

## Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,  
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM  
Saturday 8:45 AM

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

## A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, August 13, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

-Matthew 14:28



August 13th

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

### Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;  
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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

**Holy Communion**—Available to the homebound;  
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### Devotions

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

### Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

### Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

### Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

### Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

### Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

### Prayer Groups

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

**Men's Prayer Group:** Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

### Music Ministries

**Choir (Adult):** Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

**Folk Group:** Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano

## ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### **Mass Schedule:**

**Monday 8/14**

**7:00pm Rosary**

**7:30pm Mass**

**Tuesday 8/15**

**7:15am Mass**

**8:45am Mass**

**12:15pm Mass**

**7:30pm Mass**

## The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

**Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis**  
**from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome**

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

**St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY**

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

**St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY**

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



***Always keep our  
Service Men & Women  
in your prayers ...***

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Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

***Please remember to pray for our  
wounded soldiers.***

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** The readings this weekend try to focus us on hearing God's presence in our lives, even with all the hustle and bustle that goes on. What do we listen for? How will God communicate with us? In the first reading from 1 Kings, the prophet Elijah is sent on a journey where he is to listen for the Lord. He doesn't hear him in the wind, an earthquake or in fire. Only when there was a tiny whispering sound did Elijah know it was God. **"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave."** Then in Romans, Paul laments the fact that so many of his own people have not accepted Jesus even though their own tradition leads right up to him. **"Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart."** And finally, Matthew's gospel depicts the time when Jesus walked on the water and Peter responded by doubting. As he also walks on the water at Jesus' command, he loses his focus and begins to sink. Then Jesus reaches out his hand and pulls Peter up. The point is that Peter should never have gotten out of the boat and challenged Jesus' power. He should have kept his focus on Jesus both in and out of the boat. **"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

Prayer is part of the lives of all Catholic Christians, but our expectations may vary from person to person. We have communal prayer like when we are at Mass and then we also have private prayer. We encounter God in both, but what are our expectations? How do we listen to God's voice in both types of settings? Listening for God's voice and presence in our lives has always been a mystery. Maybe we have forgotten how to listen, or we aren't hearing correctly. The example of Elijah shows us that we need to embrace silence, no matter how busy we are. Our spiritual growth requires a quiet place. Life's problems and challenges seem insurmountable enough. Quietening down is important, and we need to make it happen in our daily lives. When you make an appointment with a doctor, you keep it. Do the same with God. Take time to pray. The amount of time is not important, the fact that you pray is. Remember, we live in time, but God doesn't. God's whispering surrounds us with every breath we take.

Try to become more aware of it and look and listen in places you may not have been aware of before. The fierce storm rocking the apostle's fishing boat can be like the struggles of the early Church and of the Church now. There are many crises and struggles strong enough to drive people away. But remember that the Church cannot fail because of the Holy Spirit. Tough times can serve to strengthen our faith no matter how fiercely storms rage. And we can always trust in the Real Presence of Jesus both in our sacramental lives and within ourselves. So, take courage, listen and be not afraid.

The **"Backwards Money Drawing"** tickets have been moving along very well since last Sunday. That's because about 150 tickets were taken by parishioners who volunteered to be ticket agents and get a ticket sold. Now, we just need to get all those tickets back by next Sunday, August 20th. **That way we should be all set for the drawing which will take place on Sunday, August 27th beginning at 10am in the school cafeteria.** There will be a special breakfast hospitality sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady for all who come by to see if they are a winner. So, make plans to come by from 10am till 1pm, maybe right after your morning Mass. Enjoy some refreshments and friendship with fellow parishioners and see if you will be a Backwards Money Drawing winner. All **"ticket agents"** remember to get your tickets back by next Sunday, the 20th.

**Remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone.** Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an order form for the **Backwards Money Drawing** tickets (not much left), the **Mass Schedule** for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady this Tuesday, August 15th, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand, and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share, join us in prayer for Mary's Feast of the Assumption and remember: Kind words make good echoes.** God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**AUGUST 13, 2023-19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great  
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, You take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer; You are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord.**

**You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen**

## **Penitential Act**

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do,**

**[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father; through him all things  
were made. For us men and for our  
Salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again in  
Glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of  
Sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

# READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

**AUGUST 13, 2023 - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## FIRST READING

**1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a**

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## SECOND READING

**Rom 9:1-5**

Brothers and sisters:  
I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.



