

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, May 11, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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"The Father and I are one."

~John 10:30



May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
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Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

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First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

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Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

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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.

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Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the
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Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from
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ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

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Mary Lynch

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Jodi Neckles

Diane Minucci

Caroline Saporito

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Jim Marasco

Sally Perry

Nick S.

Gary

Julianne Grennen

Herb McIntyre

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Maureen Condiss

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Maureen McCarthy

Rosario R Giglio

Augie Michela

Marino Artusa

Cara

Anthony Sanchez Jr.

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

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

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

Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Fourth Sunday of Easter! Also, Happy Mothers' Day to all our Moms. Thanks for being the face of God's love to us. The Church refers to this Sunday as **"Good Shepherd Sunday."** In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas went to Antioch where they preached to the Jews at first but then started to preach to the Gentiles as Jesus had commissioned them when he said: **"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."** Then in the second reading from the Book of Revelation, John speaks of a vision where he saw many people who had remained steadfast in faith. They were praising God before his heavenly throne and will be protected because of their faith as an elder proclaimed: **"For the Lamb of God who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."** And finally in John's gospel, the image of Jesus as the **"Good Shepherd"** is established in his care for all those who follow him. This role is established in his claiming unity with the Father: **"The Father and I are one."**

This statement by Jesus was puzzling to the people around him. God was seen as often hidden, distant, nearly unknowable, not very accessible. But those who believed in Jesus were likely drawn to his message of oneness. Jesus now opened new avenues of access to God. Remaining close to Jesus meant remaining close to God. To follow Jesus was following God. Listening to Jesus was listening to God. It all boiled down that being close to Jesus was the path to being close to God. Of course, there are many ways to build a more faithful **"oneness"** with Jesus. The include prayer, scripture, nature, faithful living, the Church and of course what happens at the **"table of the Lord."** And what is also believed is that even though we are unlike God in many ways and don't often live in ways that reflect what God wants, we are still able to be **"one"** with the God who made us, who died for us and who sustains us. But remember that our relationship with God is not some sort of isolated thing, disconnected with the world. Actually our **"oneness"** with God can only be true and made manifest in the concrete relationships we have with one another. We can't claim to love God and be close to him if we are not in similar relationship with one another.

The last part of this **"oneness"** is that it has nothing to do with how much we are alike or different. Our Catholic Church is one of the flocks we belong to, a treasure for sure that should never be taken for granted. But we also belong to the flock of Christians, and the flock of believers, and the flock of people of good will, and the flock we forget a lot-the flock of humanity. Jesus is the Shepherd of that flock too and loves every sheep in that flock. He died for that flock too. And just as he and the Father and Spirit are one, he hopes that we, the entire human family, can be one too. A flock that takes care of one another, forgives one another, understands one another, and watches out for one another. Shouldn't we want that? Shouldn't our **"oneness"** with God be accomplishing these same things with our God? I think so. Why? Because God sees one flock!

This coming Thursday, May 15th, there will be a special Healing Mass starting at 7pm in our church. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Gio and myself with Al Barbarino lending his musical gifts to accompany our prayer. Bob Walsh, a well-known Healing Evangelist, will give a witness testimony. This evening promises to be a time of peace and healing in the midst of our Easter joy. I hope you can make the time to come to this Mass for yourself and in prayerful solidarity with all those you know who are sick. Join us and bring a friend!

Please 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), an invitation to the **Stand-Up Comedy Night** on Saturday, May 17th, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Fourth Week of Easter. **Smile, share and remember: A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest. Happy Mother's Day!** God bless all ways.
-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MAY 11, 2025-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Gloria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,**

**[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.
Amen.**

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

MAY 11, 2025-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, *I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.*" The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

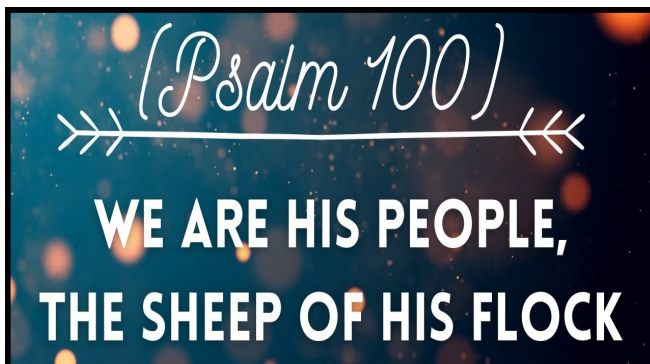
ALLELUIA

John 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR HAVE BEEN E-MAILED HOME TO PARENTS AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.

