

## 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

## Pastoral Team

### Pastor

Father Chuck Romano

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, July 24, 2022

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me."

-Psalm 138:1-2



July 24, 2022

Seventeenth 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 8-9pm.

#### **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.

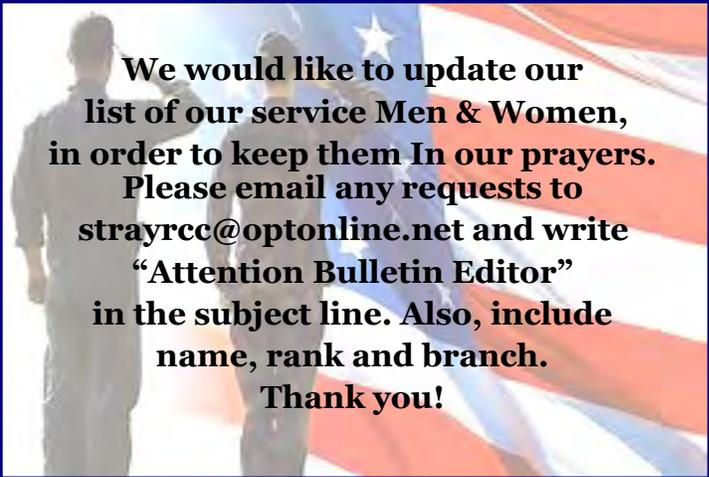
### Music Ministries

**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!**



**CATHOLIC FAITH  
NETWORK**

### **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



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

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY  
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY  
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY  
Sgt. Gerard Moran  
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY  
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit  
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

***Please remember to pray for our  
wounded soldiers.***

## Father Chuck's Corner

***Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time!*** The themes of today's readings encourage us to enjoy a familiarity and intimacy with God and that it is Jesus who shows us how to pray and approach the Father. In the first reading from Genesis, we see that Abraham still struggles to trust in God's word as spoken to him. God is fully aware of these concerns as he leads Abraham to the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham is comfortable enough with God that he keeps making his appeals for the innocent people who may be found in these cities. He has yet to realize that God's judgment is measured and purposeful and much more merciful than Abraham could ever imagine. ***"For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."*** Then in the second reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians, we are told that we have life and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus that was not attainable in the law of Moses. ***"...he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions..."*** And finally, Luke's gospel focuses on the Lord's Prayer along with two stories to encourage people to persevere in prayer and not become discouraged. Jesus gives his apostles the words to use and also teaches them to be bold and persevering in their prayer. Stick to it is the plea by Jesus. ***"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good things to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"***

Prayer was essential for the apostles who could sing the psalms by heart, like all good Jews. They sang right along with Jesus in the temple on every sabbath. They also recited every day the Amidah (the 18 Jewish petitions) which were a firm and narrow set of rules for behavior. But despite their rich prayer lives, the apostles wanted Jesus to teach them how to pray as he did. All Jewish intercessions invoked a high and mighty God who was a mighty warrior. Then Jesus comes along with a coziness to God as Father. Our Christian official prayer came from Jewish roots but with some uneasy additions. Calling God ***"Our Father"*** was not complicit with Jewish thought in prayer. While Jesus does ***"hallow"*** his name, it is not with the fire and brimstone of the past. The endearing term of ***"Abba"*** then enters which combines both ***"daddy"*** and ***"sir"*** as a showing of both intimacy and respect.

The petitions that Jesus uses in his prayer might seem to be for the future when the world comes to its end, but Jesus makes them present imperatives. So, in order to bring this about Jesus urges us to be bold in prayer and not be afraid to make demands on God. Just as Jesus prayed to God, so the followers of Jesus should do the same. Why? Because we also share in the intimate relationship with God as expressed as Father. Be bold and persevering in prayer. Keep banging on the door and eventually an answer will come. Keep knocking and eventually the door will be opened. Trust that God will always give us good things when we ask. This type of persevering in prayer requires practice which only the Eucharist can help us with.

