

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

The Mother Church in the Heart of the Bronx Since 1842

SUMMER / FALL 2016

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Raymond,

Once again, it was a very good year for the “Mother Church of the Bronx” and all its wonderful people and parts! Our parish schools continued to thrive with solid enrollments in September (the Elementary School with nearly 900 students; the Girls’ Academy with 348 students and the Boys’ High School with 600 students). We are proud of our schools and we are thankful that we can offer our families the lowest tuitions in the metropolitan area. Our religious education program under the direction of the Pax Christi Sisters enrolled nearly 200 children and teenagers for the year and there were 20 adults who participated in our RCIA program for the sacraments.

In the spring, more than 100 students received First Penance and Holy Communion; 96 students were confirmed from our elementary school, CCD and high school programs. A very interesting and successful outreach to adults who are married civilly but not through the Church has been initiated here in the parish. This year, 15 couples celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony — some after many years of marriage! I think Pope Francis would be very pleased with our efforts!

In May, we welcomed another priest from the Archdiocese of Ghana to our staff — Father Patrick Agbeko. The priests from Ghana have been serving here at the parish for the past 10 years and all of them have done exceptional work in the church, the schools and the cemetery. We have been blessed with these wonderful priests and we hope that Father Patrick will be with us for three years or so.

Very briefly, those are some of the highlights of the parish. Work is beginning for the 175th Anniversary of the Parish. Different committees will be forming under the direction of the Parish Council and specific events will be taking shape in the near future. We hope to officially begin our 175th celebrations in January 2017 and Cardinal Dolan will be with us for an Anniversary Mass on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., so mark your 2017 calendar! God has blessed the parish and people of St. Raymond in so many ways. Please continue your prayers and your involvement in “the Mother Church.” All are welcome.

One last item. Shortly before we went to press, I was called by Cardinal Dolan who transferred me to the parish of St. Frances de Chantal in the Throggs Neck section of the Bronx. This parish has been without a pastor for nearly one year and the Cardinal was eager to appoint a new pastor as a new school year begins. I had thought that I would complete another year at St. Raymond’s but — as we all know — life sometimes has new adventures. My 12 years at St. Raymond’s were terrific as well as challenging and I ask your prayers as I begin a new assignment. I will miss St. Raymond’s Parish very much but I am pleased to announce that Father James Cruz will be arriving as the new pastor. He served here as a newly ordained priest from 2005 to 2008. He is young, a hard worker, bilingual, a graduate of the Boys’ High School, dedicated to Catholic education and all that a parish and cemetery involve. I know he will do a fine, fine job as the new pastor. Thank you for all your loyal support. Let us remember each other in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Monsignor John Graham



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

Cardinal Dolan asked St. Raymond's Parish to inaugurate the YEAR OF MERCY for the Bronx in February and we hosted a bilingual afternoon of conferences, witness talks, confessions and Mass. The Cardinal, who was the main speaker, heard confessions, celebrated the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and remained for two hours at a parish reception in the gym. Several of our parish societies hosted afternoons of recollection for the Year of Mercy and during the Advent and Lenten seasons. The months of October and May saw the "living rosary" celebrated in our church and on our property outside. In May, there was a Corpus Christi Procession around the church concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

During the month of April, our three schools hosted the 6th Annual Parish Art Show featuring the terrific talents of our elementary school students and high school ladies and gentlemen. What they are able to accomplish and to display is truly amazing. Congratulations to all of them, as well as to the Fine Arts teachers.

Our RCIA program welcomed into full initiation to the Catholic Church 22 adults who spent the year in class and in prayer before receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Not only were they so happy but our packed church welcomed them into the faith at the Vigil Service. It was beautiful.

What happens when you are more than 100 years old? You have to check out things! And so, we are checking to be sure that the exterior of the church building (1903) is free of leaks. We're having the building pointed, re-caulked and power washed after 100 years of wear and tear. We're replacing bricks and making repairs to the church towers. The job should be completed by the end of September — and we will be good for another 100 years!

FR. PATRICK AGBEKO JOINS ST. RAYMOND'S



Father Patrick Agbeko joined St. Raymond's at the end of May. A native of Ghana, Father Patrick was ordained six years ago at Holy Spirit Cathedral in Accra by Archbishop Charles Palmer-Buckle. This is Father Patrick's first trip to the United States and St. Raymond's is his first American parish. Father Patrick will be saying Mass and hearing confession, as well as the other sacraments, and he will be helping with the schools. The youngest in his family, Father Patrick leaves behind his mother, two sisters and two brothers, and nieces and nephews in Ghana. Of joining St. Raymond's, he says, "I feel great. I like the people, the parish. I love the schools. The priests I work with are so helpful. I love family. St. Raymond's is my home and my family in the United States." Welcome to St. Raymond's, Father Patrick. We are happy you came to us and wish you much happiness and fulfillment.

