

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, August 9, 2026

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“Immediately
Jesus stretched
out his hand and
caught Peter, and
said to him, ‘O you
of little faith, why
did you doubt?’”
-Matthew 14:30

August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15, 2026

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother

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

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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.

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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.

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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



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

Julianne Grennen

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings center on recognizing the presence of God in our lives. In the first reading from 1 Kings, Elijah is told by God to come out of the cave when he passes by. When there was fire, wind and an earthquake, God was not present. By staying watchful and attentive, Elijah finally recognized God's presence. **"After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound."** Then in Sunday's Psalm, we implore God to let us see his kindness and to grant us salvation. His presence will be found in the following: **"Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."** And finally, Matthew's gospel follows last week's feeding of the 5000, as Jesus now goes off to pray while the apostles were in a boat a few miles offshore. As a storm came up, the boat was in danger. Jesus starts walking towards it on the water. Peter asks to be called, which Jesus does so he starts walking on the water, but his faith wavers and he starts to sink. Jesus saves him with these words: **"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

We all like things to be predictable, right? We want to know that a particular action will lead to a particular outcome. Or that a certain degree will get us a job. Or that enough practice will get us a spot on the team. Or that the money we save will grow into the nest egg we hope for. Or that the right clothes, haircut, car, cologne, or body type will get us the girlfriend or boyfriend we desire. Does God fall into that category, one of these things we want to be predictable? If so, we're going to be disappointed. Like in the first reading where God comes to Elijah in a very unpredictable way, in a tiny whisper. Or like in the gospel where the apostles meet Jesus as he walks toward them on a rough sea. Coming to Elijah in near silence was pretty new, and the Apostles thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus, their friend, walking on water in a storm? Completely new to them. Maybe God isn't where we imagine him to be.

I have to admit that this kind of uncertainty in knowing where to find God can be troubling. If we only expect to encounter God on our terms, for example, in religious activities only, in our happiest moments, or in people we see as holy or virtuous, we might come to the distressful conclusion that God is sort of absent.

Encounters with God are a rarity, so in a sense he is nowhere. It's a pretty lousy way to go through life wondering if God cares, wonders if he is even paying attention, wondering if he is far away. Just maybe looking at people and situations with a different set of expectations will take away some of this doubt and uncertainty that covers our faith at times. Maybe it takes expecting God to be where we least expect him to be will open up a new way of experiencing all the routine, day-to-day ups and downs that come our way. I believe that when we look at the world through the eyes of faith, through eyes of hope and possibility, through eyes waiting for and expecting to be surprised, we will come to only one conclusion. God is everywhere! Believe that and I believe you won't be disappointed. In fact, you just might become amazed at how incredible God is. He's in your joys and sorrows. He is in your successes and failures. He's among the people you like and those you can't stand. He's in the believer and non-believer. He's in the whisper and the storm. He is a God who is predictably unpredictable. That means you'll never know where he is until and unless you look closely in faith.

Please remember to take home 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), an order form for the **2026 Backwards Money Drawing**, the Mass Schedule for the **Feast of the Assumption** on August 15th, 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, look and listen for God's presence everywhere. Remember: When your lips don't know what to ask for in prayer, just ask him to listen to your heart.**
God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 9, 2026— 19TH 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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 9, 2026—19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

ALLELUIA

Psalm 130:5

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.
I wait for the Lord;
my soul waits for his word.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.**



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

ON THE EVE OF THE
Assumption

✠
FRIDAY,
AUGUST 14, 2026

There will be a
**BLESSED MOTHER
STATUE**

— and —
SALT WATER

for all to bless
themselves at
the beach –
which is an
ancient custom.

TIME:

**5:00pm to
8:00pm**

PLACE:

Bay Park Beach

8 East Cooke St.
Bay Park,
East Rockaway

✠
All are welcome to visit.