Week four of our ***"Sky's the Limit Super 50/50"*** continues to see the totals rising for all the winning shares. While encouraging, we need to keep the momentum going. Remember the ***"Sky's the Limit"*** so the higher the total collected the higher will be all the winning prizes. Check this week's bulletin ad for the latest breakdown of what the winning prizes would be if the drawings were held today. Use the order form that was mailed to all registered parishioners, or the tear off in your July/August envelope packet or the tear-off in the bulletin. Either way, you don't want to miss out on a chance to win some big money. Help this ***"Super 50/50"*** be a huge success for St. Raymond Parish and all the winners. Drawings will be on Sunday, August 28th.

***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 an ad seeking potential ***Pastoral Council*** applicants, the ***Parish Synod Survey***, a request for ***Parishioner Emails*** to help foster better communication from the rectory, an invitation for any girl or boy, fourth grade and up to an ***Altar Server Meeting*** next Saturday, July 30th, 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, pray the Lord's Prayer often and remember: If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it!***  
God bless always.

***-Father Chuck***

# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 24, 2022-17th 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

JULY 24, 2022-17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Gn 18:20-32**

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

## SECOND READING

**Col 2:12-14**

Brothers and sisters:  
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

## ALLELUIA

**Rom 8:15bc**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
You have received a Spirit of adoption,  
through which we cry, Abba, Father.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8**

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.  
R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me.  
R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.  
R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.  
R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

## GOSPEL

**Lk 11:1-13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



**St. Raymond Parish Announces  
“The Sky’s the Limit Super 50/50 Raffle”**

At this time, we are starting a new fundraiser for our parish.

It is called the

**“Sky’s the Limit Super 50/50”**

Now this is not in addition to what we already do but rather it is instead of the “Backwards Money Drawing” that would have been held in November and the next round of “Parish Picks” for this August-January. We are hoping that this *Sky’s the Limit Super 50/50* raffle will prove a successful replacement this year. A parish mailing was sent to all registered parishioners as well as in the bi-monthly envelope mailing packet. And from this weekend forward an order form will be in the bulletin each week.

The way this raffle works is that 50% raised will go to the parish and then the remaining half will be shared in three main prizes plus 10 consolation prizes. Half of 50% of the money raised will be the 1st grand prize. Then half of 25% will be the 2nd grand prize and then half of 12.5% will be the third grand prize. Lastly, 10 winners will share the remaining 12.5% to total 100%!

***The winning payouts to date are as follows: Total collected is \$18,700.00. St. Raymond’s share is \$9350.00. First Prize Winner would get \$4675.00. Second Prize Winner would get \$2337.50. Third Prize Winner would get \$1168.75. And 10 Consolation Prize Winners would get \$116.00 each. That’s how it stands on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.***

Now the payouts could be much higher. It all depends on how many tickets are bought by 2pm on Sunday August 28th, 2022, when the drawing will take place in the school cafeteria during a special hospitality. Below are the ticket prices and an order form for your use.

Simply fill it out and send back to the rectory with your payment. A confirmation on the number of tickets you purchased will be sent to you. Enter as often as you wish and spread the word. The better we do, the better you do! The Sky’s the Limit!

Ticket prices are as follows:

***\$50 for one ticket***

***\$75 for three tickets***

***\$100 for 5 tickets***

***“Sky’s the Limit Super 50/50” (Ticket order form)***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

## 'We Give Thanks to God'

We give thanks to God for today's decision of the United States Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. This just decision will save countless innocent children simply waiting to be born.

On this historic day, our gratitude extends to the millions of heroic Americans who have worked tirelessly toward this outcome for nearly a half-century. Women and men, children and adults, believers and non-believers, people of every culture and background have advocated for life. They have been a charitable and compelling voice for the voiceless, and today, their voice has been heard.

As Catholics, we have prayed and fasted, held vigils, offered Masses, and peacefully witnessed in these last five decades. We have joined others in educating schoolchildren, opening pregnancy care centers, walking with mothers, offering post-abortion counseling, and marching, year after year, to the United States Supreme Court to witness for life. Today, our voice has been heard.

