

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, July 30, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure
buried in a field, which a person finds and
hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all
that he has and buys that field.”

-Matthew 13:44



July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 8-9pm.

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

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

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 Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

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 REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL
BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary Time! It's kingdom time and the readings today show us that God desires that we set our minds and hearts, our prayers, and efforts on seeking and building his kingdom. We need to reflect on whether the desires of our hearts and our lives are in line with God's desires. In the first reading from 1 Kings, we see that Solomon is now the king of Israel. He is young and inexperienced, yet he knows that his task as king is to serve the God of Israel. He asks for wisdom to do just that. God's response to him was one of perfect approval. ***"I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."*** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul reflects on God's graces which brings us goodness and guides us to the kingdom. ***"Brothers and sister: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*** And finally, Matthew's gospel of parables concludes with three short ones that emphasize the kind of single-mindedness required for possessing the kingdom of heaven. God's kingdom is so full of richness that whatever it takes to acquire justifies the effort. Whether it is a treasure buried in a field, or fine pearls, or a net for catching fish, the effort expended is well worth the reward of God's kingdom. All these parable revelations are to justify the words of Jesus: ***"Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."***

What would be your wish for anything if you had one to make? Would it be for the good of others or a selfish one? God was pleased with Solomon's wish because it was for something that would serve the good of others, namely understanding for God's chosen people. Now God does encourage us to ask him for any desire in our heart, but we should also be mindful to pray for the good of the larger community. This is what we do in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. In the gospel parables, the first two turn our attention from wishes and requests to treasure hunting. They encourage us to give everything we have for the treasure of the kingdom of heaven. If you had to give everything you had to who or what would give your all? And what would the kingdom of heaven look and feel like here on earth? Would it look like one big family who made sure everyone had enough food, clothing, and shelter? Just what would you be willing to do for God's kingdom right here on earth?

The Backwards Money Drawing is only 4 weeks away and there are still 200+ tickets to be sold. We really need a big push over these coming weeks to reach the goal of all 500 tickets taken. Remember that the last ticket drawn will win \$10,000 and there is an additional \$10,000 awarded to other tickets during the complete drawing. A good way to buy a ticket if not by yourself is with some family members, friends, or co-workers. Even the lowest winning amount will double the initial cost of a ticket, which is \$100. So, if you can help at this time, use the order form found in the bulletin, or the one mailed to you last month or stop by the rectory during regular office hours. I would love to give you a call with some winning news on August 27th. You just have to be in it to win it!

This Monday, July 31st, the ***2024 Mass Book*** will be open for those wishing to have a Mass intention in remembrance of a loved one next year. Come to the rectory anytime from 9am-12noon and from 1pm till 4pm starting this Monday. And on Friday/Saturday August 4th and 5th, there will be a ***Tag Sale*** in the convent of our parish right on 20 Carman Avenue. The sale will be from 10am till 4pm both days. Come and find a convent treasure to remember the good Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who will be returning to the motherland in Pennsylvania next month.

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 ***Backwards Money Drawing*** order form, an ad for the ***Parish Picnic*** which will be held on Wednesday, August 9th, an ad requesting applicants for the ***Pastoral Council***, the ***Eucharistic Revival Centerfold***, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (on the inside back cover), an invitation to join ***FORMED*** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great first week of August. ***Smile, share, stay cool and remember: Don't judge someone because they sin differently than you.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

May God bless you today and always!

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 30, 2023-17TH 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

JULY 30, 2023 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters:
We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Mt 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

GOSPEL

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Backwards Money Drawing!

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023

Tickets for the Backwards Drawing are \$100 each, with only 500 tickets available.

The grand prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to the last ticket drawn. There will also be an additional \$10,000 in prize money spread amongst other tickets as they are drawn. For us to be successful, we need to sell all 500 tickets! While \$100 may be high, the price can easily be shared with family, friends, or co-workers. The key is to be in it for a chance at the grand prize of \$10,000. Winners need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are available at the rectory during regular office hours and you may also use the tear-off below to order a ticket.

