

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

The Mother Church in the Heart of the Bronx Since 1842

SUMMER / FALL 2015

Dear Friends of St. Raymond Parish,

The summer rest and relaxation are coming to an end and we pray that the coming winter will be mild — with as little snow as possible! Welcome back to the beginning of another year here at the Mother Church of the Bronx!

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese has involved many of the parishes in a program called MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. The purpose of the program is to examine the needs of the local churches; to merge parishes and buildings where necessary; and to use the dwindling number of priests more effectively for the sake of the people. We are blessed that there will be no changes in our parish or our parish structure. We remain the Mother Church of the Bronx and our schools remain parish-based schools. Please continue to support our parish, our schools and our programs with your gifts and with your prayers.



Our schools will open with very healthy enrollment thanks to the work of our principals and their staffs. The Elementary School remains the largest in the Archdiocese with more than 900 students in Pre-K 3 through 8th Grade; our Academy is home to more than 350 young women; and our Boys' High School is proud to call nearly 700 young men RAVENS!

The Pax Christi Sisters administer our religious education program on Sundays for 200 children, as well as religious education programs for teenagers, adults in the RCIA program and Bible study. There is always something going on here — we just seem to run out of space for it all!

We invite you to return to the parish for our ANNUAL PARISH HOMECOMING MASS on Sunday, October 18 at 12 noon. Following the Mass, there will be a VIP Reception in the Elementary School. (See the back cover of the newsletter for more information.) Additionally, on that day, the Boys' High School on Purdy Street will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE; after Mass, you may wish to visit to see the renovations that were made within the last three years. I am sure you will be pleased to come back to St. Raymond Church and to see how many familiar faces return for the Masses. It is a great opportunity to catch up on neighborly news!

Once again, many thanks for your prayers, your gifts and your support of the many wonderful activities here at the parish. Please read the newsletter carefully. We invite you to become an active member of the Mother Church of the Bronx.

Sincerely,

Monsignor John Graham
Pastor

MONSIGNOR JOHN GRAHAM

Pastor, St. Raymond Parish

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Principal, St. Raymond Elementary School

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Principal, St. Raymond High School for Boys

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FATHER ELVIN RIVERA JOINS ST. RAYMOND'S

Welcome to Father Elvin Rivera. The parish is delighted to welcome a newly ordained priest to our staff. Father Rivera was ordained at St. Patrick's Cathedral by Cardinal Dolan on Saturday, May 23, and he was assigned to St. Raymond's on Memorial Day, May 25 — a great blessing for the parish.

Father Rivera, whose parish is Our Lady Queen of Martyrs in Manhattan, comes from a close-knit Dominican family and has three brothers. He will be assisting at St. Raymond's with our schools, our youth program for teenagers, and the usual schedule of Masses, funerals, wakes, weddings and hospital visits. Father Rivera will be very busy and very happy here at the Mother Church of the Bronx. Welcome, Father, and ad multos annos!



CEMETERY NEWS

St. Raymond's Cemetery continues to grow and to expand burial options. We just opened the Mother Teresa of Calcutta section in July; it has space for more than 1,000 double-depth lawn crypts. We will open the Padre Pio section, which has more than 800 double-depth lawn crypts, sometime in the future. Both the Mother Teresa and the Padre Pio sections are located near the Holy Cross burial grounds, which opened in 1997 with 15,000 triple-depth crypts. Some additional burial areas are at the 55-foot-high granite Cross in the Holy Cross section with nearly 90 crypt spaces, and the Old Cemetery.

Another very popular burial option is our Cremation Garden located in the center building at Our Lady of Hope Crypts on Lafayette Avenue. There is a beautiful garden and water fountain in this area — a place to reflect and to renew our faith in the Resurrection as we pray for our beloved deceased.

St. Raymond's Cemetery has been an important part of our parish since 1842, beginning with the original cemetery in front of the church,

then growing to the Old Cemetery on Tremont Avenue, and finally, the New Cemetery on Lafayette Avenue near the Whitestone Bridge.