Assumption of Mary

YOU ARE INVITED TO
JOIN THE LADIES
OF THE SODALITY OF
OUR LADY
FOR A CANDLELIGHT
PROCESSION
AND LIVING ROSARY
AT ST. RAYMOND'S
CHURCH TO CELEBRATE
THE FEAST OF THE
ASSUMPTION

FRIDAY

AUGUST 14, 2026

7:00PM

MASS WILL FOLLOW

7:30PM



Happy Feast of the
Assumption of Mary

Mass Schedule:

Friday 8/14 7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Mass

Saturday 8/15 8:45am

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH



HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY,
August 18

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

THE FOCUS THIS MONTH
WILL BE ON THE

*Feast of the
Assumption*



Let us adore the King and Creator of all things.
Come and be renewed in His love and truth.
His Kingdom has no end.

EXPOSITION

REFLECTION

MUSIC

BENEDICTION



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

250 HOURS OF LOVE IN ACTION

As each one
has received a gift,
use it to serve one
another as good
stewards of God's
varied grace.

— 1 PETER 4:10

As a parish family, let us come together
in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.



250 HOURS OF ADORATION

Be with Him.

Spend time in the real
presence of Jesus in
the Eucharist. Attend a
monthly special Holy Hour
or our regular weekly
adoration.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



250 HOURS OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Be His hands.

Serve those in need through
acts of charity such as donating
food, tutoring children,
sponsoring a family, visiting
the homebound, and more.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



TOGETHER BETWEEN JULY 4TH AND LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the **250th Anniversary** of the United States of America,
let us thank God for our freedom by giving Him our time in prayer and service.

— Pray. Serve. Transform. —

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250
1776-2026



MY PROMISE TO ST. RAYMOND PARISH

I will help our parish reach our goal of 250 hours of Adoration
and 250 hours of Corporal Works of Mercy.

Name (Please Print): _____

I commit to: ☐ ADORATION ☐ CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

I will contribute approximately: _____ hour(s) (per month / per week / one-time)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TOGETHER IN
FAITH AND LOVE

"Backwards Money Drawing!"

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for
St. Raymond Parish

This special fundraiser will be held
on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**

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

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

***Enter
to Win***



BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

Ticket #1-\$500

Ticket #50-\$200

Ticket #100-\$200

Ticket #150-\$200

Ticket #200-\$200

Ticket #250-\$200

Ticket #300-\$200

Ticket #350-\$200

Ticket #400-\$200

Ticket #450-\$200

Ticket #491-\$300

Ticket #492-\$400

Ticket #493-\$500

Ticket #494-\$600

Ticket #495-\$700

Ticket #496-\$800

Ticket #497-\$900

Ticket #498-\$1,000

Ticket #499-\$2,500

Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 30, 2026

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Number of Tickets:** _____



NINETEENTH 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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 14:22-33), Jesus comes to His disciples across the stormy sea, inviting Peter to leave the safety of the boat and walk toward Him in faith. As fear begins to overcome Peter, Christ reaches out His hand and reassures every disciple with His comforting words, **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."**

On Monday this week, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, who joyfully gave his life for Christ while serving the poor. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Clare, virgin and foundress of the Poor Clares, whose life of humility, prayer, and joyful poverty reflected her complete trust in God's providence. **"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."**

Friday is the Memorial Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr, whose heroic sacrifice at Auschwitz revealed the depth of Christian love by freely offering his life for another prisoner. **"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love."**

Saturday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, joyfully proclaiming that Mary, preserved from sin and faithful throughout her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory as the first fruits of the Resurrection promised to all who faithfully follow Christ.



The First Readings this week are taken from 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ezekiel 12:1-12; and Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63. Saint Paul's words on Monday call us to sow generously and trust that God will provide what is needed for every good work, while Ezekiel's prophetic witness throughout the remainder of the

week invites us to receive God's word, remain faithful amid judgment, and trust His enduring mercy.

For the Solemnity of the Assumption, the First Reading is from 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 while the Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57 which points to Mary as the living Ark of the New Covenant and proclaims the victory over death won through Jesus Christ.

