

ST. RAPHAEL'S PARISH

February 4th, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

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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

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From the Pastor,

My Dear Brother and Sisters,

Why is Jesus here? Why did he come and suffer for us on the cross? These questions are answered in today's gospel. Jesus' reason for being here amongst us is because he doesn't want us to feel pain, suffering, and sadness. Today we hear in Mark's Gospel the reason he is here in our souls today and always. Jesus explains to us his purpose and the duty of being his disciples. The same reason we go to the doctors when we are sick, Jesus came to heal our bodies and souls. He also came to release demons (aka sin) from us. After feeling all this now he tells us to go out and tell the world what you felt.

"Everyone is looking for you" Are we looking for Christ? Today let us look for him and receive everything we want. Now go out and preach the love of God to all the world.

God Bless,

- *Fr. Paul Kim*

Del Párroco,

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

¿Por qué está Jesús aquí? ¿Por qué vino y sufrió por nosotros en la cruz? Estas preguntas tienen respuesta en el evangelio de hoy. La razón por la que Jesús está aquí entre nosotros es porque no quiere que sintamos dolor, sufrimiento ni tristeza. Hoy escuchamos en el evangelio de Marcos la razón por la que él está aquí en nuestras almas hoy y siempre. Jesús nos explica su propósito y el deber de ser sus discípulos. A si como acudimos al médico cuando estamos enfermos, Jesús vino a sanar nuestros cuerpos y nuestras almas. También vino para librarnos de los demonios (también conocidos como pecado). Después de sentir todo esto ahora nos dice que salgamos y le digamos al mundo lo que sentimos.

"Todos te buscan" ¿Estamos buscando a Cristo? Hoy busquémoslo y recibamos todo lo deseado. Ahora ve y predica el amor de Dios a todo el mundo.

Que Dios los bendiga,

- *Pr. Paul Kim*

"Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Mark 1:29-39

"Hizo suyas nuestras debilidades y cargo con nuestros dolores."

Marcos 1, 29-39

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: **\$ 2,669**

GiveCentral (1/25/24 - 1/31/24): **\$ 190**

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

Upcoming Second Collection:

Black & Indian Missions, February 18

MASS INTENTIONS

This Week

Sunday, February 4th:

8:00 am - Raymond Fadonougbo (*Luicy Gainyo*)
9:30 am - Korean mass
11:00 am - Maryann Ingenito, 3rd Anniv.
(*Her children*)
12:30 pm - Sergia Mendoza, Dec.
(*Ana Rodriguez & family*)

Monday, February 5th:

9:00 am - Parishioners in nursing homes or rehabilitation facilities

Tuesday, February 6th:

9:00 am - For all our retired diocesan priests

Wednesday, February 7th:

9:00 am - For children with special needs

Thursday, February 8th:

9:00 am - In thanksgiving to Saint Marta of Colombia (*David & Monica Field*)

Friday, February 9th:

9:00 am - For children suffering from hunger

Saturday, February 10th:

5:00 pm - Tony Trgo, 3rdyr. *Remb.* (*Trgo family*)
AND
Roland Rossi, Dec. (*Tony Rossi*)

Sun., February 4th:

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

Mon., February 5th:

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

Tues., February 6th:

Feast of St. Paul Miki and Companions

Wed., February 7th:

Evening - Life-streamed Spanish Rosary via Facebook from St. Raphael Rectory by VINO Nuevo Apostolate

Thur., February 8th:

Feast of Sts. Jerome Emiliani and Josephine Bakhita

10:30 am - Food Pantry

7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 9th:

5:00 pm - Folkloric Dance Troupe

7:00 pm - Catequesis de familias hispanas

Sat., February 10th:

Feast of St. Scholastica

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Food Pantry

4:00 pm - Confessions

4:00 pm - Folkloric Dance Troupe (MBH)

“Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.”

Psalm 147:1-4, 6-7 (74B)



“Alaben al Señor, que sana los corazones quebrantados.”

Salmo 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6

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.






St. Agatha (Feast day, February 5)

Today the Church celebrates the feast of St. Agatha of Sicily, a young martyr who lived in the early third century and was martyred during the reign of Emperor Decius around A.D. 251. She was born into a powerful and wealthy family in Sicily and at a young age consecrated her life and virginity to Lord Jesus Christ. Her beauty attracted many suitors including a high ranking official called Quinctianus who was known to persecute Christians. Standing firm against his threats and unwanted advances Agatha was arrested and condemned to the brothels. Tortured and beaten, young Agatha's spirit could not be broken. Instead of being violated she converted the Madam to Christianity. Angered by her obstinacy Quintianus had Agatha's breasts chopped off. Mutilated and close to death, a vision of Saint Peter miraculously healed her wounds. Still not satisfied the cruel Senator had his victim rolled over hot coals. Dragged to her cell and left to die, Agatha never wavered in her faith. With her dying breath she prayed to the Lord and thanked him for her victory over her tormentors will. She died on February 5th, 251 AD.