CEMETERY NEWS

Work has been completed on two new sections in the new Cemetery. We have opened a section dedicated to Padre Pio and another to Mother Teresa, who was recently canonized. Both sections have beautiful statues of these recent saints of the Church and areas for sitting, praying and meditating. Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating our All Souls Mass on November 2, 2016 and he will bless these two new additions to our parish Cemetery. All are invited to attend the Mass under the tent located at the St. Francis Mausoleum. You are also invited to visit and to receive information about purchasing a grave plot in either of these new sections. We are grateful to Frank Mangual for his leadership in completing these wonderful cemetery additions and to his predecessor John Griffin for starting the projects.

St. Raymond Elementary School



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016!

On Friday evening, June 10, 94 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 Jeanae Escobar and Valedictorian was Anjali Franklyn. 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 2016!

GRADUATES' HIGH SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Ninety-nine percent of our graduates took the TACHS exam and 99% of them were accepted to Catholic high schools. **The Class of 2016 was awarded more than \$75,000 in scholarships!** Our graduates will be attending the following Catholic high schools:

All Hallows High School, Aquinas High School, Cardinal Hayes High School, Cardinal Spellman High School, Cathedral High School, Fordham Prep, Monsignor Scanlan High School, Mount St. Michael Academy, Preston High School, Sacred Heart High School, St. Catharine Academy, St. Jean Baptiste High School, St. Raymond Academy for Girls, St. Raymond High School for Boys, and Xavier High School.

Several graduates will be attending the following public high schools: Knowledge and Power Prep Academy International High School, Manhattan Early College School for Advertising, Bronx Academy for Software Engineering, Beacon High School, Manhattan Village Academy, New Rochelle High School, South Bronx Community Charter High School, Bergenfield High School, Harry S. Truman High School, and New York City Charter High School for Architecture, Engineering, and Construction Industries.

AWARDS AND HONORS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Anjali Franklyn

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Jeanae Escobar

ST. RAYMOND'S FACULTY AWARD

Nagely Aracena

DE LA SALLE SCHOLARSHIP

Michael Feliciano

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARD

Kathleen Benitez

ST. CLAUDINE THEVENET AWARD

Adrianna Rodriguez

TONNER SCHOLARSHIP

Brandon Conde

BRITO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Jaaliyah DeBouse

STUART MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jordan Christopher

Shane Guerrero

SONIA MARIA SOTOMAYOR AWARD

Allison Melendez

KayCee Santiago

PADULA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

James Fitzgerald

Angelis Rawls

VELIA WARNER ACADEMIC EFFORT AWARD

Del'Ron Card

Jaden Colon

Brianna Nieves

Skye Parillon

AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN:

RELIGION

Jaaliyah DeBouse

READING

Gisela Soto

LANGUAGE ARTS

Grammar: **Onesimus Opoku**

Spelling: **Rabiat Giram**

Composition: **Angelis Rawls**

AP MATH

Anjali Franklyn

MATH

Nagely Aracena

SOCIAL STUDIES

Gabriela Oller

SCIENCE

Adrianna Rodriguez

AP SCIENCE

Jeanae Escobar

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Chad Ewart

Medals for:

ARTISTIC ABILITY AND CREATIVITY

KayCee Santiago

MUSICAL ABILITY AND TALENT

Gabriela Oller

Melody Santos

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ashley Guaman-Acero

St. Raymond Elementary School

WINTER-SPRING EVENTS

Something Is Always Happening at St. Raymond Elementary School!