We anticipate that when our various sections are completely filled, there will be more than 500,000 interments. May they rest in peace!



Photo by Frank Mangual

St. Raymond Elementary School



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2015!

On Friday evening, June 12, 115 eighth graders graduated from St. Raymond Elementary School. Monsignor Graham celebrated Mass for the graduates, their families and friends, faculty and other staff, and guests at St. Raymond Church. The graduation ceremony took place after Mass. This year's Salutatorian was Dahlia Michilena and Valedictorian was Isadora Cheong. In addition to the awarding of diplomas, awards for scholarship and excellence, as well as for subjects, were given out during the ceremony. Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

GRADUATES' HIGH SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Ninety-nine percent of our graduates took the TACHS exam and 100% of them were accepted to Catholic high schools. **The Class of 2015 was awarded more than \$32,000 in scholarships!** Our graduates will be attending the following high schools:

All Hallows High School, Aquinas High School, Cardinal Hayes High School, Cardinal Spellman High School, Monsignor Scanlan High School, Mount St. Michael Academy, Preston High School, Salesian High School, St. Catharine Academy, St. Jean Baptiste High School, St. Raymond Academy for Girls, St. Raymond High School for Boys, St. Vincent Ferrer High School, and Stepinac High School.

Photos by Chad Willems, Dante School Pictures.



AWARDS AND HONORS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Isadora Cheong

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Dahlia Michilena

ST. RAYMOND'S FACULTY AWARD

Alissa Pabon

DE LA SALLE SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Santiago

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD

Erika Graham

ST. CLAUDINE THEVENET AWARD

Candice Maximo

TONNER SCHOLARSHIP

Jesus Dominguez

BRITO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Kiana Cortez-Ruiz

MONSIGNOR GRAHAM SCHOLARSHIP

Ryan DeJesus

Melissa Hernandez

STUART MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

David Salcedo

America Pineda

SONIA MARIA SOTOMAYOR AWARD

Tiffany Reyes

Christy Peguero

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ARCHBISHOP

HUGHES ASSEMBLY 691,

PATRIOTIC SERVICE AWARD

Vincenzo Agovino, Jr.

VELIA WARNER ACADEMIC

EFFORT AWARD

Skye Cruz

Mariana Rodriguez

Yliana Soriano

Daniel Velez

AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN:

RELIGION

Kiana Cortez-Ruiz

READING

Christy Peguero

LANGUAGE ARTS

Grammar: **Shailah Garcia**

Spelling: **Janiece Robles**

Composition: **Dahlia Michilena**

AP MATH

David Salcedo

MATH

Ivy Alcantara

SOCIAL STUDIES

Vincenzo Agovino, Jr.

SCIENCE

Alissa Pabon

AP SCIENCE

Ebonie Love

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Julio Gutierrez

Medals for:

ARTISTIC ABILITY AND CREATIVITY

Isadora Cheong

Devan Ortiz

MUSICAL ABILITY AND TALENT

Haja Jalloh

Lionel Stevens

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Joseph Ferrer

St. Raymond Elementary School

WINTER-SPRING EVENTS

Something Is Always Happening at St. Raymond Elementary School!



Monsignor Graham Celebrates 40 Years as a Priest



Halloween Science Lesson for First Graders



Soldiers Visit Fifth Grade



Colonial Day



5th Annual Parish Art Show



Our Easter Parade



Spring Show Performs Broadway Hits



Our Band Performs at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital Event