## ALLELUIA

**Cf. Ps 130:5**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
I wait for the Lord;  
my soul waits for his word.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14**

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.  
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.  
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.  
The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.  
R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 14:22-33**

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

# *Backwards Money Drawing!*

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023

Tickets for the Backwards Drawing are \$100 each, with only 500 tickets available.

The grand prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to the last ticket drawn. There will also be an additional \$10,000 in prize money spread amongst other tickets as they are drawn. For us to be successful, we need to sell all 500 tickets! While \$100 may be high, the price can easily be shared with family, friends, or co-workers. The key is to be in it for a chance at the grand prize of \$10,000. Winners need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are available at the rectory during regular office hours and you may also use the tear-off below to order a ticket.

Enter to Win



## BACKWARD DRAWING

### PRIZES:

- Ticket #1-\$500
- Ticket #50-\$200
- Ticket #100-\$200
- Ticket #150-\$200
- Ticket #200-\$200
- Ticket #250-\$200
- Ticket #300-\$200
- Ticket #350-\$200
- Ticket #400-\$200
- Ticket #450-\$200
- Ticket #491-\$300
- Ticket #492-\$400
- Ticket #493-\$500
- Ticket #494-\$600
- Ticket #495-\$700
- Ticket #496-\$800
- Ticket #497-\$900
- Ticket #498-\$1,000
- Ticket #499-\$2,500
- Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize**

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### Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 27, 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sat. Sept 30, 2023**  
**10AM**  
**Cedar Creek Park,**  
**Seaford**



Please register or donate today at <https://svdpli.org/walk/> or by using the QR code. When you select "St. Raymond Conference – East Rockaway" your donation will go directly toward helping neighbors in our community. For more information, please contact Anthony at (516) 220-2521.



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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

FOUNDED IN 1833, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION OF LAY CATHOLICS, FOLLOWING CHRIST'S CALL TO SERVE THE POOR, THE SUFFERING, AND THE DEPRIVED. OUR FOUNDING ACTIVITY, STILL PRACTICED TODAY, IS THE HOME VISIT. THROUGH THESE VISITS, VINCENTIAN MEMBERS ESTABLISH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED, NOT ONLY PROVIDING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS RENT, UTILITIES, FOOD, OR CLOTHING, BUT ALSO OFFERING FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING, AND PRAYER.

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**PLEASE CALL ED AT 887-9325**

FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.

*Healing Mass*

**St. Raymond Church**

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023**

**Rosary: 7:00pm**

**Mass: 7:30pm**

**Adoration / Healing Service  
 and Benediction**

**Fr. Giordano (Gio) Belanich  
 (Croatian & Medjugorje)**

*We all need healing...*

*Our Lord is the*

*All Powerful Healer!*

**Will you answer him?**





*Jesus I trust  
in You*

*Come celebrate...*  
**St. Faustina Kowalska's  
Birthday**

**Please join us in praying for  
our great nation.  
Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Praises of the Divine Mercy  
The Rosary  
St. Raymond Church  
Thursday, August 24th  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Please join us in prayer!**



**St. Faustina Kowalska  
1905-1930**

I asked Him,  
"Do You have among our  
students any who are a  
comfort to Your Heart?"  
The Lord answered that  
He has, but their love is  
weak, and so I put them  
in your special care...  
pray for them (288)



"Taken up to Heaven,  
Mary shows us the  
way to God, the  
way to Heaven, the  
way to Life."  
- Pope St. John Paul II

**Pastoral Council Members**

Jean Chojnacki, Secretary, Linda Daley,  
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**THE ROSE FOR LIFE**  
**In Loving Memory of  
Michael Farrell  
From His  
Loving Family**

*For Dedications call  
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**Because no marriage is beyond hope...  
A marriage-saving program her in the  
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**Retrouvaille can help.**

**Our Next Weekend is September 8-10, 2023  
Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington**

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**1-800-470-2230**

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?**
- Do you feel hurt and angry?**
- Does talking make it worse?**
- Thought of leaving or divorce?**
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?**

**HelpOurMarriage.org Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.**

**Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.**

**Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.**



## **NYS Eucharistic Congress**

October 20-22, 2023  
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



*Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.*

### **EVENTS INCLUDE:**

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

*Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!*



To register and find out more, visit [nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://nyseucharisticcongress.org).



**Trust in God, no matter how hard it may be at times, trust in God and His goodness and power.**



## THE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST



### THE TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST BACKGROUND

In the Year of the Eucharist in 2005, the Poor Clare Nuns of Perpetual Adoration in Hanceville, Alabama, built a garden containing the Twelve Stations of the Most Holy Eucharist with the intention of teaching people about the Eucharist and inspiring pilgrims who visit the Shrine.