With the entire pro-life community, we are overjoyed with this outcome of the Court. However, we acknowledge the wide range of emotions associated with this decision. We call on all Catholics and everyone who supports the right to life for unborn children to be charitable, even as we celebrate an important historical moment and an answer to a prayer.

We must remember that this is a judicial victory, not a cultural one. The culture remains deeply divided on the issue, which will be evidenced by the patchwork of state statutes pertaining to abortion across the country. To change the culture and build a culture of life, we need to enact family-friendly policies that welcome children, support mothers, cherish families and empower them to thrive. We outlined our vision for a pro-life New York in our recent statement, available here, and we rededicate ourselves to helping every expectant mother to carry her baby to term.

Building a culture of life is not solely the responsibility of the government or those heroic individuals working on the front lines, in crisis pregnancy centers and other ministries. All of us need to respect the dignity and sanctity of human life in everything we do: in how we treat our children, spouses and parents; in the way we behave in our place of work; in sum, how we live Jesus' two great commandments to love God and love our neighbor.

Love, charity and reverence for human life from the moment of conception through natural death - these will build and sustain a culture of life.

Millions of Americans have worked tirelessly for almost 50 years towards this outcome. We thank them with every fiber of our being. Their vital work continues, and we commit ourselves to it.

### **Timothy Cardinal Dolan**

Archbishop of New York

### **Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger**

Bishop of Albany

### **Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan**

Bishop of Brooklyn

### **Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher**

Bishop of Buffalo

### **Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley**

Bishop of Ogdensburg

### **Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano**

Bishop of Rochester

### **Most Rev. John O. Barres**

Bishop of Rockville Centre

### **Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia**

Bishop of Syracuse

**And the Auxiliary and Emeritus Bishops of NYS**





## **Wanted: St. Raymond Parish Altar Servers**

At this time, I want to restart, revive, and build up a new *Altar Server Ministry* for our parish. Prior to COVID-19 we had a thriving and large group of altar servers, organized, and guided for many years by Deacon Rich. However, with the pandemic as with most church ministries, the Altar Servers went on hiatus. As we resumed Masses in church a small group of former servers stepped up to serve at some Sunday Masses. Now, I want to build up the server roster and get old and new servers back in action for all the Sunday Masses as a start. Remember, this is a wonderful and holy way for you to show your love for God, the Mass and to help in an important youth ministry of the parish. So, to that end, I am asking anyone interested in getting back to serving or to become a new altar server to attend a general meeting with me on *Saturday, July 30, 2022, at 1pm* in the church. Any boy or girl going into fourth grade and up is eligible. If you are interested and can't make that meeting, just leave your name, and phone number for me at the rectory.

**Hope to see many of you on the 30th.  
Father Chuck**



## St. Raymond Parish Synod Survey

Pope Francis has asked the worldwide Catholic Church to engage in a period of prayer, discernment, and discussion on how best the Church of today might fulfill our mission to spread the *Good News*

of Jesus Christ. This gathering of God's people is called a "SYNOD" which means journeying or travelling together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our parish will start this process with a survey in the bulletin. There are four Synod Themes that have been identified below:

*Journeying Together, Communion, Participation and Mission.* Please take time to fill out the following survey. Then send it back to us either via mail, in the mail slot at the rectory or in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. Please return your response by Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

responses are anonymous. God bless you! Father Chuck

### Journeying Together

What are the strong signs, examples and experiences, that you see of "journeying together" in our parish's life and in ministry life?

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What is your role in "journeying together" as a member of the parish?

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### Communion

What makes communities of faith strong? What makes them weak?

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What inspires you, as you witness the life of our community in ministries and other Parishioners?

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What would be possible ways to reach out to those who feel alienated?

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What initiatives would you consider in reaching out to other faiths?

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**Participation**

What would make our participation in the Eucharist more meaningful and effective?

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What are the best signs of participation that you see at our parish?