Photo courtesy of Westchester Medical Center



Pre-K and Kindergarten Move Up

St. Raymond Elementary School



Making Their First Holy Communion
Photo by Geri Baron



May Crowning of Our Lady



Archbishop Buckle Again Confirmation Celebrant



Petting Zoos Visit Our School



Students Excel in Italian



Ice Cream Social



Culinary Fun at Summer Camp



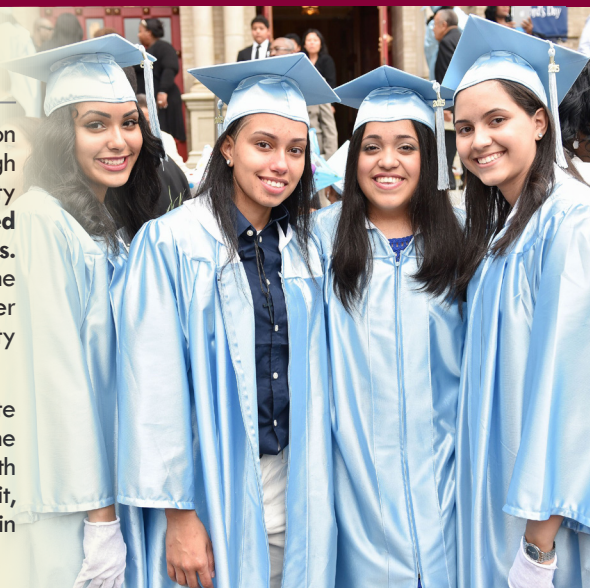
The End of Year Mass

St. Raymond Academy for Girls

PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 2015

On June 5, Saint Raymond Academy for Girls held its graduation for the Class of 2015. Eighty-six young women received their high school diplomas from the Academy before their parents, the faculty and the administration. **Collectively, Academy graduates earned an astounding \$5.5 million dollars in scholarships and grants.** The Class of 2015 college acceptance list was very impressive. One of many highlights: Tishawna Bennett received The Victor L. Ridder Scholarship, which is awarded to students based on their community service, leadership skills and academic performance.

On graduation day, Monsignor Graham gave a moving tribute to the class during his homily and at the end of the ceremony, he asked them to mark their calendars for June 5, 2065 — their 50th reunion! Monsignor reminded the graduates to come back and visit, give advice to their fellow young alumnae and help a student in need. CONGRATULATIONS to the graduates!



AWARDS AND HONORS

Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus W. Tierney Award

VALEDICTORIAN
Ramela Ramnauth

SALUTATORIAN
Ashley Gonzalez Melo

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award
ENGLISH
Lea Benites

Sr. Ann Regina Meehan Award
MATHEMATICS
Jhanivel Jorge

Sr. Marian Jude Byrne Award
SOCIAL STUDIES
Christina Deonarine

Rev. Msgr. Gustav J. Schultheiss Award

SCIENCE
Felicity Muniz

St. Raymond of Nonnatus Award
SPANISH
Stacy DeJesus

Sr. Michaela Connolly Award
MERIT
Genesis Jimenez

Principal's Award
SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL
Gabriela Vasquez Gomez

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: 2011-2015

Tishawna Bennett
Stacy DeJesus
Joselyn Duran
Jada Jones
Teniesea Russell
Alexis Stewart
Alicia Stewart

St. Raymond Academy ALUMNA Award
Jada Jones

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY
ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE
ALBRIGHT COLLEGE
BENEDICT COLLEGE
BERKELEY COLLEGE
BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY
CABRINI COLLEGE
CANISIUS COLLEGE
CAZENOVIA COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. VINCENT
COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE
COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH
COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE
CONCORDIA COLLEGE
COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY
CUNY

BARUCH COLLEGE
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
HUNTER COLLEGE
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
LA GUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEHMAN COLLEGE
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
QUEENS COLLEGE

YORK COLLEGE
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DILLARD UNIVERSITY
DOMINICAN COLLEGE
ELMIRA COLLEGE
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
HARTWICK COLLEGE
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE OF CULINARY EDUCATION
IONA COLLEGE
JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY
LE MOYNE COLLEGE
LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
MANHATTAN COLLEGE
MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE
MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE
MEDAILLE COLLEGE
MERCY COLLEGE
MONROE COLLEGE
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
MOUNT ST. MARY COLLEGE
MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY
PACE UNIVERSITY
PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA
MADRE Y MAESTRA
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
RIDER UNIVERSITY
ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE
SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
SAGE COLLEGE OF ALBANY
SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY
SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
SIMMONS COLLEGE
ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
SUNY
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY
BUFFALO STATE
BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DELHI UNIVERSITY
FREDONIA
JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE
NEW PALTZ
OLD WESTBURY
OSWEGO

