

Masses

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

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, May 10, 2026

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“And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

-John 14:21



May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2026 Ascension Thursday

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

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Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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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.

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Please call the rectory to schedule.

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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.

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

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Please Pray for Our Sick

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Anthony Campanile

Linda Dagostino

Baby Cooper Graham

Jodi Neckles

Maureen Condiss

Jim Marasco

Timothy Murphy

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Happy Mother's Day also to all our moms. Thanks for your continued love and care for all of us. Today's readings speak of our call to share the Gospel. While we cannot all be missionaries to distant lands, we are all called to take the hope of the Gospel message to those around us. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see Philip getting a good reception in Samaria. This was not a guarantee because Philip went there shortly after the martyrdom of Stephen. **"With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip... There was great joy in the city."** Then in the second reading from 1 Peter, the people are told to always explain their reason for hope to others, doing so with reverence and gentleness. Always keep Jesus Christ in your heart even when there is rejection. **"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil."** And finally in John's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the earthly departure of his resurrected body. However, he will send an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to remain with them and keep his presence alive in them. Jesus assures them: **"On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."**

I would imagine that many of us have an easier time believing certain things more than others, have an easier time accepting and embracing some teachings, some doctrines, some dogmas more than others. One thing I feel is important is that even if you can't accept everything wholeheartedly that doesn't mean you are unfaithful because you struggle to get on board with some of what the Church teaches. Wrestling with things, even having doubts is evidence of faith, evidence that you are truly on a spiritual journey, and not simply being spiritually stagnant. And listen, you are not alone. We all wonder about things. We all struggle with things. We all find different parts of faith easier to believe than others. That's what it means to be part of this living, breathing, dynamic thing we call Church. On the other side, Church teachings are not a **"take-it-or-leave-it"** list of trivial or casual beliefs. But being faithful is much more than just **"believing"** the right things. Believing necessitates **"following"** Jesus. And the **"how"** is not usually spelled out.

Living life in imitation of Jesus is being faithful. Peter in his First Letter says that we should be ready to explain why we have hope, give the reason. This is what defined the early Christians, and it should us also. There are other things to have reasons for, like being kind, compassionate, generous, forgiving and loving. They are expressions of who we are called to be, manifestations of being faithful to what we believe. So, besides looking at the teachings of the Church for a measure of your faithfulness, also look at the hallmarks of what a being Christian means, the true qualities you are meant to embrace in the fullest way possible. That's what ultimately matters. That's the true evidence of faithfulness and who we should be striving to be every second of every day.

Congratulations once again to the children who received their **First Holy Communion** this weekend. May you always know the great love Jesus has for you. Receive Jesus at Mass every week for the rest of your life. God bless and love you always.

Please 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), the start of the **Mother's Day Novena of Masses** this Sunday, an invitation to the **Fatima Prayer Vigil** this Monday evening, May 11th, from 7-8:30pm in the church, the month of **May's Ministry Spotlight** article on the **St. Raymond's Men's Prayer Group**, the **Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Ascension** (a Holy Day of Obligation) on Thursday, May 14th, the **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 Sixth Week of Easter! **Happy Mother's Day again to all our moms. Thanks for the womb and board and for taking care of us all these years.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MAY 10, 2026—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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.

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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MAY 10, 2026—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

ALLELUIA

John 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. "Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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Mother's Day Novena

As we celebrate Mother's Day **May 10th**, there will once again be the parish's **Novena of Masses** prayed for nine consecutive days starting on **May 10th**.

It is very fitting to remember our Mothers in prayer during this novena.



Envelopes for this novena were mailed to those who receive the weekly envelope mailing. They are **also available** near the doors of the church.



If you wish to participate in this novena simply fill out one of these envelopes, include your donation and place it in one of the boxes marked "**Mother's Day**" which are located on the pew shelves by the doors of the church.



Or you can return it by mail or just drop it off in the rectory mail slot.

Please do so by **Sunday, May 10th**.





Our First Grader's Moving Up Ceremony and May Crowning



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

REGISTRATION 2026/2027

Registration forms for the 2026/2027 Religious Education school year have been e-mailed to parents and can be found on the parish website. Please send in completed registration forms along with full payment as soon as possible.

All of our 2nd grade students have received their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to them and to their parents for all the hard work they did to prepare for this most Blessed Sacrament. Special thanks and gratitude to our catechists who through their dedication and love of their faith were able to get the children to this milestone in their faith journey: Mrs. Melissa Abuin, Ms. Shannon Foley, Mrs. Karen Grennan, Mrs. Siobhan Kelhetter, Mrs. Erin McAssey, Mrs. Stephanie Nostramo, Mrs. Linda Ohlsen, Mrs. Angie Ramirez and Mrs. Jennie Saia.

