunate to be counted among the survivors, and hopefully not carrying with us long-haul symptoms, mental-health problems, or the effects of months in isolation. Would we take that long-awaited sigh of relief knowing that, for us, life will go on? Would we now perhaps begin to take some risks? Would we now avoid the vaccine, or leave the face covering behind, since we already experienced that glimpse?

Three from the inner circle of the Apostles are privileged to accompany Jesus to the mountaintop where they, Peter, James, and John, experience a glimpse of the resurrection, when suddenly, Jesus is transfigured in front of their eyes and his clothes became dazzling white. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Now, given the gift of fast-forwarding to the resurrection, it is no wonder that Peter wanted to cling to this special moment, especially when we remember that he and the other apostles were so conflicted when Jesus told them that they must continue the journey to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Peter is focused only on the destination, he is avoiding the journey to Jerusalem, the journey to the cross and he is avoiding the mission. And just as Peter tries to hold tight to this moment, the cloud descends. Being in the cloud disorients. The gray mist casts a mystical shadow over the entire land. Our sense of sound becomes critical as our range of vision diminishes. Our movements slows because we cannot see very far in front of us and have no idea what might emerge around us. In the dark, with the ability to navigate removed, all we can do, like Peter, James, and John, is listen.

Then from the cloud comes a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Listen, says the voice. Listen: when Jesus tells those who are hurting, "Blessed are you..., then challenges those of us who are not poor or hungry or grieving, to know that they, are rooted and planted in the love of God. Listen: when Jesus calls us to love—even our enemies. Listen: when Jesus tells us to pick up our cross and follow him and to not hold tight to our lives, but to lose our lives, by giving them away to others in love and in service.

This Lent, we too, have been given a glimpse of the glory of the resurrection that lies ahead for us. But first, we must listen to Jesus as we pick up our cross and follow him to Jerusalem. On this journey, may we continue the mission as we leave behind a path filled with compassion and kindness to all who are hurting.

God bless, Deacon John Lorbach



WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday—9:00 a.m. (in-person & livestream)

Thursday—12:00 p.m. (in-person only)

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday | 4:00—4:30 p.m. | Church

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday—5:00 p.m. (in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass)

Sunday—8:30 a.m. (in-person only)

and 11:00 a.m. (in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass)

LENTEN PARTNERSHIP

Catholic Relief Services - Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls will be available for pick-up in any location our bulletins are offered. More information about CRS Rice bowls can be found through the bulletin and social media.

(Donations can also be made online through https://crsricebowl.org)

LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES

Podcast with Fr. Scott | Weekly | Website: https://st-raymond.org

Offered for the 6 weeks of Lent beginning on Sunday, February 21, 2021

Learn more about our history and identity as People of God, through reflections on the covenants.

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AN EVENING OF LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

Monday, March 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Church

(In-person only through pre-registration on the website: https://st-raymond.org)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent | 7:00 p.m. | Church and Livestream

February 19: Gathering of Women

February 26: Men of St. Raymond/CHRP

March 5: Bereavement Ministry

March 12 and March 19: Youth Ministry

March 26: Deacon Dave and Monica Babczak

In-person registration can be found under Mass Information and Registration at st-raymond.org or call the Parish Ministry Office (PMC) 847-253-8600

live stream available on the following platforms

our website at https://www.st-raymond.org/live-stream-mass/
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COVID-19 has changed everything. This year we're partnering with the Downtown Merchant's Association and several local restaurants to take our fish fry ON THE ROAD! On Fridays during Lent, these restaurants will donate a percentage of sales when customers mention St. Raymond's when ordering (dine-in or take-out).

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And don't forget the reason for the season...

STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 7PM | ONLINE & IN-PERSON (REGISTER ONLINE AT ST-RAYMOND.ORG FOR IN-PERSON)

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 emembering us. *Infant

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† We Remember †

Monday—March 1, 2021 † Ellen Nowickas

Tuesday—March 2, 2021

Wednesday—March 3, 2021 Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin 9:00 am † Helen Vecchio

Thursday—March 4, 2021 Saint Casimir

12:00 pm † Thomas Campbell

Friday—March 5, 2021

† Michael Kledzik

Saturday—March 6, 2021

5:00 pm † Charlie Chelini

Albin Kostrzeski

† Bill McDermott † Cathy Messina

† Cecilia & Beshara Youakim

Sunday—March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am † Patricia Dascher

† Sue Merna

11:00 am † Felicidad Alonzo

† Leopoldo Alonzo

† Tom Bychowski (15th anniversary)



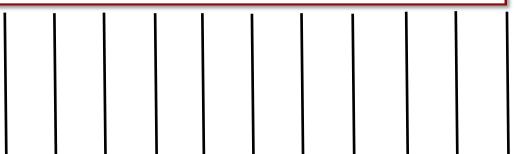
Helen M. Vecchio, Aunt of Ruth Salvatore Grana, Husband of Antonia Helen Krok, Sister of Joan Dowling

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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 or at Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org.

