

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, September 6, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

-Matthew 18:20



September 6, 2026

23rd 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 10 am-5pm. 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

Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

Music Ministries

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

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano

LABOR DAY

The Rectory office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday September 8th as usual. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Jodi Neckles

Jim Marasco

Christine I.

Rosemarie Lombardo

Nick S.

Rosemarie Salabini

Connie Montesino

Brian McGreevy

Mary Caffrey

Kinley S.

Logan Kaplan

Rose Heslar

Julianne Grennen

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Lauren Greco

Eileen Roberts

Caroline Saporito

Michael Conconan

Piper Clements-

Coogan

Sabina Chiacchio

Focarino

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

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

Cpl. Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS

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TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Carinci US AIRFORCE

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings remind us of an important truth. We are our **"brother's keeper."** Behind this commandment is the God who desires all his children to flourish in this life and to share his joy for all eternity in heaven. The prophet Ezekiel in the first reading tells Israel that God said to him: **"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul's words are simple and yet profound. They should always will for the well-being of their neighbors. **"Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."** And finally in Matthew's gospel, Jesus gives specific instructions on how to correct someone who has sinned against you. Confrontation should be direct to the person from a posture of love. It's not easy, but Jesus assures: **"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

The readings today seem to be saying we should sort of **"police"** the behavior of other people. God is giving us permission to do something which he doesn't usually do. There are plenty of **"don'ts"** from God. Don't kill, don't steal. Don't covet, don't hate, don't get even, etc. Today, God seems to be relaxing his usual stance. But hold on, for permissions are tricky things. You know that. There are a lot of common situations requiring permission. When parents get a babysitter for the first time, you give your kid permission to sleep over at a friend's house, you let your teenage daughter or son take the family car somewhere, or you let your son or daughter go away to college. Maybe it is giving your boy or girlfriend the key to your place, or the password to your computer, or credit card number. Remember giving permission at a hospital for some sort of procedure or surgery, or the time a spouse or close relative gets their name put on your bank accounts. There are many times we give permission for. Why are they tricky? **Because something can go wrong!**

And it is the same for God. Will we use this permission God has given us as he intends? Do we pay attention to how and why as much as to the what of a confrontation?

This is where we often mess up. We may bring up other's faults to hurt them, not out of true concern. We must also be fully aware of our own faults, our own need to be forgiven. Plus, remember we should only use this permission for serious stuff, and after careful consideration. If there is any doubt, perhaps that is God saying, **"Not this time, just let it go."** Just think, do you like it when others point out your faults? I know I don't. Maybe we need to look at these encounters as grace filled moments that might be God's way to move us to be the best person we can be. Maybe then we will all be in the position to reach out in love to others in the hope of helping them be the best they can be.

Our 2026 Backwards Money Drawing was held last Sunday with \$20,000 in prize money awarded. The grand prize of **\$10,000** was won by ticket #363, while St. Raymond Parish realized a profit of **\$32,000**. Congratulations to all our winners. Thanks to the Sodality of Our Lady for hosting a Hospitality Sunday during the drawing. Check the bulletin for a listing of all the winning tickets and prize amounts.

On this Labor Day weekend we conclude our **250 Hours of Prayer and Service** program in honor of the Sacred Heart and the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Our parish recorded 596 hours of prayer and 617 hours of service during the past nine weeks. May our parish and country be blessed by this commitment of so many parishioners.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the **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.

Have a great week. **Enjoy the Labor Day holiday. Smile, share and use God's "permission" wisely. Plus remember: Don't let what you can't do stop what you can do.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

A graphic with the words "Ordinary Time" in a green, cursive script font, set against a background of green foliage.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026— 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

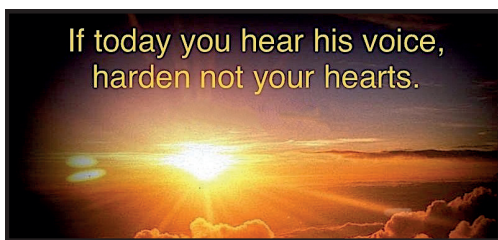
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026—23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

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



SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

ALLELUIA

2 Corinthians 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself
in Christ and entrusting to us the
message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

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 shep-
herds, the flock he guides.

