

## 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, May 4, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

**"Cast the net over the right side of  
the boat and you will find something."  
~John 2:6**



**May 4, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

## 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;  
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### 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.

### 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.

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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.

### 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 10:30 in the  
Rectory Basement

### 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



## Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

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Marino Artusa

Cara

Anthony Sanchez Jr.

(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 continued Easter blessings be yours on the Third Sunday of Easter!** When we gather to worship at Mass we should remember and celebrate Jesus' love for us. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the Jewish leaders were trying to stop the apostles from preaching and teaching about Jesus. Their response was pretty defiant: **"We must obey God rather than men."** The leaders did not want to be reminded over and over how they were responsible for the death of Jesus. Then in the second reading from the Book of Revelation, John relays his vision and what he heard from all the creatures, both in heaven and on earth: **"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever."** And finally in John's gospel we have Jesus appearing for the third time to the apostles. They were fishing and Jesus came along the shore. They weren't having much success, so Jesus told them where to cast their nets and in doing so they caught 153 fish. Then Jesus cooked breakfast for them after which he turned to Peter and three times asked him: **"Do you love me?"** Three times Peter affirmed his love for Jesus and in response Jesus said three times: **"Feed my lambs....Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep."** In this exchange, Jesus was forgiving Peter's three denials of Jesus, restoring Peter to his place of leadership among the apostles and also foreshadowing Peter's death as a martyr.

In today's gospel we have what looks like two independent stories that John wove together. Both stories have a similar element, reflecting the importance of being fed. In the first half of the passage, Jesus feeds some of the apostles with bread and fish. There was also a miracle thrown in by the big catch of fish that Jesus directed. And in the second part of the passage Jesus commands Peter to feed his flock. Jesus will always feed us in countless ways. He feeds our souls and minds in prayer, through scripture, in the Eucharist, through one another, through the circumstances of our lives and through ways known only to God. Yes, God provides, and he nourishes us all the time. **But what about us?** Too often we point our finger at the shortcomings of others. Do we just consume the nourishment others provide but don't provide much ourselves? Think about it.

We all will come up to the altar to be nourished by Jesus, to be fed by our God who wants nothing more than to provide for all we need. Do we allow this food he gives us to transform us into God-centered people who are willing to be the same food for others? Do we believe this to be true? Jesus is saying to you: **"Do you love me?"** and if you answer **"yes"** than you know what you need to do. Jesus is counting on you.

The newly created **"Maintenance Fund"** continues to grow. To date we have received a little over \$50,000, which will be a great help in meeting the unexpected maintenance costs that pop up during the year. As you well know, buildings are expensive to maintain, especially older ones. This fund will be used for the extraordinary costs that we face each fiscal year. Thanks to all who have donated to this fund. Anyone still wishing to donate is most welcome to do so. Simply contact the rectory.

**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 letter from the **New York State Bishops** about the Assisted Suicide Bills A136 and S138, information about the upcoming **Mother's Day Novena** envelopes, an invitation to the **Healing Mass** on Thursday evening, May 15th, starting at 7pm in the church, an invitation to the upcoming **Stand-Up Comedy Night**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday evening, May 17th 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 each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Third Week of Easter. **Keep your Easter joy going by nourishing each other. Plus remember: Practice what you preach-or better yet, don't preach, just practice.** God bless always.  
**-Father Chuck**





# **WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS**

## **MAY 4, 2025-THIRD 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**

### **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.**



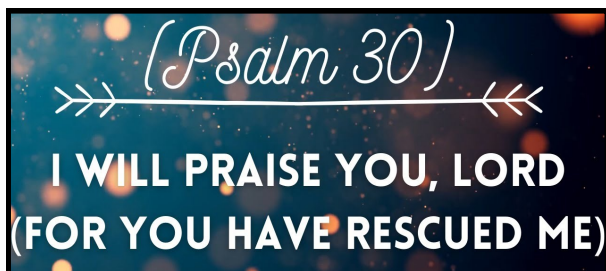
# READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

## MAY 4, 2025-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING

**Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41**

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.