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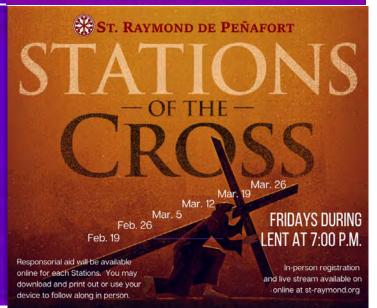
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Free Lenten
Sing-A-Long
with
John Burland
and Miss Heidi!

Join Catholic composer, John Burland, and Miss Heidi for a new sing-a-long special called "Songs to Journey with Jesus during Lent." This free children's video introduces children to the season of Lent and invites children to sing along to some of John's special songs for this prayerful liturgical season. (Brought to you by Pflaum Publishing Group!) You can access the 40 minute video here: https://youtu.be/V4hbrOc9cpA

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SELebrating Our Catholic Virtues

Social Emotional Learning at St. Raymond School



"No hair, don't care", says Rosie Quinn of Chicago, IL. Rosie is a 4th grader from St. Clement who inspires Social Emotional Learning and Catholic Virtues.

"You Can Do Anything If You Believe In Yourself"

Rosie is a long-time friend of St. Raymond School. Five years ago, Mrs. Lori Smithe, our Licensed Clinical Social Worker, first introduced Rosie to our students. Students learned about Rosie's journey with alopecia. Rosie lost her hair when she was 2 1/2 years old, but with the support of her parents, she found many ways to cope and gain confidence in herself. Her parents encouraged her to reach out to others and ask "what makes you different?" Despite not being able to assemble as a school this year, our students watched an interview with Rosie and her mom, hosted by Mrs. Smithe. Our students were able to submit questions to ask Rosie before the interview and learn more about how to be proud of their own uniqueness.

Rosie's journey has been a real-life example and inspiration for teaching social emotional skills like self-awareness, self-control, and social awareness but it also highlights many of our Catholic virtues and values like kindness, gentleness, patience, prayerfulness, and gratitude. This brave young lady has a mission to bring confidence and happiness to children during their medical journey. Her love of painting and her idea to make a scarf for her head was the inspiration for her Coming Up Rosies Foundation. Rosie wanted to make all of the bald children smile. Bringing smiles to all children with differences makes them happy.

Once again, students embraced Rosie's mission and her lessons to spread happiness. Inspired by making a difference in the world, we raised \$1,039.11 in spare change for our Pennies for Paints drive. The donations will be used to purchase Smile Kits for children in hospitals, so they can create a scarf or cape masterpiece with paints. We are proud of Rosie and our SRS Saints!



Welcome Melissa

Melissa Violetta
Catechumen



My name is Melissa Violetto. I am 28 years 70ld and am currently a Senior Accountant for a corporation in the healthcare industry located in downtown Chicago. Originally from Tinley Park, Illinois I moved up to Arlington Heights over 3 years ago. I am engaged to my wonderful fiance and RCIA sponsor, Shane Hahn. We are set to get married at St. Raymond's in August 2021.

Although my grandparents were practicing Catholics, my parents chose not to baptize my sister and I in an effort to let us find our own spiritual journey. Growing up, I had attended many youth group and church events with friends of several different religions. However, I kept feeling drawn to the Catholic faith. As most of my family were confirmed Catholics, I grew up with the beliefs and values of the Catholic church. As I entered my twenties, I kept having this feeling that something was missing but couldn't quite figure out exactly what it was. Earlier this year, I finally pieced it together that it was these values and beliefs that made me the person I am today. Being recognized as part of the Catholic church was exactly what had been missing.

When I started to look into the RCIA program, I was apprehensive to go through the process of receiving my sacraments as an adult. However, after speaking with Deacon Dave earlier this year, I instantly knew that I had made the right decision and was eager to begin the program in the fall. I am very appreciative of Deacon Dave and the RCIA team, along with my sponsor, for guiding me on this spiritual journey. I am looking forward to receiving my sacraments next year and getting to know the St. Raymond's community!

Welcome Brad



Bradley Paulus
Candidate



My name is Bradley Paulus. I am a 41 year old and a Pipe Fitter for local 597 in Chicago. I was born and raised in Chicago and have spent the last I1 years in Mount Prospect. I am newly engaged to my fiancé Esmeralda Martinez and we are looking forward to a wedding this year. I did grow up going to church. Going to mass was something that was always a part of me and always will be. I grew up spending my Sundays at the Lutheran Church. While at the Lutheran Church I have always had the feeling that something was missing. I was not sure what it was until I met my fiancé last year. She took me by the hand and introduced me to the Catholic Church. She was able to show me the way and also their teachings. Every time we attend mass on Sundays the church became more and more meaningful to me. This is where I decided that I wanted the Catholic church to be a part of my everyday life. I reached out to Saint Raymond and was in contact with Deacon Dave to obtain my sacraments. I am currently in the RCIA program and I am thankful for all of the additional teachings offered thru the program. I would like to send a special thank you to Deacon Dave Babczak, John Semerau, Warren Sandberg, and Dan Colon for all of the time they have invested in myself and the program. I would like to thank Saint Raymond for the opportunity to be a part of this journey. I am forever thankful for the lessons I have learned through the RCIA program and the ones I will learn in the future. This opportunity has made me a better, stronger person and I will share my teachings with many, many others.

