

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 3, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich, one’s life
does not consist of possessions.”

-Luke 12:14



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

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;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule a visit

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

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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.

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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

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

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 Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

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Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

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Cara

Peter Gilbert

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless
the rectory is notified otherwise)

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

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings emphasize the fleeting nature of life and human toil. We need to strive in holiness so that we may become rich in what matters to God. In the first reading from Ecclesiastes, Qoheloth speaks to the frustration of laboring hard for our goods and possessions when we know that we will eventually leave this earth without them. ***"For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun?"*** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Colossians, Paul emphasizes the new life in Jesus that one has through being baptized. One should concentrate on what appears hidden, which will come to light in the glory of the kingdom. Paul says: ***"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."*** And finally, in Luke's gospel, Jesus cautions against being so preoccupied with the riches of this world that you lose sight of what is most important. You never know when your life will come to its end here on earth. Judgment will not be so kind to anyone who has lived a life of greed. ***"Thus, it will be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."***

We often mix up eternal things and things that don't last, meaningful things and things that don't mean much, real things and false things, heavenly things and earthly things, God-things and not-so-God things. Knowing what not to confuse is the easy part. It isn't that hard to believe in the things that matter in eternity and the things that don't. But actually, living in the light of this obvious truth is the hard part. Paul is not simply talking of material wealth, but that pursuing it is a dangerous trap. Many of us devote so much time and energy to it only to have it disappear in the blink of an eye when our life's ending rapidly approaches. What will matter then? Not the things we thought we couldn't do without. But there are many other things that can distract us from what is truly important: our desire for revenge, refusal to forgive, the earthly need for attention, feeling important or better than other people, or spending time endlessly entertaining ourselves while neglecting our obligations to others. All these ***"things"*** can lead us to a slew of regrets for the missed opportunities to bring some light and comfort to those who needed it.

In a real sense, today's readings are meant to act as a kind of warning to us, a kind of sign with big bold letters shouting ***DANGER AHEAD*** on it. Will we heed the warning, or will we presume it is meant for someone else? In other words, will we continue down the path of life confusing things that don't

really matter with the things that truly do? It's an important question to ask ourselves, because the answer matters not just for today, not just for tomorrow, but for eternity.

We have only three weeks to go to the ***2025 Backwards Money Drawing*** on Sunday, August 24th. Don't wait to get your ticket for a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000. I am asking people at all the Masses this weekend to be a ***"ticket agent"*** and get at least one Backwards Money Drawing ticket sold over the next two weeks. Just stop by the tables in the altar server sacristy or church vestibule and sign up as a ***"Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Agent."*** Check out the bulletin ad about the Backwards Money Drawing for details.

Please 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 invitation a ***"Gift of Life"*** concert by our own Al Barbarino on Friday evening, August 8th in our church, an ad announcing our annual ***"Parish Picnic"*** on Wednesday, August 13th on the great lawn behind the rectory, the new ***"Come and See 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 each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great first week of August. ***Smile, share, set your sights on the things that really last and remember: Spend less time on what is urgent and more time on what is important.***

God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 3, 2025—18TH 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

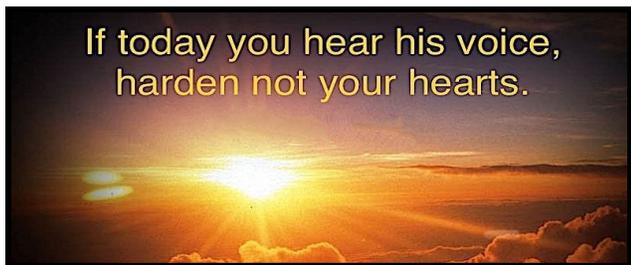
AUGUST 3, 2025—18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

ALLELUIA

Matthew 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

St. Raymond's

Parish Picnic

August 13th at 6:00pm

At the Great Lawn behind the Church

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Backwards Money Drawing!

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish

This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2025

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

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 24, 2025

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Number of Tickets: _____



22nd Annual Summer Concert

presented by Catholic Recording Artist / Lay Franciscan

AL BARBARINO

St. Raymond Church

263 Atlantic Ave. East Rockaway

516-593-5000

Friday, August 8, 2024 - 7:30pm

We Celebrate... "The Gift of Eternal Life!"

