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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

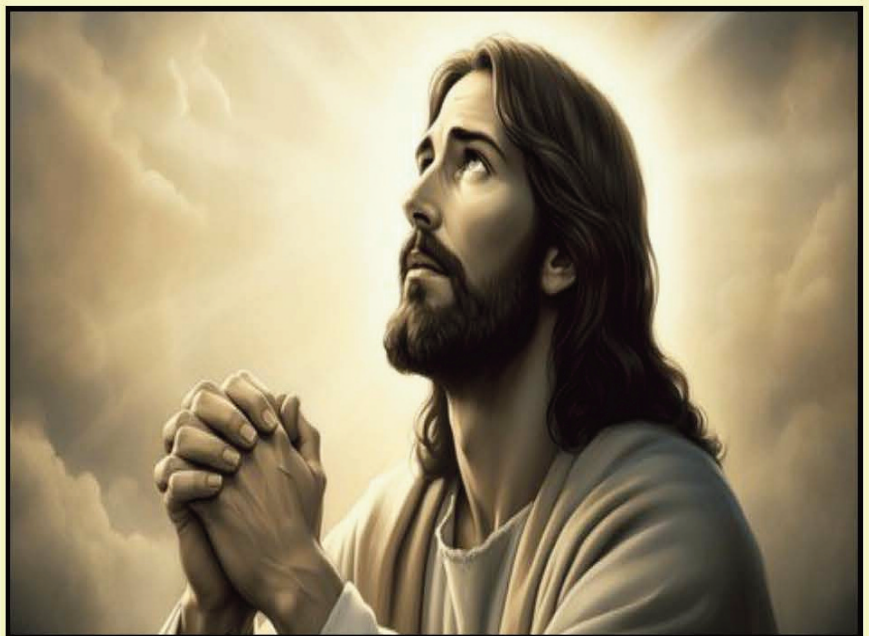
*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, May 17, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“ I pray for them. I do not pray for the world  
but for the ones you have given me, because  
they are yours...” -John 17:9



May 17, 2026

Seventh 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;  
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#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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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

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

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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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Maureen Condiss

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Lauren Greco

Eileen Roberts

Betty McHale

Dianna Viglieta

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(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR  
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**



***Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Seventh Sunday of Easter!*** Today's readings point us to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In the first short reading from the Acts of the Apostles, after Jesus's Ascension the apostles went to the upper room to pray and ponder what they had just witnessed. ***"All of these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."*** Then in the short second reading from 1 Peter, the faithful are told that suffering in the name of Jesus is worthy and something to rejoice over. ***"If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you."*** And finally, in John's gospel we circle back to when Jesus was praying to the Father before his arrest. We come to understand that when Jesus returns to the Father in glory, he will also intercede for us. ***"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours."***

We find ourselves now at the point between Ascension and Pentecost. Now is a time of prayerful preparation. Imagine being in the upper room with the apostles, praying fervently for the coming of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised. While this scene may seem far away, how many times do we find ourselves in a similar place? Maybe we are on the cusp of changes in our lives, filled with anxiety or fear on the brink of new and risky endeavors. Don't we also turn to prayer then and ask Jesus for the outpouring of his Spirit? Faced with the events and happenings of our own lives, we often find ourselves in a spiritual space not unlike the apostles in today's first reading. The good news is that we are not alone in prayer waiting for the Spirit's guidance. All the holy men and women who have gone before us are powerful intercessors, interceding for us before God. They invite us to join our prayers in one accord. And the gospel tells us that Jesus also intercedes for us, constantly as the mediator assuring us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Remember that we don't just ***"belong"*** to Jesus, but he also belongs to us, in our hearts and minds.

He belongs in our choices and actions. He belongs in our attitudes and in the way we see the world and each other. We are a ***"match made in heaven"*** that can always be mended and healed and strengthened no matter how many times we put a strain on it. When we see our relationship with God as being ***"in each other,"*** than God is seen as our ***"everything."*** And, just maybe then, we will strive for the kind of communion he desires, the kind of intimate bond he longs for. If so, then maybe we'll all be able to make our relationships with others a little kinder, stronger, more understanding, compassionate and a lot more loving. In Jesus is where we all belong. And in each of us is where he wants to be. And I believe that's just what we all need.