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ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT
YOUTH MINISTRY

SPRING CALENDAR

Jan. 24, 2021 Mar. 14, 2021

Jan. 31, 2021 Mar. 28, 2021

Feb. 14, 2021 Apr. 11, 2021

Feb. 28, 2021 Apr. 25, 2021



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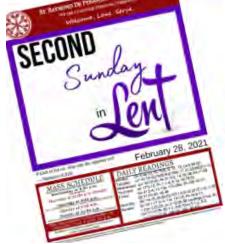
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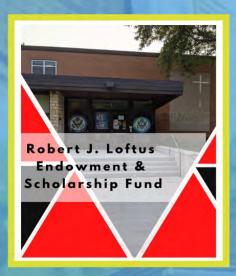
It's been a year since the bulletin took new form. We hope you're enjoying the changes.

Starting this week, viewing the bulletin online will allow you to click on items to take you right to the event or topic of discussion. Not everything has an action, but most do.

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The Faith Community of St Raymond de Penafort

they loved a good show, too. Plays and variety shows were a staple of parish life.

According to long-time parishioners, the first original musical revue put on by St. Raymond parishioners was produced in 1960 and was called "Campaign Capers." Organized by Georgine Reynolds, the revue featured a series of political history musicals including one which featured Virginia Henneberry and Bernie Minton playing Queen Isabella and Christopher Columbus, respectively. Adelaide Thulin wrote some of the revue's songs, including one entitled "The Ladies' Light Artillery Temperance Band."

That was it until Deacon Michael Kelly's highly successful production of "The King and I" in April, 1971. A year later in March, 1972 it was back to original musical revues with the show "Here We Go Again," written by a group of parishioners. Both were performed at St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights.

The parish's performers took a break in 1973, waiting until St. Raymond's 25th anniversary in 1974 to put on a huge "Jubi-

lee" show. Planned and organized by Father Jack Dewes and chaired by Tom and Jane Gelinas, the Jubilee was a two-weekend extravaganza which took up much of the gym and school. There was a casino with blackjack, craps and a wheel of fortune; a Showboat restaurant; and mini-shows performed in each classroom. Nearly 750 volunteers were involved in the late February "doings" which kicked off the 25th anniversary celebration. Everyone had so much fun at the Jubilee weekends, though, that they even decided to repeat it the next year, with a few changes to keep it fresh. The second year it was called "Jubilee '75".

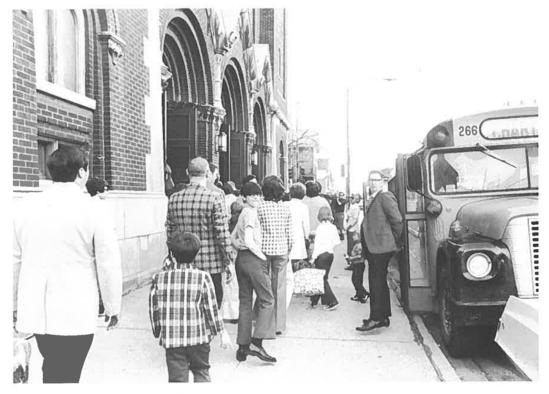
"My involvement with the Jubilee Players began in 1974," recalls John Semerau. "I played clarinet in one of the mini-shows. Throughout the seventies the annual productions turned into dinner/theater events reaching bigger and bigger audiences."

Father Jack Dewes, along with parishioner Cy Race and good friend Jack Nolan, produced many memorable shows during the decade of the seventies, according to Semerau. Their cooperative efforts culmi-



The Jubilee Players were put together in 1974 to celebrate the parish's 25th anniversary. For two consecutive weekends the gym and school were turned into a casino/restaurant/theatre. For years afterward, the Jubilee Players provided the parish with an annual musical, play or revue.

Pages from the illustrated history by Jean Powley Murphy



The Fiesta Grande held at Providence of God in May, 1975 drew many St. Raymond families for a day of cultural sharing.

the new organ took place on November 26, 1972.

Meanwhile, the social concerns of the day were leading St. Raymond parishioners to once again reach out to the Hispanic community – only this time instead of reaching out to migrant farm workers as they had in the 1950s, they began working with urban Hispanics at Providence of God parish at 717 West 18th Street in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood.

Parishioners Shelia and Bob Ryan and the Community Life Committee spearheaded the effort to help Providence of God. It was all part of Cardinal Cody's larger "Twinning Program" in which he tried to unite more affluent suburban parishes with poorer inner-city parishes.

The partnership worked well for St. Raymond and Providence of God. St. Raymond parishioners traveled to Providence of God for a Mass and fiesta to celebrate the relationship in May, 1975. After that, a fiesta to raise money for college scholarships for Providence of God's most promising young people was held out here

for several years, first at Maryville Academy and later in the St. Raymond parish courtyard. The people of St. Raymond continue to donate food to Providence of God parishioners each month and at Christmas they donate wrapped gifts, as well.

The people of St. Raymond loved a good party, so they attended the fiestas – and

Children and adults alike enjoyed dancing and finding common ground during the festivities.





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