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What could be the main reasons for a lack of participation? (pre-covid)

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**Mission / Universal Church**

Where does the voice of the Holy Spirit resound for you?

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Name one thing you love about the Catholic Church

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Name one thing you would like to see changed in the Catholic Church

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Optional:

I am \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Under 20yrs \_\_\_ 20-40 \_\_\_ 40-60 \_\_\_ Over 60

Thank you for your cooperation and for “journeying together” with us!!

Remember the deadline to return this survey is FRIDAY, JULY 1ST





## **PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS**

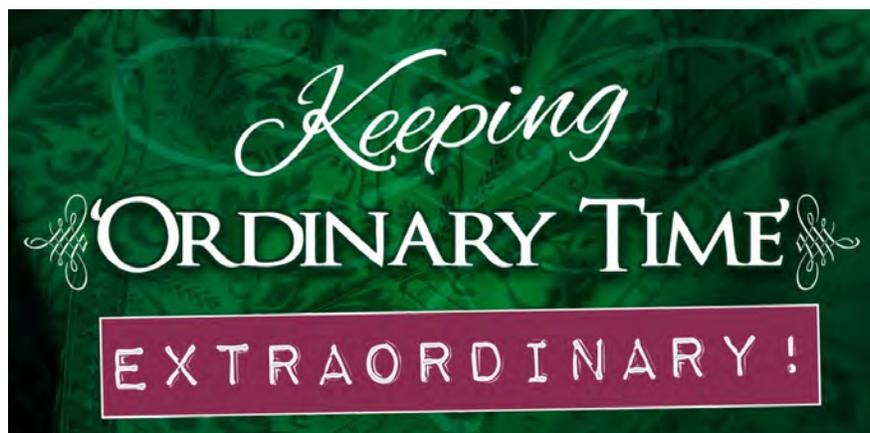
Well, it has been a long and winding journey for all of us these past two years, especially with the many ministries at St. Raymond Parish. And that includes our Pastoral Council. Three years ago, when a call was put for new members, there was no interest, so we continued with the same membership slate. Then COVID-19 hit, and all was put on hold. Slowly over the past year we picked up again and now look forward to starting fresh with more members. ***At this time, I am looking for six new applications to be accepted for three-year terms beginning September 2022 and ending June 2025.***

The St. Raymond Pastoral Council operates in an advisory capacity to the pastor and as a forum of consultation between the pastor and parishioners. The council is charged with maintaining the integrity of the parish's mission in regard to long-range planning that strengthens the Catholic Christian identity of our parish.

All registered parishioners who are 18 years and older are eligible to apply for one of these current six openings for the Pastoral Council. If you are interested, I ask you to pick up a Pastoral Council Application packet at the rectory.

***All applications for consideration must be returned to me by Friday, August 5th.*** After reviewing then and interviewing all the applicants I will then appoint the new members. I urge you to prayerfully think about the possibility of serving St. Raymond Parish in this ministry.

Thanks for your interest. ***Father Chuck***





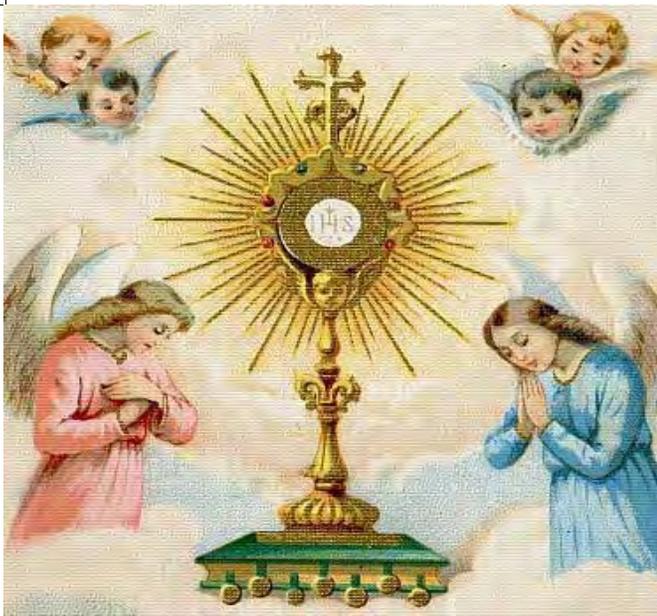
## *St. Vincent DePaul Society Communion Closet*