Next Sunday, May 24th, is Pentecost Sunday and the official ending of the 2026 Easter season. As is our custom we celebrate this ***"Birthday of the Church"*** festively with an array of the various Parish Ministries displayed in the church for all the Masses. These ministries are how St. Raymond Parish brings to life her mission of being a Community of Faith, Love and Friendship. Last year we had a full-blown Ministry Fair on our front lawn. This year we will have a smaller version in the cafeteria after all the morning Masses on Pentecost. I urge everyone to stop by after Mass for some refreshments, fellowship and to get information on the various ministries. I am sure there is at least one for you to share your time and talent with.

***Please take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.*** It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is the upcoming ***Holy Hour*** on Tuesday evening, May 26th, 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 last week of the Easter season. ***Smile, share and prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit next week on the Feast of Pentecost.*** God bless always. ***Father Chuck***



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**MAY 17, 2026—SEVENTH 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 17, 2026—SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

### ALLELUIA

John 14:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.  
The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.  
One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD and contemplate his temple.

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.  
Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

### GOSPEL

John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

# 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.

## 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 truly consider joining our 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

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!



# 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 Boccuza  
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 Mruzcek  
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.





*First Holy Communion* 



ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

# HOLY HOUR

THE POWER OF PENTECOST



TUESDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM



EXPOSITION • REFLECTION • MUSIC • BENEDICTION





## Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

Sodality's May Crowning and Induction of  
New Members May 18, 2026  
St. Raymond's Church at 7pm Mass

Sodalists are requested to meet in the church  
at 6:45pm & the Past Prefects Procession  
will begin at 6:55pm

May Meeting will follow immediately after  
Mass in the School Cafeteria

*The first pew will be reserved for our inductees.  
Congratulations to Francine Julien, Maria Ragusa  
Burfield, Bryn Catapano, Nancy Connor, Lena  
Ertel, and Patricia Schreiber, our new Sodalists!*

*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry  
The Ryan House  
"The Heart of the Parish"  
12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook  
NY 11563 516-887-9197*



**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF  
OPERATION MONDAY THROUGH  
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM  
(Suggested to call for an appointment)**

*"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."  
Proverbs 22:9*

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: Pasta, Instant Mashed Potatoes, White Rice (not individual cups), Pinto, White, Black and Baked Beans, Canned Beets and Peas, Chicken Broth, Bar Soap, Cold Cereal, Cooking Oil (Small Bottles) and Mayonnaise.**

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!*



**SEVENTH 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter (John 17:20–26) reveals Jesus praying for His disciples and all who will believe in Him, asking that they may be perfectly united in love as He and the Father are one. He desires that they share in His glory and remain in the communion of divine love.

*“I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” (John 17:23)*

Monday of this week is the Optional Memorial of Saint John I (Pope and martyr) known for his suffering and faithful witness under persecution. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Bernadine of Siena (Priest), a Franciscan preacher known for promoting devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Thursday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions (martyrs; priests and laypersons), who courageously defended the Catholic faith during persecution in Mexico and remained steadfast witnesses to Christ. Friday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, a religious sister known for her patience, suffering, and deep prayer life.

These three saints offer to us their example of perseverance through suffering and unwavering trust in God. Their lives reflect courage, holiness, and fidelity to Christ in all circumstances.

*“I consider my life as of no importance to me, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 20:24)*



The First Readings this week are from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 19–28) which describe Paul's

missionary journeys, his strengthening of believers, and his bold witness in the face of persecution. The main theme is perseverance in faith and courageous proclamation of the Gospel through trust in God's plan. The Gospels this week are from the Gospel of John 16:29–33; 17:1–26; and 21:15–25. These passages emphasize Jesus preparing His disciples for trials, praying for unity, and commissioning them to continue His mission.

In Monday's Gospel (John 16:29–33), Jesus prepares His disciples for trials and promises victory over the world, with the event of His final teaching before the Passion, *“In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.”* (John 16:33). On Tuesday (John 17:1–11a), Jesus begins His High Priestly Prayer, praying for His disciples' protection and glorification before His Passion, *“Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son.”* (John 17:1).

In Wednesday's Gospel (John 17:11b–19), Jesus asks the Father to consecrate His disciples in truth and protect them from evil, *“Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.”* (John 17:17). For Thursday (John 17:20–26), Jesus prays for the unity of all believers and their participation in divine love, *“So that they may all be one.”* (John 17:21).

