

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 31, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“For everyone who exalts himself will be
humbled, but the one who humbles
himself will be exalted.”

- Luke 14:5



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 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.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

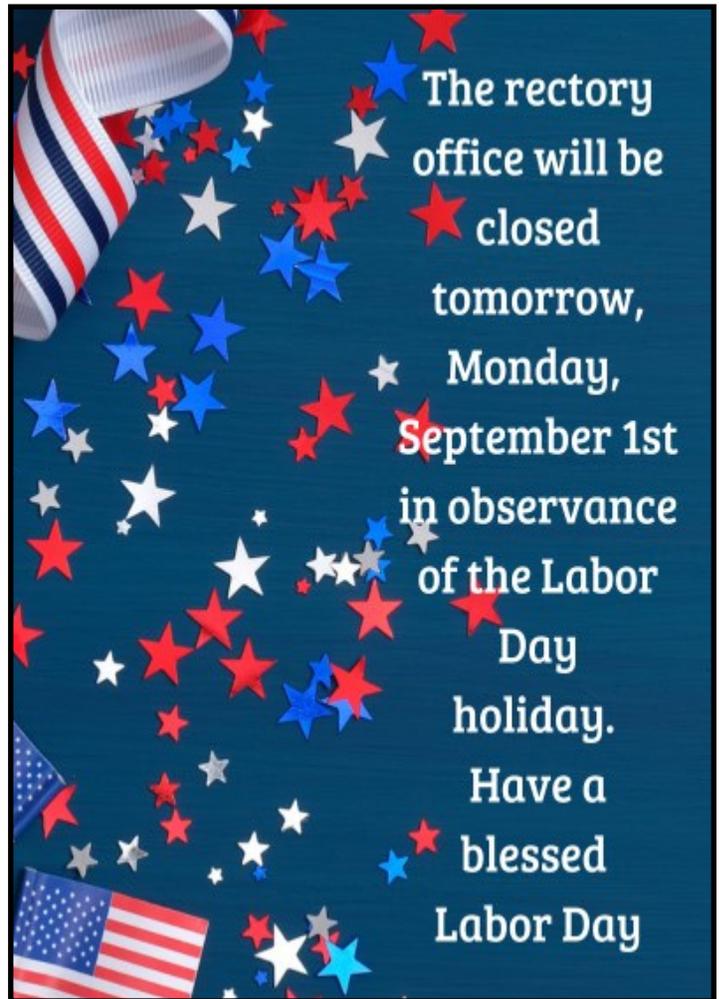
Music Ministries

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

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

Mary Lynch

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Anthony Sanchez Jr.

Cara

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

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings emphasize the importance of humility. In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, we are told that the more one humbles themselves the greater they become. **"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God."** The Responsorial Psalm echoes how God identifies most especially with the poor and lowly. **"God, in your goodness you have made a home with the poor."** And finally, Luke's Gospel has Jesus in a social setting dining at the home of a leading Pharisee. He uses the occasion to teach a lesson about humility. Jesus contrasts people seeking places of honor at a banquet as a way of showing off their importance. It is humble recognition of our own poverty, both spiritual and material without God, that the kingdom becomes attainable. We must recognize the humility of Jesus in becoming man that opens for us the invitation to the heavenly banquet. Seek the lowly place and God will reward you. As Jesus said: **"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**

In today's first reading we hear the line: **"...an attentive ear is the joy of the wise."** I would say that true listening is so much harder than talking. Maybe that's why we don't really buy all the stuff Jesus says in today's gospel passage from Luke, besides other times in scripture. You know, all that stuff about choosing the lowest places at table, being a servant to all, being willing to be last, and being willing to humble oneself and every other thing about resisting the need to be important, or to be in places of honor? It's not easy. We all start life in kind of fog, experiencing the world exclusively through our own perspective, only concerned with what we want, what we need, how we feel and what we have to say. Sadly, some of us never break free from that, going through life as the center of our own universe. We don't really consider other people's feelings, we don't really **"listen"** to anyone but ourselves. We are mired in a kind of self-centered world.

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind." In other words, so many of us (me included) struggle to do right by others, to care for others, respect others, love others, when there is really nothing in it for ourselves. You see, each time we really listen to someone else, we are inviting them to the banquet table. We are letting them know that we value them. We value their ideas, their insights, opinions and thoughts.

Good listening shows others that we are aware we're not better than them, that we don't deserve more love or attention or more consideration or more advantages. Good listening shows that we are all in this together, all on the same journey and that each life, each person is as valuable as each other. The world needs to hear this loud and clear. How? Through patient, quiet and attentive listening.