She is **the patron saint** of Catania, Molise, Malta, San Marino, and Zamarramala, a municipality of the Province of Segovia in Spain and her intercession is invoked against breast cancer, eruption of volcanoes, earthquakes, lightning and fires.

REMINDER REGARDING THE COMMUNION FAST

Please remember that we are supposed to observe a Communion Fast before receiving Holy Communion. This means we do not eat any foods or drink any liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, the only exception being water or medicine. This also means that we are not to chew gum during Mass, and certainly not while we are coming forward to receive Holy Communion. Let's be sure we are appropriately prepared to receive Holy Communion by observing this important rule of the Church.



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY The Speech & Hearing Center will be offering **FREE** speech & hearing screenings, and "Hearing Aid Help" from January 29 through April 25, 2024 . Please call the center at (718) 990-6480 to schedule an appointment. We are located at 152-11 Union Turnpike, Flushing, NY.

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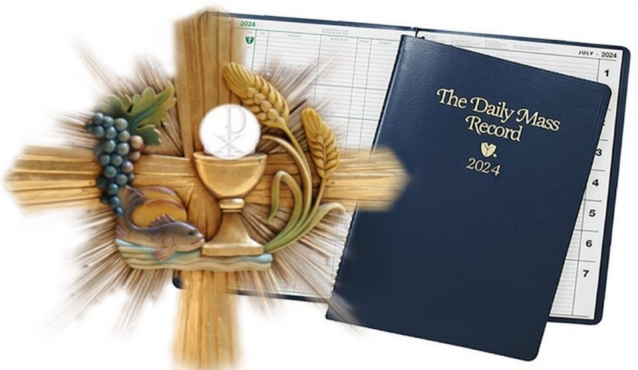
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REV. CHRIS BETHGE
 VOCATION DIRECTOR

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.

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You must register by Friday, February 2nd, 2024



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



This and That

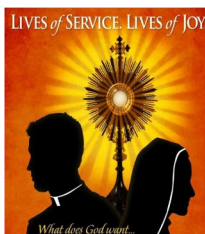
1. Mass is held every Saturday at 10:00 am in the St. Callixtus Chapel at Calvary Cemetery, enter by Greenpoint Avenue.
2. Heart to Heart Ministry invites you to the Women's Brunch Retreat" with Sister Ave Clark and Music by Alverlis, Saturday, February 10 at 9:45 am till noon. The event will take place at the American Martyrs Parish, Sullivan Hall, 79-43 Bell Blvd., Bayside, NY. For details contact: Sister Ave Clark (718) 428-2471.



Pope Francis prayer intention February 2024 / For the terminally ill

We ask for understanding and appropriate treatment for people who are or were determined by the medical report to be dying or terminally ill, due to their serious illness: "Let us pray that the terminally ill and their families always receive the appropriate care, and the necessary support, from a medical and human point of view."

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

EL RINCON HISPANO

San Pablo Miki and Compañeros

La historia de **Pablo Miki**, el primer jesuita en convertirse en mártir en Japón, también es la historia de la persecución del cristianismo en ese país a fines del siglo XVI. Entonces, el gobierno decretó la expulsión de los religiosos al temer que la difusión del Evangelio, en realidad, fuera una manera de que el país se convirtiera en colonia española o portuguesa.

Nacido en Osaka, en 1564, Miki se convirtió al cristianismo junto con su familia y a los 20 años ingresó al seminario de Azuchi, administrado por los jesuitas. Dos años después, ingresó en la Compañía de Jesús y comenzó a ser efectivo en atraer a los budistas al cristianismo.

Junto con misioneros llegados de otros países, **Miki continuaba la labor iniciada en Japón por San Francisco Javier, quien, en 1549 había introducido la fe en Jesucristo.**

El ministro endureció la política de expulsión en 1596, cuando el capitán de un barco español le aseguró que las misiones eran un pretexto para facilitar la conquista europea. El 9 de diciembre de 1596, en la actual Kyoto, Pablo Miki fue arrestado junto a otros dos jesuitas, Diego Kisai y Juan de Goto, seis franciscanos y 17 laicos, que oficiaban de catequistas y que eran terciarios franciscanos. El 5 de febrero de 1597 el grupo llegó a una colina cercana a Nagasaki. Los verdugos ataron a los 26 condenados a las cruces con cuerdas y cadenas en brazos y piernas, y una argolla de hierro en la garganta. Desde su cruz, Miki siguió predicando y perdonó al ministro Hideyoshi. Poco después murió a lanzazos.

