

# ST. RAYMOND PARISH

*The Mother Church in the Heart of the Bronx Since 1842*

SUMMER / FALL 2013

Dear Friends of St. Raymond Parish,

Once again, welcome to the annual edition of ST. RAYMOND PARISH! We hope that your summer was restful, relaxing and re-creating for mind, body and soul. It is important to step back and slow down every once in a while.

The parish continues to grow in many and different ways. Just recently, we started an African Community Group, who attend Mass on the third Sunday of the month and meet after the Mass. We have been attracting more and more people for Mass and parish involvement from the West African countries of Ghana and Nigeria. We estimate that we have more than 40 different countries represented in our parish — truly a United Nations in the Catholic Church.

Our schools continue to provide quality religious education and academic excellence. Our Elementary School is filled to capacity; the Boys High School has 736 students and the Girls' Academy has 376 students. Our tuition is considered moderate in each school and we also provide a family plan for our parents who have several children. The religious education program completes the picture with more than 200 children from our public schools who attend classes on Sundays followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m.

In May, we blessed the new Academy Rooftop Court in memory of Father John Flynn, who served here at the parish in the 1960's and 1970's. More than 100 people from St. Martin of Tours and St. Francis of Assisi, as well as St. Raymond's, attended the blessing. Father Flynn's sister was present and so very grateful that we remembered her brother in such a fitting way. We have erected a plaque in the Rooftop Court and formed an Endowment Fund. Details for giving opportunities can be found on the Academy page in the newsletter.

The societies of the parish continue to meet and to assist the parish with its many events and functions: the Holy Name Society, the Sodality, the Spanish Committee, the Guadalupe committee, Hijos De Maria, the Sacred Heart Society, the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and the Cursillo. All are alive and well and make St. Raymond's the great parish it continues to be.

This year's Parish Homecoming Weekend is October 19-20. I extend a special invitation to you to join us for the Annual Parish Homecoming Mass on Sunday. The Mass, which begins at 12 noon in our church, will be enhanced by our children's, adult and Spanish choirs. See the back cover for the scheduled events of the school. It should be an exciting day filled with happiness, great friends, positive memories and only one speech — the homily in church. You will be able to enjoy all that is the Mother Church of the Bronx — the parish and people of St. Raymond.

See you on October 20. Please call the respective school advancement officers at the back of the newsletter for more information and ticket reservations.

Sincerely,

**Monsignor John Graham**  
Pastor



**MONSIGNOR JOHN GRAHAM**  
Pastor, St. Raymond Parish

**SR. PATRICIA BRITO, RJM**  
Principal, St. Raymond Elementary School

**SR. MARY ANN D'ANTONIO, SC**  
Principal, St. Raymond Academy for Girls

**BR. DANIEL GARDNER, FSC**  
Principal, St. Raymond High School for Boys

## ST. RAYMOND PARISH CLERGY

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Reverend Joseph Darbouze  
Monsignor Stephen Adu-Kwaning  
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## THE ST. RAYMOND COMMUNITY LOSES A DEAR FRIEND — REMEMBERING STUART MILLER

On Thursday, May 23, the St. Raymond Community was saddened to hear about the sudden and unexpected death of a great friend of the parish, Mr. Stuart Miller. Stuart was involved in the financial management of the parish accounts and funds for more than 15 years, but he was intensely involved in the life of the parish as well. He was a constant supporter of our three schools, our host for our annual Volunteers' Dinner, and an amateur landscaper who provided hundreds of tulips for the spring plantings on our church grounds. Stuart was also instrumental in providing opportunities for our boys' baseball team to travel to games on Staten Island, tickets to Carnegie Hall for our Academy students, and subsidies for the elementary school Italian program, as well as being a constant presence at our Golf Outings and Taste of Italy celebrations. Stuart loved all that was St. Raymond and its schools. He will be missed. In Stuart's honor, we will be naming a new garden section on our property MILLER LANE. The dedication of MILLER LANE will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. More details will be forthcoming for this spring event. May you rest in peace, Stuart, and may God's strength be with your wife Maryanne, and your family members. Thanks for everything!

## EDITOR'S NOTE

I joined the staff of St. Raymond Elementary School on May 1 as Advancement Director. How exciting to be in such a dynamic school within such a dynamic parish! I look forward to meeting many of you at the Parish Reunion on October 20 and even before then. St. Raymond really is something special in the Bronx!