In Friday's Gospel (John 21:15–19), Jesus restores Peter after the Resurrection and entrusts him with leadership of the Church, *“Feed my sheep.”* (John 21:17). On Saturday (John 21:20–25), Jesus calls the disciples to faithful following and testifies to the truth of His works, *“Follow me.”* (John 21:19).



The Gospel for Pentecost Sunday (John 20:19–23) shows the risen Jesus appearing to His disciples, bringing peace and breathing the Holy Spirit upon them for their mission. *“Receive the holy Spirit.”* (John 20:22).



*“I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.  
I will come back to you.”*  
**John 14:18**



**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 move from Christ's prayer for unity to the commissioning of His disciples through the gift of the Holy Spirit, inviting believers to live with courage, fidelity, and hope. As the Easter season draws to its close, the Gospels call us to trust in Christ's victory, remain united in love, and embrace our mission within our families, workplaces, and communities through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**SUNDAY – UNITY IN LOVE**

“That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you” (John 17:21). Jesus calls me to foster unity in my family, workplace, and relationships through humility, patience, and selfless love, so that others may see His presence reflected in my life.

*My Prayer: Lord, make me an instrument of Your unity and peace in all my relationships.*

**MONDAY – COURAGE IN TRIALS**

“Take courage, I have conquered the world” (John 16:33). Amid the pressures and uncertainties of daily responsibilities, Jesus reminds me that His victory over fear and suffering gives me strength to persevere with faith and confidence.

*My Prayer: Jesus, strengthen my heart to trust in Your victory whenever I face difficulties or discouragement.*

**TUESDAY – KNOWING THE FATHER**

“Now this is eternal life, that they should know you” (John 17:3). Christ invites me to deepen my relationship with God through prayer and attentiveness, helping me bring faith and wisdom into the many demands of family and work life.

**WEDNESDAY – PROTECTED IN TRUTH**

“Holy Father, keep them in your name” (John 17:11). Jesus' prayer for His disciples reminds me to remain grounded in truth and integrity, especially when distractions and competing priorities threaten my spiritual focus.

*My Prayer: Holy Father, keep me faithful to Your truth and protect my heart from anything that draws me away from You.*

**THURSDAY – COMMUNION IN CHRIST**

“That they may all be one” (John 17:21). Christ calls me to build unity within my family, workplace, and community by choosing understanding over division and charity over resentment.

*My Prayer: Jesus, teach me to live in unity and love so that my life may reflect Your presence to others.*

**FRIDAY – LOVE THROUGH SERVICE**

“Feed my sheep” (John 21:17). Jesus teaches me that genuine love for Him is expressed through caring for others with patience, compassion, and faithful service in both ordinary and challenging moments.

*My Prayer: Lord, help me to serve others generously and lovingly as a reflection of my love for You.*

**SATURDAY – FAITHFUL WITNESS**

“There are also many other things that Jesus did” (John 21:25). The Gospel reminds me that Christ continues to work beyond what I can fully understand, inviting me to trust Him and remain faithful in the quiet responsibilities of everyday life.



*My Prayer: Jesus, deepen my faith so I may trust Your presence and continue to follow You with perseverance and hope.*

# 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.

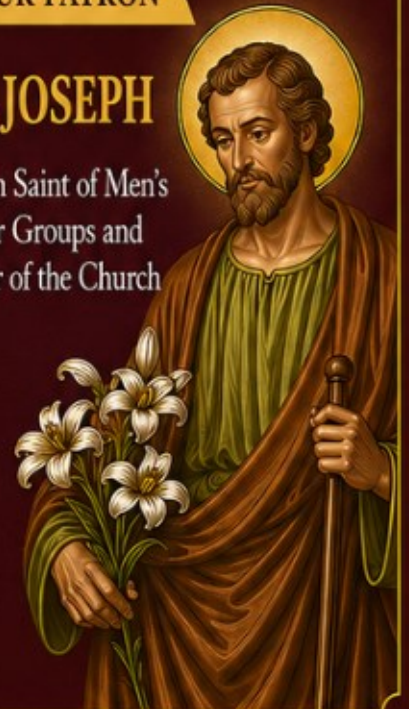
*"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*