Congratulations to our 1st grade students – they have completed their first year of Religion class and are now on their way to 2nd grade where they will complete the 2-year First Holy Communion sacramental preparation. They will go to First Reconciliation in February 2027 and receive their First Holy Communion May 2027. Special thanks to our 1st grade catechists who helped the children and their families along the way: Mrs. Nicolina Briganti, Mrs. Jacqueline Boccuzza, Mrs. Jessica Cooney, Mrs. Amanda Lettieri and Mrs. Marguerite Reilly. This year we were fortunate to have 4 young ladies from Kellenberg help guide our little ones on their faith journey. Ms. Natalie Bizocco, Ms. Katelyn Ciprian, Ms. Emma Cooney, Ms. Alexa Sferrazza.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

It's that time of year where we are looking for catechists for our 2026/2027 Religious Education school year. Teaching our children is a wonderful opportunity for you to share your faith and to pass your wisdom and spiritual strength onto our children. Please consider joining our ministry. Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision.

Thank you for considering this beautiful and very important ministry!

HERE IS WHERE WE NEED CATECHISTS:

- 2nd grade – 1 catechists needed – Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 3rd grade – 1 catechist needed – Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 1 catechists needed – Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 4th grade - 1 catechists needed – Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 5th grade - 2 catechists needed – Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 6th grade - 1 catechist needed – Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
- 7th grade - 1 catechists needed – Mondays 7pm-8pm

“You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child.” – Pope Francis

Happy & blessed Mother's Day! Lucy, Nancy, Mary Ann and Colleen

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

First HOLY COMMUNION

*Congratulations to our children
receiving Jesus for the first time.*



Julian Andkhoie
Adrian Bailey
Abigail Ballatore
Connor Barbagallo
Mary Barricelli
Evelyn Bell
Francesca Bilotta
Vincent Boccuzza
Piero Briganti
Joaquin Casimir
Jason Cheung
Georgia Cooney
Marcus Decatus
Luca Denk
Olivia Denk
Avery Drevnyak
Karter Drouillard
Lucas DuBose
Tristan Duprey
Jaxson Fasano
Kilian Fee
Leanne Ferrera
Giavanna Fiorito
Zoey Florio
Matteo Fusco
Salvatore Galante
Christopher Gianesses
Ava Gilboy
Nico Giordano
Emille Glynn
Catherine Gubelli
Antonio Ippoliti
Naomi Jack
Kyle Kacharaba
Briar Keller
Jack Kolm
Erin Lettieri

Emily Librizzi
Deacon Littlefield
Blake Long
Avery Lopez
Benjamin Loud
Terrence Lynch
Anthony Magee
Noah Marasco
Vincent Marra
Ella McAssey
Logan McCourt
Olivia McDougal
Alexandra Meo
Giada Messina
Anthony Missere
Amber Moreno
Maya Morris
Thomas Mruczek
Jesse Muller
James Nostramo
Brianna Nugent
Finn O'Hagan
Ada Parsons
Dominic Pattay
Thiago Pinedo Valdiviezo
Antonia Pisciotta
Fionnlagh Prizeman
Helen Rebilas
Matteo Rebilas
Brian Rios
Cassidy Rojas

Stella Ruggiero
Paul Saia
Natalia Sanchez
Nicholas Sanchez
Declan Schenck
Brendan Scully
Cecilia Standish
Juliette Stoger
Ryan Thorp
Mila Villagran
Vinsel Villagran
Melania Vintimilla
Robert Vitacco
Arianna Wilson
Daniel Zeh
Hannah Zeh

*"I am the
bread of life;
whoever comes
to me will never
hunger, and
whoever believes
in me will never
thirst."*

JOHN 6:35

*May Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist,
guide, bless, and be with you always.*



**St. Raymond
Parish
First Holy
Communion**







**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GUIDE FOR PERSONAL
PRAYER DURING THE
EASTER SEASON**



Come & See

**Until you do, you will
never know**

**SUMMARY OF THE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**



The Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (John 14:15–21) reveals Jesus' promise of the Advocate and His abiding presence with those who love Him, assuring that they are never alone as they live out His commandments.

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me" (John 14:21).

During this week, the Church honors several saints whose lives witness to fidelity and service. Tuesday is the Optional Memorial of Saints Nereus and Achilleus (Lay soldiers and martyrs, and Saint Pancras (Layperson and martyr). Wednesday is the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima in which we remember the Virgin Mary's call to repentance, conversion, and praying the Rosary. Friday is the Optional Memorial Saint Isidore (Layperson) who was known for his humility and holiness in ordinary labor.

