

# ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Second Sunday of Advent

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *St. Raphael's is a parish rooted in tradition yet responding to an evolving community by evangelization in action. We seek to inspire the larger Catholic community to a more committed faith life and to heed Christ's call of sharing time, talent and treasure for the needs of others.*

**DECLARACION DE MISION:** *San Rafael es una parroquia enraizada en la tradición y a la vez responde a una comunidad que evoluciona con una acción evangelizadora. Buscamos inspirar a la comunidad católica global a que vivan una fe más comprometida y a prestar atención a la llamada de Cristo a compartir tiempo, talento y bienes con los necesitados.*

## BAPTISM / BAUTISMO

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements. You will need the child's birth certificate.

*Favor de llamar a la rectoría. Necesitará el certificado de nacimiento del niño.*

## MARRIAGE / MATRIMONIO

Any couple wishing to marry should contact the rectory at least six (6) months before the wedding.

*Una pareja que está pensando en el matrimonio debe de llamar a la rectoría seis (6) meses antes de la boda.*

## RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACION

Saturday/Sábado 4:00-4:45pm  
and by appointment/y por cita.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK/ CUIDADO DE LOS ENFERMOS

Please call the rectory at (718)729-8957 to make arrangements for the sick person to receive Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick at home.

*Favor de llamar a la rectoría al (718)729-8957 para que la persona enferma reciba la Comunión o Unción de los Enfermos en la casa.*



## EUCCHARIST SCHEDULE

**Saturday/Sábado** 5:00 pm - English

**Sunday/Domingo** 8:00 am - English  
9:30 am - Korean  
11:00 am - English  
12:30 pm - Español

## **Weekdays / Dias de semana**

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - English  
*Lunes - Viernes 9:00 am - Inglés*

## OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO

Monday - Friday/Lunes - Viernes  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday/Sábado

By appointment / Mediante cita

## YOU CAN FIND US ON

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From the Pastor,

My Dear Brother and Sisters,

As we come into the second Sunday of Advent, this candle represents faith. The first candle represented hope. These two words help us kick off Advent to understand the true meaning of what the Christmas Season brings. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are asked to keep and continue our faith in Lord that he will not delay and truly bring peace, and light when he comes on Christmas Day. As people of hope in Almighty God, let us continue this second Sunday of Advent to take this holy time filled with penance, prayer and preparation.

As you can see the construction of the exterior building is about completed. The scaffolding has come down and this can be a wonderful Christmas gift to the parish. After a lot of work and your prayers and support we can now see the good gifts God and you the parishioners has given to this 153 year old church. I thank you for your patience and look forward to Bishop Brennan blessing the church.

God Bless and Happy second Sunday of Advent,

- Fr. Paul Kim

Del Párroco,

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Al entrar en el segundo domingo de Adviento, esta vela representa la fe. La primera vela representaba la esperanza. Estas dos palabras nos ayudan a iniciar el Adviento para entender el verdadero significado de lo que es la Navidad. Como discípulos de Jesucristo, se nos pide que guardemos y continuemos nuestra fe en el Señor para que Él no se demore y verdaderamente traiga paz y luz al nacer. Como personas de esperanza en Dios Todopoderoso, continuemos este santo tiempo del segundo domingo de Adviento en penitencia, oración y preparación.

Como pueden ver, los trabajos de reparación exterior está a punto de finalizar. El andamio se ha retirado y esto puede ser un maravilloso regalo de Navidad para la parroquia. Después de mucho trabajo, sus oraciones y apoyo, ahora podemos ver los buenos dones que Dios y ustedes, los feligreses, han dado a esta iglesia de 153 años de antigüedad. Les agradezco su paciencia y espero el día que el Obispo Brennan bendiga a la Iglesia.

