

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, January 28, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Jesus rebuked him and said,
‘Quiet! Come out of him!’ ”

-Mark 1:26



January 28, 2024

Fourth 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 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

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.

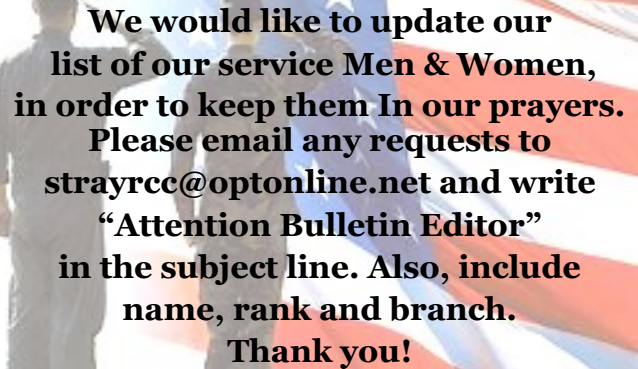
Music Ministries

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



We would like to update our list of our service Men & Women, in order to keep them In our prayers. Please email any requests to strayrcc@optonline.net and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!



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 ...

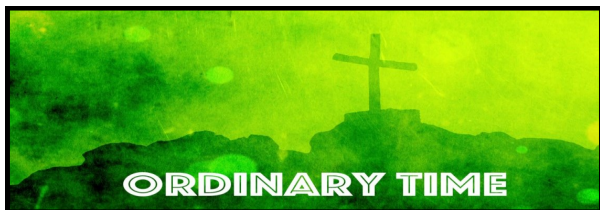
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PFC Hunter Deets, #10 Mountain Division US ARMY
Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings emphasize that Jesus teaches with authority. In the first reading from Deuteronomy, we have Moses being very direct with the people. He doesn't mince words and the people know very clearly what will happen to false prophecy. On the other hand, Moses himself definitely speaks for God. ***"A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen."***

Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul speaks about being focused on God and how this suits a single person better because they have less distractions and other concerns. Remember that at that time, it was believed that the Second Coming of Jesus was imminent. ***"I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction."*** And finally, Mark's gospel we see Jesus expelling a demon from a possessed man. This action along with his teaching astonished the people. ***"What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."***

Yes, Jesus taught with authority, having power of his own. This was very different from the teaching of the scribes and even the Old Testament prophets. Everything changes with Jesus entering into human history. When Jesus speaks, God acts. This is a reversal from the prophets. It was God who spoke first and then the prophets acted on his words. But in Jesus we have God's word present in human flesh. And when he teaches, his words themselves have power to act. Jesus' words to the unclean spirit come from him and actually cause the spirit to come out. This is true of all the words of Jesus. His words are not empty promises; they have authority. I'm not sure we understand how much our words matter. Just look around and listen to what is heard in stores, restaurants, and coffee shops. Read what is written on social media and other internet forums. It's basically free for all out there. It seems that all the guardrails have come off that kept us from being cruel, unreasonable, or vulgar. It's as if we just wait for the day when we can unload on everyone around us and not pay any penalty for it. I do remember a kinder, a gentler a more polite time. What happened?



Maybe we don't think words matter anymore or understand their power to harm, tear down or spread hate. This type of rhetoric has permeated our political discourse, entertainment talk and, yes, sad to say, much of our religious conversations. And I think that when we participate in all the mocking, ridiculing and spoken outrage we are using our words in an unfaithful way, in a way God hasn't said we should. It's as if we use words to bring about the exact opposite of what God expects and demands of us. The people who heard Jesus preach in the synagogue were ***"astonished"*** in a good way at what he said. I am ***"astonished"*** at what I often hear in a negative way. There is a lot of complaining, not complimenting; a lot of anger but not much compassion; a lot of mocking but little understanding; a lot of bitterness and not enough forgiveness. And I hear a lot of nonsense, but not merely as much love and kindness. If we truly believe in the power of Jesus' word, we should be careful and watch what we say.