4th Grade Girls in Pilgrim Hats



Feeding Our Neighbors Food Drive



Catholic Schools Week
FDNY Mass of Appreciation



Science Fair



Pediatric Dentist Dr. Daniel Nyer
Visits Kindergarten



Turner Syndrome Assembly -
Jenna Hernandez & Barbara Barbarite



Pre-K3 Celebrates Dr. Seuss's Birthday



McLean Avenue Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade



Spring Show - Elvis Sings

St. Raymond Elementary School



First Communion



Visiting Oceanographer and Students at Career Day



May Crowning



*Confirmation Celebrant
Archbishop Charles Palmer-Buckle*



Support Our Troops Fundraiser



*After-School Program Baking
with Chef Jude*



Moving Up Ceremony



Msgr. Graham's Homily at the End of Year Mass



Ice Cream Social



Coccia Italian Award-Winning Students and Their Teacher

St. Raymond Academy for Girls



PRESENTING THE CLASS OF 2016

The Class of 2016 held its graduation on June 3, 2016. Eighty-one young women received their high school diplomas from the Academy before their parents, the faculty and the administration. **Collectively, Academy graduates earned an astounding \$6 million in scholarships and grants.** The Class of 2016 college acceptance list was very impressive. Some highlights: Jarinelva Garcia received The St. Raymond Academy Alumna Award and will be heading to NYU in the fall; and Emely Camilo was selected by Student Sponsor Partners to attend the third annual National College Signing Day hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama. Emely is set to attend Fordham University this fall.

At the Graduation Mass, Monsignor Graham gave a moving tribute to the class during his homily. He asked them to mark their calendars to June 3, 2066 — their 50th Reunion and told them 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
Mariel Ozoria

SALUTATORIAN
Magdalin Pena

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award
ENGLISH
Ciera Gomez

Sr. Ann Regina Meehan Award
MATHEMATICS
Berllelin Luciano

Sr. Marian Jude Byrne Award
SOCIAL STUDIES
Emely Camilo

Rev. Msgr. Gustav J. Schultheiss Award
SCIENCE
Janelly Rodriguez

St. Raymond of Nonnatus Award
SPANISH
Jasmin Huerta

Sr. Michaela Connolly Award
MERIT
Deanna Garcia
Devi Motieram

Principal's Award
SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL
Emerli Rodriguez

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: 2012-2016
Deanna Garcia
Jasmin Huerta
Chelsea Maestre
Mariel Ozoria

St. Raymond Academy ALUMNA Award
Jarinelva Garcia

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY
ASSUMPTION COLLEGE
AVEDA INSTITUTE
BERKELEY COLLEGE
BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE
CEDAR CREST COLLEGE
CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. VINCENT
COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE
COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE
COLLEGE OF WESTCHESTER
CONNECTICUT COLLEGE
CUNY
BARUCH COLLEGE
BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HUNTER COLLEGE
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEHMAN COLLEGE

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE
QUEENS COLLEGE
QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
YORK COLLEGE
DAEMEN COLLEGE
DEAN COLLEGE
DOMINICAN COLLEGE
ELMIRA COLLEGE
EMMANUEL COLLEGE
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
GANNON UNIVERSITY
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
HAMPTON UNIVERSITY
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
IONA COLLEGE
JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY
LA SALLE UNIVERSITY
LE MOYNE COLLEGE

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
MANHATTAN COLLEGE
MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE
MARYMOUNT MANHATTAN COLLEGE
MERCY COLLEGE
MONROE COLLEGE
MOUNT IDA COLLEGE
MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE
NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
PACE UNIVERSITY
SIENA COLLEGE
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE
SUNY
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY
BUFFALO STATE
CANTON
COBLESKILL
COLLEGE AT BROCKPORT
DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

FREDONIA
NEW PALTZ
OLD WESTBURY
ONEONTA
OSWEGO
PLATTSBURGH
POTSDAM
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
UTICA COLLEGE
VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY
WEBSTER UNIVERSITY

St. Raymond Academy for Girls

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and for the world. – Pope Francis

At the beginning of every school year, the goal is to start with energy, joy and faith, and for all to feel like SRA is a place to learn, build friendships, foster community, and be accepted and appreciated. This September began like all others. Excitement was in the air but what made this year different from the others was that Pope Francis was coming to New York. Listening to him make mesmerizing speeches about love and family was a perfect beginning for all of us at SRA.

Please take a moment to view the pictures below to get a glimpse of the wonderful things that have taken place throughout the 2015-2016 school year. The gift of Catholic education is truly the gift of a lifetime.



Save the Date

**NOVEMBER 5, 2016
SEVENTH ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT**

This year, the Academy will honor the Class of 1967, who are celebrating their 50th Reunion; Sr. Mary Ann D'Antonio, S.C., Principal at the Academy; Grace Corcoran '82; Anne Marie Donilin '76; Mary Anne McNally '77; Talissa Rodriguez '08; and *in memoriam* Regina Mahoney '77. 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 718-824-4220 ext. 1052 or email lschaller@saintraymondacademy.org.