### SECOND READING

**Revelation 5:11-14**

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

### ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ is risen, creator of all;  
he has shown pity on all people.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL

**John 21:1-14**

At that time, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

# EASTER FLOWERS

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Michael Sarro

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Sadie Vulpis

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Ronald Wasson

Maureen Wasson

Charles Warner

Jean Warner

# Mother's Day Novena

As we celebrate Mother's Day next Sunday, May 11th, there will once again be the parish's Novena of

Masses prayed for nine consecutive days starting on May 11th. 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 11th.



## God Bless Our Newly Baptized

*Everly Carmela Milella*

*Rylan Corniel*

*Ava Grace Palladino*

*Wyatt Joseph Fahrenkrug*

*Jack Alfred Cannizzaro*

*Aurora Penny Pupa*

*Paul Anakin Rallo*

*Nicholas George Wall*

*Jason John Scibelli*

*Victoria Rose Vesey*

*Callie Nicole Kozlakowski*

*Jack Francis Sanders*

*Cal Joseph Sanders*

*Eliana Isla Cavalieri*

*Romulus Pierre Larrieux*

*Owen Christopher Transom*

*Erik Silvio Miller, Jr.*

*Fred John Clemenza*

*Lily Ann Gagstetter*

*Daniel Frank Robinson*



*Maggie Pariente*

*and*

*John Colucci*



*Gina Costante*

*and*

*Anthony Caminiti*



*Elena Gallo*

*and*

*Charles Lynch*



*Christi Stefaniw*

*and*

*Anthony Lombardo, Jr.*



*Olivia Haynes*

*and*

*Drew Dantino.*

*Married at  
St. Raymond's Church  
in May 2025*



# Blood Drive

**St. Raymond's Church**

**263 Atlantic Avenue.**

**East Rockaway**

**School Cafeteria**

**Sunday – June 1, 2025**

**8:00am – 2:00pm**

**Scan QR code to an  
appointment!**



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## Prepare to donate



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Bring a  
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Feel good and  
symptom free

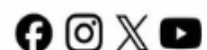


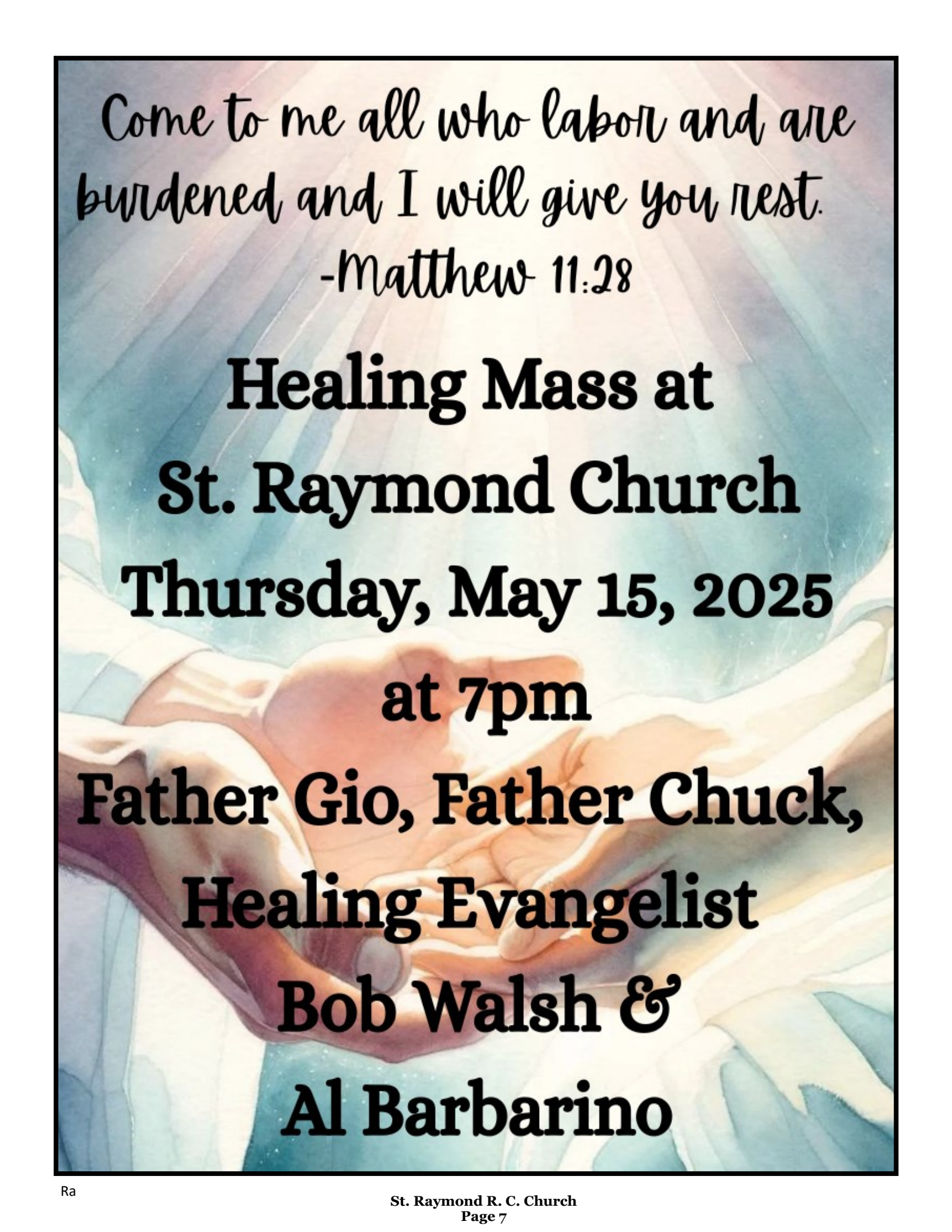
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consent form