Before building the garden, the Poor Clares studied Scripture in depth from a Eucharistic lens. This garden, unique to the Shrine, features the Scripture passages that the Nuns studied to compose the Twelve Stations.

As pilgrims wind their way through the garden, the stations explain salvation history, starting with Melchizedek in Genesis all the way to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in the book of Revelation. Each of the twelve stations points to the reality that the Eucharist is entwined throughout both the Old and New Testaments.

The stations are filled with solid Catholic teaching, including the Passover feast foreshadowing the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and "Bethlehem" translating to "House of Bread."

For the next eleven weeks, we will present one station for your meditation for the week.

#### *Week 1 Thought:*

*Since the priesthood is necessary for the Eucharist, how can I encourage priests and seminarians?*

### STATION ONE

#### MELCHIZEDEK, THE KING OF SALEM: FORESHADOWING OF A EUCHARISTIC PRIESTHOOD

**"THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.'" PSALM 110:4**

Melchizedek was "...a priest of God Most High" (Hebrews 7:1) and King of Salem. He is mentioned in the story in Genesis, Chapter 14, when Abram (soon to be Abraham) comes to Melchizedek after winning a battle. Melchizedek gives Abram a blessing and brings an offering of bread and wine (cf. Gen 14:17-20). In the Book of Psalms, David refers to Melchizedek when prophesying about the coming Messiah: "The Lord has sworn, and he will not repent: 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek'" (Ps 110:4).

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author references the High Priest and the connection of Jesus to that role, "...Jesus has gone as a forerunner on your behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek" (Heb 6:20).

What is the connection with Jesus? As we see in Psalm 110, Jesus is the priest appointed by God "... according to the order of Melchizedek." He is the King of Salem, which traditionally is identified with Jerusalem. Jesus was meant to come from the line of David, but Jesus is also a priest forever. David was never a priest, so where does Jesus get his priestly lineage? Jesus' lineage comes from Melchizedek as it says in the Letter to the Hebrews. He is both the great King and the great High Priest.



Picture of the monstrance in the perpetual adoration chapel at the Niepokalanów Monastery in Poland, founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe (Feast: August 14th)

**The Assumption of Mary and the Holy Eucharist**  
By Deacon Steven D. Greydanus,  
Excerpts from National Catholic Register Blog,  
August 15, 2021

In November of 1950, Pope Pius XII defined in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* a mystery of faith that was believed from the days of antiquity – that the Blessed Virgin Mary, “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

As we contemplate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (August 15th), the message of this monstrance is profound as there is there’s a close relationship between the mystery of the Holy Eucharist and the mystery of the Mother of God which sheds light on her Assumption into heaven. “The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” Our Lord, the bread of life, is the eternal Word made flesh. “The Word became flesh,” St. John tells us right at the beginning of his Gospel. The mystery of mysteries, that we call the Incarnation, took place within Mary’s body. To serve so sacred a function in the plan of God is to be not only blessed, as Mary proclaims in her great prayer, the Magnificat, in today’s Gospel, but holy in the sense of “set apart.”

Mary, and Mary alone, is wholly united with her Son in an absolutely unique way, extending to every aspect of his life and his mission. It’s the reason for her Immaculate Conception, her perpetual virginity, and her Assumption into heaven. The Lord has done great things for her, and we join with all prior Christian generations in calling her “blessed.” Mary reigns in heaven not only as our Queen, but as our mother and as our model – the model disciple. We are invited not only to venerate her, but to imitate her in the hope of coming to share in some measure in the gifts she has in the highest degree.

“SPIRITUAL FOOD ... TURNS THE PERSON WHO EATS IT INTO ITSELF, AND THUS THE PROPER EFFECT OF THIS SACRAMENT IS THE CONVERSION OF MAN INTO CHRIST, SO THAT HE MAY NO LONGER LIVE FOR HIMSELF, BUT THAT CHRIST MAY LIVE IN HIM.”

St. Thomas Aquinas

**Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion**

*St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*  
*Nun & Martyr († 1942)*  
*Feast: August 9*

“To have divine love as its inner form, a woman’s life must be a Eucharistic life. Only in daily, confidential relationship with the Lord in the tabernacle can one forget self, become free of all one’s own wishes and pretensions, and have a heart open to all the needs and wants of others.”

Edith Stein was born in 1891 in a German Jewish family. Despite her Jewish upbringing, Edith considered herself agnostic. That all changed when she read the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila – which led to her conversion to Catholicism.

