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MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
(live streamed)

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: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1, 2, 11, 12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23
or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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On the Anniversary of your Ordination

TELL THE HEAVENS AND EARTH TO CELEBRATE AND SING!
COMMAND EVERY MOUNTAIN TO JOIN IN SONG! Isaiah 49:13

MAY 22, 1999



Saturday Mass
at 5PM

MAY 14, 1969



Sunday Mass
at 8:30AM

MAY 12, 2012



Sunday Mass
at 11AM

We're mixing it up a little for
the weekend of May 22-23

Join Us

In-person registration can be found at
[st-raymond.org](https://www.st-raymond.org) under
Registration for Mass and Events
or call the

Parish Ministry Office (PMC) 847-253-8600

live stream available on the following platforms for 5PM and 11AM

our website at <https://www.st-raymond.org/live-stream-mass/>

youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/StRaymondParishMPIL>

twitch <https://www.twitch.tv/straymondmpil>

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StRaymondMPIL/>

Wedding Announcements



Wedding Banns

Kathy Menis & Patrick Donahue



Congratulations

Date: 5/9/21

Andrew James Franger, Jr
Proud parents Andrew and Anne

EASTER REMEMBRANCE

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED TOWARD OUR ALTAR FLOWERS DURING THIS EASTER SEASON. WE WILL REMEMBER, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, ALL THOSE IN WHOSE NAME THESE DONATIONS WERE MADE.

In memory of:

Lillian Peska
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By Kara Coleman

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By Wesley and Monika Witek

Bob and Pat Smedinghoff
Sam and Eleanor Ciran
By Susan Smedinghoff

AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR PARISH

Volunteers from the St. Raymond parish offer compassionate care and support to every family who desire to celebrate the life of their deceased loved one in the funeral liturgy.

ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT Bereavement Ministry

AN INVITATION TO SERVE

If you are interested in learning more about this special way of being present to those suffering loss, please contact Sr. Val, Director of Care Ministries, at 847-253-8600 x 143 or Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org. Materials and training are provided.

TUESDAYS | 7:00 P.M.

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Let us be united in prayer even when we are apart.

Join us on:



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Living in Mount Prospect, IL during the Pandemic of 2020-21

andemic 2020-21 *Moments*

The MPHS has been documenting many categories of this pandemic. We invite you to read more about "Preserving Religious Observances during a Pandemic" and "St. Raymond Catholic Church outsources its Lenten Fish Fry tradition" along with so many other "moments" in the area.

2020-21



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andemic
Personal Accounts

Once Upon a Difficult Time... We Coped:
True tales of Our Perseverance & Innovations
during COVID-19

<https://www.mtphist.org/preserving-religious-observances-during-a-pandemic/>

<https://www.mtphist.org/st-raymond-catholic-church-outsources-its-lenten-fish-fry-tradition/>

<https://www.mtphist.org/pandemic-moments-2020/>



The Month of
MARY

The O'Brien Prayer Garden is always available for personal prayer. The green box, labeled Holy Books, contains prayer books in English, Polish and Spanish, and rosaries provided by our Rosary Makers.

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LITTLE SAINTS SHOW & TELL



Mrs. Bielecki, our full day preschool teacher explains, "Children who are passionate and enthusiastic collectors often show more responsibility for their belongings since they practice organizing and categorizing them. This leads to stronger counting, tabulating, and sorting skills. And it encourages them to visit libraries and area museums to see other collections!"

Our Little Saints preschool students share their diverse interests by showing their collections and explaining what makes them special. The preschoolers presented their collections, giving the students a chance to interact with others and build self-esteem. By sharing their items, they were able to make new friendships with classmates over similar interests and introduced others to new hobbies.

Collecting is not only fun, but it also teaches children personal responsibility for their belongings and gives them a chance to organize and categorize items. Additionally, collecting builds counting skills, while also enhancing tabulating and sorting abilities.



St. Raymond School still has preschool openings for the 2021-22 school year.

For more information, contact
Nadine.Scheller@St-RaymondSchool.org.



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

VBS is BACK

IN-PERSON 4 DAYS

JULY 6-9

We are still pulling details together based on Arch restrictions. Please be patient.

limited space
registration soon
covid restrictions
morning time to be determined

Teens, this is a great opportunity for
SERVICE HOURS
Volunteer sign-up is open now.

**VOLUNTEERS: BOTH
ADULT AND YOUTH NEEDED
6TH GRADE AND UP**

**With Covid-19 restrictions still in place,
we need more volunteers than ever!!**

contact Brandi VBS@st-raymond.org

<https://www.st-raymond.org/vbs/>

CELEBRATING DEACON JOHN LORBACH

Please send us photos of your memories, a short video giving thanks, or audio/written memories...as we compile a video celebrating him in hopes to share at a proper celebration!

editor@st-raymond.org | subject: Lorbach

SUMMER SUPPERS

Summer Suppers are hosted by area churches. We offer supper in a drive thru style format. If you are hungry, homeless or not, come and pick up a meal. Check the schedule to see what church hosts which night.