Meet minimum  
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements  
and COVID-19 information, visit  
[nybc.org/eligibility](https://nybc.org/eligibility).





Come to me all who labor and are  
burdened and I will give you rest.

-Matthew 11:28

**Healing Mass at  
St. Raymond Church  
Thursday, May 15, 2025  
at 7pm**

**Father Gio, Father Chuck,  
Healing Evangelist  
Bob Walsh &  
Al Barbarino**





# PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



At this time I am accepting requests for the Sacrament of Confirmation from any adult Catholics of college age and older. The appropriate date each year for the conferring of Confirmation to adults is at a Pentecost Mass which signals the end of the Easter season.



**I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on Sunday, June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Mass.**



There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 by Monday, May 19th and ask to be placed on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

-Father Chuck



**ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.**

-Pope Francis I



*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry*

*The Ryan House*

*"The Heart of the Parish"*

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197

*"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." Isaiah 58:10*



**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION  
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM  
10AM TO 3PM**

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

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, contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

During the month of March, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 91 households with food, personal care and household items and provided the clients with other services needed, such as information on DSS, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul.

**Pantry items still needed: Canned Tomatoes, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, White Rice, Pinto and Black Beans, Broth, Ramen Noodles, Tuna Fish, Mayonnaise and Mustard..**

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!*





# THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Loving Memory of

Ann Connolly

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For Dedications call  
Mary Healy 887-4062



"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." As we continue through this Easter season, let us take the lessons and devotions we learned and practiced this past Lent and grow in our spirituality—so as to give proper worship to the Lord.



## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Although the number of abortionists and facilities are lessening, abortion is on the rise because of chemical abortions. The abortion industry has been pushing hard for chemical abortions through telehealth - mail order, at home, do-it-yourself chemical abortions. This abortion method is portrayed by the industry as "gentle, natural & private." However, there is nothing "gentle or natural" about taking 2 powerful drugs that kills and expels the baby and causes the woman much pain, bleeding and, at times, hemorrhaging. Also highly credible studies from the U.S. and Finland show higher levels of serious adverse events associated with chemical abortions compared to surgical abortions. For example, follow-up surgical evacuations of the baby remains are needed when the chemical abortions fail or emergency surgery is necessary when ectopic pregnancies rupture. The latter can happen when the symptoms of a chemical abortion mask the symptoms of an ectopic pregnancy allowing it to go unnoticed until the woman's life is at risk. In addition, the FDA has tragically eliminated the important safety protocol of in-person dispensing which is needed to protect woman's health. With respect to the FDA Adverse Reporting System, it notoriously under-receives and under-reports adverse events in general. In 2016, the FDA loosened its requirements to mandate only the reporting of deaths through abortion but doesn't even enforce that. Please join with us in prayer each Thursday, from 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm, during Adoration as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the intention of an end to abortion and the return to the dignity, respect and protection of all God's children from conception to natural death.

**STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS**  
**DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**  
**FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL**  
**NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG**



## Communion under Both Forms -Part 2



***"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the chalice, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."***  
**1 Corinthians 11:26**

We continue our discussion from last week about receiving the Lord's Body and Precious Blood under both forms or species, that is, partaking both the sacred host and from the chalice consecrated at the same Mass.

### Background Refresher

In 1521, The Council of Trent declared that both the Body and Blood are present in each consecrated species (bread and wine) due to the "comingling," that is the ritual act at Mass where a small piece of the consecrated host (bread) is broken off and placed into the chalice containing the consecrated wine (Christ's blood). This action signifies the unity of Christ's body and blood, representing the resurrection and the union of the faithful with Christ.

Historically, Communion under both species was the norm in the Church until the late eleventh century when the practice of distributing only the bread (Body) became more common. The Vatican II Council encouraged the distribution of Communion under both species, and many parishes now offer this option, although it is not universally mandated. In the United States, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops gave permission to distribute the Eucharist under both kinds during weekday Masses in 1970, and this was extended to Sundays in 1978.

### Why Don't We Always Receive from the Chalice?

Along with some of the practical reasons, there is also a faith consideration based on our belief that Jesus is really and completely present under either form of Communion. The GIRM states, "Sacred pastors should take care to ensure that the faithful... are made

aware by the most suitable means possible of the Catholic teaching on the form of Holy Communion as laid down by the Ecumenical Council of Trent. Above all, they should instruct the Christian faithful that the Catholic faith teaches that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence that as regards the resulting fruits, those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation" (GIRM, 282). This text reminds pastors to make sure people know that receiving the host is receiving the whole Christ; receiving from the chalice is receiving the whole Christ; receiving both forms is receiving the whole Christ. There have been times in history where this teaching was not necessarily clear; for some, receiving Communion under one form can assist with that clarity.

### Who Decides When We Receive from the Chalice?



Ultimately, the decision is up to the local bishop, who can choose to extend the decision to the individual pastor. Bishops are charged to do whatever they think will be most helpful to people spiritually, while at the same time guarding the true faith and reverence for Jesus present in the Holy Sacrament. So, when you travel and notice that some parishes have Communion under both forms and some do not, know that the bishop and pastor have decided, according to the instruction of the GIRM, to do what they think is best for their parishes and people at the present time. As always, if we don't understand the wisdom of our leaders in these decisions, we are invited to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and wisdom, and continue to pray for true unity in Christ!

**For Reflection:** Make a commitment to pray daily for your local bishop and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all his decisions.

**Next Week:**  
**Private Silent Prayer**





### St. Raymond Church

#### Opportunities for a Holy Hour

Each Day, the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00 PM

Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM

Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM

### Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost (June 8th) 2025

#### PILLAR 3 – EUCHARISTIC LIFE

#### The Paschal Way of the Light – “Via Lucis”

The Via Lucis includes fourteen stations for reflection on Christ's Paschal victory, which include events from his Resurrection to Pentecost.



#### Fourth Station: Meeting Jesus on the Road to Emmaus

*“Were not our hearts burning while he spoke to us on the way?”*

*(Luke 24:32)*

How do I experience the love of the risen Christ? These disciples met a man before whom their hearts were burning. A stranger with whom they found themselves completely attentive, completely willing to follow, completely generous! The love an engaged couple feels for one another, the love of the husband and wife of fifty years, the love for a child or a parent, the love for a best friend, a beloved teacher... anyone before whom my heart is generated and then pours itself forth in generosity... this is the love of Christ. He is in the flesh! His presence in our lives is real! If only we recognize him when he walks with us!

