

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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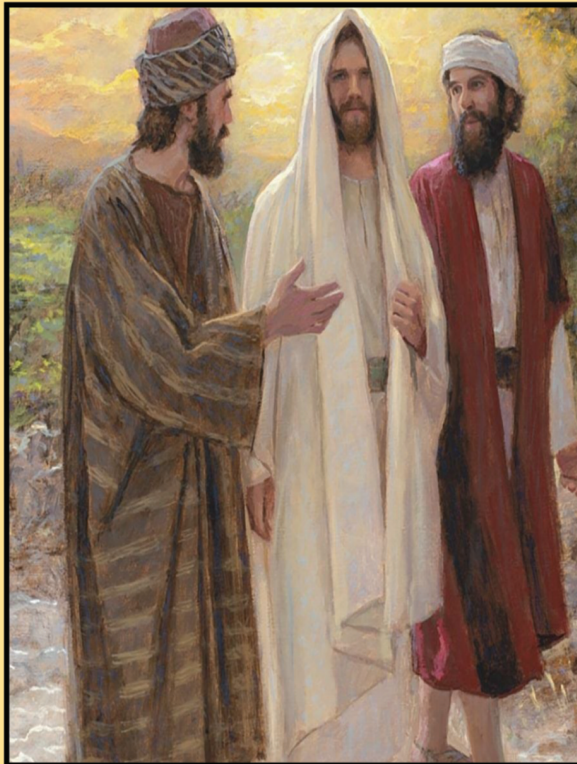
*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, April 14, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." -Luke 24:35



April 14, 2024
Third
Sunday
of Easter

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
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.

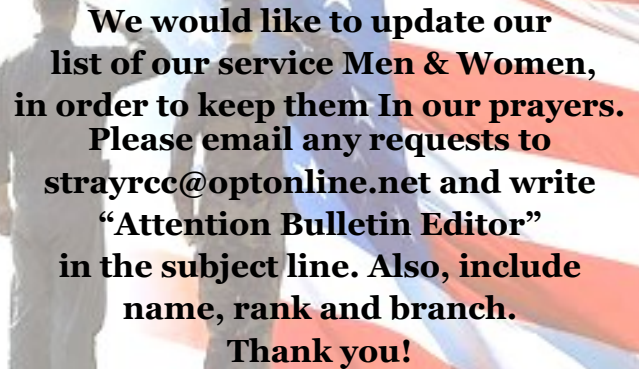
Music Ministries

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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Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Third Sunday of Easter. Today we are invited to reflect on a tenet from the Creed that we pray at Mass. It is when we proclaim that we **"look forward to the resurrection of the dead."** In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter reminds the people that Jesus was put to death and then raised by God. He and the other apostles are witnesses to this. **"The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnessed."** Then in the second reading from 1 John, Jesus is proclaimed to be the righteous one who died for our sins. And to know him is to keep his commands. **"But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him."** And finally, in Luke's gospel we have a further resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples. Even when they keep seeing him, they are still astonished and frightened. This time he eats with them and then explains how he was the fulfillment of the scriptures starting with Moses. **"Thus, it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in the name of the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."**

Try to imagine what you would have done if privileged enough to see the risen Jesus. What would you do? What would you say or think? How would you feel? I'm not sure how I would have reacted in such a situation. I would probably be shocked, but then what, who knows? But you know what the bigger question is, one that has bigger consequences for your life in this time and place. The more important question is if you were to encounter the risen Jesus, would you even notice? Now you might think this a silly question. Of course, you would recognize Jesus if he was right in front of you. But this sort of thing was being played out in today's gospel. On the road to Emmaus, two disciples were with a man they didn't know, or so they thought. Only after a heartfelt conversation and a meal together do they realize they were walking with Jesus all day long. Then even when Jesus comes again to them and more of the disciples, they still are not sure what they are seeing. Jesus has to calm their fears and show them his hands and feet. Basically, he has to tell them: **"Hey, it's really me!"**

I would say that Jesus is coming to us today in ways we don't expect. He comes on his terms, not ours. He wants to have an encounter with us, not once in a while, but over and over again.