Throughout this week's Gospel readings, Jesus teaches that authentic greatness is found in humility, forgiveness, childlike trust, faithful service, and unwavering confidence in God's loving providence.

Monday's Gospel for the Feast of Saint Lawrence (John 12:24-26) reminds us that self-giving love bears eternal fruit: **"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies..."** Tuesday's Gospel (Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14) calls us to become like little children, for **"whoever humbles himself... is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven."**

Wednesday's Gospel (Matthew 18:15-20) teaches the healing power of reconciliation as Jesus promises, **"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I."** Thursday's Gospel (Matthew 18:21-19:1) invites limitless mercy through Christ's command to forgive **"not seven times but seventy-seven times."**

Friday's Gospel (Matthew 19:3-12) proclaims the sacred beauty and permanence of Christian marriage as Jesus declares, **"What God has joined together, no human being must separate."** On Saturday, the Solemnity of the Assumption (Luke 11:27-28), Jesus teaches that true blessedness is found not merely in earthly privilege but in faithfully hearing and keeping God's word: **"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."** Mary, who perfectly lived this obedience throughout her life, now shares fully in the glory of her Son.

In the Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 15:21-28), the persistent faith of the Canaanite woman inspires us to persevere in trusting God's mercy as Jesus joyfully proclaims, **"O woman, great is your faith!"**



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."
Matthew 14:27



St. Raymond Church
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

In this week's Gospels, Jesus gently calls us to place our complete trust in Him. Whether calming fears upon the stormy sea, teaching the humility of little children, urging limitless forgiveness, or honoring the faithful witness of His saints and Blessed Mother, Christ continually invites us to walk confidently by faith, knowing that He is always near.

SUNDAY – FAITH OVER FEAR

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27). As Peter steps from the boat, he discovers that faith grows strongest when his eyes remain fixed on Jesus rather than upon the wind and the waves. Christ patiently reaches out whenever fear causes me to falter, inviting me to trust His loving presence in every circumstance.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith to trust You with confidence, especially when life's storms seem overwhelming.

MONDAY – GENEROUS LOVE

FEAST OF SAINT LAWRENCE

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." (John 12:24). Saint Lawrence joyfully gave his life in loving service to Christ and to the poor, reflecting the generous spirit Saint Paul proclaims: "God loves a cheerful giver." As I offer my time, talents, and resources with love, the Lord multiplies even my smallest acts of charity for His glory.

My Prayer: Lord, make me a cheerful and generous servant, always ready to love as You have loved me.

TUESDAY – CHILDLIKE TRUST

MEMORIAL OF SAINT CLARE

"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:4). Saint Clare teaches me that a humble heart is always ready to listen to the Lord. Christ invites me to welcome His word each day and allow it to transform my life.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, open my heart to receive Your word with humility and joyful trust.

WEDNESDAY – HEALING RECONCILIATION

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20). Jesus teaches that forgiveness and reconciliation strengthen the unity of His Church and reveal His loving presence among His people. When I seek peace with others, Christ renews both my heart and my relationships.

My Prayer: Prince of Peace, help me become an instrument of Your reconciliation wherever You lead me.

THURSDAY – BOUNDLESS MERCY

"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:22). The Lord's mercy knows no limits, and He calls me to forgive others with the same compassion He continually extends to me. Every act of forgiveness frees my heart to love more deeply and reflect the mercy of God.

My Prayer: Merciful Savior, teach me to forgive generously as You have forgiven me.

FRIDAY – FAITHFUL LOVE

MEMORIAL OF SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

"What God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Matthew 19:6). Saint Maximilian Kolbe's heroic sacrifice reveals that authentic love is faithful, self-giving, and willing to place the good of another before one's own. Christ calls me to reflect that same generous love within my family, my parish, and every vocation He has entrusted to me.

My Prayer: Lord, strengthen me to love faithfully, generously, and without counting the cost.