***Lord Jesus, let me not take for granted the human love and faces you give me as the evidence of your Resurrection.***

#### Fifth Station: Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread

*“The two recounted...how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.” (Luke 24:35)*

Jesus told us that whoever eats his flesh, the Bread of Life, would live forever. The Last Supper, the first Eucharist, was already a prophecy of the Resurrection. Jesus gives his flesh or the life of the world. The Eucharist is a fountain of life. When the stranger on the road to Emmaus breaks the bread for the two disciples, they recognize him to be Jesus, alive! He disappears from their sight, but he remains with them in the Eucharist. The Resurrection is not limited to a point in time; it bursts forth in the sacraments and it continually gives life to the Church.

***Lord Jesus, let my “Amen” to the Eucharist extend to all the ordinary ways you choose to come to me visibly.***



## ***“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”***

John 21:19

Third Sunday of Easter

### The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope

December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026

#### Living Hope in a Time of Uncertainty

Living Hope during the Easter season, is about allowing the resurrection of Christ to shape our response to fear, instability, and suffering. Here's how that can look, even in uncertain times:.



### Cling to the Resurrection Narrative

Easter isn't just a historical event—it's a present reality for Christians. Christ's victory over death is proof that life, not death, has the final word. In a time of uncertainty, Catholics are called to reframe their perspective: not ignoring the pain, but viewing it through the lens of resurrection.

Life often follows the pattern of death → waiting → resurrection. That's the heart of the Paschal Mystery. When Catholics feel stuck in "Holy Saturday"—between sorrow and joy—they remember: Easter always comes.

***Hope doesn't deny the cross—it walks through it, toward new life.***

### Be a Sign of Hope to Others



Hope isn't passive. It moves outward, becoming a gift for others. In a time of uncertainty:

- Reach out to someone isolated.
- Be generous in time or resources.
- Share stories of hope—how Christ is still showing up.

***Hope is contagious, especially when people see it lived boldly.***



# ***THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS***

## ***STATIONS 1-7***

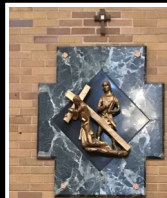
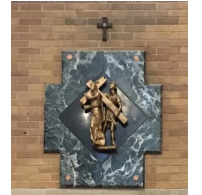


### ***THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE***

Just as Jesus was wrongfully accused, sometimes people falsely place blame on me to escape the responsibility themselves. And yes, sometimes I also put others down in order to build myself up. When Jesus was condemned to death, even those who had once followed Him went along with Pilate. Do I care more about being accepted by those around me than returning your love? Help me Lord. Be with me Lord.

### ***THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS***

Lord, help me remember the humble and loving way You carried Your cross up to Calvary when I experience life's heavy burdens and strife. Sometimes I think I can't go on. Help me remember I am not alone. You are always with me. May I imitate Your virtues of love, humility and perseverance while dealing with my crosses and offer them up on behalf of my sins, for the sick and less fortunate. Help me to understand that there is nothing You and I can't get through together.

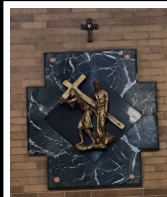
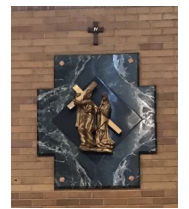


### ***THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME***

I am like you, Jesus, in that I take up my own cross. But my cross is made up of my sins, temptation and Materialism. I carry my cross through my life, like You, Jesus, carried Your cross to Calvary. Jesus, You fell under the weight of my sins. I fall by accepting temptation and giving into evil. I fall when I give in to gossip or hurt others. You carry my sins to death so I can be free. Help me, Jesus, to really understand all that You have done for me. Help me to make my burden lighter.

### ***THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER***

How does anyone have the strength to watch someone they love suffer and die? Death knows no boundaries and takes everyone. I need to have the strength and faith of Mary when I am faced with the loss of a loved one. Lord, while I know death is not an end but really a beginning, please give me the strength of faith that Your mother showed, and help me to be strong for the others who are grieving.