Thanks to all who participated in our **2025 Backwards Money Drawing** last Sunday. There were plenty of winners sharing in the \$20,000 prize money. The bulletin contains a posting of all the winning numbers as they were pulled along with the amount won. Special thanks to the Sodality of Our Lady for providing refreshments throughout the morning. And thanks to all who bought tickets, acted as ticket agents and bought chances for the #500 ticket. You all helped St. Raymond Parish realize a **\$32,000** profit from the event.

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), a plea for donors for the upcoming **Parish Blood Drive** on Sunday, September 14th, the St. Vincent de Paul's **"Friends of the Poor Walk"** on Saturday, September 27th, 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 first week of September. Enjoy the Labor Day holiday on Monday and best wishes to all our students going back to school this week. **Smile share and remember: Every day is a gift from God. Don't forget to thank him.** God bless always. **Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 31, 2025—22ND 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 31, 2025—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

ALLELUIA

Matthew 11:29ab

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

PSALM 68:

God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

St. Joseph, Defender of Life Prayer

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sat. Sept 27, 2025 – 10AM

**Heckscher State Park
East Islip**



Please join us at our annual walk to raise funds for our neighbors in need. You can register today or donate at: <https://svdpli.org/walk17/> or by using the QR code.

When you select "St. Raymond Conference – East Rockaway" your donation will go directly toward helping neighbors in our community. For more information, please contact Anthony at (516) 220-2521.

Backwards Money Drawing Winning Tickets



2024 BACKWARD DRAWING WINNERS:

Ticket Pull #1- Ticket #323 (\$500.00)
Ticket Pull #50- Ticket #489 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #100- Ticket #130 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #150- Ticket #446 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #200- Ticket #350 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #250- Ticket #53 (\$250.00)
Ticket Pull #300- Ticket #255 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #350- Ticket #344 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #400- Ticket #162 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #450- Ticket #440 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #491- Ticket #108 (\$300.00)
Ticket Pull #492- Ticket #243 (\$400.00)
Ticket Pull #493- Ticket #322 (\$500.00)
Ticket Pull #494- Ticket #373 (\$600.00)
Ticket Pull #495- Ticket #202 (\$700.00)
Ticket Pull #496- Ticket #425 (\$800.00)
Ticket Pull #497- Ticket #229 (\$900.00)
Ticket Pull #498- Ticket #500 (\$1000.00)
Ticket Pull #499- Ticket #168 (\$6250.00)
Ticket Pull #500- Ticket #312 (\$6250.00)

Last Sunday afternoon we held our 2025 Backwards Money Drawing during a special Hospitality Sunday, sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady. It was a great success with \$20,000.00 awarded in prize money. The winning raffle ticket for the #500 ticket was 082350. Before pulling out the last two tickets, the bearers of the remaining two tickets agreed to split the last two prizes of \$2,500 and \$10,000. They each received \$6250.00. Because of the generosity and support of so many people we were able to sell all 500 tickets. As a result, we realized a profit of over \$32,000 for our parish. Thanks to all our parishioners, neighbors and friends from near and far who supported this fundraising event. The following is the list of ticket pulls and prize winners. Look for the 2026 Backwards Money Drawing next year!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION**

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY MONDAY 9/1/2025
AND WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY 9/2/2025.**

OFFICE HOURS ARE: MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10AM-4PM; THURSDAY 10AM-2PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF 9/29/2025 AND END
THE WEEK OF 4/20/2026. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
CLASSES ARE ALREADY FILLED TO CAPACITY.**

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. Please note that the Registration fee is \$250 for the first child in the family – each additional child is \$100.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

9th grade Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, 2025 in St. Raymond Church. The Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students. There will be two ceremonies that day - one at 11am and one at 2:30pm. This information was e-mailed to parents in May. The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

GROUP 1 - 11AM CEREMONY

Mrs. Maria Lopez, Mrs. Danielle Peknic,
Mrs. Petra Schoen

GROUP 2 - 2:30PM CEREMONY

Mrs. Nancy Mott, Ms. Denise Rivenburgh,
Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero,
Kellenberg, St. Mary, Chaminade, Home



There will be a 9th grade parent meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 7:30pm via ZOOM. The link and timeline will be e-mailed to parents on 9/9/2025.



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

108th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FATIMA APPARITIONS

Date: Monday, September 8, 2025

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.



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Be humble and turn to
God in EVERYTHING.

When you pray,
recognize your
littleness and His
greatness.