She eventually felt called to be a cloistered Carmelite nun, like her hero St. Teresa, and took the name Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. In 1938, she was sent to the Netherlands to escape the Nazi regime, but in 1942, she was arrested in retaliation for the Dutch bishops’ defiance of Hitler. She was martyred in a gas chamber in Auschwitz.

St. Teresa Benedicta believed that women in particular need a relationship with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. She stated that, by nature, a woman longs to give herself to another and be completely embraced in turn. But no other human can completely fulfill that role for her. “Only God can welcome a person’s total surrender.” Therefore, the Eucharist is the only place where one can know that they are loved completely, absolutely, securely, infinitely, and eternally.

Excerpts from “Why Women Need the Eucharist,



*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry  
The Ryan House*

*"The Heart of the Parish"*

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Food Pantry Hours of Operation  
Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm  
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"Faith in action is love ----  
And love in action is service."*

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries.

**During the month of July, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 71 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed 3 new clients into the Outreach Program**

and helped them with food and other services they needed. If you are a senior citizen, living within Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please call the Parish Social Ministry and we can assist you with food.

**Pantry items needed this week: Pantry items needed this week: Canned Soup (not creamed based), Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta, Baked Beans, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Jello, Snacks, Mac & Cheese, Canned Corn, Canned Fruit & Laundry Detergent.**

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers.*



**ST. RAYMOND'S  
HUMAN LIFE  
COMMITTEE**

**Pro-life Prayer Presence**

Each Wednesday, we have a peaceful, legal, prayer presence in front of the Hempstead Planned Parenthood facility. We pray the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, offer literature to those who pass by and offer assistance to those entering the PP facility. We know from those who have worked in PP and have left the abortion industry that a prayer presence makes life-saving differences. Abby Johnson, a former PP Director, has stated that the no-show rate for an abortion appointment, typically 20%, can go as high as 75% when people are outside praying. Please consider joining with us in this powerful, prayer witness for life. For more information, please contact:

**Mary Caffrey-#516-887-2458**

**Date: Each Wednesday**

**Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am**

**Location: Planned Parenthood**

**540 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead**

**Next Human Life Committee Meeting:**

**Date: Thursday, August 17th**

**Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Place: Social Ministry Office**

**12 Roosevelt St., Lynbrook**

Please join with us in being a voice for the innocent babies in the womb and an aid to their mothers and fathers. All invited. All needed!

*"Let the children come to Me;  
do not prevent them, for the kingdom  
of God belongs to such as these".*

*(Mark 10:14)*



## Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen.



### Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of \$20,986! The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave. in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100

visit their website at: [www.oceanfinancial.org](http://www.oceanfinancial.org).

### Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

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For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

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***To Honor Our  
Blessed Mother...***  
**You are invited to join the ladies of  
*The Sodality of Our Lady*  
For a Candlelight Procession  
and Living Rosary at  
St. Raymond's Church to celebrate  
the Feast of the Assumption  
Monday, August 14, 2023  
7:00pm  
Mass will follow at 7:30pm**

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE SETTING UP THROUGH OUR PARISH ROSTER A WAY TO SEND EMAILS FROM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH STRAIGHT TO ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OR EVEN SELECTED GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE IN THE PARISH. IT IS A FEATURE THAT OUR PDS PROGRAM OFFERS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS CAPABILITIES GOING FORWARD. WE CAN SEND OUR REMINDERS, SCHEDULES, EMERGENCY NEWS AND OTHER TIMELY BITS OF INFORMATION. BUT, IN ORDER TO REACH THE LARGEST GROUP OF PARISHIONERS AS POSSIBLE, WE NEED TO GROW OUR PARISHIONER E-MAIL LIST. CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 500 EMAILS OUT OF 3800 REGISTERED PARISHIONER FAMILIES. SO, IN ORDER TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE MESSAGES WE NEED MORE EMAILS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS LISTING FOR PARISH MESSAGES, PLEASE EITHER CALL THE RECTORY TO GIVE US YOUR EMAIL, SEND IT IN TO THE PARISH EMAIL (STRAYRCC@OPTONLINE.NET), OR FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE RECTORY. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION GOES NO FURTHER THAN BEING A PART OF YOUR REGISTRATION PROFILE FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH (ON YOUR ENVELOPES) # \_\_\_\_\_

**Please update our  
Parish Email List**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*

The Religious Education office is closed for the summer. We will be coming into the office once a week to check e-mails, phone messages and to continue to process Registration forms throughout the summer.