Dios bendiga y feliz segundo domingo de Adviento,

- Pr. Paul Kim

**“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!”**

*Matthew 25: 31-46*

**“Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! Ahi viene el bendito reino de nuestro padre David!”**

*Mateo 25, 31-46*

### PARISH STAFF / EQUIPO PARROQUIAL

Rev. Paul Kim, **Pastor**

Rev. William McLaughlin, **Parochial Vicar**

Mr. Jan Wnek, **Music Minister**

Kiara Salgado, **Religious Education**

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's collection: **\$ 3,466**

GiveCentral (11/30/23 - 12/8/23): **\$ 1,015**

Average weekly expenses: **\$ 6,185**

*Upcoming Second Collection:*

***Religious Retirement Fund, Dec. 9, 10***

### MASS INTENTIONS

### This Week

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

8:00 am - Joseph Risico (*Joe & Lisa Risico*)  
9:30 am - Korean Mass  
11:00 am - Richard Ingenito, 6<sup>th</sup> Aniv. in Heaven  
*(His children)*  
**AND**  
Nichols & Jaggernauth families  
*(Mr. & Mrs. Nichols)*  
12:30 pm - Jaime Florez & Paola Duque, God's blessings (*Alba Martillo*)

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am - For our benefactors and friends

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am - Robert H. Boehler, B'day Remb.  
*(Fikar Family)*

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am - In Thanksgiving to St. Cecilia  
*(Clara Lagos)*

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am - People striving with cancer and their families

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am - Retired priest and religious

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

5:00 pm - Tony Trgo (*Irene Trgo*)  
**AND**  
Roland Rossi  
*(Jeanne Byington & David Reich)*

**Sun., December 10<sup>th</sup>:**

9:30 am - Religious Education  
1:30 pm - R.I.C.A.

**Mon., December 11<sup>th</sup>:**

*Feast of St. Damasus I*  
Rosary is prayed after the daily masses in the church, Monday thru Friday.

**Tues., December 12<sup>th</sup>:**

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*



**Wed., December 13<sup>th</sup>:**

*Feast of St. Lucy*  
Evening - Life-streamed Spanish Rosary via Facebook from St. Raphael Rectory by Vino Nuevo Apostolate

**Thur., December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

*Feast of St. John of the Cross*  
10:30 am - Food Pantry  
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>:**

5:00 pm - Folkloric Dance Troupe  
7:00 pm - Catequesis de familias hispanas

**Sat., December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Food Pantry  
2:00 pm - Quinceañera: Kayle Paltoo Sierra  
4:00 pm - Confessions  
3:00 pm - Folkloric Dance troupe (MBH)

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

*Luke 3: 4, 6*



“Preparen el camino del Señor enderecen sus caminos; llegará la salvación de Dios y todo mortal la contemplará.”

*Lucas 3, 4. 6*

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

**ENGLISH:** Must meet with a priest before date arrangements.

**SPANISH:** Debe reunirse con un sacerdote para programar la fecha.



### FOOD PANTRY DISPENSA DE ALIMENTOS

Thursdays | Jueves  
10:30am - 12:00pm

Saturdays | Sábado  
1:30pm - 3:00pm.



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

# RECONCILIATION

*Monday*



**Monday,  
December 18,  
2023**

**2 PM - 4 PM  
6 PM - 8 PM**


Visit any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of New York or the Diocese of Brooklyn, where priests will be available to hear confessions.

*Experience the light of His forgiveness through the sacrament of penance this Advent.*

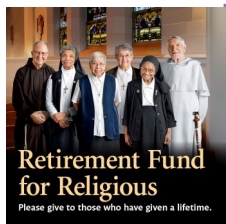
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## The Book of Mass Intentions is open for the 2024



The book is open to take Mass intentions. The Mass for the Purgatorial Society is the First Saturday of every month at 5:00 pm for those enroll in the Society. Call the office to have a Mass said for your loved ones or a particular intention.



**2nd Collection Dec. 9, 10: Religious Retirement Fund**  
Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years, usually for little pay. Today, many religious communities lack adequate retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. You can help through this collection.

Unámonos en Confraternidad en *Navidad*

Join us for our *Christmas Fellowship*

**16** December Diciembre  
2pm-5pm

**St. Raphael Church Brennan Hall  
Please Bring a Dish!!**



## The Faith Formation 2023-2024 Program



We are still registering!  
Must bring Baptismal  
Certificate to be able to  
register.