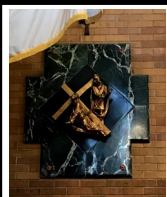
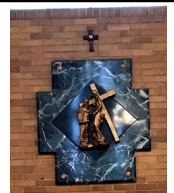


### ***THE FIFTH STATION-SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS***

I need Your help to get me through these tough situations that I encounter during my day. Help me discover my options through prayer. Please help me to be nicer to those who are against me, and let me be trusting in my relationships with my friends, family and neighbors. I have enough to handle on my own. Why, then, am I further burdened with worry about family members or friends? Why does it always seem to be me who has to take on their problems as well as my own? Lord, show me the way.

### ***THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS***

Every day I see people who are suffering or in need of help. They seem to be everywhere. I wish someone would help them. I'm so busy; I just don't have the time. That isn't really true. I guess I just don't want to be involved. I have my own problems, I don't need to take on any more. O Lord, teach me to see Your face in the faces of those who need comfort. You have assured us that random acts of kindness will have their own rewards, if not here and now, then later, with you in the kingdom.



### ***THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN***

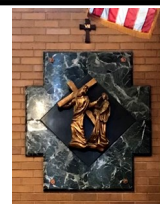
In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps on going-for me. With Your help, I can have the courage and the faith to get up again and continue on. Help me to pray that I will not follow my own way but, instead, the way of the Lord, for which Jesus was sacrificed.

# PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

## STATIONS 8-14

### **THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

How difficult I find it sometimes to think of others particularly when I am troubled or hurting. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in myself that I shut others out, and I wonder if I can go on. Lord, You have shown me love and compassion for others even when they scorn You. Please help me to look beyond the exterior of others and help me to show compassion as You did. Please don't let me be selfish. Instead, let me always be merciful in my journey through life.



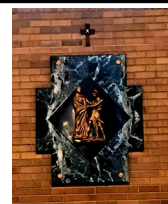
### **THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME**

I Sometimes fear the future. I become afraid of change. I am just so unsure of myself, let alone others. I need confidence. I need to know I am not alone. I need to understand that I am worthy of love and respect. Lord, forgive me for each day of my life that I sin against You. Sometimes I have the best intentions, but I turn away from You anyway. Help me to appreciate all you have done for me. Give me strength and wisdom to seek kindness in others and see myself in the image and likeness of God.



### **THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS**

My possessions are very important to me. I surround myself with beautiful and expensive things. I have far more clothes than I really need, and sometimes I spend money on silly things and forget about others who don't even have necessities. Dear Jesus, you not only sacrificed everything, You laid down Your life for me. Help me to be a strong spiritual follower in faith. Please show me the right way towards eternal happiness by following Your example.



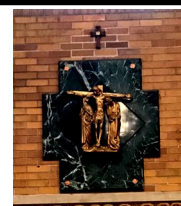
### **THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

O, my God, sometimes I persecute others because they are different. I am embarrassed when I think of some of the things I've said about others. It's so easy to gossip. Sometimes I just don't like people because of their skin color or religion. Give me the courage to not give in to the pressures of putting others down. Dear Jesus, please forgive me and the others like me, and help me, instead to be Your messenger of love and care to all I meet so that they may experience Your love and concern through me.



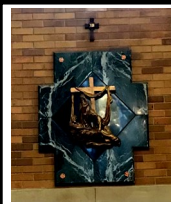
### **THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

Jesus, give me the strength so that I can survive the mysteries of life that are ahead of me. I know I'm going to fall many times. Give me the courage to stand back up. Let me recognize all the good things that surround me each day of my life. Our heavenly Father gave all of us a beautiful world. You even died so our sins would be forgiven. May I be like You in Your perfect example of sacrifice and love. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.



### **THE THIRTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS**

Lord I am truly sorry for forgetting You. I am sometimes preoccupied by my life when I should be focusing on You. I really don't know why, but I always seem to let all the things in my life crowd you out. Often, when I do pray, I do not concentrate on my prayer. I sometimes just say the words and don't pay attention to what I am saying. Help me to show that You are my first priority by setting aside time for You each day.