He is saying to us: **"It's really me,"** through a man asking for a handout, through a teenage son or daughter coming in tears to reveal an unexpected pregnancy, through the personality of someone you don't like at all, or through a relative you struggle to forgive, or a parent who let you down, or a boss you can never please or a political party you oppose, or any group you look upon with suspicion or hatred. **"It's really me."** And Jesus also comes to you in the difficult times, through your sorrows and every experience that aggravates you and makes you angry. And most of all, Jesus is even with you when you turn your back on him and sin. That's the kind of God we have. So, I ask again, **"If you encountered the risen Jesus, would you even notice him?"**

As I mentioned in last week's bulletin Father Theo Iloh will be leaving St. Raymond Parish at the end of April and returning to his home diocese in Nigeria. His bishop is calling him to take up a position as both a seminary and college professor. We will all miss Father Theo and I know you join me in wishing him all the best in his next priestly assignment. Father Theo will celebrate his last parish Mass at St. Raymond's at 12noon on Sunday, April 28th. There will be a parish reception immediately following in the school cafeteria. All are most welcome to come and express your personal best wishes to Father Theo at both the Mass and reception.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and information, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the new sessions of our **Bereavement Ministry** starting on April 11th, information regarding **Pentecost Confirmations** for adults, the upcoming diocesan training for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Third Week of Easter! **Keep spreading that Easter joy and remember: Nothing Eclipses God's love.** God Bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 14, 2024-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

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

APRIL 14, 2024-THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people:
"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

ALLELUIA

Cf. Lk 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.
R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

GOSPEL

Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

SECOND READING

1 Jn 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



The last day of Religion classes is Thursday 4/18/2024. All Mass reflections are due on or before that date for students in grades 2-8. 7th & 8th grade students in addition to Mass reflections are to hand in their Confirmation Service Hours form. The Stations of the Cross by Teens reflection paper was due in by 3/25 or 3/26.

Our 7th & 8th grade level Mass is today (4/14/2024) at 12 Noon.

Attention 8th Grade Parents/Students

Our 8th grade students will have their Confirmation interviews and be measured for their Confirmation gowns on Monday 4/15 & 4/16 during class time. Please ensure that your child attends class on their respective night and arrives on time. We are limited to the amount of interviewers available to us and we need to get the students interviewed because these are the last nights of classes – children arriving after 7pm hampers with the flow of the interview process. Kellenberg students do not need an interview – their parents are asked to call or e-mail our office (516-593-9075 or strayfaithformation@aol.com) with their child's height so that we can order the Confirmation gowns on time.

We are in need of Catechists for the 2024/2025 school year. Please consider joining this most important ministry. Our books are user friendly, we have videos to help with training our catechists and we will have a New Teacher session early in September. There is no Registration for parents with children in the program. Catechists can set up a co-teacher situation so that commitment is not too overwhelming. If you are interested, please contact the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075.

Here is where we need teachers:

Grade 2 – 4 teachers needed - Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

Grade 3 – 1 teacher needed Mondays & 1 teacher needed Thursdays
3:30pm-4:30pm for both days.

Grade 6 – 1 teacher needed Wednesdays & 2 teachers needed Thursdays
3:30pm-4:30pm for both days

Grade 7 – 2 teachers needed Tuesdays 7pm-8pm

Grade 8 – 1 teacher needed Tuesdays 7pm-8pm





PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



At this time I am accepting requests for the Sacrament of Confirmation from any adult Catholics of college age and older. The appropriate date each year for the conferring of Confirmation to adults is at a Pentecost Mass which signals the end of the Easter season.

I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 5:00pm. Pentecost Eve Mass.

There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 by Friday, April 26th, and ask to be placed on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

-Father Chuck



ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.

-Pope Francis I



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-Thought of leaving or divorce?

-Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

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Our Next Weekend is April 26-28, 2024

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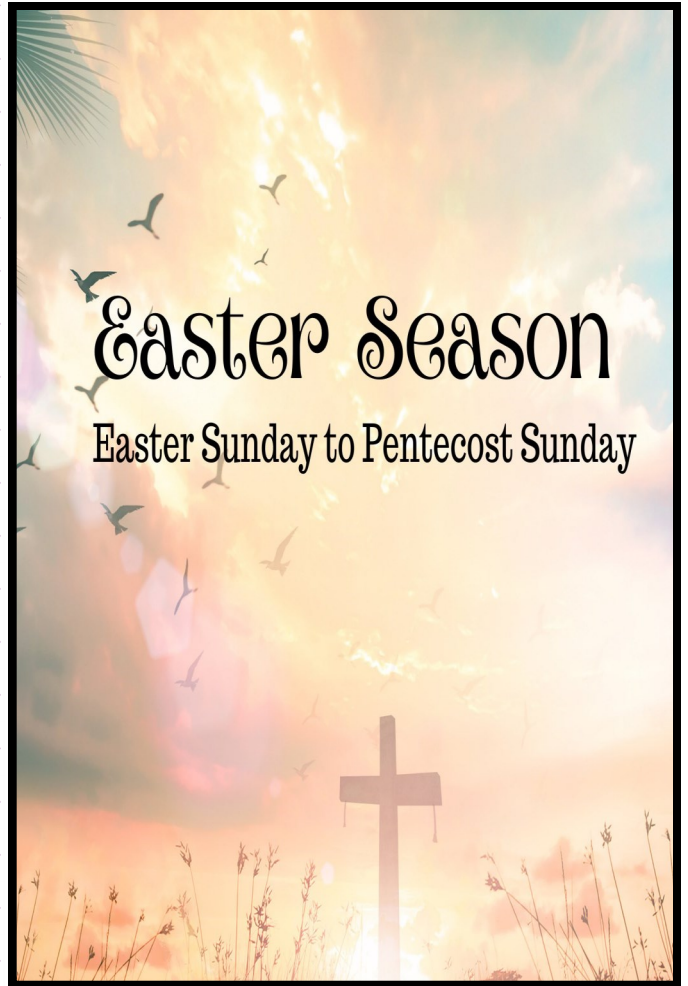
Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