**22ND 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

Sunday is the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are encouraged to embrace humility. The first reading from the Book of Sirach says it simply:



“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.” In Luke’s gospel is a beloved story of Jesus saying, “do not recline at table in the place of honor” at a banquet. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”



Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope, and Doctor of the Church. Friday is the First Friday of the month honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians concludes on Tuesday. Wednesday, we begin a week of readings from the Letter to the Colossians, with its gracious salutation and encouragement. The readers are exhorted to see Christ as the “head of the body” noting that all is created “in and through him.”

We now move from Matthew to Luke’s Gospel, which we will read on weekdays from now until Advent begins. We will feel the special way the evangelist will highlight healing, mercy, the poor, women, prayer, the Spirit, and a gospel for a new, all inclusive, Israel.



Jesus teaches in the synagogue and reads from Isaiah: “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” Jesus heals a man with demons. He heals Simon’s mother-in-law, and all the sick they brought him.



“I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent.”

He calls out to three discouraged fishermen to lower their nets, to show them his power. Peter is overwhelmed and protests he is unworthy. “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” At Jesus’ persistence, Peter, James, and John leave their nets to follow Jesus.



The week ends with Jesus’ tangling with the Pharisees who challenge the fasting of his disciples. “Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?” He deflects the criticism by telling them “no one pours new wine into old wineskins.” When his critics note that his disciples were “unlawful” by picking heads of grains to eat, he tells them, “The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”

On the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear Wisdom marvel at God’s ways. Paul writes to his friend, Philemon, about Philemon’s slave, Onesimus, who is now a convert and in prison with Paul. Paul asks that he be taken back as a son or a brother. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd that following him will involve radical conversion and require that each person discern if they can prepare for the self-denial required.



“Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.”
Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 11:29



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

As we get into this pattern of letting the readings interact with the desires of our hearts, one week flows into the next. So, we begin this week continuing to reflect on the purpose of our lives. We can measure our resistance to self-denial for the sake of loving others more and ask for the Lord's healing and grace.

Our pattern of finding intimacy with our Lord in the unique context of our busy, complicated days begins with a morning moment of focus, the earlier the better. Soon after we wake up, we can pause briefly to give a faith filled shape to our day.

While making coffee, starting a load of wash, taking a shower, getting dressed, we can begin our day with the Lord, begin our day in a relationship. At first, it may take practice to replace what usually goes on in our heads and hearts, with this kind of prayerful desiring. It can quickly become a very natural way to anticipate, plan, and prepare for our day.

Reading this guide over the weekend or early in the week helps, as does reading a daily reflection about the Gospel of the day. But these resources work best when they provide a support for our inner conversation with the Lord as we go through the real experiences, relationships, conflicts, and challenges of our day. Then the scriptures, the unique details of our lives, and the desires of our hearts simply come together in an ongoing dialog with the Lord that

takes place in the background of our days and shapes our choices and reveals deeper desires.



This week, we might ask Jesus to confront the demons that seem to

dominate the upcoming week. We may have many mothers-in-law or friends that need healing that we can entrust to the Lord's care. We might experience discouragement in our work, with our spouses or parents or in our jobs or ministries.

We can take those discouragements and use them as an opportunity to ask the Lord to show us his power there. And, when we are tempted to feel unworthy or to be humbled by the task ahead, we can let Jesus call us again to follow him.

Jesus, help me to trust in you. My heart wavers with the wind. I grow weary and lose faith so easily at times, but I know that you are trustworthy. Help me, like Peter who walked on water, to keep my eyes focused on you. When the winds and waves of life come my way, help me to trust in your loving guidance and protection.

Perhaps this week we will feel the call for a real renewal, to not just keep trying to pour new wine into our old wineskins but to ask the Lord to make us new, and ready for the new calls, new graces he is offering us.

With the smallest of efforts, we can find a few moments every evening to look back on these days of connecting with our Lord, and to express our gratitude for his presence and the new freedom and graces we are receiving.

By Saturday, we might find ourselves turning to Mary to ask for the graces we need from our Lord. "I thank God for your life, Mary. Please place me with your Son."