Meet the coordinator on  
Sundays from 9am to 10:30am.

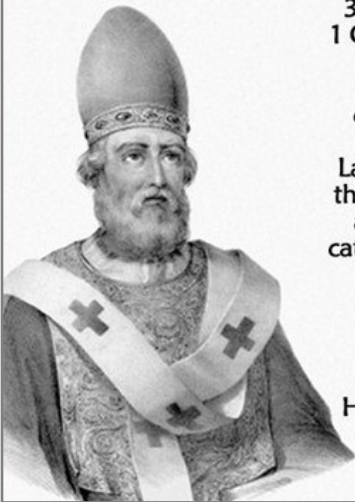
Classes have started



1. We want to acknowledge a donation in memory of Francisca (Panchita) Rivera Puchales and Ronald P. Wells by Richard & Maureen O'Connor, and also from Josephine Traynor and the Green Valley Marketplace of Sunnyside to the Food Pantry.
2. Toys and gift cards from child-friendly stores are highly recommended and are due December 15. Place cards near the trees or drop off at the rectory mail slot or sacristy.
3. Mass is held every Saturday at 10:00 am in the St. Callixtus Chapel at Calvary Cemetery, enter by Greenpoint Avenue.

11 December is the Feast Day of Pope St. Damasus I

Damasus was born in the year 306 and was elected Pope on 1 October 366 at the age of 60.



During his Papacy he commissioned St. Jerome to translate the Scriptures into Latin, changed the language of the liturgy from Greek to Latin, and worked to preserve the catacombs and other holy relics.

He is also known for the epigrams he wrote on the martyrs and saints.

He died on 11 December 384.

St. Damasus I, Pray for Us

## St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

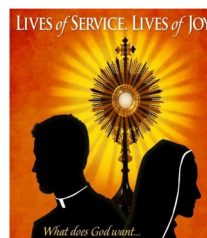
He is a **patron saint of mystics and contemplatives and of Spanish poets**. John became a Carmelite monk at Medina del Campo, Spain, in 1563 and was ordained priest in 1567. St. Teresa of Ávila, the celebrated mystic, enlisted his help (1568) in her restoration of Carmelite life to its original observance of austerity.

In 1577, he was imprisoned at Toledo, lived 9 months in a cell 6 feet wide by 10 feet long and beaten three times a week. There was only one tiny window high up near the ceiling.

During this imprisonment he composed some of his great poems

## RELIGIOUS VOCATION

If you sense you may have a vocation to follow the risen Lord as a Priest, Deacon or Religious life, call Fr. Chris Bethge, Vocation Director, he will answer you: (718) 827-2454 or [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)



## Pope Francis December 2023 prayer intention For the persons with disabilities

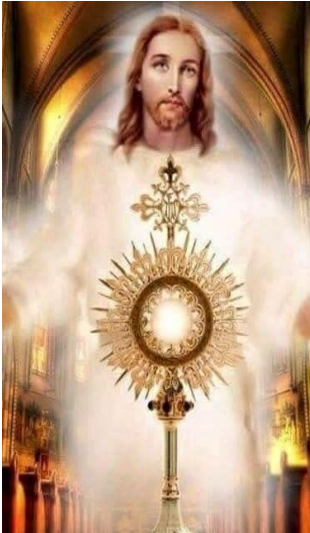
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## Pray for the sick... / Recemos por los enfermos...

We list here the names of those who are ill and should be held in prayer: Edda Azzalini, Hugh Forde, Cele Rossi, Kenneth Jonelunas, Kristin Revy, Esther Byrne, Liz & Peter Farrell, Jan Wnek, Michael Pfeifer, Lidia Liparoto, Dina Filingeri, Danny & Matthew Del Carpio, Thom Vaughan, Mary Rose Reilly, Michael Leahy, Eileen Walsh, Liz Kleven, Margaret Walker, Regina Chun, Peggyann Callanan, John Greico, Kathy Longnecker, Derry O'Leary, Maria Shafeluk, Ben Hecht, Lee Aleong, Jan Wnek, Teresa Marambio, Mary McCarthy, Pope Francis & for all our Parishioners and Friends in Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Facilities.