En 1862, el papa Pío IX declaró santos a estos mártires.



Santa Josephine Bakhita

Nació aproximadamente en 1869 — ni ella misma sabía la fecha exacta— en Darfur, Sudán. Cuando tenía nueve años fue secuestrada por traficantes de esclavos, golpeada y vendida cinco veces en los mercados de Sudán. Terminó como esclava al servicio de la madre y la mujer de un general, donde cada día era azotada hasta sangrar; a consecuencia de ello le quedaron 144 cicatrices.

En 1882 fue comprada por un mercader italiano para el cónsul italiano Callisto Legnani que, ante el avance de los mahdistas, volvió a Italia. Así Bakhita llegó a conocer un “dueño” totalmente diferente (...) al Dios vivo, el Dios de Jesucristo.

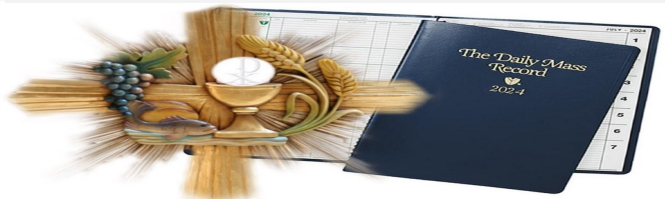
Cuando se quiso devolverla a Sudán, Bakhita se negó. El 9 de enero de 1890 recibió el Bautismo, la Confirmación y la primera Comunión de manos del Patriarca de Venecia. El 8 de diciembre de 1896 hizo los votos en Verona, en la Congregación de las hermanas Canosianas.

Falleció en Italia en 1947, siendo canonizada el 1 de octubre del 2000 por el Papa Juan Pablo II, quien la llamó: “Nuestra Hermana Universal.”

“**Bakhita**” significa “**afortunada**”, así la llamaron sus secuestradores. Cuando fue bautizada recibió el nombre de **Josefina**.

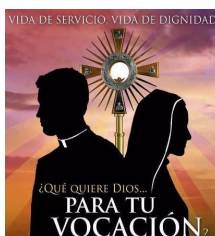
Patrona: víctimas de la esclavitud moderna, trata de seres humanos y Sudan.

El Libro de Intenciones de las Misas del año 2024 esta disponible



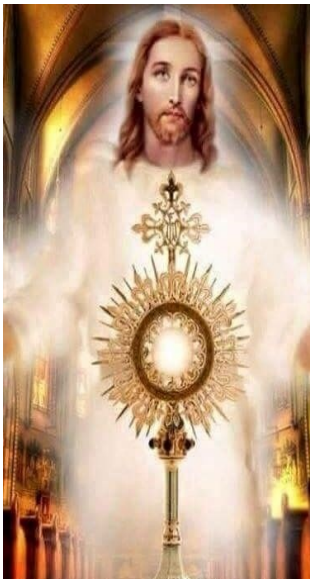
Tengan en cuenta que la misa para la Sociedad del Purgatorio es cada primer sábado del mes a las 5pm para todos los inscritos en la sociedad. Llame a la oficina parroquial para ofrecer una misa por sus seres queridos o una intención personal.

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
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La Parroquia San Raphael
 Invita a sus feligreses
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HORA SANTA

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

Hora: 7:00 pm
Febrero 29
Abril 25

“Ven a mi si esta cansado y agobiado, Yo te aliviare”
Mt. 11:28



Intención del Papa-Febrero 2024

Por los enfermos terminales

Se pide por la comprensión y los tratamientos adecuados para las personas que están o fueron determinados por el parte médico como pacientes moribundos o desahuciados, a causa de su grave afección: **“Oremos para que los enfermos terminales y sus familias reciban siempre los cuidados y compañía necesarios, desde el punto de vista médico y humano”.**

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, Mary McCarthy, Charles Schwarha, Mary McMorrow, James Slynn, Pope Francis & for all our Parishioners and Friends in Nursing Homes and Rehabilitation Facilities.



Prayer to St. Agatha

O St. Agatha, who withstood the unwelcome advances from unwanted suitors, and suffered pain and torture for your devotion to Our Lord, we celebrate your faith, dignity and martyrdom. Protect us against rape and other violations, guard us against breast cancer and other afflictions of women, and inspire us to overcome adversity. O St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, mercifully grant that we who venerate your sacrifice, may receive your intercession. Amen.

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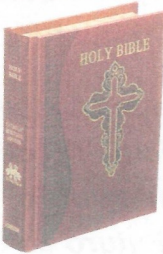
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