SATURDAY – MARY'S JOYFUL YES

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (Luke 11:28). Jesus teaches that Mary's greatest glory flowed from her wholehearted obedience to the Father's will. Assumed body and soul into heavenly glory, she now reminds me that faithful discipleship always leads to the fullness of life with Christ.

My Prayer: Blessed Mother, help me hear God's word, faithfully live it each day, and one day share in the glory of your Son.

Spiritual Adoption Of An Unborn Child



Jesus. Mary and Joseph. I
love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of
the unborn baby that I have
spiritually adopted who is in
danger of abortion.
-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



**St. Raymond's
Human
Life Committee**

MONTH 2 – Developing Baby

"I can jump!"

Spiritual Adoption Program

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby-teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. And it has been reported that a two-month old baby can suck his thumb. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Lace Up to Support Our
Long Island Neighbors.
One Step at a Time.



Register Here

[SVDPLI.ORG](https://svdpli.org)

Saturday
September 26, 2026
Heckscher State Park
East Islip

CHECK IN: 9 AM

WALK START: 10 AM

Please go to <https://svdpli.org/walk/>
or use the QR to register or donate
today. When you select "St.
Raymond East Rockaway" your
donation will go directly toward
helping neighbors in our community.
For more information, please
contact Anthony at (516) 220-2521.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**OUR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF TWO MORE CATECHISTS FOR
THE FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:**

5TH GRADE - 1 CATECHIST NEEDED – WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM-4:30PM

7TH GRADE - 1 CATECHIST NEEDED – MONDAYS 7PM-8PM

The Religious Education school year goes from September 28th, 2026 - April 21st, 2027. Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months.

Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. The forms can also be dropped off at the Rectory – simply put your paperwork in an envelope marked "Religious Education" along with payment and drop it in the mail slot. The mail slot goes into a locked box so payment will be secure. The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer. Registration fee for paperwork received after July 31st, 2026 goes to \$275.00.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026.

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House
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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)

"The rich should give to the poor in the spirit of Christ, who became poor for us."
2 Corinthians 8:9

During the month of July, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 103 households with food, personal and household items and advised them regarding other services offered through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul. We also welcomed one new client and provided them with food and we advised them of other services available to them.

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 our Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

**Pantry items needed this week: Bags of White Rice, Canned Beets, Carrots, Peas and
White Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Small Bottles of Cooking Oil, Dish Detergent,
Deodorant and Razors for Men and Women.**

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.

Thanks you all for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers!

Ministry SPOTLIGHT

PRE-CANA

The Pre-Cana Ministry takes its name and inspiration from the Gospel of John, where Jesus performs His first public miracle at the wedding feast at Cana, turning water into wine. In this joyful moment, Our Lord reveals the beauty and sacredness of marriage, showing that the love shared between husband and wife reflects Christ's faithful love for His Church.

At St. Raymond's, the Pre-Cana Ministry is blessed to be supported by several faithful married couples, many of whom have served for more than 30 years. Their witness, wisdom and generosity have helped guide engaged couples as they prepare to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony. We would warmly welcome additional married couples who feel called to share their faith and experience in this meaningful ministry.

Like many parish ministries, Pre-Cana has adapted in recent years, but it continues to be a vital and fruitful part of parish life. Typically, sessions are offered twice each year. The program begins with an opening presentation by Father Chuck in the rectory basement on the Sacraments and the vocation of marriage. Afterward, engaged couples meet in small groups with one or two married couples once a week for two hours over five weeks. The experience concludes with a closing Mass celebrating their completion of Pre-Cana and the beginning of their journey toward a Catholic marriage.

Throughout the sessions, couples reflect on important topics including the Sacraments, communication, family of origin, preparation for marriage, God and decision-making, finances, and obstacles they may encounter in married life. There is also time to discuss questions related to planning the wedding liturgy and preparing for the vocation of marriage.