Many thanks for your generosity in last week's special collection to help in the relief efforts at Father Jim's parish in Uganda. To date we have raised over \$3500 dollars, which will be a big help as Father Jim cares for over 300 displaced people, many of whom are children, at this time. If you still want to contribute by check, make the check out to St. Raymond Church and write ***"for Father Jim"*** on the memo line.

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), especially the ***"Sweetheart Valentine's Dance"*** on Saturday, February 10th, the ***World Marriage Day Celebration*** at the 12noon Mass on Sunday, February 11th, a call for new volunteers for the ***Ministry of Consolation***, the ***Eucharistic Revival Centerfold***, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (found on the inside back cover), and 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 February. ***Smile, share, talk nicely and remember: Raise your words, not your voice.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 28, 2024-FOURTH 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

JANUARY 28, 2024-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters:

I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

ALLELUIA

Mt 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

Today is the fourth First Grade Parent/Student meeting. All parents and students are to meet in the auditorium at 11am and then the group will go to the 12 Noon Mass together. Please remember to bring your child's workbook, pencil, folder and Bible.

ATTENTION 5TH & 6TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS

There will be a 5th & 6th Grade Level Mass on Sunday 2/4/2024. All 5th & 6th grade parent(s) and students are asked to go to the auditorium at 11am. There will be a short presentation in the auditorium then the entire group will go to the 12 Noon Mass. Students do not need to bring their Religion workbooks.

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

Our 2nd grade students will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 in St. Raymond Church. Parent(s) are asked to bring their child directly to the church anytime between 3:30pm-5pm – there is no set time for each class. There are no classes in the school that day and the students do not need their books. Please check in with one of the Religious Education staff members upon arrival so you can be checked in. First Reconciliation certificates will be distributed in class the following week.



Children of St. Raymond Parish



PARISH GIRLS IN GRADE K-8 JOIN US FOR A

Sweetheart Valentine's Dance

Saturday February 10th

FROM 6:30P - 8:30P

ST. RAYMOND'S SCHOOL CAFETERIA
**\$20 PER PERSON INCLUDES PIZZA,
DESSERTS, DANCING & MORE!**

Tickets to be distributed at the 5P Mass on 2/10/24.
Must attend Mass and have a ticket for admittance.
Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is
limited. Dad's Grandfathers, Uncles, or any other adult
figure is welcome to escort.



RSVP by using the QR code, going to this link
(<https://shorturl.at/tyBOT>) or by handing in the
below form and payment to the Religious
Education Office located in St Raymond's School.