Our office will re-open on Monday, August 28th, 2023 – 10am-4pm.

The following are the 2023/2024 Religious Education school year start dates:

- Grades 2 Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Grades 3-6 week of October 2nd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Grades 7 & 8 Monday/Tuesday October 2nd & October 3rd, 2023 7pm-8pm
- Grade 1 is an at-home program.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – [www.saintraymonds.org](http://www.saintraymonds.org). Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment.

The Registration fee is now \$225.00.

### ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

The following is important information regarding your child's upcoming Confirmation scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, 2023. Please make note of these dates.

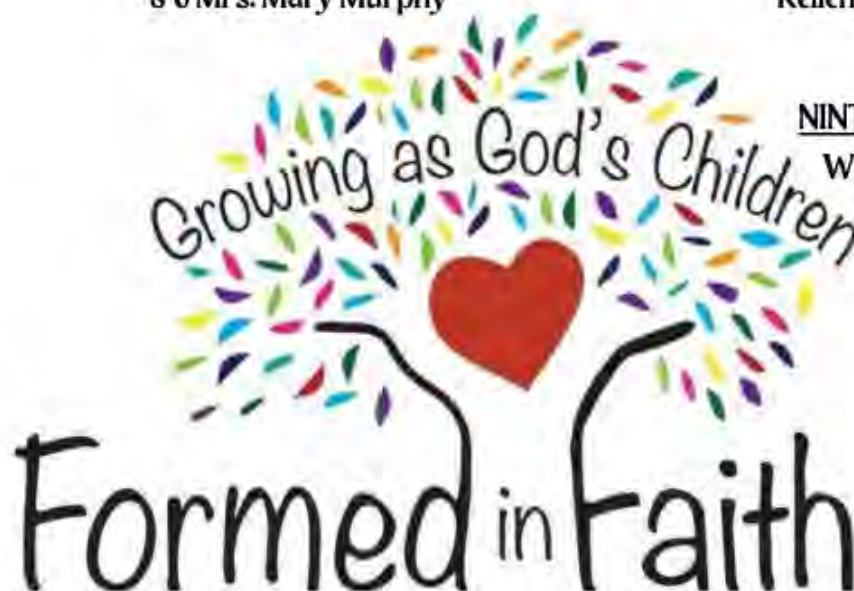
### YOUR CHILD'S GROUP IS BASED ON THE TEACHER HE/SHE HAD FOR 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS:

#### Group 1 – 11:00am Ceremony

- 8-1 Mrs. Patricia Canepa/Mrs. Gina Manos
- 8-2 Mr. Damien Becker
- 8-5 Mrs. Denise Rivenburgh
- 8-6 Mrs. Mary Murphy

#### Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony

- 8-3 Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero
- 8-4 Mrs. Diana Gannascoli
- 8-7 Mrs. Julianne Grennen  
Kellenberg Holy Family



### NINTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, ST. RAYMOND

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

AUDITORIUM 7:30PM

# 2023

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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### STEP 1: Suggested Gift Plan – Every Gift Counts!

Use the table below as a guide but feel free to adjust the payments to your means.

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\$100	\$25	\$15per month	\$100 may help pay a utility bill for a family in need.
\$125	\$25	\$20 per month	\$125 may help provide services and care for a mom and newborn from Catholic Charities Regina Maternity Community Case Management Program.
\$175	\$35	\$28 per month	\$175 may help fund a Youth minister, inspiring vocations and evangelization.
\$300	\$ 50	\$50 per month	\$300 may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.
\$600	\$100	\$100 per month	\$600 may help support a Deacon's formation.
\$750	\$150	\$120 per month	\$750 may help support a Seminarian's education.

### STEP 2: Pledge & Payment Information – To make a payment on line, go to <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/>

Please check the appropriate boxes below. Checks should be made payable to: [Catholic Ministries Appeal](#)

Amount of Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Plan: (Please Check One)

Full Payment Today of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Down Payment Today of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 3: Name and Address