Thursday of this week is the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**, a Holy Day of Obligation, which celebrates Jesus' return to the Father and the commissioning of His disciples to continue His mission in the world. In the First Reading (Acts 1:1–11), Jesus ascends into heaven before His apostles, promising the power of the Holy Spirit and entrusting them with the task of being His witnesses "to the ends of the earth," while the Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17–23) proclaims Christ exalted at the right hand of the Father as head over all things for the Church. In the Gospel (Matthew 28:16–20), the risen Lord sends forth His disciples with authority and assurance, declaring, *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age,"* revealing that His ascension is not an absence but a new, abiding presence that empowers mission.

The First Readings throughout the remainder of the week highlight the early Church's growth, struggles, and steadfast witness in the name of Jesus. The apostles boldly proclaim the Resurrection despite opposition, demonstrating courage and fidelity under pressure. Their preaching emphasizes repentance, the power of Christ's name, and the gift of salvation extended to all. Through their example, we see a Church strengthened by the Spirit, rooted in prayer, and committed to spreading the Gospel even in the face of hardship.

For Monday through Tuesday, the Gospels (John 15:26–16:4a and 16:5–11) speak of the coming Advocate and the reality of witness amid opposition, as Jesus prepares His disciples for the challenges ahead: *"When the Advocate comes... he will testify to me"* (John 15:26), and *"It is better for you that I go"* (John 16:7). These readings emphasize the Spirit's role in strengthening believers to remain faithful even in difficulty.

On Wednesday, the Gospel (John 16:12–15) reveals Jesus promising the Spirit of truth who will guide His disciples into all truth, deepening their understanding of His revelation: *"The Spirit of truth... will guide you to all truth"* (John 16:13), emphasizing trust in the Spirit's ongoing guidance. On Friday, the Gospel (John 16:20–23) speaks of the transformation of sorrow into joy, as Jesus assures His disciples that their grief will give way to a joy no one can take from them: *"Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you"* (John 16:22), highlighting hope amid suffering. On Saturday, the Gospel (John 16:23b–28) invites confident prayer in Jesus' name and reveals the Father's love for those who believe in the Son: *"Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you"* (John 16:23), calling believers to trust in God's generous and attentive care.

The Gospel for the Seventh Sunday of Easter (John 17:20–26) presents Jesus' prayer for unity among His disciples, that they may share in the divine communion of love. *"That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you"* (John 17:21), expresses His desire that believers reflect God's unity and love to the world.



*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always ...”
-John 14:16*



St. Raymond Church
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

The daily reflections this week trace a path from faithful discipleship to bold mission, inviting us to deepen our trust in Christ and live out His call with conviction. As Jesus reveals Himself as the Good Shepherd and source of unity, we are reminded to remain close to Him, listening for His voice in our daily lives.

The celebration of the Ascension becomes the turning point, shifting us from simply following Christ to being sent forth as His witnesses, entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel to the world. Strengthened by His abiding presence and promise, we are called to live with courage, foster unity, and carry His love into our families, workplaces, and communities.

SUNDAY – LOVING PRESENCE

“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me” (John 14:21). Jesus reminds me that love is lived through faithful action, calling me to embody His presence in my family and work through patience, integrity, and care.

My Prayer: Jesus, help me to live Your commandments with love and fidelity each day.

MONDAY – SPIRIT’S WITNESS

“When the Advocate comes... he will testify to me” (John 15:26). I am encouraged to rely on the Holy Spirit as I navigate responsibilities and challenges, trusting that I am never alone in bearing witness to Christ.

My Prayer: Holy Spirit, guide my words and actions so I may faithfully reflect Christ.

TUESDAY – TRUST IN DEPARTURE

“It is better for you that I go” (John 16:7). Even when I do not understand God’s plan, I am invited to trust that His ways bring greater good in my life and work.

My Prayer: Lord, deepen my trust in Your plan, especially when it is unclear.

WEDNESDAY – GUIDED IN TRUTH

“The Spirit of truth... will guide you to all truth” (John 16:13). Amid competing demands, I seek clarity and wisdom from the Spirit to make decisions rooted in faith and truth.

My Prayer: Spirit of Truth, lead me in wisdom and help me discern rightly.

ASCENSION THURSDAY - COMMISSIONED IN HOPE

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19–20). The Ascension reminds me that even as Christ returns to the Father, He entrusts me with a mission in my daily life, calling me to share His love through my words and actions at home and at work, confident that He remains with me always.

My Prayer: Jesus, strengthen me to live Your mission with courage and trust in Your constant presence.