**RSVP By January 26th, 2024. Cash or check made out
to St. Raymond's Religious Education**

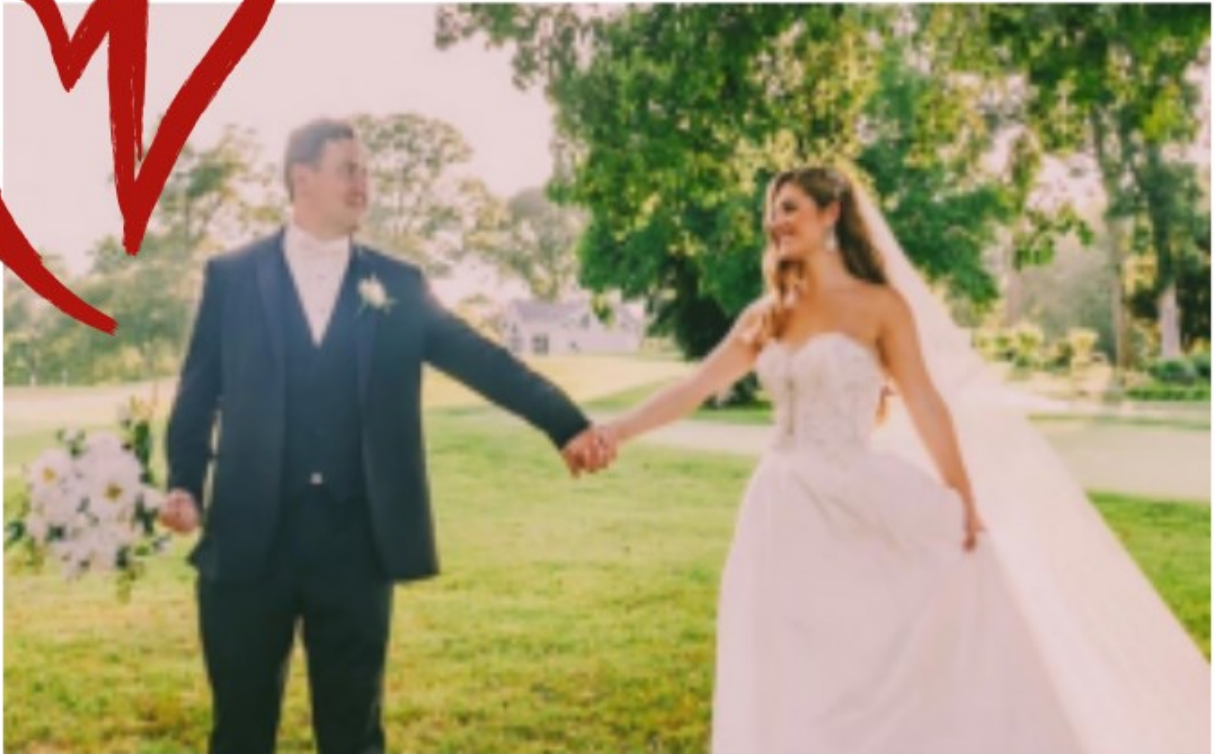
Girl(s) Name (s) _____ Grade _____

Escort's Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Please wear pink,
red, or white

World Marriage Day
February 11, 2024 12 Noon Mass
at St. Raymond



We invite you all to join us for our Annual Renewal of Sacramental Wedding Vows here at St. Raymond's on Sunday, February 11 at the 12 noon Mass. If you are celebrating an earmark anniversary this year, that is the year you were married ends in either a 4 or a 9, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 giving your names, year you were married and the Church you were married. After Mass, everyone is invited to a light refreshment reception in the school cafeteria. Look forward to seeing you all!



Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Sick

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary

Please Join Us In Praying For:
Those Who Are Sick In Mind, Body and Spirit
The 166th Anniversary of The Apparitions
At Lourdes, France

"I am the Immaculate Conception"

Date: Friday, February 9, 2024

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: St. Raymond Church

Our Lady of Lourdes

Novena Dates February 2-10, Feast Day February 11

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort to the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests.

Through gratitude for favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen.



Found Wedding Ring

A wedding ring was found in the Church with a specific date engraved on it.

Please call the Rectory if it might be yours. 516-593-5000

Faith
does not
make things easy
it makes them
POSSIBLE
Luke 1:37

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Four Gospels

Have you ever wondered why there are four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John? Why not just one? For nearly 2000 years, theologians, scholars, and saints have been wondering about this “problem.” For some people, differences in the four Gospels regarding details and the order of events can feel like a challenge. Even more, the Gospel according to St. John is very different from the other three. So, what is the deal?

First, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are all very similar. They are called the synoptic Gospels, coming from the word “synopsis,” which means, “at one view.” For the most part, these three Gospels are similar in content, although each contains a few events, miracles, and teachings which are not in the others. In addition, in each of these Gospels, some of the events are related in a different order. Secondly, the Gospel of John is very different in style; one doesn’t need to read more than a few verses to realize it gives us a quite different account of the life of Jesus.

Why Are There Four Gospels?

One of the main reasons for there being four Gospels relates to how they developed. First, Jesus Christ, present on the earth, taught, preached, and worked miracles. After his Death, the Apostles orally proclaimed the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, faithfully recounting his life and words. This oral stage of preaching, as well as catechesis, hymns, and doxologies, became the background for the Gospel writers, called Evangelists. After several years of preaching and meditation, the Gospel writers took the oral sources and earliest body of instruction and wrote it all down in what we know today as the four Gospels.