PLATTSBURGH
PURCHASE COLLEGE
ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY
THE COLLEGE OF WESTCHESTER
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT
UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA
UTICA COLLEGE
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
WESLEY COLLEGE

St. Raymond Academy for Girls

A COMMUNITY OF COMMITMENT, FAITH, RESPECT AND LEARNING

*Cheerfulness prepares a glorious mind for
all the noblest acts.*

— Elizabeth Ann Seton

The first faculty meeting of the school year started with this prayer:

O God, Spirit of all that is good, you gather us together
in a faith journey.

Trusting in you, we join one another as a community.
A community of faith on a journey, a journey of growth
and service.

Along the way remind us of your love for us; of your
desire to share in your mission;

For it is, filled with your spirit, that we will be a blessing.
Amen.



The faculty of St. Raymond's wanted the year to be filled with energy, spirit, love and a strong sense of community. They knew that if they conveyed those messages to the students, they would follow by example and those qualities would be brought out in each of them. Another important goal for this year was to make all students feel special and bring out their best qualities. Celebrating a student from each class year for different reasons every month was a perfect example. Another example of bringing out the best in our students was this year's first SRA Fashion & Talent Show. It was a huge success with more than 300 guests; students performed and the girls modeled dresses made out of recycled materials!

SRA is a second home to so many, and while it is known that young women are here to learn and prepare for college, there is so much more! Students and faculty are proud to be part of the SRA community, which is why they continue to support SRA in so many ways. We thank all of our alumnae, benefactors and friends for your continued support. It's because of you that we can continue to provide a Catholic education to more than 350 students. The gift of Catholic education is truly the gift of a lifetime.



Save the Date

NOVEMBER 7, 2015
SIXTH ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT

This year, the Academy will honor the Class of 1966, who are celebrating their 50th Reunion; Marie Nangle, faculty member; the Clergy of St. Raymond's Parish Past and Present, Represented by Monsignor John Graham; Geri Sciortino of The Bronx Design Group; Marianne Burns-Meenan '74; Vivian Coffield Quinones '90; and Heydi Oyuela '05. The event will be held at The Marina Del Rey from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For tickets or more information,
please contact Lisa Schaller at
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lschaller@saintraymondacademy.org.



St. Raymond High School for Boys



THE CLASS OF 2015

St. Raymond High School for Boys has concluded another successful year of academic achievement, athletic feats, college acceptances and more. One hundred percent of the Class of 2015 received their diplomas. Having participated in both the Graduation Mass and the Graduation ceremony on May 15 and 16, respectively, our graduates are fully equipped and ready to move the world with their talents and ambitions.

SRHS applauds this year's outstanding Valedictorian and Salutatorian, top-tier students who have excelled academically during their four years at St. Raymond — Valedictorian Marc Adorno, who will attend The Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University in New York City, and Salutatorian Michael Santana,

who will attend Fairfield University in Connecticut on a full-tuition scholarship. Marc attributes St. Raymond as the breakthrough he needed to become a young man who is passionate about helping others, excited to explore the world, and prepared to take on top-tier academics. Michael, who will major in Business, plans to immerse himself in the college experience and get involved with as many activities and organizations as possible. He would like to continue his Lasallian mission work with underserved communities in Connecticut. His dream is to earn a Master's degree in Business and work for a Fortune 500 company. We are certain they will continue the legacy that is St. Raymond High School for Boys and are proud of their four years at our school.