# EL RINCON HISPANO



## HORA SANTA

El ultimo jueves de cada mes tendremos la oportunidad de estar frente al santísimo en adoración y oración juntos en comunidad.

Hora: 7:00 pm  
Diciembre 28

*¿Realmente me amas?  
Entonces ven a mi,  
Visitame.*

## MINISTERIO MEXICANO BROOKLYN - QUEENS



EL COMITE GUADALUPANO  
DE SAN RAPHAEL  
LOS INVITA A PARTICIPAR  
EN LA CARRERA  
GUADALUPANA 2023

RECIBID LA LUZ DE CRISTO

**No se trata de correr,  
sino de caminar con Cristo!**

Si desea integrarse llamar a:  
**Felix Perez (917) 804-5202 ó**  
**Rosalba Carvente (646) 226-9042**



## Posadas Navideñas Come Enjoy the Christmas Nativity

Place: Brennan Hall  
Date: Saturday,  
Dec. 16 to 24  
Time: 7pm to 9pm

Details call: Paul (646) 509-1109 and  
Maria (718) 472-2470

*Everyone is welcome!*  
**Apostolado Vino Nuevo**

PREPARE SU CORAZÓN PARA LA NAVIDAD

## Lunes de RECONCILIACIÓN

Lunes,  
19 de diciembre

2 PM - 4 PM

6 PM - 8 PM



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BROOKLYN

4 propósitos de Adviento:

Perdonar, encontrar,  
servir y orar



## Intención del Papa para Diciembre 2023 Por las personas con discapacidad

Oremos para que las personas con discapacidad estén en el centro de atención de la sociedad, y que las instituciones promuevan programas de inclusión que potencien su participación activa.

## VOCACION RELIGIOSA



Si usted siente el llamado de Cristo resucitado al sacerdocio, diaconado o vida religiosa, llame a Pr. Chris Bethge, Director de la Oficina de Vocaciones, el contestara su llamada:

(718) 827-2454 or  
vocations@diobrook.org

# Thank You!

We want to express our sincere gratitude to every family who has generously contributed to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to supporting our community and the broader mission of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens is heartwarming.

For those who have already fulfilled their pledges, thank you for your prompt and generous response. We encourage those who have not yet fulfilled their pledge to consider doing so since December 31st will conclude this year's Appeal.

**If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, we encourage you to consider joining us in this shared commitment. In these coming weeks, you will receive an ACA Christmas gift request letter.**

Your support is crucial to ensuring the continued success of our faith community and its outreach efforts. No contribution is too small, and every gift, regardless of size, contributes to the greater good of many individuals and families in need throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

*Merry Christmas*

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2023**

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# ¡Gracias!

Queremos expresar nuestra sincera gratitud a todas las familias que han contribuido generosamente a la Campaña Católica Anual de este año. Su compromiso de apoyar a nuestra comunidad y la misión más amplia de la Iglesia en Brooklyn y Queens es reconfortante.

Para aquellos que ya han cumplido con sus promesas, gracias por su pronta y generosa respuesta. Animamos a aquellos que aún no han cumplido su promesa a que consideren la posibilidad de hacerlo, ya que el 31 de diciembre concluirá la Campaña de este año.

Si aún no ha tenido la oportunidad de realizar su promesa, le animamos a que considere la posibilidad de unirse a nosotros en este compromiso comunitario.

En las próximas semanas, recibirá una carta de solicitud de donación navideña del ACA.

Considere la posibilidad de hacer un donación. Su apoyo es crucial para asegurar el éxito continuo de nuestra comunidad de fe y sus esfuerzos de propagarla. Ninguna donación es demasiado pequeña, y cada donación, independientemente de la cantidad, contribuye al bienestar de muchas personas y familias necesitadas en Brooklyn y Queens.

*¡Feliz Navidad!*



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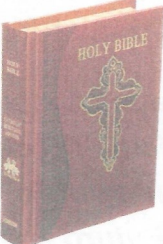
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