*First Holy Communion is such a significant occasion in the lives of young Catholic families! Help*

*neighbors in need make this sacrament extra special for their child! Donated dresses and suits will be distributed prior to the First Holy Communion ceremonies of 2023 at an organized "selection spree". Communion dresses and suits will be collected now through the month of August.*

**For more information on how to participate in this unique clothing drive, please contact Ethel Valentino 516-209-1295**



### **Nocturnal Adoration**

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, August 5th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

**Come spend some time with Jesus!**



*First  
Saturday  
Novena  
Our Lady of  
Fatima  
Rosary*

*August 6, 2022*

*8:10am*

*St. Raymond Church*

*Near the Blessed  
Mother Statue*

*Make Reparation for sins  
against The Immaculate  
Heart of Mary*

# MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS PRAYER

Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany, friends of Jesus whom he loved. In your time with our Saviour He taught you, wept with you and showed you miracles. Great was your devotion to him. Although we cannot be present with Jesus as you were, pray that we have the faith that you did, so that with Martha we may say "Yes, Lord...I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who has come into the world."

*Amen*



The Southern Cross



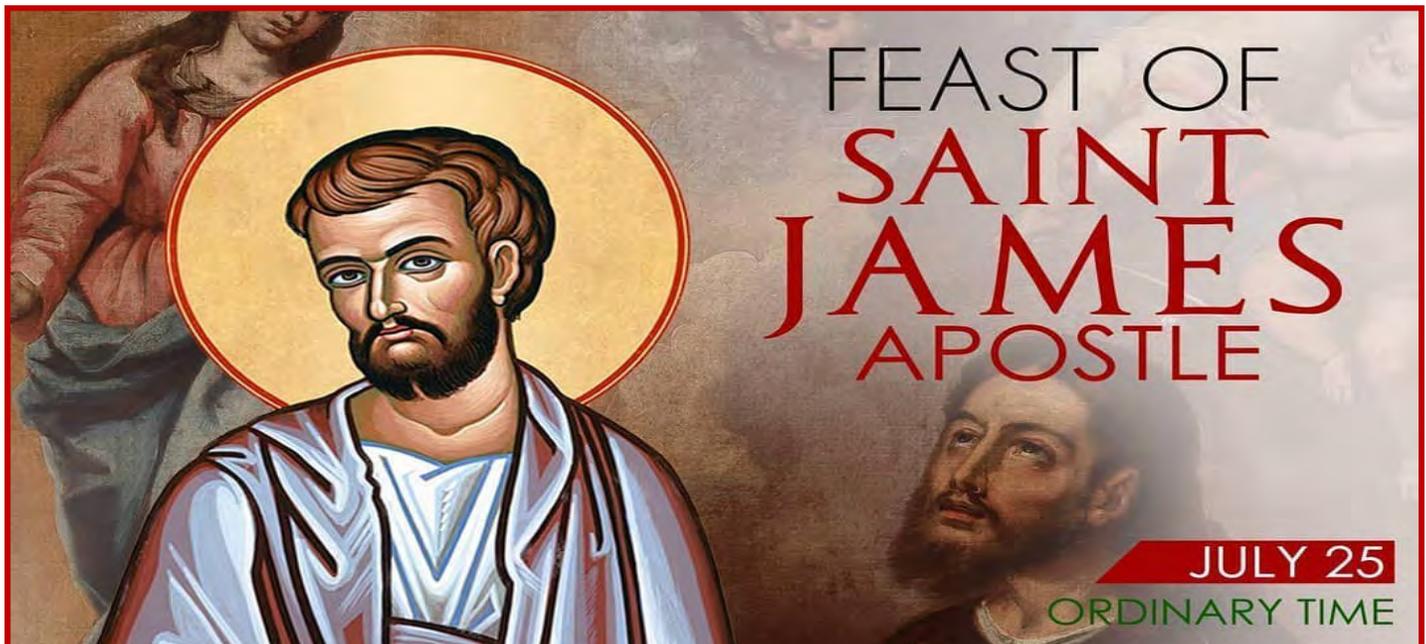
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Monthly Food Collection**