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EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

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Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

April Meeting: Monday, April 22, 2024

Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria

Time: 7:30 pm

Speaker: Linda Mele Dougherty

Topic: Our Catholic Identity

*Please join us and bring a friend
as we are always looking for and
happy to welcome new members.*



*The Sodality of Our Lady
is pleased to
announce the winners
of the 2024 Scholarship Awards*

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HAVE CHOSEN TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

As we continue our journey through the Mass, we come to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Growing up as an altar server, the preparation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist was always one of the most action-packed moments of the Mass. There are several things to bring to the altar and an order to how they should arrive. As we have noted, every part of the Mass has a background and a significant meaning, even some of the quick (and sometimes quiet) gestures in this part of the Mass. There are special cloths, shiny chalices, candles, bread, wine, and water, among many other things. All of them will serve a purpose, and with the words of Christ, the bread and wine will become Christ himself—his true Body and Blood—his true presence with us!

What is the Liturgy of the Eucharist?



As the General Instruction for the Roman Missal teaches, "At the Last Supper Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice and gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat, and drink: this is my Body; this is the chalice of my Blood. Do this in memory of me.' Hence, the Church has arranged the entire celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist in parts corresponding to precisely these words and actions of Christ, namely:

At the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and the wine with water are brought to the altar—the same elements, that is to say, which Christ took into his hands. In the Eucharistic Prayer, thanks is given to God for the whole work of salvation, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ. Through the fraction and through Communion, the faithful, though many, receive from the one bread the Lord's Body and from the one chalice the Lord's Blood in the same way the Apostles received them from the hands of Christ himself" (GIRM, 72).



The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

For an in-depth summary of the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, we turn to the Catholic Encyclopedia: "The Liturgy of the Eucharist, the essential part of the sacrifice, includes: the preparation of the altar; the preparation of the gifts: bread, wine, and water are brought to the altar ([and in many places] the money offerings or offerings for the poor), [typically] the offertory song is sung during this preparation; the priest washes his hands; an invitation to prayer is prayed by the priest. There follows the Eucharistic prayer, which is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification and the center of the Eucharistic celebration. It contains: the preface, expressing thanksgiving in the name of the entire people of God; the acclamation or sanctus (holy, holy, holy), which is recited by the priest and people or sung, the Eucharistic prayer; the invocations for the Church, the epiclesis; narration of the institution and consecration of the bread and wine in the words of Christ; the fulfillment of the command given by Christ to the Church to carry on this mystery of the sacrifice, called the anamnesis; the offering of the victim to God the Father in the Holy Spirit; the intercessions for the living and the dead and for the faithful present; the final doxology, and concluding Amen" (Catholic Encyclopedia, Thomas Nelson Inc., Nashville, 1976, p. 197). Now that is a table of contents! Although this listing may seem complex, we'll be taking each section one at a time, breaking it down so we can understand the importance of each part in the Mass and its importance for us. As we journey through the parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, remind yourself that these pieces all serve a grand purpose: our pathway to the true presence of Christ on the altar at Mass!

For Reflection:

· Consider beginning this journey by reflecting on each of the New Testament accounts of the institution of the Eucharist: 1 Cor. 11:24, Mt. 26:26–30, Lk 22:24–30, Jn 13:1–15, Mk 14:22–26. You could reflect on one passage each day during the week in preparation for participation at Mass on Sunday.