6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.

on

~~May 10th~~

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

questions

847-253-8600

see more info st-raymond.org

ST. MARK & ST. RAYMOND

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Pray for our Sick

*infant

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Donna, Dorothy	O'Brien, Michael	
Dowling, Beau	O'Keefe, Debbie	
Drain, Daniel	O'Keefe, Shiela	

† We Remember †

Monday—May 17, 2021

Tuesday—May 18, 2021
Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Wednesday—May 19, 2021
9:00 am † Joseph & Hedwig Kulbacki

Thursday—May 20, 2021
Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
12:00 pm † Patricia Lavin

Friday—May 21, 2021
Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday—May 22, 2021
Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
5:00 pm † Mary Ellen Bogdan
† Eugene & Rita Grabinski
† Jay Kramer
† Dick Martin
† John Weidenbach

Sunday—May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday
8:30 am † Jozef Nagorzanski
11:00 am † Catherine Froehlich
† Richard Martin
† Dan Neugebauer
† John Weidenbach
† Marge Wood (1st anniversary)



Alice Dempsey, Sister of Dot Shea
Victor Arizmendi, Grandfather of Diana

Good and gracious God,
I bring before you all who are suffering in
body or spirit. Give healing to their bodies,
peace to their spirits, and your comforting
assurance that they are not alone.
Help them to know your nearness, your
care, and compassion as you walk with
them in their pain. Amen.



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT LIVE
St. Raymond is increasing our in-person capacity for
all masses. This slight change remains within the
Archdiocese of Chicago guidelines. Please continue
to pre-register if attending mass in-person through
the website: www.st-raymond.org.

STREAMING

Livestream masses with
outdoor communion
afterwards will continue
on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
and Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support!

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 Minis-
tries, at 847-253-8600 or at
Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org.

service hours!!!

Lions Park Knots of Love

Join us for a fleece blanket making party inspired by and honoring Lions Park student **Lauren Graver** and benefiting pediatric patients at Advocate Children's Hospital Park Ridge.

Where: It's a **virtual** event this year! Make your blanket in the comfort of your home. Gather a few friends and make it a fun, socially distanced event.

When: Make your blanket today or schedule a date next month. Just make sure to deliver your blanket to **Lions Park School** or **Fairview School by May 20th**. Drop off bins located near the front office during school hours.

Tools You'll Need:

- 2 pieces of coordinating fleece (1.5 yards each)
- Sharp fabric scissors
- A ruler
- Blanket directions- [Here's a link](#)

See our **facebook** page at "Lions Park Knots of Love" or email Courtney Voss at lpknotsoflove@gmail.com with questions or for more details

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about all of
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live stream available on the following platforms
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Implementing Vatican II

St. Raymond's fourth pastor, Father Robert J. Loftus, had his work cut out for him. He had to come into a parish in which the parishioners had had a taste of lay leadership and he had to reshape it in a way which would serve well the entire parish.

Formerly associate pastor at St. Joseph Church in Homewood, Father Loftus was a brilliant man with a Ph.D in psychology from the University of Notre Dame who was certainly equal to the task. He was a member

of a group of progressive priests known as "Network" which was examining ways to take the faith and renew it, update it and make it real for people and he was committed to doing just that at St. Raymond.

"For the first year he just went to all of the various meetings and listened to the people. Then he started doing things," recalls parishioner Don Burke.

One of the first things he did during his second year was to take back from the Parish

Council the authority to make decisions about the parish because some Council members, as Father Buhrfeind had already noted, felt that the Council, not the parish's professional staff, should run the parish and Father Loftus did not agree. According to Sister Kathleen O'Connell, the Council continued to meet for about a year after that, but when it came time for new elections, no one wanted to run and the Council fizzled.

"Our previous pastors had all been very mild-mannered and Father Buhrfeind, in particular, let the people direct the parish," says Pat Schoenberger, Father Loftus' dear friend and long-time housekeeper. "Fa-



Father Robert J. Loftus was a young, progressive priest when he assumed the role of pastor at St. Raymond in 1979. He also brought with him his training as a psychologist, holding a Ph.D in psychology from the University of Notre Dame.

Pages from the illustrated history by Jean Powley Murphy

ther Loftus, on the other hand, was the boss and everyone knew it. His was a strong presence and you couldn't help but feel it."

"Father Buhrfeind was a kindly man who could put his arms around people and make them feel better and get them to do things," parishioner Tom McGough explains. "Father Loftus' personal style was different. He had to face up to all of the changes that had taken place in the Church and were still taking place in the Church and he had to act as a bridge between the old and new Churches for people. He had to be careful not to tear out the roots of the older people in favor of the wishes of the younger people. He had to keep a foot on both sides of the gap. He was the right man for that job."

"Father Loftus was very concerned with developing a strong faith community at St. Raymond. So he did much to add to the spiritual growth of St. Raymond by promoting many ministries and parish programs. But he was also very concerned with the buildings themselves and their maintenance.

He wanted good strong buildings you could be proud of," explains Burke.

"The buildings were in terrible condition when he got here. The paint was peeling, the carpets were shredding," Schoenberger agrees.

"For years the parish had tried to save money by patching things instead of really fixing them," explains Bob Bush, St. Raymond's first parish administrator (in office from 1985-89). "For instance, there were so many layers of roofing on the flat roof over the area of the church that is now the Eucharistic Chapel that the rafters were bowed in."

So he took the buildings of the parish one-by-one and renovated and redecorated them.

"One of his major achievements was taking that 'white elephant' of a convent and bringing it back to life as a true parish ministry center," states Bob Bush. "It was in serious disrepair when he got here, sitting relatively empty for over three years. When

The blessing of the throats has long been a tradition at St. Raymond.



many other parishes in the Archdiocese were letting their convents remain dormant, he made it into offices and used it for CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) weekends, meetings, funeral luncheons and limited social functions."



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