Elaine Nole

## CHANGES TO THE LOWER CHURCH RESULT IN CHAPEL RENOVATIONS AND NEW MEETING ROOMS

During the past year, we have made several beautiful renovations to our church facility. Due to the ever-increasing enrollment of our elementary school (980 students for September!), several rooms in our elementary school that had been used for parish evening and weekend activities had to be converted into classrooms and teaching areas for reading and math. However, that left us with a problem: Where do the parish societies and groups meet?

The answer was and is — in the Lower Church! The Lower Church has been re-designed to include a chapel that seats 235 people and four large meeting rooms for parish societies, groups and other meetings. The location of the sanctuary, the choir, the organ and the confessionals remains the same. The meeting rooms are home to the Sacred Heart Society, the Sewers and Quilters, the Boys Scouts, the Hispanic Committee, the Cursillo Group, the Charismatic Prayer Group, the African Community and the Holy Name Society. Everyone seems pleased to have a large space for meetings and other events. (Our senior ladies of the Sewers and Quilters Club even make baptismal stoles for the infants and children to be baptized!) The Lower Church chapel is used for Masses, confessions, prayer services and other religious events during the year. Funerals and weddings can also be celebrated in the Lower Church.



*Under the direction of our master craftsman, Mr. Luis Mercado, the wood from the pews was used to panel each of the meeting rooms, giving them a rich and warm appearance while preserving a little bit of our history.*







## CEMETERY NEWS: HURRICANE SANDY REPAIRS COMPLETED; NEW SECTIONS TO OPEN

As with many other local landmarks, St. Raymond Cemetery suffered damage as a result of Hurricane Sandy. We lost more than 50 trees and were forced to close sections of both the Old and the New Cemetery for safety and tree removal. However, we have completed all of the repairs and have planted more than 160 new trees of varying varieties, creating a truly park-like atmosphere in the cemetery, and adding to the prayerful and reflective sense of a holy and sacred place.

We are doing other work as well. Located within the beautiful walls of Our Lady of Hope Mausoleum on Lafayette Avenue, the Cremation Garden is under construction and is scheduled to open in six months. With individual niches for nearly 1500 interments, this peaceful oasis of flowers and trees will provide a fitting resting place for the urns of the deceased.

We are also developing a new Mother Teresa of Calcutta section with space for approximately 810 lawn crypts. It is scheduled to open within two years.

Plans are also being made for the future development of the Saint Padre Pio section. There will be approximately 1100 lawn crypts in this new section. Watching over the graves of the beloved deceased is a custom-made 7-foot statue of the beloved Capuchin priest. A bench

for sitting and a wall inscribed with one of Padre Pio's favorite prayers complete this special prayer area.

In both the Mother Teresa and Padre Pio sections — as well as in other parts of the Cemetery — there will be graves available for the poor and indigent of the Archdiocese, a fitting tribute to two saints who were devoted to the poor in their lifetimes.

We have scheduled two important events for the Fall. On Monday, September 23 at 11:30 a.m., there will be a prayer service in the Old Cemetery at the Mother Seton Mausoleum in honor of Padre Pio. All are invited, especially family members who have deceased interred in that gem of a facility graced by a magnificent mosaic of Padre Pio. On All Souls' Day, Saturday, November 2 at 11:00 a.m., we will celebrate Mass for the eternal rest of all those in our parish cemetery. Cardinal Timothy Dolan is scheduled to be the celebrant. All are invited to attend the Mass and to pray for their family members who continue their journey from this life into eternal life.

For additional information about the Cremation Garden, the Padre Pio and Mother Teresa sections, and lawn crypts in the New and Old Cemetery, please call the Cemetery Office at 718-792-1133.



# St. Raymond Elementary School

## ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013 — *THEY DID IT!*

Congratulations to the Class of 2013! On Friday evening, June 14, 88 eighth-grade students graduated from St. Raymond Elementary School. Monsignor Graham celebrated Mass for the graduates, their family and friends, and school staff at St. Raymond Church. The graduation ceremony took place in the church following Mass. This year's Salutatorian was Silvelis Alvarez Cordero and Valedictorian was Kaycie Santiago. In addition to the awarding of diplomas, awards for scholarship and excellence, as well as for subjects, were given out at the graduation.