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

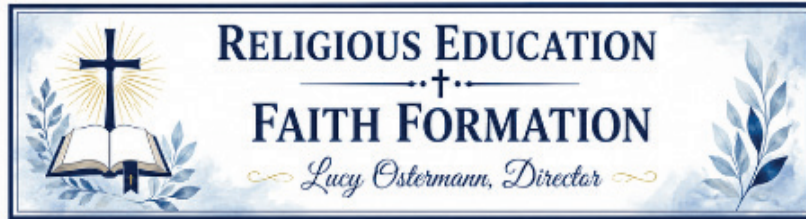
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in
the day of Massah in the desert, where your
fathers tempted me; they tested me though
they had seen my works."

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother
sins against you, go and tell him his fault be-
tween you and him alone. If he listens to
you, you have won over your brother. If he
does not listen, take one or two others along
with you, so that 'every fact may be estab-
lished on the testimony of two or three wit-
nesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell
the church. If he refuses to listen even to the
church, then treat him as you would a Gen-
tile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you,
whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say
to you, if two of you agree on earth about an-
ything for which they are to pray, it shall be
granted to them by my heavenly Father. For
where two or three are gathered together in
my name, there am I in the midst of them."



THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY – MONDAY 9/7/2026 AND RE-OPEN TUESDAY 9/8/2026. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS – MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10AM-4PM; THURSDAY 10AM-2PM.

ATTENTION CATECHISTS

There will be a Catechist meeting on Wednesday 9/9/2026 at 7:30pm in the auditorium. Please make every effort to attend as we begin our 2026/2027 Religious Education school year.

THE FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail or drop off to the Religious Education office with full payment (including Communion & Confirmation fees if applicable). Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. Please note that the Registration fee is \$275 for the first child in the family – each additional child is \$100. Classes begin the week of 9/28/2026 and end the week of 4/19/2027. Class assignments will be mailed home early September.

KICK-OFF CELEBRATION MASS

We invite all Religious Education students, catechists and their families to join us for a special opening Mass as we begin another wonderful year of faith formation. Join us on Sunday, September 27th, 2026, at the 12Noon Mass. Let us come together in prayer as we ask for God's blessing and guidance as we begin a new year.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

The Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 9th grade students on Thursday, October 29th, 2026. There will be two ceremonies - one at 11am and one at 2:30pm. The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

Group 1 - 11am Ceremony – Mr. John Giannotti, Mrs. Kim Elliott, Mr. Michael LoCascio

Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony – Mrs. Dominique Monaco, Mrs. Doreen Dolan, Ms. Jackie Stender, Kellenberg, Home

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR:

- 9th Grade Parent Meeting – Wednesday, September 16th, 2026, at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium.
- 9th Grade Sponsor/Confirmation Candidate - Saturday, September 26th, 2026, at 5pm Mass. If the Sponsor is not available on this date, a parent is asked to attend with the child.
- 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat - Sunday, September 27th, 2026 - St. Raymond School auditorium. Confirmation Retreats are a Diocesan requirement for all Confirmation students. If your child does not attend this retreat, he/she will need to attend a retreat BEFORE 10/29/2026 at another parish. Group 1 will attend the 9:30am-12Noon session and Group 2 will attend the 1pm-3:30pm session.
- Confirmation Rehearsal and Gown Distribution - Child and Sponsor are to attend their designated rehearsal. If the Sponsor is not able to attend the rehearsal, then we ask that a parent attend in his/her place.