St. Raymond High School for Boys



INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2016

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 2016 received their diplomas. Having participated in both the Graduation Mass and the Graduation ceremony on May 20 and 21, 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 Erik Tello will be attending St. John's University in the fall with a major in Illustration and a minor in Creative Writing. He intends to become a graphic novelist

and to share his stories with the world. Erik attributes his greatest accomplishments of becoming a refined artist, scholar and young man to St. Raymond High School for Boys. He leaves St. Raymond with four years of straight A's and a passion for life that is truly second to none.

Salutatorian David Morales will be attending SUNY University at Buffalo with a major in Mechanical Engineering. For the past two years, David was enrolled in the ACE Mentor Program for architecture, construction and engineering in the greater New York City chapter. While there, his passion for the industry flourished, immersing him in opportunities far beyond his expectations. He plans on taking those skills to college with him and becoming a craftsman of technology to help change the world.

In addition to our top academic achievers, SRHS is excited to recognize special awards for the rest of the Class of 2016:

Joseph Agramonte

New York State Academic Excellence Award
The New York State Award for Character,
Courage and Commitment

Ricardo Alvear

The Joan O'Connell Dixon Memorial
Excellence in Studies Award
The Viola and John Doyle Memorial
Mathematics Award
New York State Academic Excellence Award

Onyekachi Amaefule

The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award

Khemar Cohen

The Brother Bernard Quigley Memorial Computer
Science Award

Joshua Colon

The New York State Award for
Character, Courage and Commitment

Adrian Diaz

The Brother Cajetan Rock Memorial Science Award
The St. Raymond High School Music Award

Jonathan Espinoza

The Saint Raymond Faculty
Commitment to Excellence Award

Daniel Garcia

The New York State Comptroller Achievement Award
The Brother Eugene O'Gara Memorial
Award for Religion

Veton Gjonbalaj

The Brother Henry Cullen Memorial
Social Studies Award
New York State Academic Excellence Award

Christopher Herallal

The St. LaSalle Award for Good Character

Foster Hoxha

The Brother George Burke Memorial English Award
The Brother Rene Collada Memorial Italian Award

Matthew McKay

The De LaSalle Strength of Character Award

Armando Mieses

The LaSallian Service to School
and Community Award

Alexander Morales

The Ellen C. Picco Memorial Award for
Business Education

David Morales

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
The Brother Daniel Gardner Community
Service Award

Claudio Nmezi

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

Peter Nyarko

The Anthony Iurilli Perseverance in Studies Award

Francis Reynon

The Brother Christopher Foley Memorial Art Award
The Brother Matthew Shanley Perfect
Attendance Award

Kamron Sanabria

The Kathleen Fahey Accounting Award
The John F. Palisi Good Citizenship Award

Erik Tello

The Brother Frank Byrne Class Valedictorian Award
The Brother Andrew O'Gara
General Excellence Award
New York State Academic Excellence Award
The Mercedes J. Belak Spanish Award

Paul Thomas

The Anne O'Keefe Campus Ministry Award
The St. Raymond Alumni Association's
Joseph McCormack Memorial School Spirit Award

Jorge Yumiseba

The Emily McDonough Perseverance in Studies Award

St. Raymond High School for Boys



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The Class of 2016 received more than \$8 million in scholarships to post-secondary institutions and have been accepted at the following colleges and universities:

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY
ALBRIGHT COLLEGE
BACONE COLLEGE
BARD COLLEGE
BARRY UNIVERSITY
BERKELEY COLLEGE
CANISIUS COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF MOUNT SAINT VINCENT
COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE
COLLEGE OF WESTCHESTER
CUNY
 BARUCH COLLEGE
 CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK
 COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
 GUTTMAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 HOSTOS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 HUNTER COLLEGE
 JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
 KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 LEHMAN COLLEGE
 MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE
 NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
 QUEENS COLLEGE
 QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DOMINICAN COLLEGE
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
FELICIAN COLLEGE
FIVE TOWNS COLLEGE
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

GOLDEY-BEACOM COLLEGE
HIGH POINT COLLEGE
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
IONA COLLEGE
JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY
JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY
LASALLE UNIVERSITY
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
MANHATTAN COLLEGE
MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE
MARIST COLLEGE
MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
MERCY COLLEGE
MONROE COLLEGE
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE
NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE
NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PACE UNIVERSITY
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
SIENA COLLEGE
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
ST. PETER'S UNIVERSITY
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE
STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
STEVENSON UNIVERSITY
SUNY