Our 1st grade students officially 'graduated' from their first year of classes in Religious Education. Students and their parents attended the 9am Mass on Sunday 5/4/2025 which included a May Crowning of our Blessed Mother (crowned by Stella Ruggiero). Following the Mass, all were invited to the cafeteria for a celebratory pancake breakfast. There the students handed in their completed 1st grade workbook and in turn received their Certificate of Completion. Special thanks to Mrs. Maureen Donnelly for catechizing the parents so beautifully at each meeting and to Mrs. Santa Mugno for her help in preparing the syllabus for the parents to follow throughout the year. We had the fortune of having eight first grade classes headed by our catechists Mrs. Jacqueline Boccuzza, Mrs. Antonella Denk, Mrs. Lauren Librizzi, Mrs. Crystal Ogir, Mrs. Elizabeth Pattay, Mrs. Angie Ramirez, Mrs. Marguerite Reilly and Mrs. Jennie Saia. All of these women made our first year of this mode of teaching a success. Our first graders are now ready to prepare for their Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this fall. Special thanks and gratitude goes to Dennis Ostermann and his fellow Knights of Columbus (James DeLuca, Kyle Falbee, Jason Galante, John Garbitelli, Sean Lynch, Jerry Murphy, Jim Page, Tim Rowland and Bob Stewart) for coordinating and preparing the entire breakfast for our students and their families. The Knights of Columbus never say the word 'no' whenever Religious Education calls upon them for help.

All of our 2nd grade students have received their First Holy Communion these past two weekends. Congratulations to the children and to their parents. May God continue to bless them as they continue their faith journey. Special thanks and gratitude to the catechists who helped lead them to this most special day:

Mrs. Melissa Abuin, Mrs. Joanna Agnello, Mrs. Lisa Esposito, Mrs. Karen Grennan, Mrs. Jennifer Juno, Mrs. Siobhan Kelhetter, Mrs. Monica Kennedy, Mrs. Linda Ohlsen, Mr. Brian Seinwels and Mrs. Stacey Quiroz.

'KING OF KINGS'

On Thursday 4/24/2025, 35 of our Religious Education students along with a parent attended the showing of the new movie titled 'King of Kings' at the Regal Movie Theatre in Lynbrook. It was a wonderful, beautiful movie telling the events from the birth of Christ to his Ascension. We are thankful to the parents for accepting the invitation and for signing up their children to see this inspiring movie which was so tastefully done by Angel Studios. Special thanks and much gratitude goes to Mrs. Danielle Peknic who did all of the leg work from start to finish. We are truly grateful to Danielle for her commitment to the children of our Religious Education program. Danielle presented the idea to Fr. Chuck and his response was an immediate 'yes'. Thank you to Fr. Chuck for his continuous support of our program. Thanks to CYO for their assistance with this event as well.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR

Please consider signing up to be a Catechist for our Religious Education program for the 2025/2026 school year. If you have children in our program, there is no Registration fee. Our books are user friendly and the staff is available for any questions. Training is offered throughout the year. All catechists must attend a Virtus session or show proof of previously attending before starting as a Catechist. For more information, please contact the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075 or strayfaithformation@aol.com.

HERE ARE THE GRADES/CLASSES THAT NEED CATECHISTS:

Grade 2 - 2 teachers Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 3 - 1 teacher Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 3 - 2 teachers Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 5 - 1 teacher Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm
Grade 8 - 1 teacher Mondays 7pm-8pm
Grade 8 - 1 teacher Tuesdays 5pm-6pm

That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world! Happy Mother's Day!!!

OUR FIRST GRADERS CELEBRATE MASS TOGETHER THEN ENJOY BREAKFAST!



First Holy Communion 2025



Alessia Accurso
Adalina Agnello
James Alaimo
Gabriella Barone
Colin Breuer
Peter Carroll
Colton Cash
Michaela Castro
Andrew Celis-Suarez
Audrey Celis-Suarez
Sophia Celis-Suarez
Delfin Cister
Payton Cooney
Dylan Correa
Paul Correa
James Corrigan
Leonardo Cucinotta
Reagan Davis
Nicholas DiChiara
Eliana Esposito
Joanna Esposito
Connor Evans
Katherine Fowler
William Fox
Maverick Fusco
Rosanne Garcia
Hayley Gorman
Anthony Graci
Colin Gross
Grace Gubelli
Mason Gulin