Group 1 Rehearsal – Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

Group 2 Rehearsal – Wednesday, October 21st, 2026, 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

MINISTRY *Spotlight*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. RAYMOND COUNCIL

In Service to One. In Service to All.



WHO ARE WE?

We have had a council at St. Raymond's for over 40 years. We have had active members for most of those 40 years and we're always looking to replenish our ranks.



UNITED IN FAITH

We're grateful having our Deacons and Priests as members, and thanks to Fr. Chuck, we are able to hold our Monthly Corporate Mass, where we unite as brothers to attend mass together with our families.

WE ARE:

- ✦ Ushers
- ✦ Lectors
- ✦ Eucharistic Ministers
- ✦ Leaders of Song
- ✦ Choir and Folk Group Members
- ✦ Members of the Parish Council
- ✦ CYO Coaches and Scout Leaders



WE SUPPORT

- The Parish's Food Pantry
- "Coats for Kids" annually
- Charitable work for the community and many worthy causes
- Providing not only money but, manpower to the parish and those in need.



A BROTHERHOOD FOR EVERY AGE

The Knights of Columbus and especially our Council are not just of your father or grandfather. It is not only our ethnic diversity but our age diversity that helps us all understand ourselves better, bound by our common Catholic faith. As long as you are over 18 and a Catholic Gentleman you too can become a Knight.

We can continue to grow as a vibrant organization with the eagerness of the young and the experience of the "young at heart."



MEET. GROW. SERVE.

We meet twice a month, once for the business of the Council, and the second as a social night at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club.

If interested, please visit the Knights of Columbus website at kofc.org to gather more information and register to begin the process of joining us!



Father Chuck has said frequently,

**"Time, Talent
and Treasure"**

perhaps this reaches you today to consider giving your Time, Talents and Treasure and join the Knights of Columbus!



**BECOME A KNIGHT.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. JOIN US TODAY!**



ST. RAYMOND
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

MASS *Kick Off*

THE 2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR

As we begin the 2026-2027 Religious Education year, we invite our students, families, catechists, and volunteers to gather as one faith community.

Together, we will ask God's blessing upon all who will learn, teach, and grow in faith throughout the coming year.



DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

TIME: 12:00 NOON

LOCATION: ST. RAYMOND CHURCH



THERE WILL BE AN
Ice Cream Truck

AFTER MASS FOR THE
CHILDREN OF THE PARISH!

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT
near Social Ministry Office.



A NEW YEAR OF FAITH,
A Journey Together in Christ.



Living a

STEWARDSHIP
life

Take time this week to reach out
to someone who may need prayers—
offer your prayer time to pray
for their intentions.



The Rose For Life

**In Loving
Memory of
Louise Coscia**

For Dedications call
Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458



23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 18:15-20), Jesus teaches that Christian love seeks reconciliation rather than resentment and promises, *"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* He calls us to speak truth with charity, pray together, and work patiently to restore communion.

Tuesday is the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, in which we honor the earthly birth of Mary as a sinless vessel chosen by God to become the Mother of the Savior.



This feast celebrates her birth as the "dawn of salvation," marking a pivotal transition from Old Testament expectations to the fulfillment of Christ's redeeming mission.

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, priest, who spent decades serving enslaved Africans arriving in Cartagena, Columbia, defending their dignity and bringing them compassionate care and the Gospel.

Saturday is the **Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary**. Her name is revered because she was chosen by God to give human flesh to Jesus, making her the holiest of creatures and the Queen of Heaven and Earth. The very mention of the name Mary recalls her being "full of grace" and blessed among women. After the name of Jesus, her name is a powerful source of grace and hope. Calling upon the name of Mary is act of turning to a loving advocate who comes to our aid and guides us closer to her Son.

The First Readings for Monday and Wednesday thru Saturday are taken from 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; 7:25-31; 8:1b-7, 11-13; 9:16-19, 22b-27; and 10:14-22.