Join us for a very special evening as we remember
and celebrate our dear family and friends.



This concert is lovingly sponsored by
the Angerome Family in honor of Shannon Rose.

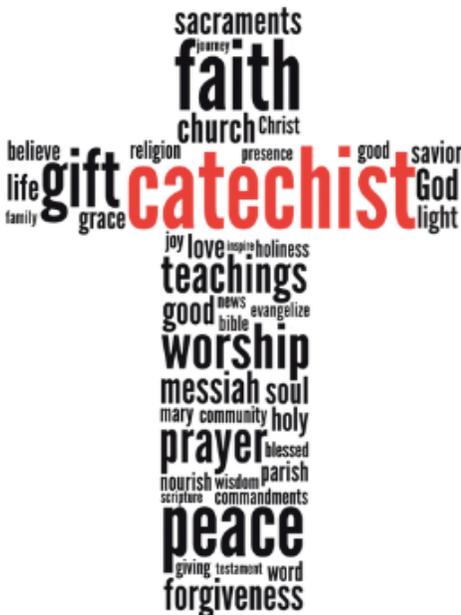
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation



Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer. You can e-mail us at strayfaithformation@aol.com for more information. Our Religious Education school year goes from 9/29/2025-4/22/2026.

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

"The Heart of the Parish"

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197



FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM

10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return and your reward will be great." Luke 6:35

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, Also, if you are a senior citizen living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food. During the month of June, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 93 households with food, personal care and household items and assisted them with other services through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED AS OUR SHELVES ARE SADLY LOW:

PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED TOMATOES, PASTA AND RICE SIDE DISHES, CHEF BOYARDEE PASTA, INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING, WHITE RICE, PINTO, WHITE, BLACK AND BAKED BEANS, CANNED BEETS AND PEAS, CANNED FRUIT, PEANUT BUTTER, GRAPE JELLY, COLD CEREAL, HOT CEREAL, JELLO, SNACKS, PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, MAYONNAISE, KETCHUP, MUSTARD, LAUNDRY DETERGENT AND DISH DETERGENT.

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch and in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for always helping us serve the people in need in our community.

You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!



God wants us to cultivate habits and lifestyles that help us to grow closer to Him. This week, practice reading the Bible for just 5 minutes a day and try to build a daily habit of reading Scripture.



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**EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME WEEKLY GUIDE FOR
PERSONAL PRAYER
CREIGHTON ONLINE MINISTRIES**



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

Summary of the Readings for the Week



On the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the first reading from Ecclesiastes offers a powerful caution about focusing too much on the things of this world: "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!" In Luke's gospel Jesus tells the parable of the rich man storing up treasures for the future, and he warns, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."



Wednesday is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, with its own special readings. Friday is the Memorial of Saint Dominic.

We continue the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. This week our readings are from the Book of Numbers for the first several days and from the Book of Deuteronomy on Friday.



In Matthew's Gospel this week we hear some marvelous words about faith and discipleship. The "feeding of the 5,000" comes after the disciples ask Jesus to send the crowd away because they

didn't know how to feel them. Jesus tells them to "give them some food yourselves" and blesses the loaves and fishes.



Jesus comes to his disciples across the water in a storm, and invites Peter to come to him, across the water; when Peter comes, he takes his eyes off Jesus and goes down. A persistent Canaanite woman begs Jesus for help for her daughter. When he refuses, she persists and he replies, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" and Peter replies, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." But when Peter tries to stop Jesus from talking about the hardships that are ahead, Jesus tells him, "Get behind me, Satan!" He gives his followers a guide for their lives: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."



The disciples wonder why they could not drive out a demon from a boy, Jesus answers, "Because of your little faith." Faith "the size of a mustard seed" is enough.

Sunday is the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus cautions us to be ready for the coming of the Lord. "Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into."



"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."
Colossians 3:1-2



St. Raymond Church
 🔥 **Kindle The Fire Within**
Each Day, the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00pm
Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00pm
Each First Friday Nocturnal Adoration 7:30pm-8:30pm

Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.



As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's readings guide us. What is truly important in life? How do we spend our time and money? What treasures are we storing up for eternity?

One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging.

Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs?

How do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving



them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks?

Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me.



How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslimism, fear and hatred of foreigners, hostility against the poor or my harsh judgments about "sinners."

Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did.

Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers, members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love?

How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process?

Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?



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

**Contraception - Abortion
Physician-Assisted Suicide**

The early 1900s was bringing about a great change in how society viewed the inequalities in work, education, and voting for women. Margaret Sanger, thinking that childbearing was women's biggest problem, sought to change family structure by limiting family size, through "birth control" (a term she coined), to two or three children. She believed that children were a burden. "The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it". In addition, for the "betterment of society", she promoted sterilization or permanent segregation for people she called "morons, imbeciles, criminals, epileptics". "While I personally believe in the sterilization of the feeble-minded, the insane, and syphilitic, I have not been able to discover that these measures are more than superficial deterrents when applied to the constantly growing stream of the unfit". She lobbied to have government control the size of American families through birth control, sterilization and birthing licenses. "No woman shall have the legal right to bear a child, and no man shall have the right to become a father, without a permit". She started what she called "The Negro Project" to reduce the African American population by pushing birth control. Was Margaret Sanger's solution to the inequalities women faced in the 1900s, just about that, or was it more about eugenics, cleansing our human society of people that others have deemed "unfit" or "those unworthy of life"? As was stated before, the above are just "superficial deterrents". We as a people, as a nation, in such a short period of time, have gone from seeing each child that is conceived as a blessing, to birth control, and now to the widespread practice and acceptance of abortion, legally killing the child in the womb, when birth control fails. And now, another segment of our society is being given a "choice", physician-assisted suicide, euphemistically called "Medical Aid in Dying." (American Life League, Culture of Life Studies Program)

*"There can be no true democracy without the recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights...May the 'people of life' constantly grow in number and may a new culture of love and solidarity develop for the true good of the whole of human society."
(Evangelium Vitae, The Gospel of Life)*





Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in
your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel. May those seeds
transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth, when, with
the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven. May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen*



**Saint Raymond
CYO Swim
registration will be
open online on
July 18th -
September 21st**

<http://www.straymondscyo.com>



**SOCIETY OF
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THROUGH THESE VISITS, VINCENSIAN MEMBERS ESTABLISH PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED. WHERE RESOURCES
ALLOW WE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED AND
OR LEAD THEM TO OTHER RESOURCES WHERE THEY MAY BE
ABLE TO OBTAIN THE HELP THEY REQUIRE.

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Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, celebrated on August 6th, commemorates the event in the Gospels where Jesus was temporarily transformed into a radiant, divine figure in the presence of his disciples Peter, James, and John.



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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

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St. John Vianney

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Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 4th

St. John Vianney

7:15am Catherine Thornton

8:45am John Matthews, Jr.

Tuesday, August 5th

7:15am Julia Mary McCabe

8:45am Joyce & Ralph Sellitti

Wednesday, August 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Maria Bosques

Thursday, August 7th

7:15am Rose Thies

8:45am Anne Sheehy

Friday, August 8th

St. Dominic

7:15am Josef Turski

8:45am Walter Convery

Saturday, August 9th

8:45am Kristina Dillard

5:00pm Carmen Ramirez

Sunday, August 10th

7:30am Pat Imbriale

9:00am Louis DeVecchis, Jr.

10:30am Hugh & Rosemary McGrane

12:00pm Harriet Goldenberg,
Barbara Esposito Walsh,
Priests of St. Raymond, Anna
Luongo, Ann & Paul Greco (L),
Marie Gallagher,
Barbara Walsh

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Numbers 11:4b-15/Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday

Numbers 12:1-13/Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday

Numbers 20:1-13/Matthew 16:13-23

Friday

Deuteronomy 4:32-40/Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday

Deuteronomy 6:4-13/Matthew 17:14-20

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Wisdom 18:6-9/Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

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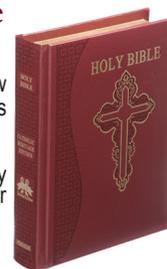
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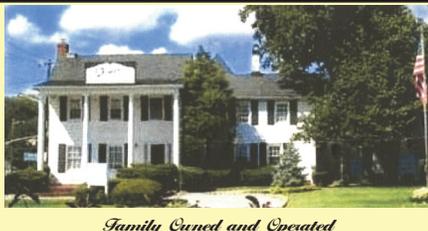
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