Tessa Hernandez
Lucy Higgins
Daniel Juno
Skylar Kelly
Casey Kennedy
Colin Kennedy
Emma Klein
Eliana Kohlmier
Liam Kohlmier
Caleb Kolanovic
Maximilian Krawiec
Peyton Leone
Maevae Lonergan
Hunter Magee
Victoria Maniscalco
Alexa Martinez
Kerry Mastriano
Charlotte Mastriano
Jack McGinnis
Charlotte Melo
Logan Monteleone
Rian Moore
Mia Mora
Everly Moscheni
John Murray
Michael Musto
Liam Nesbot
Justin Nowakoski
Nicole Nowakoski
Adrianna Nozzolillo
Alexandra Nozzolillo

Hazel Paul
Jonathan Pavone
Liam Peralta
Trevor Peterson
Julian Pineiro
Marcus Quiroz
Gemma Renzo
Ryan Rocholl
Elise Rogone
Sarah Rogone
Sophia Romano-Mooney
Oliver Roth
Thomas Santoro
Antonio Scarpaci
Mia Bella Scarpaci
Lily Scatamacchia
Abigail Schemmel
Julia Schupbach-Compson
Alaina Sferrazza
Myla Slocum
Lauren Socolick
Jaxson Sollin
Jose Sotomayor
Charlotte Spiegel
Russell Tavormina
Charlotte Torres
Makayla Villatoro
Ella Vitta
William Wagner
Timothy Walker
Lucas Wohlfarth

*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

1 Corinthians 11:26



ST. RAYMOND'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION





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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL
NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



**Silent Prayer
After
Communion**

After the wonderful moment of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, what should we do next? You got it: pray! According to the Diocese of Peoria, "After we receive the Most Holy Eucharist we return to our pew... This is a most opportune time to pray and talk with our Lord, whom we have just received" (A Study of the Mass, p. 20).

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs us that this period may be given over to quiet prayer or to singing: "When the distribution of Communion is over, if appropriate, the Priest and faithful pray quietly for some time. If desired, a Psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation" (GIRM, 88).

**The Importance of
Silence**



Fr. Guy Oury, author of "The Mass," says that a period of silence is important: "The whole Church, the whole community, should take time to give silent thanks. It is important to do so, even if this has to be done after dismissal. This is the moment, if ever, to introduce a time of silence, as recommended also at other moments of the celebration. On the whole, however, the Eucharistic Prayer is much less silent than in the past, and the silence that favors recollection is a value not to be lost. Thanksgiving is absolutely indispensable in its collective form and its personal form. Sacramental effectiveness of the Eucharist does not work automatically. It requires dispositions. Mass itself is a thanksgiving, but thanksgiving does not cease with reception of Communion. It continues, and may extend to a hymn or a psalm said in common. There is much singing in the course of Mass, but at this moment it is well to let the peace of silence fall over the assembly" (p. 123).

So, what kind of prayer is fitting during this time? Fr. Oury notes an anonymous author writing in Syria around the year 300 AD who gives us an example: "After receiving the precious Body and the precious

Blood of Christ we give thanks to him for making us worthy worthy to share in his holy mysteries and ask him that this partaking be not for judgment and condemnation but for salvation and the benefit of soul and body, for the preservation of piety, for the remission of sins and for the life of the world to come" (The Mass, p. 117).

Perhaps this is a moment of prayer where thanks pour forth from our hearts as we recognize the wonderful gift we have been given. Maybe it is a moment to ask that we be strengthened for what we are facing. Hopefully, it is a moment to say from our hearts that we truly want to live in God's love.

**Silent but
Active Prayer**



Whatever our prayer is, Fr. Joseph McGloin reminds us that this time of silence shouldn't be mindless and passive: "So, although this is a time of silence, it isn't a time to prop ourselves upright, either kneeling or sitting, and doze off to dream of the upcoming day or the past night. It isn't a time, either, to say, 'Ok, Lord, do your thing,' and then settle back to wait passively for Him to do it. That would be about as polite as welcoming a visitor into our home and then just sitting there while they entertained and feasted us.

No, this moment of union with God after Holy Communion ought to be the most active, wonderful part of the Mass for us. We talk to him and we listen. His talk will be quiet talk—the way he almost always communicates with men. He wants to teach us, especially at this intimate moment, to love him in return. This will mean an active response on our part. Silent prayer doesn't mean just sitting back in regal passivity, waiting for the gifts to be laid at our feet. So, let us use well this opportunity for prayer after Communion and grow closer to the Lord we have just received!