Enter to Win



BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

- Ticket #1-\$500
- Ticket #50-\$200
- Ticket #100-\$200
- Ticket #150-\$200
- Ticket #200-\$200
- Ticket #250-\$200
- Ticket #300-\$200
- Ticket #350-\$200
- Ticket #400-\$200
- Ticket #450-\$200
- Ticket #491-\$300
- Ticket #492-\$400
- Ticket #493-\$500
- Ticket #494-\$600
- Ticket #495-\$700
- Ticket #496-\$800
- Ticket #497-\$900
- Ticket #498-\$1,000
- Ticket #499-\$2,500
- Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize**

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 27, 2023

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Number of Tickets: _____



St. Raymond's

Parish Picnic August 9th

6:00pm



At the Great Lawn behind the Church

**It Starts with a Great Evening of Fun,
Friends, Food and....**



**Bring Your Friends, Family, Lawn Chairs,
Picnic Food & Beverages**

**Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Soda and Water
available through the Knights of Columbus**

Complimentary Popcorn, Italian Ices

Music, Games and So Much More!

It's Time to Get Together Again

Hosted by Faith & Friendship



Nocturnal Adoration



THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY WILL MEET
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH 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.

Come spend some time with Jesus!

SCAN ME



SAVE THE DATE!
Sat. Sept 30, 2023
10AM
Cedar Creek Park,
Seaford



Please register or donate today at
<https://svdpli.org/walk/> 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.



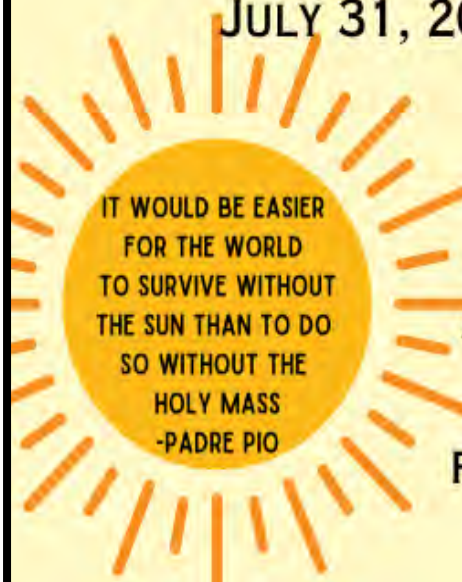
“If any of you lacks
wisdom, let him ask God,
who gives to all men
generously and without
reproaching, and it
will be given.
-St. James the Apostle

Pastoral Council Members

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OPENING OF THE 2024 MASS BOOK

THE 2024 MASS BOOK
WILL BE OPEN MONDAY
JULY 31, 2023



COME INTO
THE
RECTORY
AND HAVE A
MASS SAID
FOR A LOVED
ONE!



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!



To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.

The IHM Sisters of St. Raymond Convent would like to invite you to our indoor

TAG SALE

taking place on Friday and Saturday, **August 4th and 5th from 10:00am to 4:00pm**

There is a lot of "stuff" gathered over the last several years by the Sisters who lived here - everything from kitchen gadgets to golf clubs, holiday decorations, ribbons and wrapping paper to bric-a-brac - even a large birdcage! We would love to have you visit. Please enter through the front side door (by the mailbox and hose) and come up the stairs to the first floor. There is plenty for all to see. Of course, it wouldn't be a St. Raymond event without a 50/50 and some snacks, so be prepared! Remember that the weather is not a problem since everything is inside. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th and 5th!

GOD BLESS



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.

St. Raymond Parish has had an active chapter (known as a "conference")

of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please call Ed at 887-9325 for information on ways you can participate.

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Faith without works is dead; this week go out and be at service to God and neighbor.

Perhaps do some "summer cleaning" and donate some old clothes you no longer need.



**“I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU
ORPHANS; I WILL COME
TO YOU.”
-JOHN 14:18**

Is Christ present during the celebration of the Eucharist in other ways in addition to his Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament?