## GRADUATES' HIGH SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Ninety-eight percent of our graduates took the TACHS exam and 98% of them were accepted to Catholic high schools. The Class of 2013 was awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarships. Our graduates will be attending the following high schools: Academy of Mount St. Ursula, All Hallows High School, Aquinas High School, Cardinal Hayes High School, Cardinal Spellman High School, Cathedral High School, Fordham Preparatory High School, Mount St. Michael Academy, Notre Dame Academy, Pelham Preparatory Academy, Pope John Paul II High School, Preston High School, St. Barnabas High School, St. Catharine Academy, St. Jean Baptiste High School, St. Raymond Academy for Girls, St. Raymond High School for Boys, and Salesian High School.



### AWARDS AND HONORS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE	Kaycie Santiago
PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	Silvelis Alvarez Cordero
ST. RAYMOND'S FACULTY AWARD	Chynna Seck
DE LA SALLE SCHOLARSHIP	Angel Roman
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD	Leiby Soto
ST. CLAUDINE THEVENET AWARD	Tatiyana Hendrickson
TONNER SCHOLARSHIP	Daniel Perez
BRITO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP	Zaria Johnson
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ARCHBISHOP HUGHES ASSEMBLY 691, PATRIOTIC SERVICE AWARD	Juvonte Johnson
VELIA WARNER ACADEMIC EFFORT AWARD	Toniann Cartagena, Aaron Levy Kailei Matos Stephanie Pineda

### Awards for Outstanding Achievement in:

RELIGION	Moyra Aguirre
READING	Kaycie Santiago
LANGUAGE ARTS	
GRAMMAR	Justin Monserrate
SPELLING	Tacara McBride
COMPOSITION	Sierra Burks-Zeigler
AP MATH	Luis Chavez
MATH	Silvelis Alvarez Cordero
SOCIAL STUDIES	Tatiyana Hendrickson
SCIENCE	Chynna Seck
AP SCIENCE	Kaycie Santiago
COMPUTER SCIENCE	Imani Fulford

### Medals for:

ARTISTIC ABILITY AND CREATIVITY	Moyra Aguirre
MUSICAL ABILITY AND TALENT	Miguel Hilario Germosen
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Karina Altamirano
OUTSTANDING EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR	Karina Altamirano Lynda Dillard Demi Torres



# St. Raymond Elementary School

## SPRING EVENTS

*Something Is Always Happening at St. Raymond Elementary School.*

**SPRING SHOW:** Students in Grades 1 through 5 performed in the Spring Show, whose theme was Rock and Roll Alive in the Bronx!



**SACRAMENTS** Sixty-seven St. Raymond Elementary School students made their **First Holy Communion** on Saturday, May 4, at St. Raymond Church. Monsignor John Graham, our pastor, was the celebrant.

Seventh and eighth grade students received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Thursday, May 23. His Excellency Archbishop Charles Palmer-Buckle, who traveled from Accra, Ghana, to confirm our students, presided.



Rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the newly confirmed outside with His Excellency Archbishop Charles Palmer-Buckle of Ghana.

Grades 1 through 7 participated in an **HONORS ASSEMBLY**.



**MOVING UP CEREMONIES** were held for the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes on June 4-6. The children welcomed the guests, sang about many of the things they've learned this year and recited poems. Sister Patricia, Monsignor Graham and Father Brogan handed out the diplomas.



**EMBRYOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM** Our students raised ducklings for a project that provided them with first-hand experience of the life cycle of an organism. Several classes, from Kindergarten to 7th grade, participated.



Our new graduates, newly confirmed students and new communicants attended the **END OF THE YEAR MASS**, along with the rest of the school. Monsignor Graham celebrated the Mass.



# St. Raymond Elementary School

## CAP PROGRAM HELPS ALUMNI HELP ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**T**he Archdiocese of New York is reaching out to all Catholic school elementary graduates, informing them about programs and school events at their elementary school, and other local news. The program is called CAP --- Catholic Alumni Partnership --- and CAP is also asking for your financial support for the school where it all began. Please look for the CAP letters, invitations, dates and opportunities to give a gift to your parish school. St. Raymond's is looking for and asking for your support, prayers and financial gifts.



## WHY ST. RAYMOND MATTERS MESSAGE FROM PROUD GRADUATES OF ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THEN AND NOW

"... [T]he gift of Catholic education continues to be alive and well at St. Raymond."