In addition to our top academic achievers, SRHS is excited to recognize special awards for the rest of the Class of 2015:

Gerardo Ramos

The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
The St. Raymond Alumni Association's Joseph McCormack Memorial School Spirit Award

Michael Santana

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

Miguel Santiago

New York State Academic Excellence Award

Jonathan Santos

New York State Academic Excellence Award
The St. LaSalle Award for Good Character

Dondre Smith

The Brother Daniel Gardner Community Service Award

Javier Socastro

The Anthony Iurilli Perseverance in Studies Award

Felix Encarnacion

The Mercedes J. Belak Spanish Award

Mark Farfan

The Brother Daniel Brenner Perfect Attendance Award

Anthony Faustin

The Brother George Burke Memorial English Award
New York State Academic Excellence Award
The De LaSalle Strength of Character Award
The Brother Eugene O'Gara Memorial Award for Religion
The Brother Patrick Bradley Perfect Attendance Award

Jason Fermin

The Brother Rene Collado Memorial Italian Award

Omar Gomez

The Emily McDonough Perseverance in Studies Award

Kenneth Henriquez

The Ellen C. Picco Memorial Award for Business Education

Xavier Jean

The Brother Frank Byrne Perfect Attendance Award

Cesar Lagares

The Anne O'Keefe Campus Ministry Award

Daniel Moloney

The Brother Bernard Quigley Memorial Computer Science Award

Brandon Murati

The Ronald Patnosh Memorial Perfect Attendance Award

Jared Nieves

The Pete L. Schaut Memorial Commitment to Studies and School Life Award

Christopher Ramos

The Kathleen Fahey Accounting Award

Marc Adorno

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 Stephen Caplice Perfect Attendance Award
New York State Academic Excellence Award

Clinton Akwatu

The Brother Matthew Moloney Perfect Attendance Award

Joseph Alonzo

The St. Raymond High School Music Award

Ginikanwa Amaefule

The Saint Raymond Faculty Commitment to Excellence Award
The Brother Raymond Meagher Perfect Attendance Award

Elvin Bueno

The Joan O'Connell Dixon Memorial Excellence in Studies Award

Ronny Chavez

The LaSallian Service to School and Community Award

Brandon Colon

The John F. Palisi Good Citizenship Award

Corey Cush

The Brother Matthew Shanley Perfect Attendance Award

Dionys DeLeon

The Brother Christopher Foley Memorial Art Award

Adrian Drysdale

The Brother Henry Cullen Memorial Social Studies Award
The New York State Award for Character, Courage and Commitment
The Brother Martin Schmidt Perfect Attendance Award

Clifford Emanuel

The Brother Cajetan Rock Memorial Science Award
New York State Academic Excellence Award

We are blessed to continue to grow our alumni network with the outstanding members of the Class of 2015!

St. Raymond High School for Boys



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

BATES COLLEGE
CHIPOLA JUNIOR COLLEGE
COCHISE JUNIOR COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF MOUNT SAINT VINCENT
CUNY

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COLLEGE
YORK COLLEGE

CURRY COLLEGE
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE
DOMINICAN COLLEGE OF BLAUVELT
DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ELMIRA COLLEGE
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
FULTON-MONTGOMERY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GOLDEY-BEACOM COLLEGE
GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE
HERZING COLLEGE
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY
IONA COLLEGE
JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY
KEYSTONE COLLEGE
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY BROOKLYN
MANHATTAN COLLEGE
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE
OF ART AND DESIGN
MONROE COLLEGE
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE
PHILLIPS BETH ISRAEL SCHOOL OF NURSING
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
SAGE COLLEGE OF ALBANY
SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE
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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TECHNICAL CAREER INSTITUTES
THE COLLEGE OF WESTCHESTER
TOMPKINS CORTLAND COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
VAUGHN COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS
AND TECHNOLOGY



Thank You for Supporting Our Schools

ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Raymond Elementary School offers our students a solid Catholic education — a strong academic program immersed in the Catholic faith and a broad array of extracurricular activities, in a safe, supportive and loving environment. We provide excellent value for a reasonable tuition. Sadly, many families are unable to send their children here because they can't afford the tuition. Others send them, only to have to leave when they can no longer keep up with the payments. We do provide scholarships for some students on an as needed basis but they aren't sufficient to keep up with the demand. To address the need for tuition assistance, we have formed the St. Raymond Elementary School Financial Assistance Fund. Through your generosity, you can give our current students the opportunity to remain in our school and incoming students the chance to join our school community.