FRIDAY – SORROW INTO JOY

“Your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you” (John 16:22). Jesus reminds me that moments of struggle and uncertainty in my family and work life can be transformed by His promise into lasting joy, inviting me to trust that God is at work even in difficulties.

My Prayer: Lord, strengthen my hope and transform my trials into the joy that comes from trusting in You.

SATURDAY – CONFIDENT PRAYER

“Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you” (John 16:23). I am called to approach God with confidence and openness, bringing the needs of my daily responsibilities before Him with faith that He listens and responds with love.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

ST. RAYMOND'S MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Our group was founded in the early 1990's by Father Tony Pascual. Originally it was for Deacons and Deacons in training who were learning how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. We gathered once a month on a Friday evening in the chapel for prayer and the Rectory Dining Room for discussion.

Soon the group expanded to non-Deacons but continued the format of praying Evening Prayer, once a month. We also began reading and discussing books on spiritual topics.

The group grew and continued until COVID struck, and everything stopped.

We revived the Group in 2023 but changed the meeting day to Monday mornings and the venue from the Capel to the Rectory basement. We also decided to meet every week rather than once a month.

Currently we have 11 active members, although not all come every week; we average 7 or 8 every week.

In 2025 we read and discussed a book that really touched us deeply; *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Edward Sri. When we completed reading it, we knew that there was much work to do. The sub-title of the book is *Understanding What We Say and Do at the Liturgy*. We felt that this is something that is needed at our parish. We proposed to our Pastor Father Chuck Romano that we set up a Lenten Series using this book, and he approved.

Currently we are reading another very inspirational book, *Walking with God* by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins. The subtitle is *a Journey Through the Bible*. It is written in down-to-earth language and concentrates on key books from the Bible to tell the story of God's love affair with His creation (us).

Our role model is St. Joseph, who is the Patron Saint of Men's Prayer Groups and Father of the Church.

We feel that Small Groups which come together for prayer and dialogue are the future of the Church. We are one of a few small groups that have formed recently at St. Raymond. If you feel inclined to join a small group or better yet start a new one, contact Deacon Bob at the Rectory.

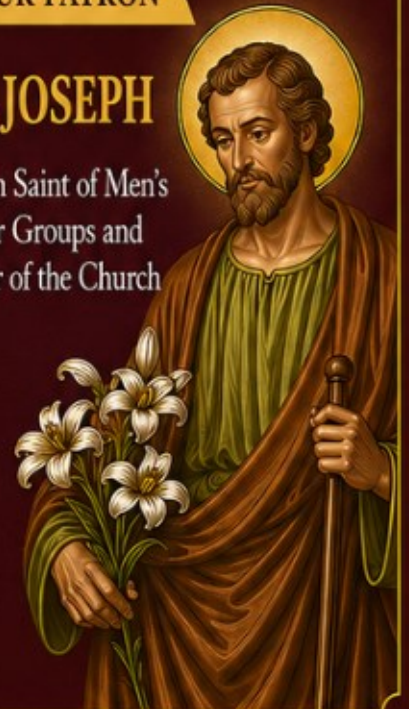
"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

– Matthew 18:20

OUR PATRON

ST. JOSEPH

Patron Saint of Men's Prayer Groups and Father of the Church



INTERESTED?

To learn more or to join a small group or start a new one, please contact

Deacon Bob at the Rectory.



Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & THE ROSARY

Please Join Us in Praying For:
The United States of America & World Peace
109th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FATIMA APPARITIONS

Date: Monday, May 11, 2026

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: St. Raymond Church
263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518

"I am the Lady of the Rosary...
Pray the Rosary every day."

The Message of Fatima

The message of Fatima consists of a number of precise predictions, requests, warnings and promises concerning the faith and the world, which were conveyed by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in a series of apparitions at Fatima, Portugal from May through October 1917.

Ascension Thursday 2026 Mass Schedule

**Wednesday May 13th
7:30pm Mass**

**Thursday May 14th
7:15am Mass
8:45am Mass
12:15pm Mass
7:30pm Mass**

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"Those who are generous to the poor lend to the Lord, and the Lord will fully repay them." Proverbs 19:17

The Parish Social Ministry provides food assistance to those 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 only source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

During the month of April, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 104 households with food, personal care and household items and provided some clients with other services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul.

Pantry items needed this week: Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Canned Chick Peas, Cannelloni Beans and Small White Beans, Grape Jelly, Small Bottles of Oil, Pancake Mix (regular size boxes), Pancake Syrup, Canned Peas and Canned Carrots and Coffee.

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 or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for your continued support and you are always in our prayers!