— PETER COSTIGAN, CLASS OF 1959

**Recently, an alumnus from the Class of 1959 reflected on his experiences at St. Raymond Elementary School in a letter to his fellow alumni. Not surprisingly, several of our graduates from the Class of 2013 echoed his sentiments when they described what St. Raymond Elementary School has meant to them. Below are excerpts.**

I come from a family of proud St. Raymond graduates. My brothers graduated in 1954, 1956 and 1964, my sister in 1966 and my wife in 1960. Our years at St. Raymond were happy ones, spent in a welcoming and nurturing school environment.

Our teachers had definite academic and behavioral expectations of us that they were confident we would meet. Through their teachings, we were able to share in that confidence. Along with the priests of the parish, these dedicated people made a lasting impression on me and helped shape me into the man I am today. — PETER COSTIGAN, *Class of 1959*

### CLASS OF 2013

Being at St. Raymond's taught me a lot. With all the support and care from all the staff, you feel like one big family. St. Raymond's taught me to always move forward, to keep trying and never give up. — ISABELLA CLEMENTE

My time at St. Raymond has been great. I have learned many lessons since I've been here that I will never forget. I love this school and I will miss the time I spent here. — MARIAH FRANCO

St. Raymond's has meant a lot to me. All of my teachers have pushed me to try my best and that tells me that they really want me to succeed in everything I do. — JADEN GOINS

Being at St. Raymond has prepared me for my future. I'm glad I spent the beginning of my academic career at St. Raymond. It will always be my home away from home. — TONIANN CARTAGENA

## EVERY DAY AT ST. RAYMOND'S



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# St. Raymond Academy for Girls



## ACADEMY'S 50TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES!

On June 7, Saint Raymond Academy for Girls held its graduation for the Class of 2013. Seventy-one young women received their high school diplomas from the Academy before their parents, the faculty and administration. Collectively, Academy graduates earned more than \$5 million in scholarships and grants. Congratulations to these young women. We are proud to welcome them into the SRA Alumnae Association!

### AWARDS AND HONORS

Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus W. Tierney Award  
GENERAL EXCELLENCE

**Gabriela Santiago**

Next in Merit – **Massiel Ozoria**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award  
ENGLISH

**Alisa Lokram**

Sr. Ann Regina Meehan Award  
MATHEMATICS

**Jasmine Leigh Montes**

Sr. Marian Jude Byrne Award  
SOCIAL STUDIES

**Danielle Martinez**

Rev. Msgr. Gustav J. Schultheiss Award  
SCIENCE

**Yasemin Nadera Mangroo**

St. Raymond of Nonnatus Award  
SPANISH

**Cynthia Mateo**

Sr. Michaela Connolly Award  
Merit- **Ashley Inkumsah**

Merit- **Lowantie Kampta**

Principal's Award  
SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

**Devoncia Cheyenne S. Boatswain**  
**Cynthia Mateo**

Perfect Attendance: 2009-2013

**Tasmia Kabir**

**Karen Peralta**

St. Raymond Academy Alumna Award  
**Dayren Soto**

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY  
ALBRIGHT UNIVERSITY  
ALFRED UNIVERSITY  
BARRY UNIVERSITY  
BERKELEY COLLEGE  
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE  
CALDWELL COLLEGE  
CAZENOVIA COLLEGE  
CANISIUS COLLEGE

#### CUNY

BARUCH COLLEGE  
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BROOKLYN COLLEGE  
CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK  
COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND  
HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
HUNTER COLLEGE  
JOHN JAY COLLEGE  
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
LA GUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LEHMAN COLLEGE  
NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE  
OF TECHNOLOGY  
QUEENS COLLEGE  
SOPHIE DAVIS SCHOOL  
OF BIOMEDICAL EDUCATION  
YORK COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. VINCENT  
COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE  
COLLEGE OF ST. ELIZABETH  
COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE  
COLLEGE OF WESTCHESTER  
CONCORDIA COLLEGE  
DAEMEN COLLEGE  
DOMINICAN COLLEGE  
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
ELMIRA COLLEGE  
ELMS COLLEGE  
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY  
HARTWICK COLLEGE  
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
IONA COLLEGE  
ITHACA COLLEGE  
JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY  
LA SALLE UNIVERSITY  
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY  
MANHATTAN COLLEGE

MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE  
MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE  
MERCY COLLEGE  
MEREDITH COLLEGE  
MESSIAH COLLEGE  
MOLLOY COLLEGE  
MONROE COLLEGE  
MOUNT ST. MARY COLLEGE  
MOUNT ST. MARY UNIVERSITY  
NEWBURY COLLEGE  
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY  
OHIO UNIVERSITY  
PACE UNIVERSITY  
PENN STATE  
POST UNIVERSITY  
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE  
OF TECHNOLOGY  
SAGE COLLEGE OF ALBANY  
ST. LEO UNIVERSITY  
ST. PETER'S UNIVERSITY  
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY  
ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

#### SUNY

ALFRED STATE COLLEGE  
BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE  
DELHI UNIVERSITY  
MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE  
NEW PALTZ  
OLD WESTBURY  
ONEONTA  
OSWEGO  
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO  
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN  
UTICA COLLEGE  
VALLEY FORGE MILITARY COLLEGE  
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
WELLS COLLEGE  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
WILLIAM PATTERSON UNIVERSITY  
YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

# St. Raymond Academy for Girls

## THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMY ROOFTOP COURT DEDICATED TO FR. JOHN FLYNN



Six years ago, the faculty and students of Saint Raymond Academy were overjoyed when they first walked through the doors of their own building. The final renovations were completed in April 2013, and on May 2, we celebrated the opening of the Academy Rooftop Court, which is dedicated to Father John Flynn. As quoted in the *Daily News* (9/27/12): "Father John Flynn walked his way into the hearts and minds of the Bronx Community he served and loved!" (Patrice O'Shaughnessy '76). Alumnae from the 1960's and 1970's, who were lucky enough to have Fr. Flynn as a Guidance Teacher, fondly remembered him on May 2. That evening, the Academy announced the opening of the Father Flynn Endowment Fund.

The Father Flynn Endowment Fund has raised more than \$34,000 to date. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 to provide four annual Fr. Flynn Grants to Academy students who have earned the scholarship money based on financial need and academic merit.

Honorary Plaque Plates with custom engraving included are still available in all three categories. **Gold plates** are **\$5,000**; **blue plates** are **\$1,000**; and **black plates** are **\$500**. Alumnae, please encourage your fellow classmates to get together and purchase a plate representing your class year! All donations are welcome! To make a contribution, please visit our NEW website at [www.saintraymondacademy.org](http://www.saintraymondacademy.org), or mail a check to St. Raymond Academy for Girls, 1725 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Schaller in the Advancement office at 718-824-4220 ext. 1052 or email [lschaller@saintraymondacademy.org](mailto:lschaller@saintraymondacademy.org).

## SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2013 FOURTH ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT – "THE ACADEMY AWARDS"



This year, the Academy will honor the Class of 1964 celebrating their 50th Reunion; Lois Perrone, Joan McCrystal Mundy '77, Karen Selkaitis Stanhope '71, Marisel Rodriguez '94, and Stuart Miller *in memoriam*. The event will be at 900 Park from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. For tickets or more information, please contact Lisa Schaller at 718-824-4220 ext. 1052 or email [lschaller@saintraymondacademy.org](mailto:lschaller@saintraymondacademy.org).



## ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS – THE YEAR OF EXCELLENCE

The graduation of the Class of 2013 on May 18, 2013 marked the 50th commencement celebration for St. Raymond High School for Boys. A joyous event, the school community relished our students' successes and accomplishments. One hundred fifty-five graduates walked with pride to receive their diplomas from Monsignor John Graham, Pastor of St. Raymond Parish, and Brother Daniel Gardner, FSC, Principal at St. Raymond High School for Boys.

Most notable of the graduates, John De Jesus-Peralta, Valedic-

torian of the Class of 2013, left St. Raymond High School for Boys with a 4.0 grade point average and an acceptance letter to his new home, Columbia University. John will study Engineering and continue his leadership roles in service, academics and student life.

Following another successful year of 100% graduation of the senior class, St. Raymond boys have been awarded more than \$8 million dollars in financial aid and academic scholarships from the most prestigious colleges and universities in the history of the school.