Yes. Christ is present during the Eucharist in various ways. He is present in the person of the priest who offers the sacrifice of the Mass. According to the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council, Christ is present in his Word "since it is he himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church."

He is also present in the assembled people as they pray and sing, "for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (Mt 18:20)" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, no. 7). Furthermore, he is likewise present in other sacraments; for example, "when anybody baptizes it is really Christ himself who baptizes" (ibid.).

We speak of the presence of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine as "real" in order to emphasize the special nature of that presence. What appears to be bread and wine is in its very substance the Body and Blood of Christ. The entire Christ is present, God and man, body and blood, soul and divinity.

While the other ways in which Christ is present in the celebration of the Eucharist are certainly not unreal, this way surpasses the others. "This presence is called 'real' not to exclude the idea that the others are 'real' too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man" (Mysterium Fidei, no. 39)

Why do we call the presence of Christ in the Eucharist a "mystery?"

The word "mystery" is commonly used to refer to something that escapes the full comprehension of the human mind. In the Bible, however, the word has a deeper and more specific meaning, for it refers to aspects of God's plan of salvation for humanity, which has already begun but will be completed only with the end of time. In ancient Israel, through the Holy Spirit God revealed to the prophets some of the secrets of what he was going to accomplish for the salvation of his people (cf. Am 3:7; Is 21:28; Dan 2:27-45).

Likewise, through the preaching and teaching of Jesus, the mystery of "the Kingdom of God" was being revealed to his disciples (Mk 4:11-12). St. Paul explained that the mysteries of God may challenge our human understanding or may even seem to be foolishness, but their meaning is revealed to the People of God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 1:18-25, 2:6-10; Rom 16:25-27; Rev 10:7).

The Eucharist is a mystery because it participates in the mystery of Jesus Christ and God's plan to save humanity through Christ. We should not be surprised if there are aspects of the Eucharist that are not easy to understand, for God's plan for the world has repeatedly surpassed human expectations and human understanding (cf. Jn 6:60-66).

For example, even the disciples did not at first understand that it was necessary for the Messiah to be put to death and then to rise from the dead (cf. Mk 8:31-33, 9:31-32, 10:32-34; Mt 16: 21-23, 17:22-23, 20:17-19; Lk 9:22, 9:43-45, 18:31-34).

Furthermore, any time that we are speaking of God we need to keep in mind that our human concepts never entirely grasp God. We must not try to limit God to our understanding but allow our understanding to be stretched beyond its normal limitations by God's revelation.

Excerpts from "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers" Committee on Doctrine of the USCCB June 2001 General Meeting



Eucharistic Adoration Is More Powerful Than You Can Possibly Imagine

By Maryella Hierholzer,

Excerpt from National Catholic Register Blog, April 23, 2021

Over the past several years, I have been impressed with the work of a young priest in Baltimore, Fr. James Boric. His efforts at starting and arranging housing for people directly involved in the street evangelization of the Catholic faith has been most fruitful. Still, what is most amazing is how he is determined to establish perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from the Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore. "Now is the time for perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in Baltimore city. This city needs Jesus Christ."

Fr. Boric cites an example of how establishing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration changed Ciudad Juárez 10 years ago when it was the most dangerous city in Mexico because of drugs and gang violence. Missionaries, led by Fr. Patricio Hileman, intervened and in 2013, they established Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in the heart of Ciudad Juárez. By 2015, the number of murders dropped to 256, notes Father Boric. As Father Hileman said very clearly, 'When a parish adores God, day and night, the city is transformed.' Fr. Boric concludes, that "when Jesus is brought into a city, things get better. Period."

Postscript: During his 5 years as rector of the Baltimore Basilica, Fr. Boric established perpetual adoration, expanded hours for the sacrament of reconciliation, hosted archdiocesan Rosary Congresses, and grew the young adult and urban ministries. With his encouragement, 4 parishioners entered the seminary and 3 women entered religious life. In 2022, after much discernment about a long-held attraction to monastic life, he received approval to join the Hermits of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel at their Carmelite hermitage in Lake Elmo, MN.