ALBANY
ALFRED STATE COLLEGE
BINGHAMTON
BROCKPORT
BUFFALO STATE
CORTLAND
DELHI
DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE
HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MORRISVILLE STATE COLLEGE
ONEONTA
OSWEGO
PLATTSBURGH
POTSDAM
PURCHASE COLLEGE
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY
TOMPKINS CORTLAND
 COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
THE SAGE COLLEGES
UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT
UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
UTICA COLLEGE

Thank You for Supporting Our Schools

ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER

For the past couple of years, we have written about our Financial Assistance Fund in this and other publications. We've reached out to you because many of our parents and prospective parents need help paying their children's tuition. Our tuition remains one of the lowest in the area; yet many parents struggle to pay it. "Without a scholarship," said one of our parents, "I could not send my daughter to a good school. She received the best education at St. Raymond. Without the scholarship, I couldn't afford to send her here. I am so grateful." But the scholarships we provide can't keep up with the demand.

Can you help? If you and your siblings graduated from St. Raymond, can you pool your resources to donate a scholarship in your family's name? Can you and your alumni friends commit to a group goal of raising \$4,000* to pay for one year's tuition for one student in the upcoming academic year? We realize that some may only be able to donate a small amount but perhaps there might be others who can make up the difference. On the right are suggested giving levels. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Every donation helps toward providing the lifelong gift of a St. Raymond Elementary School Catholic education.

LEVELS OF GIVING

Catholic Educator	\$3,780 (one year's tuition)
Catholic Leader	\$1,890 (half-year's tuition)
Catholic Supporter	\$945 (quarter-year's tuition)
Catholic Booster	\$378 (one month's tuition)

*All tuition figures are for the 2016-2017 parishioner rate for Kindergarten through Grade 8. The non-parishioner rate is \$4,450 so we're using \$4,000 as an approximate average. w







To make a contribution, mail a check to St. Raymond Elementary School,
Attention: 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.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

When you are looking for ways to help St. Raymond High School for Boys remain at the forefront of education, at one of the lowest tuitions in New York City, you should feel certain that your contribution is going towards the greater good for our young men. Choose from an option here and know you are aiding a cause in need!

-  **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2016/2017 STUDENT TUITION: \$7,000 PER STUDENT**
-  **ROBOTICS FOR RAVENS COST TO JUMP-START NEW PROGRAM AT SRHS, \$5,000**
-  **2ND SCORE BOARD FOR OUR WINNING BASKETBALL TEAMS: \$13,000**
-  **SCHOOL BUS: \$40,000 TO ENHANCE ADMISSIONS APPEAL FOR WESTCHESTER STUDENTS**
-  **CHROMEBOOKS: COST TO INITIATE DIGITAL AND TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN CURRICULUM- \$400 PER STUDENT, PER YEAR**
-  **STUDENT INTERNSHIPS PRICELESS!**

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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or visit
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to donate online.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 4, 2017

ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 22	Mass of the Holy Spirit
September 24	Alumni Reunion
October 16	Parish Reunion Mass/VIP Reception
December 13-14	Christmas Show
March 19	St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration
March 26	Parish Art Show
April 4	Spring Show for Grades 1-5
May 31	Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony
May 31	UPK Parent Involvement Day
June 1	Pre-K3 Moving Up Ceremony
June 7	Grade 8 Dinner Dance
June 9	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 14	Open House
November 5	7th Annual Fall Benefit
February 24	International Night
March 10	Fashion & Talent Show
March 26	Parish Art Show
April 7	Band Revue
April 29	Academy Reunion
May	Fr. Flynn Walkathon
June 1	Graduation Mass
June 2	Graduation

Contact Lisa Schaller at 718-824-4220 x1052 or
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ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

September 19	College and Career Fair
September 26	20th Anniversary Golf Outing
October 16	Fall Open House
November 13	St. Raymond Memorial Alumni Mass
January 18	Winter Open House
March 2	Alumni Career Day
March 22	Blood Drive
March 26	Parish Art Show
April 6	De LaSalle Leadership Fundraising Dinner
May 19	Graduation Mass
May 20	Graduation

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2016

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ST. RAYMOND PARISH-SCHOOLS REUNION CELEBRATION

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

MASS 12:00 NOON

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OPEN HOUSE 12:00 - 3:30 P.M.

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OPEN HOUSE 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

SEVENTH ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT 12 NOON AT MARINA DEL REY