

# ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**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.*

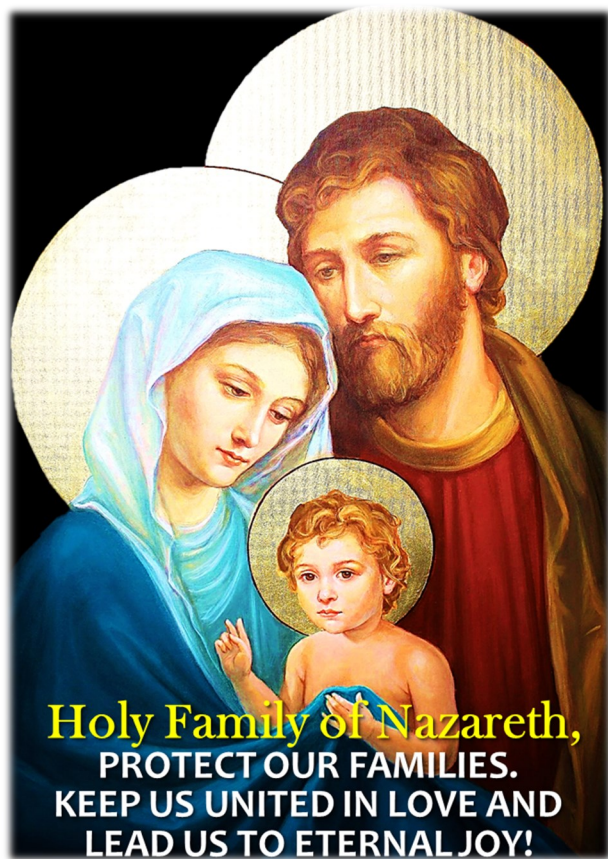
## RECONCILIATION / RECONCILIACION

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

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From the Pastor,

Del Párroco,

My Dear Brother and Sisters,

Happy New Year! As mentioned early December the last month of the year brings in many holidays and beautiful feasts in our faith. New Year's Day celebrates Mary, Mother of God. What a wonderful feast to celebrate Mary, Mother of God to protect us and watch over us as we begin the New Year. A heavenly mother's protection is a beautiful way to ring in the new year.

I pray that the New Year may bring all of you under the intercession of the Virgin Mother, good health, faith and joy.

Have a blessed New Year and God Bless you all!

- Fr. Paul Kim

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

¡Feliz año nuevo! Como mencioné a principios de diciembre, el último mes del año trae muchos días festivos y hermosas fiestas en nuestra fe. El día de Año Nuevo celebra a María, Madre de Dios. Qué fiesta tan maravillosa para celebrar a María, Madre de Dios, para protegernos y velar por nosotros al comenzar el Año Nuevo. La protección de una madre celestial es una manera hermosa de recibir el año nuevo.

Rezo para que el Año Nuevo les traiga a todos, bajo la intercesión de la Virgen Madre, buena salud, fe y alegría.

¡Que tengan un bendecido Año Nuevo y que Dios los bendiga a todos!

- Pr. Paul Kim



**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: **\$ 8,912**

GiveCentral (12/31/23 - 12/27/23): **\$ 140**

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

*Upcoming Second Collection:*

***Diocesan Mission, January 14***

### MASS INTENTIONS

### This Week

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

8:00 am - Christmas Novena  
9:30 am - Korean Mass  
11:00 am - Christmas Novena  
12:30 pm - Christmas Novena

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>:**

9:30 am - Korean Mass  
11:00 am - Christmas Novena  
12:30 pm - Feligreses de la parroquia

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

9:00 am - Retired priest and religious

**Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

9:00 am - Homeless and needy

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am - Peace for countries at war

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

9:00 am - Souls in purgatory (*Lesley Mahon*)

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:**

5:00 pm - Purgatory Society members

**Sun., December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

*Feast of the Holy Family*  
9:30 am - No Religious Education  
1:30 pm - No R.I.C.A.

**Mon., January 1<sup>st</sup>:**

*The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God*  
Rosary is prayed after the daily masses in the church, Monday thru Friday.

**Tues., January 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

*Feast of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*

**Wed., January 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

*Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus*  
Evening - Life-streamed Spanish Rosary via Facebook from St. Raphael Rectory by Vino Nuevo Apostolate

**Thur., January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

*Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*  
10:30 am - Food Pantry Closed  
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>:**

*Feast of St. John Neumann*  
5:00 pm - Folkloric Dance Troupe

**Sat., January 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Feast of St. Andre Bessette

“The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.”

*Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*



“El Señor se acuerda de su alianza eternamente.”

*Salmo 105: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9*

### 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.



# St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Foundress of the Sisters of Charity in the US

**A** spirited young woman who had wanted only to marry a handsome man, be a happy wife, and raise a pretty family, had had adventures beyond her wildest dreams. Loving by nature, she grew in faith and hope because of trial, not in spite of it. And with each trial God revealed resources, strength, and courage she did not know she possessed.



*“Faith lifts the soul,  
Hope supports it,  
Experience says it must and  
Love says...let it be!”*

Unlike St. Elizabeth Seton, most of us aren't mature enough spiritually simply to respond in faith. We need our questions answered: Where are you leading me? What exactly do you want of me?