**August 6th & 7th 2022**

Please leave non-perishable goods at the entrances to the Church or in the Alter Servers' Sacristy. All food collected goes to the Parish Social Ministry.

*Thank you for remembering those in need!*

**God is** 



FEAST OF  
**SAINT  
JAMES  
APOSTLE**

**JULY 25**  
ORDINARY TIME

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We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of **\$20,986!** The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and

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*When This is Over*

*When this is over,  
may we never again  
take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded theater  
Friday night out  
The taste of communion  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.  
When this ends  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
We hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way-better  
for each other  
because of the worst.*

*Laura Kelly Fanucci*

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## OPENING OF THE 2023 MASS BOOK



The 2023 Mass Book opens Wednesday July 27th starting at 9am in the Rectory. Come into the Rectory and have a Mass said for a loved one!

*"Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain."*

– St. John Vianney



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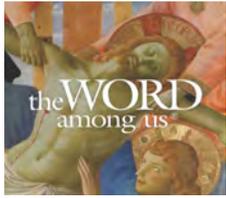
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"Remembering... Our Deceased  
Family Members & Friends"

These past few years have been difficult for many of us, perhaps even with the **LOSS of LOVED ONES!** However, In our **FAITH**, we **MUST REJOICE**, in God's Great Promise...

**THE GIFT OF LIFE ETERNAL!**



## The Word Among Us

For the next three months we will offer copies of the devotional publication: **The Word Among Us** to parishioners on a trial basis. Through the daily Mass readings, meditations, and uplifting articles, I hope you will experience Jesus even closer to you in your life. Pick up a copy of **The Word Among Us** and spend a few minutes each day reflecting on the word of God as it applies to your daily life. Copies are located on the pew shelves the side doors and rear of the church. The June issue currently available centers on the gift of the Eucharist. Take one while they last and enjoy.  
Father Chuck

# Be Still, and know that I am GOD



## Religious Education- Faith Formation

Lucy Ostermann, Director

The Religious Education Office will begin summer hours on Monday 6/20/2022. Phone messages and e-mails will be checked throughout the summer. The Registration process will continue as well. Keep in mind – the Registration fee for forms and payment received after July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 will be \$200.