– Matthew 18:20

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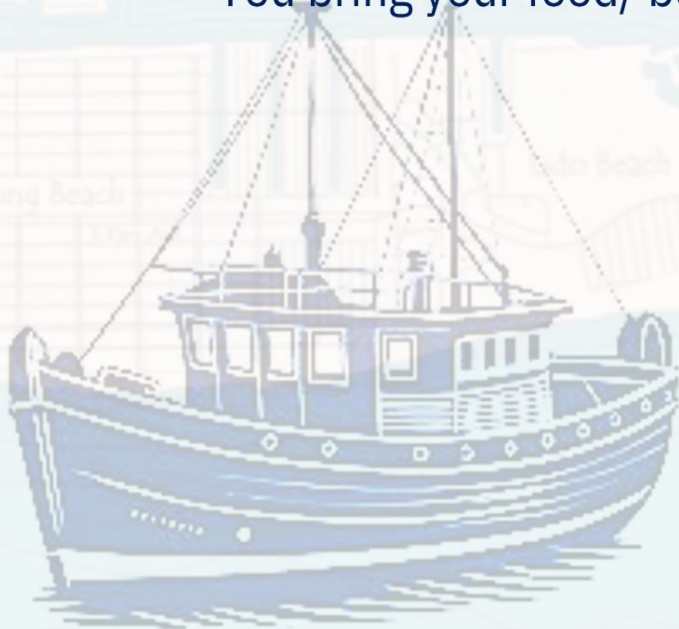
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*What does it mean to be Catholic today??*

**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

"The Knights of Columbus and the Marist Institute for Public Opinion have released their 2026 abortion survey report...The poll found that 64% of Americans support legal limits on abortion and 57% support bans after three months gestation. Respondents supported abortion limits, but only with exceptions for rape, incest, and the life of the mother. While some may say these results are good news, we find them troubling. For decades, compromises and exceptions have eroded understanding of the baby's intrinsic value. Americans think abortion needs 'limits,' and they fail to understand that it is always murder and always evil. To change hearts and minds on the reality of abortion and the preborn baby, we must acknowledge that this is a spiritual battle...and continue to pray and teach why we must defend the human person at all stages of life - no exceptions, no compromises." (Judi Brown, ALL News)

*"How can it be that the most wondrous and sacred human space - the womb - has become a place of unutterable violence through abortion."  
(Pope Benedict XVI)*

We invite all our parishioners to stop by our table next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, during our parish's Ministry Fair, and take the literature that addresses the life issues - fetal development, abortion, abortion pill reversal, physician- assisted suicide, etc. The more informed we are, the better voice we will be for those whose lives are so vulnerable in today's society.

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obtain peace for  
the world."  
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Memorial of Our  
Lady of Fatima  
(May 13th)*

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Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson**



*The Sodality  
of  
Our Lady*

**The Sodality of Our Lady  
invites you to join us for  
Corporate Communion on  
Sunday, May 17th, at the 10:30  
am Mass. All members, friends,  
and family, are welcome to join  
us in the marked pews in the  
front of the Church.**



**This week, pray every morning  
for your Christian brothers and  
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*Jean Vito*

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## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 18th

7:15am Zenaída D. Faustino

8:45am William Casey

### Tuesday, May 19th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Thomas M. O'Shaughnessey

### Wednesday, May 20th

7:15am Joseph A. Ferrara

8:45am John Caffrey

### Thursday, May 21st

7:15am Julia Mary McCabe

8:45am Nicholas Medoro

### Friday, May 22nd

7:15am Sally Kusterbeck

8:45am Mary Lynch

### Saturday, May 23rd

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm John & Nancy Nucci

### Sunday, May 24th

7:30am Denise Barbis

9:00am P.M. George

10:30am Kathleen Ryder

David Ohlsen, Sr.

12:00pm Jean Vito

Kevin McGreevy

Patrick Michael McManus

Mary Lynch

Sean Driscoll

Vincent Gallagher

John Caffrey

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



# REST IN PEACE

Rosa Valerio

Patricia Ann Biggs

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



## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

Acts 19:1-8/John 16:29-33

### Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27/John 17:1-11a

### Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38/John 17:11b-19

### Thursday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/John 17:20-26

### Friday

Acts 25:13b-21/John 21:15-19

### Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/John 21:20-25

### Sunday

Genesis 11:1-9/Romans 8:22-27

John 7:37-39

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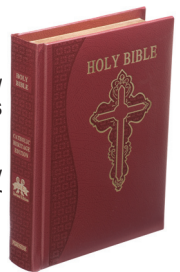
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