When the Gospel writers wrote these accounts (under the guidance of the Holy Spirit), they had different audiences and different contexts in mind. This accounts for some of the differences we find in their Gospels. For example, scholars suggest that St. Matthew was writing for a Jewish audience who would know, for example, the Jewish background for rituals and other things Jesus did.

Therefore, the Gospel of Matthew doesn’t explain the meaning of these things because he is assuming that his readers would already know them. More importantly, because he was writing for a Jewish audience, it was important to St. Matthew that he show that Jesus was the true Messiah they had been waiting for. St. Luke, on the other hand, was a former Gentile who had converted, and he was writing for a Hellenistic (Greek) audience who would not have understood Jewish rituals and traditions. That is why we find in his Gospel more detailed explanations of ceremonial actions.

The Gospel of Mark, the first Gospel to be written, presents a powerful narrative of Jesus’ life and often includes more vivid detail than the others. St. John, writing a little later than the other three, emphasized specific events to inspire and confirm his readers’ faith in Jesus, since he could assume that they would already be familiar with the story of Jesus and his miracles and teachings.



The True Purpose of the Gospels

So, we can see, in writing the Gospels, the writers were not simply recalling the deeds and words of Jesus; they were preaching Jesus, the true Messiah, so that people would really get to know him. The Gospels, in this sense, are kind of like homilies, which are a way to try and help people relate to Jesus and his message of salvation. They are a careful presentation of what Jesus said and did—both an instruction and an invitation to deeper faith.

For Reflection:

1. Set aside time to expose yourself to the distinctive characteristics of each Gospel. What do you notice? What does each Gospel have in common with the others? What distinct contribution(s) does each Gospel offer?
2. Spend time in prayer with Jn 20:30-31, where the author of the Gospel according to John explains why this text was written. Contemplate the “signs” of Jesus’ presence in your own life.

Next Week: The Harmony of the Gospels

St. Raymond Church
Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition

The Church is open daily for personal prayer until 5:00
Each Thursday Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

**"IF TODAY YOU HEAR
HIS VOICE, HARDEN
NOT YOUR HEARTS"**
Psalm 95: 7-8



**The Heart of the
Eucharistic Mystery
is this One Word**
**By Fr. Peter John
Cameron, OP**

Ever since Jesus Christ uttered the soul-searing words *"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you"* (Mt 11:28), we have been magnetically drawn to this exceptional man of compassion. We simply want him to be with us.

The scribe in the Gospel, overwhelmed at the One who bears our infirmities and endures our sufferings, exclaims, "Teacher, wherever you go I will come after you" (Mk 8:17, 19). The once-blind Bartimaeus uses his new gift of sight "to follow Jesus up the road" (Mk 10:52). The Gerasene demoniac, released from a legion of evil, "presses to accompany Jesus" (Mk 5:18). The people of the Samaritan town, overwhelmed by the Gospel witness of the woman at the well, "begged Jesus to stay with them awhile" (Jn 4:40). As do, of course, the disciples on the road to Emmaus: "They pressed him: 'Stay with us'" (Lk 24:29). Jesus knows how much we need him to stay with us.

The healing of the sick, the comforting of the grieving, the calming of ferocious storms, the raising of the dead, the multiplying of food for those hunger-stung, the forgiving of paralyzing sin, the proclaiming of unheard-of Good News – all of it points to a breathtaking Love that we have never known before ... but for which we have always waited. A Love in the flesh.

We do not want this love to leave us. The words Jesus Christ speaks to Zacchaeus proclaim the heart of the Eucharistic mystery: *"I mean to STAY with you"* (Lk 19:5). The tense of the verb is indefinite; his stay is open-ended. Jesus is never leaving. The Eucharist is the way he stays. The question Andrew asks at the outset of Jesus' ministry consumes us at every level: "Rabbi, where do you stay?" (Jn 1:38). As we ask, Jesus gestures to the tabernacle, but his words are the same: "Come and see" (Jn 1:39). And then, to assure us, he adds, "I am with you always until the end of the world" (Mt 28:20). "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you." Without end.