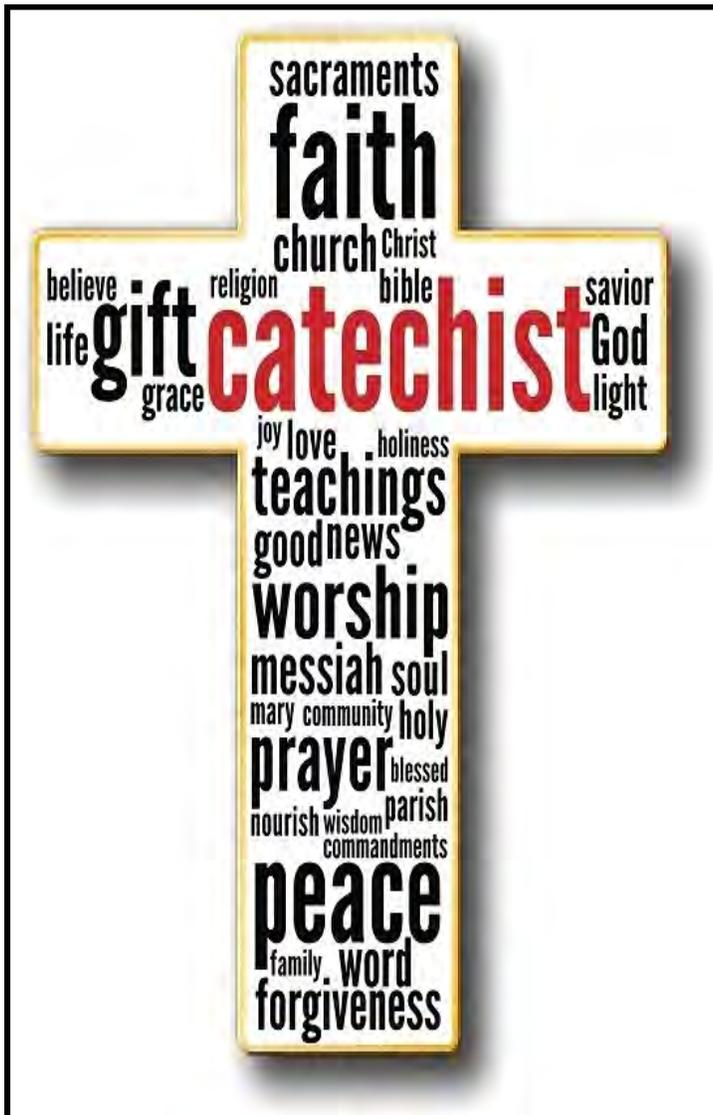
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR IS IN PROGRESS.

New families to the program (grades 1-8) must be registered with the Parish, fill out a New Student Registration form along with the Family Registration form and must have Baptismal Certificate. If the child was baptized at St. Raymond, a Baptismal Certificate is not necessary but the date of Baptism is required.

We are in need of catechists!!! There are openings for the following grades and days:

Third Grade Monday or Wednesday 3:30pm-4:30pm – 1 opening

Fourth Grade Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm – 1 opening



Some of our teachers have set up a co-teacher arrangement which has proven to be quite successful. They split the teaching responsibility the following ways - either they each work half the year, teach together, alternate months, or whatever suits their needs so that their commitment is not overwhelming. There is no Registration fee for teachers and the books that we use are relatively simple to manage. There will be a New Teacher meeting held at the beginning of the year in order to familiarize you with classroom management and we are always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. If you are interested, please call the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075.



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## STEWARDSHIP

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daily, this week.

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Bible Sharing...Come Join Us!  
Thursdays after the 8:45am Mass  
In the Rectory Basement

“Bible Sharing” refers to a group of people gathered together to listen to God's Word, addressed to them today and trying to live this Word accordingly. Our format is to read and reflect on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday. There is no commitment to “sign up” for any number of weeks. Come and join us whenever you can. For more information contact Deacon Bob at the Rectory.



### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,  
at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen

## Parish Social Ministry

*The Heart of the Parish*

*The Lord himself will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forget you. Don't be afraid and don't worry.*

Deuteronomy 31:8

Pantry needs for this week: Pasta, Jar tomato sauce, Ramen noodles, Canned tomatoes, Jelly

*Thank you and God Bless.*



## You Got Mail!

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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*The Catholic Ministries Appeal has provided me with all the resources I need to study well, so that I will be ready to preach the Gospel in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.”*



It is because of seminarians like Joseph and others who are served by the Appeal, that I ask you to prayerfully consider renewing your pledge. If you have already made your gift, please know how deeply grateful I am. If you have yet to respond, I invite you to make your gift at this time. If it is more convenient, please consider pledging your gift by making four monthly payments. The Appeal Office will be happy to send you monthly reminders with envelopes.