### DISTINCTIONS AND HONORS

#### **Robert Abad**

The New York City Comptroller  
Achievement Award

#### **Christopher Amoako-Kwaw**

The St. Raymond Alumni Association's  
Joseph McCormack Memorial  
School Spirit Award

#### **Christian Baptiste**

The Mercedes J. Belak Memorial  
Spanish Award

#### **Wilbert Chavez**

The Brother Christopher Foley  
Memorial Art Award

#### **Clavel Coleman**

The New York City Comptroller  
Achievement Award  
The Brother Matthew Moloney  
Perfect Attendance Award

#### **Jesus Diaz**

The Brother George Burke Memorial  
English Award

#### **John DeJesus-Peralta, Valedictorian**

The Brother Frank Byrne  
Class Valedictorian Award  
The Brother Andrew O'Gara  
General Excellence Award  
The Viola and John Doyle Memorial  
Mathematics Award  
The Brother Henry Cullen Memorial  
Social Studies Award  
The Brother Daniel Brenner  
Perfect Attendance Award  
New York State Academic Excellence Award

#### **Kenny Espinal**

The John F. Palisi Good Citizenship Award

#### **Kervin Gonzalez**

The Brother Rene Collado Memorial  
Italian Award

#### **Juan Heredia-Belliard**

The Emily McDonough Perseverance in  
Studies Award

#### **Andre Hussey**

The Brother Eugene O'Gara Memorial Award  
for Religion  
The LaSallian Service to School  
and Community Award  
The Brother Stephen Caplice  
Perfect Attendance Award

#### **Emilio Malave**

The Brother Daniel Gardner Community  
Service Award

#### **Raymond Morales**

The Saint Raymond High School Music Award

#### **Alan Outeiral**

The New York State Comptroller  
Achievement Award

#### **Jose Partida-Flores**

The Brother Raymond Meagher  
Perfect Attendance Award

#### **Jose Perez**

The Ellen C. Picco Memorial Award  
for Business Education

#### **Robin Pirtam**

The Joan O'Connell Dixon Memorial  
Excellence in Studies Award  
The Brother Bernard Quigley Memorial  
Computer Science Award  
New York State Academic Excellence Award

#### **Nicholas Ramgahan**

The Saint Raymond Faculty Commitment to  
Excellence Award

#### **Lorenzo Rojas**

The deLaSalle Strength of Character Award

#### **Alberto Salcedo**

New York State Academic Excellence Award  
The Pete L. Schaut Memorial Commitment to  
Studies and School-Life Award

#### **Andre Stephenson**

The Anne O'Keefe Campus Ministry Award

#### **Leon Sukhram**

The Kathleen Fahey Accounting Award  
New York State Academic Excellence Award

#### **Andre Toribio**

The Anthony Iurilli Perseverance  
in Studies Award

#### **Keene Valle**

The Mario DiStefano  
Perfect Attendance Award

#### **Anderson Vargas**

The New York State Award for Character,  
Courage and Commitment

#### **Roman Velasquez**

The Ronald Patnosh  
Perfect Attendance Award

#### **Sebastian Yumiseba, Salutatorian**

The Reverend Monsignor John Graham  
Class Salutatorian Award  
The Brother Martin Schmidt Memorial  
Founder's Award for Academic Excellence  
The Brother Cajetan Rock Memorial  
Science Award  
New York State Academic Excellence Award

# St. Raymond High School for Boys



## 2013 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR ST. RAYMOND SENIORS

### ANNA MARIA COLLEGE

ALFRED UNIVERSITY

BERKELEY COLLEGE

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

CLARK UNIVERSITY

CLARKSON UNIVERSITY

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. VINCENT

COLLEGE OF WESTCHESTER

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

### CUNY

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BRONX COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND

HOSTOS COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

HUNTER COLLEGE

JOHN JAY COLLEGE

KINGSBOROUGH

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY

COLLEGE

LEHMAN COLLEGE

NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE

OF TECHNOLOGY

QUEENSBOROUGH

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

DOWLING COLLEGE

DREXEL UNIVERSITY

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE  
UNIVERSITY

ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

FASHION INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

IONA COLLEGE

ITHACA COLLEGE

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

JOHN WOOD COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

LASALLE UNIVERSITY

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

LEMOYNE COLLEGE

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

MANHATTAN COLLEGE

MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE

MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE

MERCY COLLEGE

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

MORAVIAN COLLEGE

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

MOUNT IDA COLLEGE

MOUNT ST. MARY COLLEGE

NEWBURY COLLEGE

NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

PACE UNIVERSITY

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

PITZER COLLEGE

POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE  
OF NYU

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC  
INSTITUTE

RIDER UNIVERSITY

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE  
OF TECHNOLOGY

SIENA COLLEGE

ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE

ST. LEO COLLEGE

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE

### SUNY

ALBANY

BINGHAMTON

BUFFALO

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

CANTON

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## ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