### **THE FOURTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

Dear Jesus, following Your death, helplessness and despair was felt by many. Your death on the cross left those who really knew You empty inside. Lord, when I am feeling empty inside, help me to attain inner strength and peace to make it through the day. Knowing that You love me and believe in me, gives me the reassurance I need. Help me to face my problems, and to remember that You are with me always until the end of time.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY 4/28/2025**

Registration forms for the 2025/2026 Religious Education School Year have been e-mailed home to parents and are available on the parish website by middle to end of April.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSALS: TEACHER/CLASSROOM # DATE/TIME

#### GROUP 3

Mrs. Joanna Agnello & Mrs. Stacey Quiroz/2-4 Room 107  
Mrs. Jennifer Juno/2-5 Room 208  
Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 3:30pm-5pm

#### GROUP 4

Mr. Brian Seinwels/2-7 Room 209  
Mrs. Lisa Esposito/2-8 Room 207  
Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 3:30pm-5pm

**\*MANDATORY REHEARSAL FOR YOUR RESPECTIVE GROUP.  
PARENTS DO NOT NEED TO STAY FOR REHEARSAL – DROP OFF CHILD IN CHURCH AT  
3:30PM AND PICK UP CHILD IN CHURCH AT 5PM**

### ATTENTION FIRST GRADE PARENTS

Sunday 5/4/2025 – all students and parents please attend the 9am Mass (May Crowning) in the Church. After Mass, students and parents are invited to a celebratory graduation pancake breakfast held immediately after Mass in the cafeteria and hosted by the Knights of Columbus. There students will hand in their completed workbook and will be given a Certificate of Completion.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR

Please consider signing up to be a Catechist for our Religious Education program for the 2025/2026 school year. If you have children in our program, there is no Registration fee. Our books are user friendly and the staff is available for any questions. Training is offered throughout the year. All catechists must attend a Virtus session or show proof of previously attending before starting as a Catechist. For more information, please contact the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075 or [strayfaithformation@aol.com](mailto:strayfaithformation@aol.com).

### HERE ARE THE GRADES/CLASSES THAT NEED CATECHISTS:



Grade 2 - 2 teachers Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Grade 3 - 1 teacher Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Grade 3 - 2 teachers Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Grade 5 - 1 teacher Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Grade 8 - 1 teacher Mondays 7pm-8pm  
Grade 8 - 1 teacher Tuesdays 5pm-6pm


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Join us from August 18-26, 2025, on another nine day pilgrimage to Italy. The pilgrimage will include passage through the holy doors, visits to significant religious sites, spiritual activities, and opportunities for personal reflection.

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## The St Vincent dePaul Orientation

**All persons interested in joining the St. Raymond St. De Paul Society are invited to attend an Orientation Meeting provided by the Nassau- Suffolk Central Conference from 5-8 pm on May 1st and May 8th. This training can be taken either in person at the St Vincent De Paul Annex located at 259 Broadway in Bethpage NY or by Zoom. Dinner will be served at the Annex.**

**The Orientation provides an opportunity to learn more about how our world-wide organization serves our neighbors in need. You will need to register in advance. Please consider joining us. We work hand in hand with Parish Social Ministry to aid our neighbors of all faiths within the St. Raymond parish boundaries who are struggling to meet their living expenses.**

**If you believe you have a calling to this ministry, please contact Anthony at 516-220-2521 or [abkoc@aol.com](mailto:abkoc@aol.com) for registration details.**

*Being a volunteer can be a rewarding experience. We hope you can join us.*

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## Statement of Cardinal Dolan and the NYS Bishops on State-Sanctioned Suicide Bill

April 24, 2025

*"Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for all. We are called never to abandon those who are suffering, never giving up but caring and loving to restore hope." – Pope Francis, 2019*

On Easter Monday, April 21, Pope Francis ended his earthly journey and entered eternal life. The Holy Father gave us many examples to emulate throughout his life and ministry, even right to the end when he gave us an example of a holy, natural death.

Sadly, the very next day, news reports indicated that the New York State Assembly would take up legislation (A136/S138) to legalize state-sanctioned suicide for those who are diagnosed with a terminal illness. Euphemistically titled the Medical Aid in Dying Act, this bill would usher in a dangerous new era in our state, turning the Hippocratic Oath taken by physicians to "do no harm" on its head and leaving vulnerable individuals – people with disabilities, the elderly, and those in impoverished and medically underserved communities – subject to pressure and coercion to end their lives so as not to be a "burden" to society or an excessive cost to insurance companies.