Saint Paul calls the Church to sincerity, freedom from attachment, love that builds up, disciplined service of the Gospel, and wholehearted communion with Christ. On Tuesday, for Feast the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the First and Second Readings from Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30, respectively, point toward God's providential plan fulfilled in Christ through Mary.

Throughout the weekday Gospels, Jesus teaches us that genuine discipleship joins mercy, humility, self-giving love, and faithful action.

Monday (Luke 6:6-11) shows Jesus healing the man with the withered hand despite opposition: *"Stretch out your hand."* Mercy must never be postponed when love calls us to act. Tuesday's Feast (Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23, or 1:18-23) reveals God quietly preparing salvation through generations until Mary becomes the mother of Emmanuel: *"God is with us."* Her Nativity reminds us that God's grace is often at work long before we can see its purpose.

Wednesday's regular Gospel (Luke 6:20-26) proclaims the Beatitudes: *"Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours."* Christ asks us to measure life not by comfort or applause, but by faithfulness to His Kingdom. Thursday (Luke 6:27-38) reaches the demanding heart of Christian love: *"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."* Jesus calls us beyond retaliation into the mercy of the Father.

Friday (Luke 6:39-42) warns against judging others while ignoring our own faults: *"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first."* Humility begins when we allow Christ to correct and heal us. Saturday (Luke 6:43-49) teaches that discipleship must bear visible fruit: the one who hears and acts is like a builder who *"laid the foundation on rock."* A life rooted in Christ can remain steady when trials come.

In the Gospel for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 18:21-35), Jesus invites us into the freedom of mercy: *"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."*

Backwards Money Drawing

Winning Tickets



2024 BACKWARD DRAWING WINNERS:

Ticket Pull #1- Ticket #85 (\$500.00)
Ticket Pull #50- Ticket #49 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #100- Ticket #434 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #150- Ticket #225 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #200- Ticket #292 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #250- Ticket #247 (\$250.00)
Ticket Pull #300- Ticket #32 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #350- Ticket #273 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #400- Ticket #57 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #450- Ticket #327 (\$200.00)
Ticket Pull #491- Ticket #498 (\$300.00)
Ticket Pull #492- Ticket #33 (\$400.00)
Ticket Pull #493- Ticket #500 (\$500.00)
Ticket Pull #494- Ticket #246 (\$600.00)
Ticket Pull #495- Ticket #308 (\$700.00)
Ticket Pull #496- Ticket #160 (\$800.00)
Ticket Pull #497- Ticket #378 (\$900.00)
Ticket Pull #498- Ticket #330 (\$1000.00)
Ticket Pull #499- Ticket #144 (\$2500.00)

Ticket Pull #500
Ticket #363 (\$10,000.00)

Last Sunday we held our 2026 Backwards Money Drawing during a special Hospitality Sunday, sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady. It was a great success with \$20,000.00 awarded in prize money. After awarding the #500 ticket to the person who won the special raffle, there were 10 final Backwards Tickets drawn. Because of the generosity and support of so many people we were able to sell all 500 tickets. As a result, we realized a profit of \$32,000 for our parish.

Thanks to all our parishioners, neighbors and friends from near and far who supported this fundraising event. The following is the list of ticket pulls and prize winners. Look for the 2027 Backwards Money Drawing next year!

St. Raymond Families



Victims of 9/11

James Barbella
Dennis Buckley
William Gardner

James Haran
Michael Horn
Timothy McSweeney

Patrick O'Keefe, Jr.
Glenn Wall
Paul Zois



St. Raymond's Human Life Committee

"The Lord says, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10) He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering and the very wounds that bear witness indicate the essence of our worth: we are loved by Christ.... our most difficult trials can be a place where God manifests His victory. He makes all things beautiful...all things new".

(USCCB)

For anyone experiencing a distressful pregnancy, please call the following for free, confidential, caring help: **The Life Center - #516-798-9100**. For anyone suffering the effects of an abortion, please call the following for free, confidential, caring help: **The Life Center - #516-798-8746**.