"IN THOSE DAYS HE DEPARTED TO THE MOUNTAIN TO PRAY, AND HE SPENT THE NIGHT IN PRAYER TO GOD." -Luke 6:12

Holy Hours

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The bishops have created a variety of holy hours that focus our prayer to Jesus Christ on peace, life, vocations, and other topics that are at the heart of the life of the Church and the world.

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion St. Peter Julian Eymard Priest and Founder († 1868)

Feast: August 2

"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself."

Peter Julian Eymard was born on February 4, 1811, in La Mure, France. He grew up in a poor family after the French Revolution, at a time when the Catholic Church was under control by the government. Despite his father's disapproval and illness, Peter entered the seminary and ordained when he was 23.

In 1845, while carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Father Eymard felt an intense call to Christ in the Eucharist and resolved to "bring all the world to the knowledge and love of our Lord; to preach nothing but Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ Eucharistic."

This call led Father Eymard to form the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, an order of priests dedicated to spreading devotion to the Eucharist, in 1856. The men who joined the congregation guarded the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day and soon attracted lay persons to do the same. This practice of prayer and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament became known as Eucharistic devotion.

"Love our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Visit him often. Dedicate yourselves entirely to love the Blessed Virgin and to the interior life."

Excerpt from website for the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament www.blessedsacrament.com



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Chemical Abortion

Over half abortions are now committed through the two step chemical abortion pills. The FDA has drastically reduced safety regulations on these abortion pills and access to these pills is becoming easier and easier. CVS, Walgreens, and Rite-Aid have announced that they intend to begin selling the abortion pill at their pharmacies. The chemical abortion is a two step regimen. The first pill, Mifepristone, cuts off oxygen and vital nutrients to the baby. Within 24-48 hours, the baby dies. The second pill, misopostol, forces the baby out of the mother's womb. The mother experiences cramping, contractions and heavy bleeding, that lasts several days and at times, longer. The chemical abortion is potent, always lethal to the baby and, at times, to the mother. Dr. Johnson, an OB/GYN doctor and former abortionist explains in the Liveaction.org "What Is Abortion" video, that usually the mother's death is from an undiagnosed ectopic pregnancy, where the baby never makes it to the uterus, the baby dies, cannot be removed without professional medical care, and the mother slowly bleeds internally. Even though the FDA severely loosened restrictions on DIY chemical abortions, it only approved the abortion pill for the first 10 weeks of pregnancy. But the abortion industry is openly advertising the abortion pill for well past the 10 weeks, thereby, putting women's lives in jeopardy, too. We know the abortion industry doesn't care about the babies. They have fought for years to keep the killing of the babies in the womb legal throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy for any or no reason. But, they have always claimed that they care for women and want the best medical care for them. Is giving women powerful chemicals to ingest into their healthy bodies, good medicine? For more information, please go to the

website: liveaction.org what is abortion



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Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of June, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 67 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed 2 new clients into the Outreach Program and helped them with food and other services they needed. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please call the Parish Social Ministry and we can assist you with food.

Pantry items needed this week: Chef Boyardee Pasta, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Snacks, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Plain Pasta, Packaged Mashed Potatoes, Canned Peas and Carrots, Shampoo and Laundry Detergent.

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the

Altar Servers Sacristy.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

You are always in our prayers.



Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen.



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At this time, I am looking for three new applications to be accepted for three-year terms beginning September 2023 and ending June 2026.

The St. Raymond Pastoral Council operates in an advisory capacity to the pastor and as a forum of consultation between the pastor and parishioners. The council is charged with maintaining the integrity of the parish's mission in regard to long-range planning that strengthens the Catholic Christian identity of our parish. All registered parishioners who are 18 years and older are eligible to apply for one of these current three openings for the Pastoral Council. If you are interested, I ask you to pick up a Pastoral Council Application packet at the rectory. All applications for consideration must be returned to me by Friday, August 4th. After reviewing them and interviewing all the applicants I will then appoint the new members. I urge you to prayerfully think about the possibility of serving St. Raymond Parish in this ministry. Thanks for your interest.