**Date of birth:** August 28, 1774,  
**Birthplace:** New York City, New York,  
United States  
**Died:** Jan 4, 1821 **Age:** 46  
**Feast day** January 4  
**Patronage:** Catholic Schools,  
Death of Children,  
and Widows

**1774**

Elizabeth Ann Bayley, one of two daughters of a wealthy and prominent Episcopal family, was born in New York on Aug 28.



Her home in Manhattan, New York City, was located at the site on which a church now stands in her honor.

**1777**

Elizabeth was barely 3 years old, when her mother died.

**1794**

On Jan 25, at the age of 19 she married William Seton, son of a wealthy New York shipping merchant.



Elizabeth Ann Seton around the age of 22, after a 1796 portrait.

**1801**

Elizabeth's father, a pioneer in medical research, succumbed to yellow fever and died.

**1803**

Her husband's business went bankrupt and he had come down with Tuberculosis - shortly after Elizabeth, William, and their eldest child, Anna Maria embarked on a voyage to Italy, in search of treatment, her husband died.

This left Elizabeth a widow at 29 with five young children.

**1804**

While awaiting their return to America, Elizabeth and Anna Maria stayed several months with an Italian family, and developed an interest in their Catholic religion.

Elizabeth returned to New York City with little money.

**1805**

Elizabeth and her children were received into the Catholic Church on March 14, 1805, a choice which triggered three years of financial struggle and social discrimination.

**1808**

She accepted an invitation from Archbishop John Carroll to establish a girl's school in Baltimore.

Elizabeth spent one year as a schoolmistress in Baltimore.

**1809**

Elizabeth pronounced vows of chastity and obedience for one year on March 25. The Archbishop gave her the title "Mother Seton".

In June she, her three daughters, her two sisters-in-law, and four young women joined them, this was the beginning of the Sisters of Charity, the first religious order founded in the United States.

**1810**

Mother Seton and her band of sisters moved to Emmitsburg and opened St Joseph's Academy and Free School - the first free Catholic school in the United States.

**1811**

Mother Seton adopted the rules and constitution of St. Vincent de Paul, with some modifications.



As the community grew, it opened schools and orphanages in Philadelphia in 1814 and New York in 1817.

**1812-16**

She suffered the loss of two of her daughters to tuberculosis, Anna Maria in 1812 and Rebecca in 1816.

**1821**

She died of tuberculosis on Jan 4.

Mother Seton was canonized the first American-born saint by Pope Paul VI on Sept 14.



Today her remains repose in the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

## 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

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Catholics certainly believe that Jesus always existed as God, and that He has no eternal mother, only an Eternal Father. However, when Jesus took human flesh He was truly born of a woman, and so acquired a true mother. He never ceased to be God in His Incarnation: He was God while in Mary's womb, still God when she nursed and raised Him.

Mary gave birth to and raised a Child Who also happened to be God Incarnate (the Word made Flesh) therefore Mary is the Mother of God Incarnate.

St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He tried becoming a priest but was rejected due to an overage of ordinations in Europe.

A bishop in NY accepted him and assigned him to western New York state. He spent most of his time traveling village to village visiting the sick, teaching and celebrating Mass.

As bishop of Philadelphia he founded the first Diocesan Catholic school. He also increased the number of schools in the diocese from 2 to 100. John passed away in 1860 at the age of 48.

## St. André Bessette

(9 August 1845 – 6 January 1937)



He was commonly known as **Brother André** or **Saint André of Montreal** after his canonization. He was a lay brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross and a significant figure of the Catholic Church among French

Canadians, credited with thousands of reported miraculous oil healings associated with his pious devotion to St. Joseph.

Br. Bessette was declared venerable in 1978 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Pope Benedict XVI approved the decree of sainthood for Bessette on 19 February 2010, with the formal canonization taking place on 17 October 2010.

## 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 Azalini, 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

FECHA  
ENE. /07/2024  
DOMINGO  
HORARIO: 2:00 PM

## Iglesia San Rafael

35 20 Greenpoint ave.L.I.C.NY 11101

### Epifania De Los Reyes Magos

Trae A Tu Niño Y  
Recibe Un Regalo  
De Manos De Un  
Rey Mago  
Edad 3 Años  
A 14 Años

Estrella de Belén

camello

Baltasar

Gaspar

Melchor



SE REPARTIRA  
ROSCAS DE  
REYES DISFRUTA  
CON TUS Niños

SANTA MISA  
EN ESPAÑOL  
12:30 PM  
EL GRUPO  
APOSTOLADO  
VINO NUEVO  
INVITA A LAS  
FAMILIAS A  
SEGUIR CON  
LAS  
TRADICIONES  
DANDO A  
CONOCER A  
LOS TRES REYES  
MAGOS A SUS  
NINO(A)  
DONDE  
RECIBIRAN UN  
JUGUETE

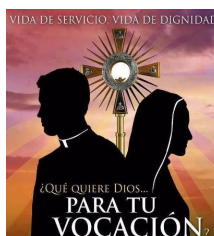
Regalos al niño Jesús } el incienso  
la mirra  
el oro



### 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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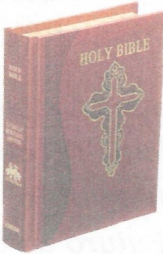
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