It is only through your generous support, that we will be able to serve all of God’s people here on Long Island.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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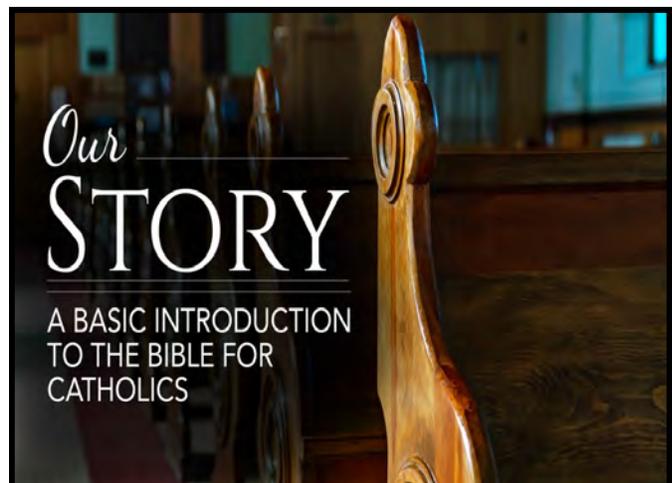
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# Masses for this Week

## Monday, July 25th *Feast of St. James*

7:15am John & Mary Stella

8:45am Michael Caraher

## Tuesday, July 26th *Feast of Sts. Joachim & Anne*

7:15am Thomas Porter & Larry Dennelly

8:45am Anna L. Campbell

## Wednesday, July 27th

7:15am Mr. Bharose

8:45am Frank Zakrocki

## Thursday, July 28th

7:15am Nora Reyes-Freda

8:45am Lawrence Lockhart

## Friday, July 29th *Sts Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*

7:15am Gary Gold—living

8:45am Bobby Casey

## Saturday, July 30th

8:45am Elizabeth Brennen

John Kennedy

5:00pm Michael Bonanno

## Sunday, July 31st

7:30am Anne Zimos

9:00am Intentions of Padre Pio

10:30am Marianne Malone

12:00pm Evelyn Dennino, Joan Smyth,  
Jerry Stoicovy, Bruno Salamon  
Diosclina Ruiz

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

2 COR 4:7-15/ MT 20:20-28

### Tuesday

JER 14:17-22/ MT 13:36-43

### Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

### Thursday

JER 18:1-6 /MT 13:47-53

### Friday

Jer 26:1-9 /Jn 11:19-27

### Saturday

JER 26:11-16, 24 /Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 /Col 3:1-5, 9-11 /Lk 12:13-21

## Please Pray for Our Sick

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# Sadie Dragotto



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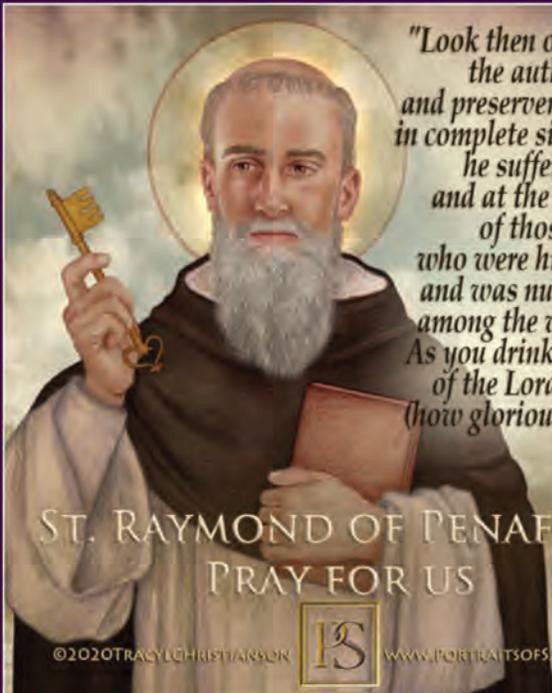
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Please write: "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line of you email. All bulletin articles are subject to the Pastor's approval.

## AA Meeting

Monday Nights; 7:00pm

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*"Look then on Jesus, the author and preserver of faith: in complete sinlessness he suffered, and at the hands of those who were his own, and was numbered among the wicked. As you drink the cup of the Lord Jesus (how glorious it is!)."*

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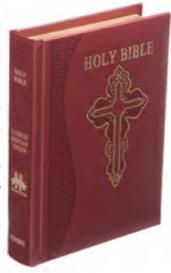
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