

## 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 18, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who  
takes away the sin of the world.”

-John 1:29



January 18, 2026  
2nd 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

**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

*"I have a  
dream  
today..."*



*"That one day...little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today."*

**St. Raymond's rectory office will  
be closed on Monday,  
January 19th  
in observance of  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**



## Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Julianne Grennen

Mary Lynch

Herb McIntyre

Linda Dagostino

Anthony Campanile

Karen Pagnotta

Baby Cooper Graham

Jodi Neckles

Maureen Condiss

Jim Marasco

Timothy Murphy

Christine I.

Lauren Greco

Jeanne Swanson

Eileen Roberts

Nick S.

Betty McHale

Gerry Peknic

Fran Halas

Rosemarie Lombardo

Eileen Appel

Elaine & Eddie

Dianna Viglieta

Corrado

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

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time!** The focus of today's readings is to help us recognize the presence and action of God in our lives. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet tells the people how God spoke to him and how he is made glorious because of God's presence in his life. His role in preparing Israel comes straight to him in God's very own words.

**"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."** Then in the Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday we sing the response that all followers of Jesus should have.

**"Here am I lord; I come to do your will."** And finally in John's gospel, we see John the Baptist giving strong testimony to Jesus as the promised one to be made known to all Israel. His coming was the one John the Baptist was sent to prepare the people for. The surety of Jesus as the One for John was that when he baptized him, the Spirit descended upon him as had been foretold to John by God. **"On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain; he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Now I have seen and testify that he is the Son of God."**

Most of us like to win, don't we? In the workplace, on the field, in the classroom, in the dating scene, in our social circles, in arguments.... pretty much everywhere. We enjoy finishing on top. We even presume winning at things that can't be measured. Our opinions are more intelligent, our tastes are better, as is our sense of humor. Our personality is better, as is our way of looking at things. And we probably believe that we have more common sense than most other people. Yes, we like winning and think we are a winner when it comes to all sorts of things. And with this desire to be on top, comes a certain sense of entitlement. We should get some perks and breaks that others don't get. Special attention, freebees, no parking tickets, more attractive mates, higher paying jobs, better medical care; in other words better stuff than what the average person gets.

**"A man is coming after e who ranks ahead of me..."** so says John the Baptist. Pretty humble words, yes? After all he was getting a lot of attention. People were interested in him, giving him prestige and acclaim. But John would have nothing of it.

What about us? Would we have? More importantly, do we? John wasn't blinded by fame or a need for attention. He knew the proper relationship between himself and God. He knew the difference between his role in life and the role of the One the people had longed for ages. Any importance John had, paled in importance to that of Jesus. John was perfectly fine with who Jesus was.

Every straying from the path, every moral failure, every sin, is essentially a confusing of the relationship between us and God, a kind of placing ourselves on top with God somewhere below. We cling to the things of this world too tightly and push to the back the One who should be getting our attention, our obedience, our love, our complete selves. Now, it's not easy maintaining a proper relationship with God. If it were, there would be no sin. Yet there is no truly faithful way of living without self-emptying, without surrendering. You can't have a path to God without acts of kindness, generosity, compassion and love. And there is no salvation without Jesus laying down his life. John knew it. Jesus showed it and it is up to us to continue imitating him by putting others before ourselves. That's how we give God his rightful place in our lives.

**Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.** It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), a reservation form for the upcoming **Valentine's Day Dance** on Saturday, February 7th for all our parish girls, first grade through eighth, the **Come and See Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share, recognize God's presence in your daily life. And remember: Today is a gift from God, remember to thank him.** God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 18, 2026—SECOND 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.

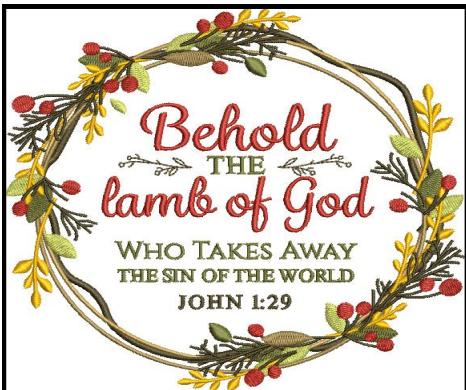
# READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

JANUARY 18, 2026—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

### Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R/ Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

## SECOND READING

### 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## ALLELUIA

### John 1:14a, 12a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

### John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

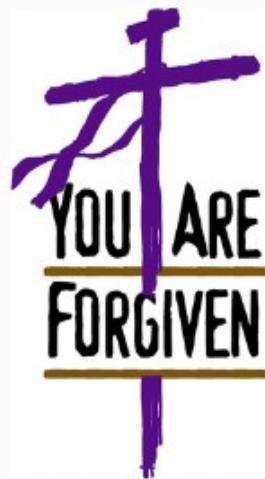
*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – MONDAY 1/19/2026.