Next Week: Altar Setup

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 - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM



**“But if anyone does sin,
we have an Advocate
with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous one.”
John 2:1**

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.

Word Among Us

by Reverend Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R., D.Min.



Have you ever taken a difficult class and struggled to understand the subject? Maybe you had to get extra help from the teacher after class.

Perhaps the teacher had to explain a hard concept more than once or find different ways to present it before understanding finally dawned on you.

Jesus is like that patient and sympathetic teacher. Today's Gospel reading shows how his disciples needed extra help to understand his resurrection. Jesus didn't expect them to get it right away, so he found more than one way to get his message across.

First, two angels appeared at Jesus' empty tomb to announce that he had been raised from the dead. But when the other disciples heard the story, it seemed so farfetched that they didn't believe it (Luke 24:1-11).

Then Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road to Emmaus and spoke with them. He even taught them about the words in Scripture that point to his resurrection. And still these disciples didn't recognize Jesus right away (Luke 24:13-34)!

That brings us to today's story, when Jesus appears suddenly in the disciples' midst. They are terrified! He immediately reassures them and even eats a piece of fish to show them that he is flesh and blood, not a ghost. He then opens their minds "to understand the Scriptures" so they can see that he has fulfilled all of God's promises (Luke 24:45). Suddenly things are making sense.

We will never fully know or understand Jesus during our time on earth. But that doesn't mean he wants to keep us in the dark. It may take time to grasp his love for you. You may need lots of nudges from his Spirit to get you going in the right direction. And that's okay. Like any good teacher, Jesus builds on your understanding one step at a time. He may reach you through a homily or a Bible passage that speaks to a problem you're having. Or maybe it's through a relative or friend whose faith inspires you. He will always find ways to draw you closer so that you can enjoy a life of deeper joy and friendship with him.

“Thank you, Jesus, for being such a patient, loving teacher.”



Eucharistic Witness Venerable Archbishop Fulton John Sheen (+1979)

An argument can be made that the most well-known and recognized Catholic priest in the United States in the middle of the last century was the Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. His television series, *Life is Worth Living*, reached an estimated viewing audience of 30 million people each week. This priest of the Diocese of Peoria influenced countless men and women of his generation. What can we learn from his Eucharistic witness?

Made for Love:

Fulton Sheen recognized that human life is essentially relational. This is another way of saying that we were made for love—made to love God and love one another. Grace enables one to grow in this regard, and as we see in the lives of so many saintly people, it is their frequent contact with Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist—participation in Mass, receiving him in Holy Communion, and adoring him in the reserved Blessed Sacrament—that makes them who they are. Jesus, the source of all holiness and grace, stretches their hearts and increases their capacity to love.

Belief Intensifies Love:

Fulton Sheen loved the Holy Eucharist because he believed in Our Lord's words when he spoke about the Bread of Life (Jn 6:22-59), and his belief, in turn, deepened his understanding of this great mystery. As his understanding increased, so too did his love. When it comes to the people in our life, including Our Lord, the belief we have in them and our understanding of them are related to one another. Fulton Sheen's belief in the Holy Eucharist deepened his understanding of Our Lord, which in turn intensified his love.

Feeding and Being Fed by Love:

Relationships must continually be fed, or they will die, and this is true in our relationship with Our Lord. We feed the relationship, and we are fed by it. When Fulton Sheen was ordained a priest, he made the commitment to pray a holy hour every day before the Blessed Sacrament, and he kept his promise.

**“The greatest love story of all time is contained
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faithful stewards of God's grace in its
various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

During the month of March, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 92 households with food, personal care and household items and other services they needed.

Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including seniors who depend on their Social Security benefit as their only source of income and need help with food assistance.

Pantry items needed this week: Dish Detergent, Mac and Cheese, Ramen Noodles, Tuna Fish, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Instant Potatoes, Rice Side Dishes, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pinto and Black Beans, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Canned Mixed Vegetables and Beets and Mayonnaise.

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. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*We are always praying that God
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today and always!*



“... he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”
 Luke 24:35

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As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News. Perhaps this week, you can invite a friend to say grace with you before a shared meal or to accompany you to Mass. Your invitation may be the catalyst for something great in their lives.



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.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Part A: Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

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Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm.

If you are interested in becoming An Extraordinary Minister, please contact me at the rectory in writing expressing your desire to serve St. Raymond Parish as an Extraordinary Minister. I will then reserve a place for you at the chosen session. Father Chuck

**To request registration for any of these sessions,
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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.



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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.