TOGETHER, WE WALK. TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

100% of the donations received are used in the St. Raymond Parish to help our neighbors in need. We have no overhead and all members are volunteers.

For more information call Anthony - President of the St. Raymond Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul at **516-220-2521**

Every Step. Every Neighbor. Every Day.

REGISTER OR DONATE NOW. Scan QR code to visit the SVDP Long Island 2026 Walk Home Page

SVDPLI.ORG

Friends OF THE POOR WALK

Join Us! Saturday September 26, 2026 Heckscher State Park East Islip CHECK IN: 9 AM WALK START: 10 AM

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES FACING HARDSHIP.

By joining the Friends of the Poor Walk, you help support neighbors in our own communities with food, clothing, housing assistance, and hope.

WALK TOGETHER. HELP TOGETHER. CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER.



St. Raymond's *Bereavement Ministry*

We are offering a Program for
those grieving the death of a loved one.

Six Sessions beginning
**Thursday
October 1, 2026
at 7:30 PM**

in St. Raymond's
School Cafeteria

Register: *Call the Rectory*
at 516-593-5000
or fill out the form below
and send to the Rectory

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

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)

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The Parish Social Ministry Staff would like to say "thank you" to all those who have dropped brown paper shopping bags at the Ryan House these last few weeks. These bags are helping us pack groceries for our clients so it is easier for them to carry their groceries home.

We would greatly appreciate your continued support in this matter.

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food. The Parish Social Ministry also provides their clients with information on other services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul as needed.

Pantry items needed this week: Coffee, Cold Cereal, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Snacks, Canned Meat, Soup, Grape Jelly, Peanut Butter, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pasta Sauce and Pasta.

Donations of food 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.

We are still in need of paper shopping bags, such as those from Trader Joe's and CVS, for packing groceries for our clients. They can be dropped off at the Ryan House or left in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thanks to all of you for always helping us serve the people in need in our community.

You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!

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Luke 2:25

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8th)

Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15):

The Most Holy Name of Mary (September 12)

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 7th

7:15am George Moseman

8:45am Stanley Ligarzewski

Tuesday, September 8th

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15am Arlene Frances Milano

8:45am Anne Gallagher

Wednesday, September 9th

St. Peter Claver

7:15am Stefania & Stefan Wilk

8:45am Vivian Carnevale

Thursday, September 10th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Mary Simeti

Friday, September 11th

7:15am Patricia Rochford

8:45am Victims of 9/11

25th Anniversary

Saturday, September 12th

8:45am Paula Lazzaro

Theresa & John Mooney

Lucille & Edward Meehan

Sonia De'Leonardis

5:00pm Michael Farrell

Sunday, September 13th

7:30am Gina Pira

9:00am William J. Mulvaney

10:30am Frances Marie Halas

12:00pm Noreen Helmstadt

Filippo Barone

Mark Dejak

Peter Swanson

Patricia Nelson

Mercedes Salas

Gina Crespel

Pola Cifuentes

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

REST IN PEACE



Kathleen Lord

Barbara Loggie

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Corinthians 5:1-8/Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday

Micah 5:1-4a/Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 7:25-31/Luke 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13/Luke 6:27-38

Friday

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27

Luke 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Corinthians 10:14-22/Luke 6:43-49

Sunday

Sirach 27:30—28:7/Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

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Communal Prayer ➔ BEFORE MASS ➔

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles.

Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

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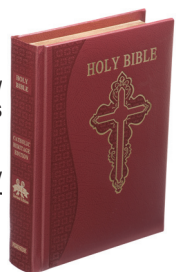
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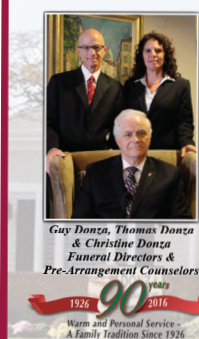
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