Eucharistic Witness
St. Marianne Cope
Religious (+1918)
Feast: January 23

The crisis of our times is a crisis of saints. Life is full of difficulties, and for those who have the high ideal to become a saint, many difficulties. Difficulties are the gifts that Jesus gives us to unite ourselves to Him on the Cross. We should not shy away from the challenges of our life but see them as an opportunity and the means to grow in holiness.

St. Marianne Cope, an American saint from the 19th Century, perfectly models the courageous leadership needed to face difficult circumstances when they arise. Marianne was formed by the hardships of her life: she desired to join the convent from an early age but was unable due to her father's early death. Marianne was the oldest of ten children and quit school after eighth grade to work in the factory to help support her family during this time. During this time, her generosity and compassion grew for others. She developed a love for service and desire to give herself whole-heartly to Christ.

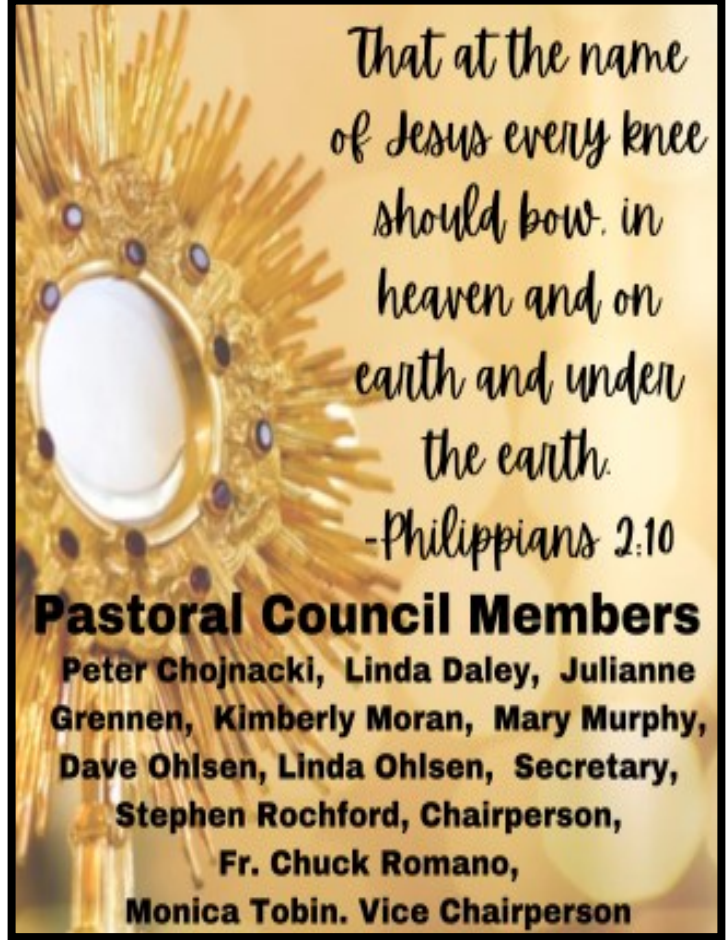
There are two essential leadership qualities that we can learn from St. Marianne Cope. First, she teaches us that leaders should lead by going first. She modeled sacrificial leadership through her willingness to not only send six of her sisters to care for those dying from leprosy in Molokai in Hawaii, but to go herself. Second, not only did St. Marianne lead from the front, but she also desired the work and got to work right away. We may frequently picture saints in chapels or on holy cards, but St. Marianne shows us that saints are hardworking and adding to the Kingdom through their dedicated service to others.

The sisters' dedicated service was driven by their daily encounter with Jesus in the Mass and prayer. They brought their love of God into the work for their neighbor that had been entrusted to them.