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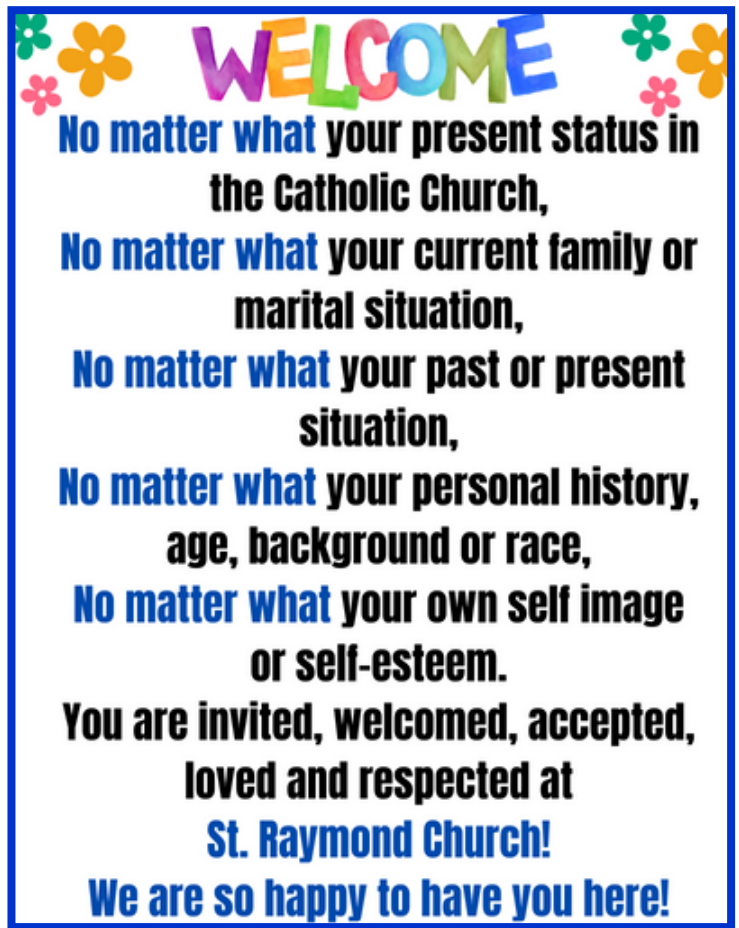


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When Amanda's mom passed away in 2019, her mom's ex-husband left, leaving her three stepsisters alone with the threat that they would be put in foster care. Without any hesitation she took the children in to care for them. "It's been a hard battle. We were homeless and in bad situations, but I know that God will not give you something you can't handle. You must keep the faith and push forward. With the help of the Parish Social Ministry program at St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, I was able to get through this hardship. In addition to food, the PSM has helped me to renew my lapsed insurance license and assisted in paying bills. If I need to talk to anyone, I can call or email to make an appointment. They have been there for me through everything. I really appreciate all they do for me and for everyone else. It is a blessing. They are angels on earth."

- Amanda, Client of St. John the Evangelist's Parish Outreach



The Director of the Parish Outreach, Katie Spellman, shared how her work allows her to grow in her faith. "Working in Parish Social Ministry has taken my faith outside of the Church. It's an opportunity for me to dig deeper into faith and think of the humble servant. It's a gift for me to work here – it feeds my soul."

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Masses for this week

Monday, April 15th

7:15am Paul Dzielak

8:45am Donald Laux

Tuesday, April 16th

7:15am Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Jane Donlon

Wednesday, April 17th

7:15am Billy Winkle

8:45am Ermelia Pacaldo

Thursday, April 18th

7:15am Souls in Purgatory

8:45pm William Casey

Friday, April 19th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45pm Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 20th

8:45am Frankie Coppola,
Anna Rose Coppola

5:00pm Angella Ciriello

Sunday, April 21st

7:30am Joanne McGrath

9:00am Rosalie Monaco

10:30am Sodality of Our Lady

12:00pm Drew & Casey Tenbus (living)

Theresa Maselli, John W. Challice,
Daniel Thornton, George Lovell,
Jason Telipe.

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



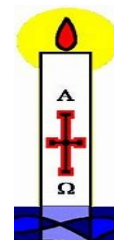
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Bennett William Chevalier,
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Fr. Don Hansen, Nick S., Dawn,
Jay Witemeyer, Christine Gillidan,
Linda Dagostino, Joseph DelGiorno,
Rory Romano, Timothy Murphy,
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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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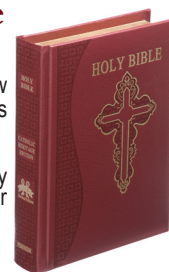


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