SWEETHEART VALENTINE DANCE SATURDAY 2/7/2026.

Look for the flyer in this week's bulletin. RSVP date is January 31st, 2026. Reserve your spot today!!!



## ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

2nd grade students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 2/3/2026. There are no 2nd grade Religious Education classes that day. Parents are to bring their child directly to the Church between the hours of 3:30pm-5pm – they do not need their books that day. First Reconciliation certificates will be given to the students in class.





# Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Saying the Rosary



Parish Girls in Grades 1-8  
join us for our annual St. Raymond's

# SWEETHEART

## Valentine's Day Dance

Scan me to  
register and pay  
by Venmo



Payment is  
Non-Refundable

Saturday  
7  
February

From 6:00p-8:00p  
St. Raymond's  
School Cafeteria

\$20 per person  
Dinner, drinks  
dancing,  
desserts, & more

Tickets to be distributed at the 5p Mass on 2/7/26.

Must have a ticket for admittance.

Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is limited.  
Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.

RSVP By January 31st, 2026. Cash or check made  
out to St. Raymond's Religious Education or scan  
the QR code above and Venmo @Jennifer-Saia

Girl(s) Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Escort's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please wear pink,  
red, or white



Happy New Year  
from the Sodality  
of Our Lady!!!

As always, Sodality continues to do great things in  
Our Lady's footsteps. We gather this Sunday,  
January 18th, at the 10:30am Mass for Corporate  
Communion, in the marked pews.

Family and friends are always welcome to sit with us.  
Our monthly meeting



St. Raymond School Cafeteria

January 19th , 7:30 pm

(Doors open at 7:00)

Guest speaker & friend

Al Barbarino

Topic:

*"New Year's Resolution:  
Beginning the year with Jesus!"*  
ALL are welcome – bring friends!

Donations of baked goods are appreciated!

Anyone interested in reserving a spot at our March 21st Retreat,  
and April 22nd Spring Dinner, will be able to do so at the meeting.



# ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

**JANUARY 22ND**

## **"DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN"**

Even with the overturning of Roe v. Wade in June, 2022, many states, including NY, continue to not recognize children in their mothers' wombs warranting protection under the law. Federal and state laws in our country fail to protect the lives of the unborn babies and many political leaders, at both levels of government, work actively to increase access to abortion. Some falsely describe the killing of the unborn through abortion as healthcare and even a basic human right. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen January 22nd, to be a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We invite all to join with us: Thursday, January 22nd, at the 3 pm - 4 pm hour of weekly Adoration, as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the intention for the legal protection of unborn children and an end to abortion.

### **March for Life, Washington, D.C. - Friday, January 23rd**

**Although we will not be physically attending the "March for Life", we will be joining with them spiritually through prayer that day. Please join with us as we pray for the successful witness to our nation to the sanctity and preciousness of all human life, for an end to abortion, and for the safety of those in D.C. that day.**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Date: Friday, January 23rd**

**Time: 1 pm - 4 pm**

### **Concluding with Benediction**

*"...then if My people will humble themselves and pray, and search for Me, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land. I will listen, wide awake, to every prayer made in this place".*

*(2 Chronicles 7:14)*

*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)

*"Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is  
generous to the needy, honor Him."*

*- Proverbs 14:31*

During the month of December, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 81 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed through Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and Saint Vincent DePaul. Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income.