THE ROSE FOR LIFE

**In Honor of
Our Blessed
Mother**

For Dedications call
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The Rose for Life Program



The Rose for Life Program began here at St. Raymond on Mother's Day, May 12, 1985. A rose is placed on the Offertory Table at the 5:00 pm Mass and is presented to the priest at the Offertory. The rose symbolizes the life of the preborn baby who dies from abortion. It remains at the tabernacle for the coming week.

The main purpose of the rose is to remind each of us to pray for babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week.

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ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

IN HONOR OF MOTHERS

"The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral. A dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other human creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing the act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than: to be a mother?"
(Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty)

WE WISH ALL MOTHERS A VERY BLESSED AND HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity...
She speaks with wisdom...
Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband praises her...
A woman who fears the Lord is to be
praised. Give her the reward
she has earned."
(Proverbs 31)*



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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
visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.



*"Pray the Rosary
every day to
obtain peace for
the world."
Optional
Memorial of Our
Lady of Fatima
(May 13th)*

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Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

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.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

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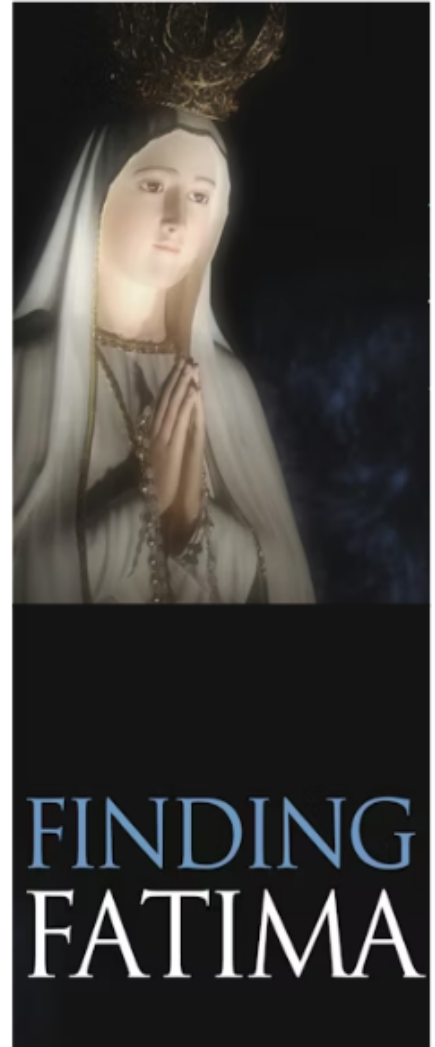
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This week on **FORMED...**

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *The 13th Day*, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

With high production values and a beautiful look, artists and filmmakers Ian Higgins and Dominic Higgins present a compelling docu-drama on the crucial details about the appearances and messages of Our Lady in Fatima in 1917, a message of prayer, penance, and conversion that is desperately needed in our modern world. From the initial apparitions of the angel who prepared the children for Our Lady's coming, to the Miracle of the Sun, including moving film footage from *The 13th Day*, this illuminating and inspiring film will impact all those who see it to take heed of the critical messages of Our Lady of Fatima.



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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 11th

7:15am Ann Connolly

8:45am Patrick Michael McManus

Tuesday, May 12th

7:15am John Caffrey

8:45am Peter K. Ledwith

Wednesday, May 13th

7:15am Mary W. Duggan

8:45am Joseph Fiore

7:30pm Anne Gallagher

Thursday, May 14th

The Ascension of the Lord

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Michael Joseph Farrell

12:15pm Joseph Ninivaggi

7:30pm Felipe Gonzalez

Friday, May 15th

7:15am Harold Hinshaw

8:45am Maria Rose Artusa

Saturday, May 14th

8:45am Joan Edelmann

5:00pm Mario Rinaldi

Sunday, May 15th

7:30am Clara Hildebrand-10yrs

9:00am Joan & Bob Crockett

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Mike Cuoco, Anthony Santino

Maria Rosa Artusa, Jean Wall

Catharine Curra,

Joseph Lovaglio,

Patrick Michael McManus,

Mary & Pietro Rocanelli,

Fannie & Tom Lamontanaro,

Mary Claire & Tom Platz,

Salvatore Castro

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

Rosa Valerio

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen*



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 16:11-15/John 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34/John 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/John 16:12-15

Thursday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/John 15:9-17

Friday

Acts 18:9-18/John 16:20-23

Saturday

Acts 18:23-28/John 16:23b-28

Sunday

Acts 1:12-14/1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11a

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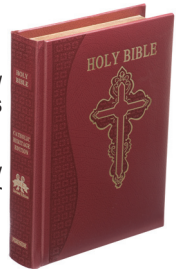
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