God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Camden James Carney
Theodore Francis Kroszner
Evaline Rose Aker
Joseph Rocco Anastasio



That at the name
of Jesus every knee
should bow, in
heaven and on
earth and under
the earth.

-Philippians 2:10

Pastoral Council Members

Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley, Julianne Grennen, Kimberly Moran, Mary Murphy, Dave Ohlsen, Linda Ohlsen, Secretary, Stephen Rochford, Chairperson, Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson



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.



Ministry of Consolation

Work one week a month with a team to assist families in preparing and celebrating the Funeral Mass for recently deceased loved ones.



If Interested Call Doreen Dolan 516-593-5000



First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

February 3, 2024
8:10am

St. Raymond Church
Near the Blessed
Mother Statue

Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, February 2nd 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!



**ST. RAYMOND'S
HUMAN LIFE
COMMITTEE**

Seventh Month Development

Your baby is now about 3 pounds- this added weight makes her skin look smoother. Her eyelids can now open and close, her eyes look around and respond to light. She has a powerful grip now- strong enough to support her body weight with one hand.

We thank all who joined with us in prayer during our parish's "Special Day of Adoration". We trust that the God will hear our prayers and, in His time, He will bring an end to the evil of abortion. We also want to thank Fr. Chuck for his continual support of the Human Life Committee's ministry and for Fr. Xavier who joined with us during the day of Adoration. May the graces that come from this day of Adoration be a blessing for us, individually, for our parish, our nation, and that we will return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception until natural death.



St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

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Food Pantry Hours of Operation
Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".

1 Peter 4:10

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of December, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 68 households with food, personal care items, household items and other services they needed. We also welcomed one new client into the Outreach Program. 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 our office and we can assist you with food.

Pantry items needed this week: Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Grape Jelly, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Pudding/Jell-O, Juice, Broth, Pinto Beans, Baked Beans, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Shaving Cream, Deodorant, and Toothpaste.

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 as always for helping. May God's blessings shower upon all of you!



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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.

NAME _____

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PARISH (ON YOUR ENVELOPES) # _____

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Masses for this week

Monday, January 29th

7:15am Loretta Collins

8:45am Patrick Collins

Tuesday, January 30th

7:15am Margaret Ardezzone

8:45am Sam Ardezzone

Wednesday, January 31st

St. John Bosco

7:15am Michael McCann

8:45am Salvatore Darmetta

Thursday, February 1st

7:15am Erin Gallagher-Clifford

8:45am Marie Martorana

Friday, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

7:15am Brandon Velasquez (L)

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Saturday, February 3rd

8:45am Alba Garavito, Chris Battaglia,
Edward Malone

5:00pm Judy Hess Walker

Sunday, February 4th

7:30am John Collins

9:00am Dennis McDougal

10:30am Jane Gelson

12:00pm James Higgins, Albergo Family,
Donald M. Zaffarano

4:30pm St. Raymond

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/MK 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Mal 3:1-4/Lk 2:22-40

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Mike L.,
Jodi Neckles, Baby Faith Madison,
Baby Cooper Graham, Michael McPike,
Christine I., Samir. Leo B., Maureen
Condiss, Bennett William Chevalier,
Mary Lynch, Maureen McCarthy,
Baby Connor William, Fr. Don Hansen,
Nick S., Dawn, Jay Witemeyer,
Christine Gillidan, Linda Dagostino,
Joseph DelGiorno, Rory Romano,
Timothy Murphy

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



Rest in Peace

Frank Barbella

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James Arthur Glenister, Jr.

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Parish Bulletin Board

Dear Lord,

Please help me to accept myself for who I am. Help me to see and appreciate the wonderful person You have created. Let me recognize the importance of my birthright as Your child and realize my significance in the universe. Help me to understand that the opportunities I possess are limitless...

For You have given me the chance to achieve all things for my own good and that of the whole world.

Make my life, starting today, starting now, a worthy testament of Your wondrous glory and infinite love. For with You all things are possible.

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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