**Pantry items still needed:**

**Cold Cereal, Hot Cereal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Cooking Oil, Canned Fruit, Snacks, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Coffee, Tea, Laundry Detergent and Dish Detergent.**

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

**Recycled Christmas Cards - Please help us. We need your Christmas cards - the front cover only - to recycle and use for the 2026 Giving Tree tags. Every year we put over 300 tags on the tree and that is a lot of cards we need to gather. You can either drop the cards off at the Ryan House when it is open or place them in a plastic bag and put them in the bin on the porch. Every card makes a difference and thank you, as always, for all your support.**

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity,  
You are always in our prayers!*

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME  
WEEKLY GUIDE FOR  
PERSONAL PRAYER**



**SUMMARY OF  
THE READINGS  
FOR THE WEEK**

For the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel proclaims John the Baptist's witness to Jesus at the Jordan, where he boldly recognizes him, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," and testifies that he "saw the Spirit come down... and remain upon him," revealing Jesus as the Son of God and the fulfillment of God's salvific plan.

Tuesday of this week is the Optional Memorial of Saint Fabian (Pope and Martyr) and Saint Sebastian, Martyr (a lay soldier). Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Agnes (Virgin and Martyr, whose youthful total gift of self to Christ stands as a powerful example of purity and devotion). Thursday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Vincent (Deacon and Martyr). Friday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin (a religious sister known for her compassionate care of those afflicted with leprosy in Hawaii). Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales (Bishop and Doctor of the Church, who was spiritual writer whose gentle wisdom encourages holiness in everyday life).

Together, these saints highlight the enduring call to faithful witness, courageous service, and compassionate love: martyrs like Fabian, Sebastian, Agnes, and Vincent remind us that discipleship may demand the ultimate sacrifice, while Saint Marianne Cope's life of self-giving care and Saint Francis de Sales's pastoral gentleness teach that holiness blossoms through charity and patient devotion to Christ in all circumstances.

In the United States, Thursday is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. On this day we pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through act of abortion.

During this week the First Readings from 1 Samuel 15–19 and 2 Samuel 1 trace God's rejection of Saul for disobedience and the quiet rise of David, whom



**Come & See**  
Until you do, you will  
never know

the Lord chooses not for appearances but because "the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Sam 16:7). The narratives highlight key themes of obedience over sacrifice, trust in God's saving power as David faces Goliath, and fidelity amid suffering as Saul's jealousy drives David into danger, revealing how God's purposes unfold even through conflict. The week concludes with David's poignant lament over Saul and Jonathan (2 Sam 1:17–27), expressing covenantal love and teaching that authentic holiness is marked by humility, courage, and faithful love shaped by God's will.

The Gospels for the week open on Monday with Jesus addressing questions about fasting by explaining the newness he brings to God's covenant to capture the life of the kingdom rather than adhering to old forms (Mark 2:18–22). On Tuesday, Jesus further asserts his authority over tradition as he defends his disciples in a dispute about Sabbath observance (Mark 2:23–28). Wednesday's Gospel (Mark 3:1–6) portrays Jesus healing a man with a withered hand on the sabbath, challenging hardened hearts and exposing opposition from the Pharisees who then begin to plot against him, underscoring his mission to free and restore despite resistance.

Continuing in Mark, Thursday's Gospel (Mark 3:7–12) shows Jesus surrounded by large crowds from many regions drawn by his healing power and authority over unclean spirits, who even recognize him as "the Son of God" though he commands silence about his identity. Friday's passage (Mark 3:13–19) depicts Jesus appointing the twelve apostles commissioning them to be with him and to share in his preaching and healing mission. Finally, Saturday's Gospel (Mark 3:20–21) shows the intensity of Jesus' ministry as crowds press in on him so much that even his family expresses concern, revealing both the overwhelming response to his presence and the misunderstandings that sometimes accompany it.

For Sunday, January 25th, the Gospel recounts the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Galilee, Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand,'" and calls the first disciples to follow him as he proclaims the light of God shining into the world.



*“The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.” -John 1:14a, 12a*



### St. Raymond Church

🔥 Kindle The Fire Within  
Each Day, the Church is open  
for personal prayer until 5:00pm  
Each Thursday - Eucharistic  
Exposition from 1-4:00pm  
Each First Friday  
Nocturnal Adoration 7:30pm-8:30pm

### Daily Prayer This Week

As this week's Gospels unfold, I am invited to recognize Christ more deeply, remain open to his renewing grace, and allow His healing love and call to discipleship to shape how I pray, work, and love amid the demands of daily life.