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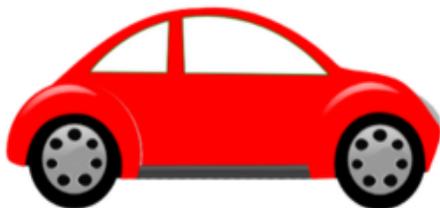
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*** * 55th ANNUAL * ***

**SAN GENNARO
FEAST**

2025



2025

SEPT. 4 - 7

SACRED HEART CHURCH

282 Long Beach Road, Island Park, NY 11558

Opening Mass 6 PM & Procession 7 PM

THURS. 7 pm - 10 PM ★ FRI. 5 PM - 11 PM

SAT. 3 PM - 11 PM ★ SUN. 1:30 PM - 9 PM

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St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

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12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

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FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM

10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

" Let all that you do be done in love." Corinthians 16:14

The Parish Social Ministry and our clients would like to sincerely thank all those who have recently made generous donations to help restock the shelves at the Food Pantry. We all know these are challenging times and we truly appreciate your support. You will all be remembered in our prayers.

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.

PANTRY ITEMS STILL NEEDED TO RESTOCK OUR SHELVES

INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING, CANNED TOMATOES, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, PANCAKE MIX, PANCAKE SYRUP, JELLO OR INSTANT PUDDING, COLD CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED CARROTS AND BEETS, COOKING OIL, DISH DETERGENT AND LAUNDRY 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!



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

39th ANNIVERSARY GALA

LIFE CENTER OF L.I.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

The Muttontown Club

5933 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY

\$180 per adult - \$100 per student

\$1,500 for a table of ten, if reserved by Sept. 8th

Reservations Required - Valet Parking Available

Guest Speaker:

Ruth Akosua Yeboah, CEO, founder of

Precious Life Center of Ghana

In addition to the speaker, three pro-life

warriors will be honored at the Gala.

They and six others had engaged in peaceful,

prayerful civil disobedience to try

to stop abortionist, Cesare Santangelo from

committing late-term and full term

abortions. This abortionist even stated that he

lets babies die without treatment

if they were born alive during the abortion,

which is against the law. These

pro-lifers were locked up for months even

before their sentencing. Charges were

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Trump granted them pardons this year.

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Just a reminder to continue praying the prayer

to St. Joseph, Defender of Life, as

requested by the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops (USCCB) published in last

weekend's bulletin, as a focused effort of prayer

to stop taxpayer funding of the killing

of preborn babies through abortion and the

funding of the abortion industry. We know,

full well, the power of prayer is great!

Thank you!

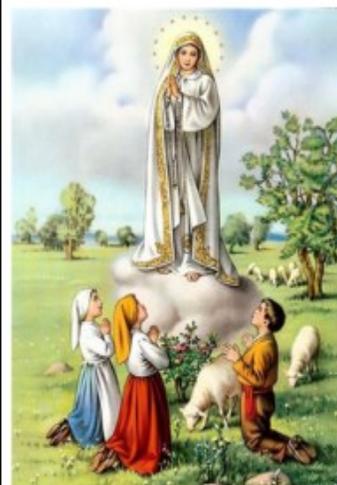


Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, September 5th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration.

Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

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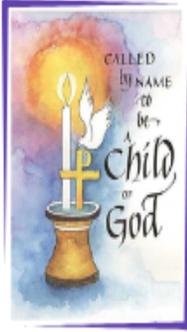
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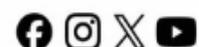


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Monday, September 1st

7:15am Charles Stolze

8:45am Edmund Mentel (50yrs)

Tuesday, September 2nd

7:15am Andrzej Stafinski

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Wednesday, September 3rd

St. Gregory the Great

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Ronald & Lorraine Edgar

Thursday, September 4th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 5th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Stephen Genora

Saturday, September 6th

8:45am Breda Kenny (L)

5:00pm Thomas Sheehy

Sunday, September 7th

7:30am Maria Bosques

9:00am Agnes Lee Chan

10:30am George Moseman

12:00pm Raymond Garrett

Marie Gallagher

Kathleen Moscato

Sal Gallo

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18/Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11/Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday

Colossians 1:1-8/Luke 4:38-44

Thursday

Colossians 1:9-14/Luke 5:1-11

Friday

Colossians 1:15-20/Luke 5:33-39

Saturday

Colossians 1:21-23/Luke 6:1-5

Sunday

Wisdom 9:13-18b/Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



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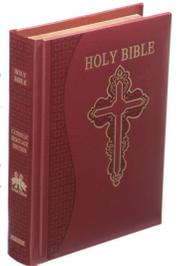
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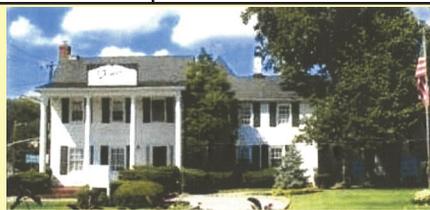
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