Serving in Pre-Cana is not only a wonderful way to accompany engaged couples as they prepare for this sacred vocation, but also a blessing for the married couples in the ministry themselves. Many find that sharing their experiences and reflecting on the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony strengthens and enriches their own marriages. It is also a ministry that does not require an extensive time commitment, making it a meaningful and manageable way to serve the parish.

If you believe in the sanctity of marriage and would like to help support couples as they prepare for a Christ-centered married life, please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.



“Therefore what God has joined together,
let no one separate.”

MARK 10:9



Stewardship
a way of life

Just like last week's
Gospel, this Gospel
reminds us to always
trust in God. Great
things happen when we
place our trust in Him.



*"In the end, my
Immaculate Heart
will triumph."*

Blessed Mother at Fatima
July 13, 1917.

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major-August 5
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-August 15
Queenship of Mary-August 22

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**Saint Francis Receiving
the Stigmata**

Saint Francis Receiving the Stigmata is a panel painting in tempura and gold on wood by the Italian artist Giotto, painted around 1295–1300 for the Church of Saint Francis in Pisa. It is now in the Louvre Museum in Paris.



Giotto's St. Francis Receiving the Stigmata (c. 1317–1321), is a fresco in the Bardi Chapel of Santa Croce, Florence, highlighting the Saint's miraculous vision of Christ as a six-winged seraphim. It is part of a seven-scene cycle on St. Francis's life, Stories of St. Francis, 1317–1325, characterized by a clean-shaven Saint and dramatic rock-laden landscapes.



The Miracle of the Stigmata, fresco painted by Domenico Ghirlandaio between 1483 and 1485. It is located in the Sassetti Chapel of Santa Trinita in Florence. The background depicts an idealized view of the city of Pisa. This work is part of a larger cycle illustrating the life of the Saint.

About the artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio (1448-1494), was an Italian Renaissance painter born in Florence who led a large workshop through which many young apprentices passed, including a young Michelangelo. He was able to depict contemporary life and portraits within the context of religious tales, bringing him great popularity and many large commissions. Ghirlandaio also excelled in the painting of frescoes, and it is for his fresco cycles that he is best known.

FORMED

This week on **FORMED...**



Administering the Sacraments is essential to parish life. Below are videos series to use to help parishioners prepare for the Sacrament(s) they are about to receive. Many parishes also use these studies for Adult Faith Formation, a half day parish retreat, Catechist training or personal enrichment.



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WEBSITE FOLLOW THE**

FORMED

LINK TO REGISTER... IT'S FREE!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 10th

St. Lawrence

7:15am Jodi Neckles

8:45am Mary Simeti

Tuesday, August 11th

St. Clare

7:15am Bustamante Family

8:45am Giulio Napolitano

Wednesday, August 12th

7:15am Anthony Parlato / Ralph Venezia

8:45am Frank Rosalie, Sr.

Thursday, August 13th

7:15am Thomas P. Duggan

8:45am Kristina Dillard

Friday, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe

7:15am Henry Dombrowski

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Sodality of Our Lady

Saturday, August 15th

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45am Anne Gallagher

Edward Malone

Mary Lynch

Daniel J. Warren

Donna Marie Wolfe

Ellen Staats (L)

5:00pm Thomas Sheehy

Sunday, August 16th

7:30am Betty & Joe McCarthy

9:00am Adrian Jao

10:30am Ernesto Feliciano

12:00pm Helene P. Piersiak

John Callinan

Julio Hernandez

John Slattery

Bridie Fitzpatrick

Andre Andresian

Anne Mincher

Patrick Michael McManus

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

James Lores

Victoria Irene Simes

Peter Gerard Keenan

William V. Sisti

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

2 Corinthians 9:6-10/John 12:24-26

Tuesday

Ezekiel 2:8-3:4/Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday

Ezekiel 12:1-12/Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63/Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2

Luke 11:27-28

Sunday

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7/Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

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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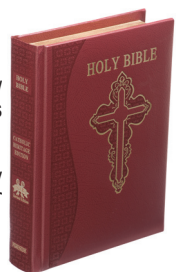
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