### Recognizing the Lamb

*“Behold, the Lamb of God.” (John 1:29)*

As I begin the week, I am invited to look at Jesus with the eyes of faith and recognize him at work in the ordinary moments of my family and professional life, not only in prayer but in daily responsibilities. Naming Christ as the Lamb of God helps me entrust my burdens, sins, and decisions to him rather than carrying them alone.

*My Prayer: Lord Jesus, open my eyes to recognize you each day and trust you with all that I carry.*

### Newness of Grace

*“New wine must be poured into fresh wineskins.” (Mark 2:22)*

Jesus challenges me to examine whether my habits, expectations, or routines leave room for the new life He desires to give, especially when work pressures and family patterns feel fixed. By remaining flexible and open to grace, I allow God to renew my heart rather than simply managing obligations.

*My Prayer: Renew my heart, Lord, and help me welcome your grace with openness and trust.*

### Lord of the Sabbath

*“The Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.” (Mark 2:28)*

This Gospel calls me to honor rest, mercy, and human dignity over rigid productivity, reminding me that my worth is not measured solely by output or efficiency. By placing Christ at the center of my schedule, I learn to balance responsibility with compassion for myself and others.

*My Prayer: Teach me, Lord, to order my time around you and to live with merciful balance.*

### Choosing to Heal

*“Stretch out your hand.” (Mark 3:5)*

Jesus' healing on the sabbath urges me to act with love even when it is inconvenient or misunderstood, especially in family tensions or workplace conflicts.

I am reminded that choosing compassion over fear allows God's healing power to flow through my words and actions.

*Prayer: Give me courage, Lord, to choose love and healing in every situation.*

### Called and Sent

*“He appointed twelve... that they might be with him.” (Mark 3:14)*

Being called first to be with Jesus before being sent reshapes how I approach my many roles, grounding my service in prayerful relationship rather than constant activity. When I remain close to Christ, my family life and work become places of mission rather than sources of exhaustion alone.

*Prayer: Draw me closer to you, Lord, so that all I do may flow from being with you.*



# THE ROSE FOR LIFE

**Prayers for the  
Work of the  
Human Life Committee  
Donated by  
Jean & Ed Cook**

For Dedications call  
Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458



*“...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... ” Philippians 2:10*

## Pastoral Council Members

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

## JOIN THE FOLK GROUP!

### A MINISTRY OF MUSIC, FAITH & COMMUNITY

Do you love music and want to be part of something joyful and meaningful?  
The Folk Group offers a fun, modern take on traditional church music,

#### **WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU WITH US!**

We're a welcoming group of people who come together to share music, faith, and friendship. While some of us play instruments or have formal training, it's not required. What connects us is our shared love of music, community, and worship. Whether you sing, play, or just want to be part of a faith-filled musical group,

#### **YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN!**

Open to anyone from 7th grade and up—no upper age limit!

 **Rehearsals: Sundays at 11:00 AM**

 **Location: Rectory Lower Level**

 **We sing at the 12 Noon Sunday Mass**

**Interested? We'd love to hear from you!**

 **Call Nadine Robinson at 516-784-6775**

 **Or email: [straymondsfolkgroup@gmail.com](mailto:straymondsfolkgroup@gmail.com)**

**Come make a joyful noise with us!**





*Each of us has a mission  
and calling in this life.  
Do you know what yours  
is? Pray to the Lord this  
week and ask Him where  
He wants you.*

## *Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island*

Including widows, widowers and singles  
A social organization for single persons

New Member Orientation Meeting

Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 7:00PM

Hibernian Hall 85 Grand Avenue

Massapequa, NY 11758

Non-denominational.

*All are Welcome*

Bring proof of single status to join.

Annual dues \$40.

Refreshments following the meeting.

For further information, please call also to  
verify there will be a meeting

Terry 516-650-5528 or

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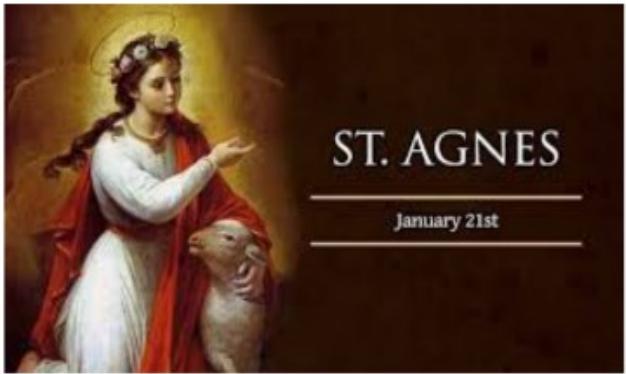