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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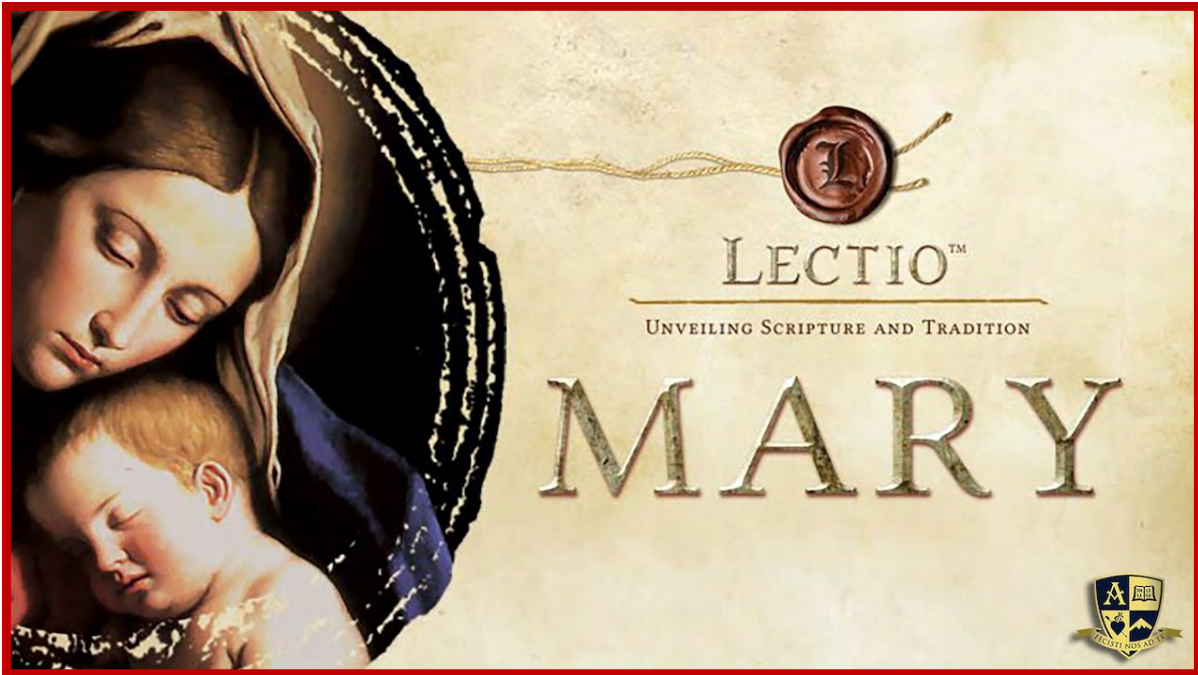
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or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.



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## Masses for this week

**Monday, August 14th St. Maximilian Kolbe**

7:15am Thomas Sheehy  
8:45am Henry Dombrowski  
7:00pm Living Rosary  
7:30pm Sodality

**Tuesday, August 15th**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:15am Thomas P. Duggan  
8:45am Joseph Crapanzano  
12:15pm Ed Malone  
7:30pm Sean Fox

**Wednesday, August 16th**

7:15am Sophie Conrad  
8:45am Theresa McGaheran

**Thursday, August 17th**

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:45am Rose Marie Simeti

**Friday, August 18th**

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:45am Rose Marie Schill

**Saturday, August 19th**

8:45am Raymond Kriz  
5:00pm Helen & Frank Venis

**Sunday, August 20th**

7:30am Biello & Carrano Families  
9:00am Barbara DiGregorio  
10:30am George Perry  
12:00pm Thorns & Drugan Families, Mario Rindali  
Anne & Louis Basile, Helen Howe,  
Joseph Chiulli, Joseph DelGiorno  
4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday  
Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday  
RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/LK 1:39-56  
Wednesday  
Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20  
Thursday  
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1  
Friday  
Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday  
Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15  
Sunday  
Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

### Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,  
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,  
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,  
Michael McPike, Christine I., John Lynch  
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,  
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri  
Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito,  
Marie Gay Oddo, Baby Grayson, Barbara  
*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the  
rectory is notified otherwise.)*



### Rest in Peace

Josephine LaRocca  
Richard W. Straub



### The Bread & Wine

For this week is in loving  
memory of

Ed Malone & Tony Lynch  
From Kathy & Jim Rooney



### The 2023 Paschal Candle

In Loving Memory of  
Helen & Theodore Rehm  
From the Rehm-Shapiro  
Family

# Parish Bulletin Board

## SAINTS FUN FACTS



St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland and was a Franciscan. He founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady.

While imprisoned by the Nazis, ten men were chosen to die in reprisal for a prisoner escape.

He offered himself in place of a young husband and father. He was the last of the ten to die after enduring two weeks of starvation, thirst and neglect.

## Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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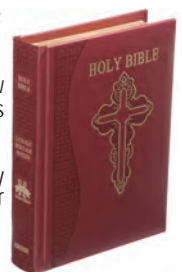
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