### THE RAVENS CELEBRATE IN 2013!

St. Raymond High School for Boys boasts talented student-athletes for the 2012/2013 academic year. Significant highlights of this year's athletic program include:

- Varsity A Basketball WINNER of the 2013 CHSAA Archdiocesan Championship
- Freshman Basketball WINNER of the 2013 CHSAA City Championship
- Varsity Baseball Team WINNER of the 2013 "AA" New York City CHSAA Championship
- Varsity B Basketball 2013 City Championship RUNNER UP
- Varsity Handball 2013 City Championship RUNNER UP
- New York Daily News Coach of the Year WINNER: St. Raymond Head Baseball Coach, Marc DeLuca





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  
JANUARY 26 TO FEBRUARY 1, 2014

**ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

September 20 .....Mass of the Holy Spirit  
October 20.....Parish Reunion Mass/VIP Reception  
December 17-18.....Christmas Show  
March 16 .....St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration  
March 23 .....Parish Art Show  
April 8.....Spring Show for Grades 1-5  
June 2-4 .....Pre-K/Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremonies  
June 11 .....Grade 8 Dinner Dance  
June 13 .....Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Commencement

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**SAINT RAYMOND ACADEMY FOR GIRLS**

September 17 .....Mass of the Holy Spirit  
October 11 .....Open House  
October 19.....4th Annual Fall Benefit, "The Academy Awards"  
November 2.....Alumnae Mass of Remembrance  
February 6.....Open House for Accepted Students  
March 23.....Parish Art Show  
April 5 .....Reunion for Classes Ending in '4' & '9'  
April 11 .....Band Revue  
May 1 .....Annual Fr. John Flynn Rooftop Court Reception  
June 6 .....Graduation

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**ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS**

September 13.....Mass of the Holy Spirit  
September 30.....Alumni Association Golf Outing  
October 20.....Parish Reunion/Open House  
November 16.....Alumni Association Memorial Mass  
November 26.....Mass of Thanksgiving  
January 22.....Winter Open House  
March 13.....Alumni Career Day  
March 23 .....Parish Art Show  
April 10.....De LaSalle Leadership Dinner  
May 16 .....Graduation Mass  
May 17 .....Graduation Ceremony

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## ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KICKS OFF ROOFTOP PLAY AREA FUND

**A**t St. Raymond's, we are committed to helping our children be the best they can be — spiritually, intellectually *and* physically. We recognize that children need fresh air, exercise and space to stretch and play as much as they need spiritual nourishment and intellectual challenge. That's why we've decided to build an outdoor play area on a portion of the Elementary School's rooftop. The tremendous increase in enrollment over the last number of years — an accomplishment that we're very proud of — has resulted in a shortage of outdoor space. This additional space will ensure that all our children have the room to play and exercise, and even to sit quietly, if they choose.

To help defer the costs of this very necessary project, we are kicking off a fundraising drive. Our goal is to raise \$500,000. Giving opportunities exist in a variety of categories.

### LEVELS OF GIVING

<b>Play Area Partners .....</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<i>Naming Opportunity</i>
<b>Friends of the Play Area .....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<i>Naming Opportunity</i>
<b>Children's Helpers .....</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	
<b>Playmates .....</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	
<b>Play Area Supporters .....</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	
<b>Builders Club .....</b>	<b>\$250</b>	

*All gifts will be recognized on a Giving Tree prominently placed on the Rooftop Play Area. Play Area Partners and Friends of the Play Area will also receive name recognition on a piece of playground equipment.*

To make a contribution, mail a check to St. Raymond Elementary School, 2380 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Please add "Rooftop Fund" in the memo line.

**Donations can be made online through our credit card vendor. Go to [www.NYCharities.org/app/straymondelementary](http://www.NYCharities.org/app/straymondelementary).** If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Nole in the Advancement Office at 718-597-3232 x1038 or [nole@straymondelementary.org](mailto:nole@straymondelementary.org).



## SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2013 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL  
ST. RAYMOND PARISH-SCHOOLS REUNION CELEBRATION

ST. RAYMOND ACADEMY FOR GIRLS  
OCTOBER 19 | GALA 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. AT 900 PARK

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH  
OCTOBER 20 | MASS 12:00 NOON

ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS  
OCTOBER 20 | OPEN HOUSE 12:00 – 3:30 P.M.

ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 20 | VIP RECEPTION 1:00 P.M. IN THE AUDITORIUM

KEEP POSTED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.  
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