- Father Chuck

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE SETTING UP THROUGH OUR PARISH ROSTER A WAY TO SEND EMAILS FROM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH STRAIGHT TO ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OR EVEN SELECTED GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE IN THE PARISH. IT IS A FEATURE THAT OUR PDS PROGRAM OFFERS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS CAPABILITIES GOING FORWARD. WE CAN SEND OUR REMINDERS, SCHEDULES, EMERGENCY NEWS AND OTHER TIMELY BITS OF INFORMATION. BUT, IN ORDER TO REACH THE LARGEST GROUP OF PARISHIONERS AS POSSIBLE, WE NEED TO GROW OUR PARISHIONER E-MAIL LIST. CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 500 EMAILS OUT OF 3800 REGISTERED PARISHIONER FAMILIES. SO, IN ORDER TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE MESSAGES WE NEED MORE EMAILS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS LISTING FOR PARISH MESSAGES, PLEASE EITHER CALL THE RECTORY TO GIVE US YOUR EMAIL, SEND IT IN TO THE PARISH EMAIL (STRAYRCC@OPTONLINE.NET), OR FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE RECTORY. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION GOES NO FURTHER THAN BEING A PART OF YOUR REGISTRATION PROFILE FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

The Religious Education office is closed for the summer. We will be coming into the office once a week to check e-mails, phone messages and to continue to process Registration forms throughout the summer.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – www.saintraymonds.org. Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment.

We are in need of a 3rd grade Religion teacher for either Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm or Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm. Our classes begin the week of October 2nd, 2023 and will end on April 18th, 2024.

If you would like to join our most important ministry, please call the Religious Education office 516-593-9075.



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Masses for this week

Monday, July 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Marianne Malone

Tuesday, August 1st St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:15am Joseph Anderson

8:45am Jennie Gaeta

Wednesday, August 2nd

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Thursday, August 3rd

7:15am Catherine & Edward

8:45am Maura Scully

Friday, August 4th St. John Vianney

7:15am Catherine Thornton

8:45am Mario Rinaldi

Saturday, August 5th

8:45am Shirley Bell

5:00pm Joyce & Ralph Sellitti

Sunday, August 6th Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30am Pauline Milillo

9:00am Barbara DiGregorio

10:30am Geralyn DelGiorno

12:00pm Mario Rinaldi, Rose Bozzi,
Barbara DiGregorio, Ida Amerigo,
Catherine O'Connor

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,
John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik,
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,
Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,
Theresa DeCuzzi, Helen DelPezzo,
Linda D'Agostino, Michelle Cirillo,
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri
Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito,
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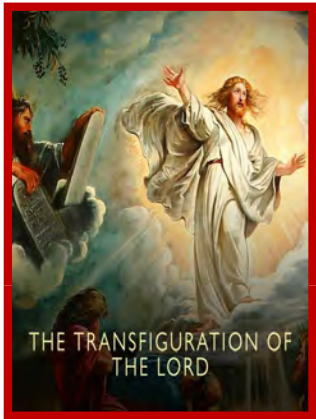
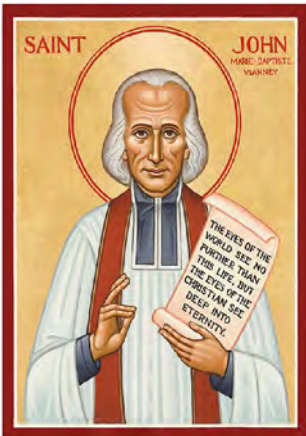
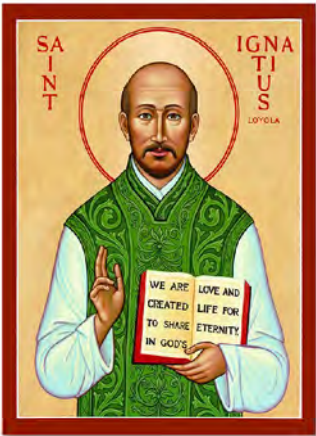
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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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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