For our alumni, here is a chance to give back to the school that gave you so much. Consider making a donation on your own or joining with your classmates to give a one-year scholarship in honor of your graduation year.

Catholic education lasts forever. Won't you help provide our students with a lifelong gift?

To make a contribution, mail a check to
St. Raymond Elementary School, Attn: Advancement Office
2380 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462.

Please put "Financial Assistance Fund" in the memo line.

Donations can be made online through our credit card vendor. Go to www.NYCharities.org/app/straymondelementary/faf.
If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Nole in the Advancement Office, 718-597-3232 x2232.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND LEVELS OF GIVING

Catholic Educator	\$3,600*
(one year's tuition)	
Catholic Leader	\$1,800
(half-year's tuition)	
Catholic Supporter	\$900
(quarter-year's tuition)	
Catholic Booster	\$360
(one month's tuition)	

*All tuition figures are for the parishioner rate for Kindergarten through Grade 8. Pre-K and non-parishioner rates are higher. Individuals seeking financial assistance will be required to complete a financial assistance form.

ST. RAYMOND ACADEMY FOR GIRLS



Please consider contributing to the Saint Raymond Academy Fund.

Your gift ensures current students access to scholarships, necessary programs, and improved facilities to enable them to compete for spots in the top colleges and universities. The rewards of giving back are limitless.

To make a donation, please mail checks to

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1725 Castle Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462

or visit

www.saintraymondacademy.org
to donate online.

ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Purpose. Pride. Passion for education.

St. Raymond High School for Boys provides a quality Catholic education for low-income families in the New York City metro area. We take pride in making our Catholic educational experience affordable for our students and their families. Our goal is to improve enrollment for years to come, and with the support of our generous alumni, benefactors, donors, and foundations — we can! As a result, St. Raymond High School is embarking on the following initiatives for the 2015-2016 school year:



- Creation of a designated \$30,000 Academic Scholarship Fund for incoming freshman
- Creation of a designated \$30,000 Tuition Assistance Fund for current students
- Creation of a \$30,000 Athletic Advancement and Facilities Fund

Your support is needed now more than ever. Join our movement to continue to offer students in the Bronx an institution that makes a difference, a place where they can thrive, and the financial backing to do so!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 6, 2016

ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 12.....	Jazz at St. Ray's Concert
September 23.....	Mass of the Holy Spirit
October 18.....	Parish Reunion Mass/VIP Reception
December 15-16.....	Christmas Show
March 13.....	St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration
April 10.....	Parish Art Show
April 25.....	Spring Show for Grades 1-5
May 31.....	Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremonies
June 1-2.....	Pre-K Moving Up Ceremonies
June 8.....	Grade 8 Dinner Dance
June 10.....	Grade 8 Graduation Mass and Commencement

Contact Elaine Nole at 718-597-3232 x2232 or
nole@straymondelementary.org for more information.

ST. RAYMOND ACADEMY FOR GIRLS

October 16.....	Open House
November 7.....	6th Annual Fall Benefit
January 7.....	Young Alumnae Event
February 26.....	2nd Annual SRA Fashion & Talent Show
April 8.....	International Night
April 10.....	Parish Art Show
April 22.....	Band Revue
April 23.....	Reunion Luncheon & Volleyball Game
May 12.....	4th Annual Fr. John Flynn Rooftop Court Cocktail Reception
June 2.....	Graduation Mass
June 3.....	Graduation

Contact Lisa Schaller at 718-824-4220 ext. 1052 or
lschaller@saintraymondacademy.org for more information.

ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

September 18.....	Mass of the Holy Spirit
October 5.....	Alumni Association Golf Outing
October 18.....	Parish Reunion Mass/Open House
January 20.....	Winter Open House
March 3.....	Alumni Career Day
April 10.....	Parish Art Show
April 20.....	Blood Drive
April 21.....	De LaSalle Leadership Dinner
May 20.....	Graduation Mass
May 21.....	Graduation Ceremony

Contact at Christina DeCrescenzo at 718-824-5050 x140 or
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

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

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MASS 12:00 NOON

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