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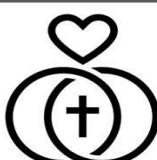


Saint Agnes of Rome was a young, noble Christian virgin martyred for her faith around age 12 or 13 during Diocletian's persecution, known for her purity and devotion to Christ, refusing marriage and choosing death over betraying her vows, leading to her being a patron saint of young girls, chastity, and rape survivors, often depicted with a lamb, and celebrated on January 21st.

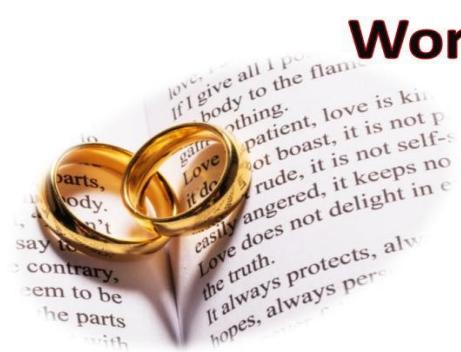


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## St. Joseph, Defender of Life Prayer

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life –especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at [www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph). Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

*St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!*

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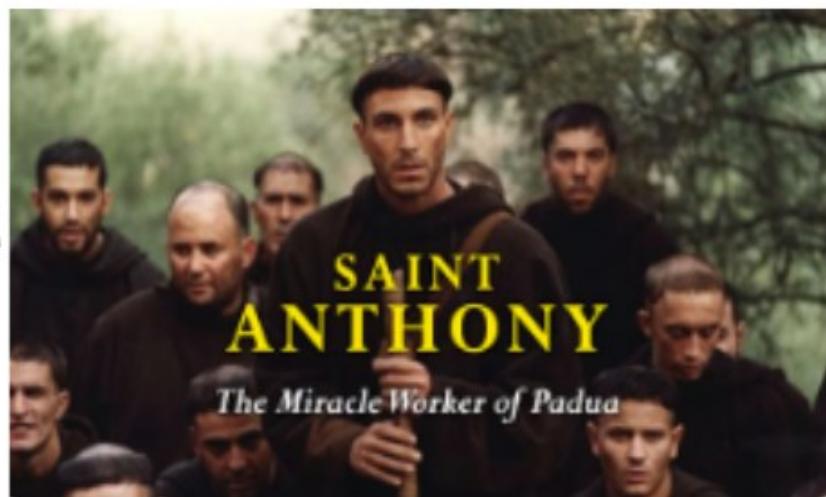
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## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, January 19th**

7:15am William Casey

8:45am Nilda R. Sondon

**Tuesday, January 20th**

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Marco Benedetto

**Wednesday, January 21st**

### St. Agnes

7:15am John & Ann Connolly

8:45am St. Raymond Parish

**Thursday, January 22nd**

7:15am John Connolly

8:45am Eugene Ledwith

**Friday, January 23rd**

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Anthony & Rosemarie Simeti

**Saturday, January 24th**

### St. Francis de Sales

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm Marie C. Dempsey

**Sunday, January 25th**

7:30am Clara Hildebrand

9:00am Betty McCarthy

10:30am Jean & Benjamin Cassese

12:00pm Mary "Dolly" Becker

Gary Belmonte

Dcn. Jack McKenna

Oswaldo Rivera

Charlotte Fabrizio

Catherine Neglia

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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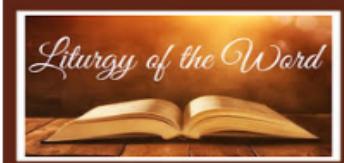
Catharine S. Curra

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Rita H. Russo

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



## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

1 Samuel 15:16-23/Mark 2:18-22

### Tuesday

1 Samuel 16:1-13/Mark 2:23-28

### Wednesday

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37/Mark 3:1-6

### Thursday

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mark 3:7-12

### Friday

1 Samuel 24:3-21/Mark 3:13-19

### Saturday

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19/Mark 3:20-21

### Sunday

Isaiah 8:23-9:3/

1 Corinthians 1:10-13/Matthew 4:12-23



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