One only need to look to the example of our neighbor to the north, Canada, to understand the risk. That country passed a similar law to New York's bill in 2016. Within a few short years, it was expanded to allow not only those with terminal illnesses, but also those with "chronic" illnesses, such as arthritis, to end their lives. In 2027, the law is set to expand to those whose only underlying condition is mental illness, such as depression, anxiety or anorexia.

At a time when New Yorkers are rightly concerned with issues such as affordability, crime, homelessness, federal cuts to Medicaid, behavioral health access, and their children's education, it is unconscionable that lawmakers would consider now an appropriate time to legalize suicide for a segment of the population. Think of the message this sends. Sadly, we are facing a suicide crisis among young people in our state, and the government rightly spends large sums of money to prevent these tragedies and to deliver a consistent message that life is worth living. Now our state will be telling its citizens that some lives – perhaps where there has been a loss of autonomy or a disability – are not worth living. We pray that the legislature reconsiders this disastrous public policy, and we call on Governor Hochul to exercise her veto authority should the bill come to her desk.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York  
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# 2025

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

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Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! I pray that you and your loved ones are experiencing the love and hope of this Easter season. Today, I am writing to ask you to share that love and hope with others, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Your gift, no matter what the amount, is so powerful and can make a difference in the lives of so many, including the young people of our Diocese.

Your gifts help to fund formation programs that allow our young people to experience the love of Christ. One such program, **Camp Quo Vadis**, is a summer camp that draws young people from across Long Island (including NYC and upstate!) to come together with their peers to experience a day filled with faith, hope and love.

This camp, so vital to the mission of the Church, quenches the spiritual thirst that so many young people on Long Island are searching for. The camp provides young people with an opportunity to meet with fellow young Catholics from different towns and schools and grow together in the Faith, as they attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. ***Remember, the more our young people seek out Christ and the more the Church helps them to navigate their journey—the better all our futures will be.***

***“It is a great joy to be present to our young Catholics... and to see where the Lord is working in their life. To be present to them... to help them to discern and to determine their relationship with the Lord and where the Lord is calling them to go.”***

***- Father John Crozier, Vocations Direct***

There are many other ministries that are funded by the CMA and bring hope and love to others. Pregnant mothers in need, seminarians, those studying for the Diaconate, those with substance abuse issues and seniors in need of housing are all helped thanks to donors like you. I invite you to visit the website for the CMA to learn more about what the CMA does: <https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>.

Please know that I thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you already made a gift and have received this letter in error, thank you for your gift!

**To make a donation, you can also visit [drvc.org/CMA](https://drvc.org/CMA) or call us at 516-678-5800 ext 296**

**THANK YOU!!**



## MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 5th

7:15am Charles Hess

8:45am Dominick Consolazio

### Tuesday, May 6th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Teresa, Pasquale & Valeria  
Cibellis

### Wednesday, May 7th

7:15am The Butler & Brosnom Families

8:45am George F. Carney, Sr.

### Thursday, May 8th

7:15am Christopher Paz

8:45am Fiona Malone (L)

### Friday, May 9th

7:15am Marianne Geraghty

8:45am Jennie Gaeta

### Saturday, May 10th

8:45am Elizabeth Schallkamp  
Anthony Generosa

5:00pm John & Nancy Nucci

### Sunday, May 11th

7:30am

9:00am Mother's

10:30am Day

12:00pm

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Acts 6:8-15/John 6:22-29

#### Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a/John 6:30-35

#### Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/John 6:35-40

#### Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/John 6:44-51

#### Friday

Acts 9:1-20/John 6:52-59

#### Saturday

Acts 9:31-42/John 6:60-69

#### Sunday

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
John 10:27-30

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### 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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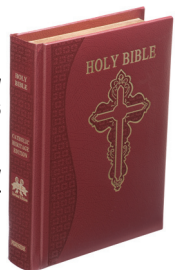
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