Many find the Anima Christi prayer, "Soul of Christ, sanctify me," to be a helpful tool for this time of prayer. Other options include a personal prayer of gratitude, a request for guidance and strength, or a moment of silent adoration.

For Reflection: Review the Lord Jesus' teaching on prayer in Matthew 6:5-8. Bring this attentiveness to your personal prayer to God the Father after receiving Communion.

Next Week: Purification of Vessels



St. Raymond Church Opportunities for a Holy Hour

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



"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." Acts 13:47
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission July 21, 2024 - Pentecost (June 8th) 2025 PILLAR 3 – EUCHARISTIC LIFE

The Paschal Way of the Light – "Via Lucis"

The Via Lucis includes fourteen stations for reflection on Christ's Paschal victory, which include events from his Resurrection to Pentecost.

Sixth Station: Jesus Appears to the Disciples

"When the doors were locked where the disciples were ... Jesus came and stood in their midst." (John 20:19)

Recall how often Jesus criticizes his apostles for lack of faith, and how often he commended people like the centurion and the woman with the hemorrhage for their great faith. Our lack of faith is shown when we decide that certain situations could not possibly be transformed by Christ. When friends or family try to encourage us we resist them with our cynicism or our claims that "you just don't understand." The disciples locked the doors for fear. Jesus burst through the doors for love. When I think there are aspects of my life where Jesus' presence is impossible, I show how little faith I have in his power to save and in his particular love for me.

Lord Jesus, let me not be afraid to beg you to transform the situations and relationships which seem to me to be out of your reach. May the life of hope have victory over the death of my cynicism.

Seventh Station: Jesus Confers on His Disciples the Power to Forgive Sins

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." (John 20:23)
Our human experience can help us understand why the forgiveness of sins is so closely tied to the Resurrection. There is perhaps no moment when love is so clear as when I receive mercy from someone whom I betrayed. There is perhaps nothing that awakens and generates me like receiving forgiveness, especially the forgiveness of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Life can begin again, even after I have done so much to betray the life I have been given. The experience of forgiveness is truly the experience of a life which is indestructible.

Lord Jesus, may your risen life continually pull me back and raise me up from the death of sin.

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026 Living the Hope of Pope Francis

A Catholic can live out the hope of Pope Francis by embodying the key themes of his papacy—mercy, care for creation, social justice, and a deep, personal relationship with Christ—through daily actions and attitudes. Here are a few suggestions for reflection to help deepen your spiritual life and live out Pope Francis' vision more intentionally:



Mercy in Daily Life

- **Scripture:** *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."* (Luke 6:36)
- **Reflection Questions:**
 - o Who in my life needs forgiveness or compassion right now?
 - o How can I respond to hurt with mercy instead of resentment?
- **Action:** Reach out to someone you're struggling with; offer a word of reconciliation or a prayer.

Joyful Evangelization

- **Quote from Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel):** *"An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral!"*
- **Reflection Questions:**
 - o Do I radiate joy and hope when I talk about my faith?
 - o Am I willing to witness to Christ in everyday conversations?
- **Action:** Share one joyful moment or insight from your faith with someone this week.



Mother's Day Novena


As we celebrate Mother's Day next Sunday, May 11th, there will once again be the parish's Novena of

Masses prayed for nine consecutive days starting on May 11th. It is very fitting to remember our Mothers in prayer during this novena. Envelopes for this novena were mailed to those who receive the weekly envelope mailing. They are also available near the doors of the church. If you wish to participate in this novena simply fill out one of these envelopes, include your donation and place it in one of the boxes marked

"Mother's Day"

which are located on the pew shelves by the doors of the church.

Or you can return it by mail or just drop it off in the rectory mail slot. Please do so by Sunday, May 11th.



**ST. RAYMOND'S
HUMAN LIFE
COMMITTEE**

In Honor of Mothers

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body...The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to heaven. Only a human mother can.

Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing the act of creation...What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

(Bookmarks with the above saying are available in the literature racks located in the back of the Church.)

Next Human Life Committee Meeting:

Thursday, May 15th

700 pm - 8:00 pm

Parish Social Ministry Office.

**Join with us to be a voice for the
precious, vulnerable pre-born babies.**

All invited; all needed.

*We wish all mothers a
very Blessed and Happy
Mother's Day!*



PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



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



I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on Sunday, June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Mass.



There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 by Monday, May 19th and ask to be placed on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

-Father Chuck



ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.



-Pope Francis I

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

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**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM
10AM TO 3PM**

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ". Galatians 6:2

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

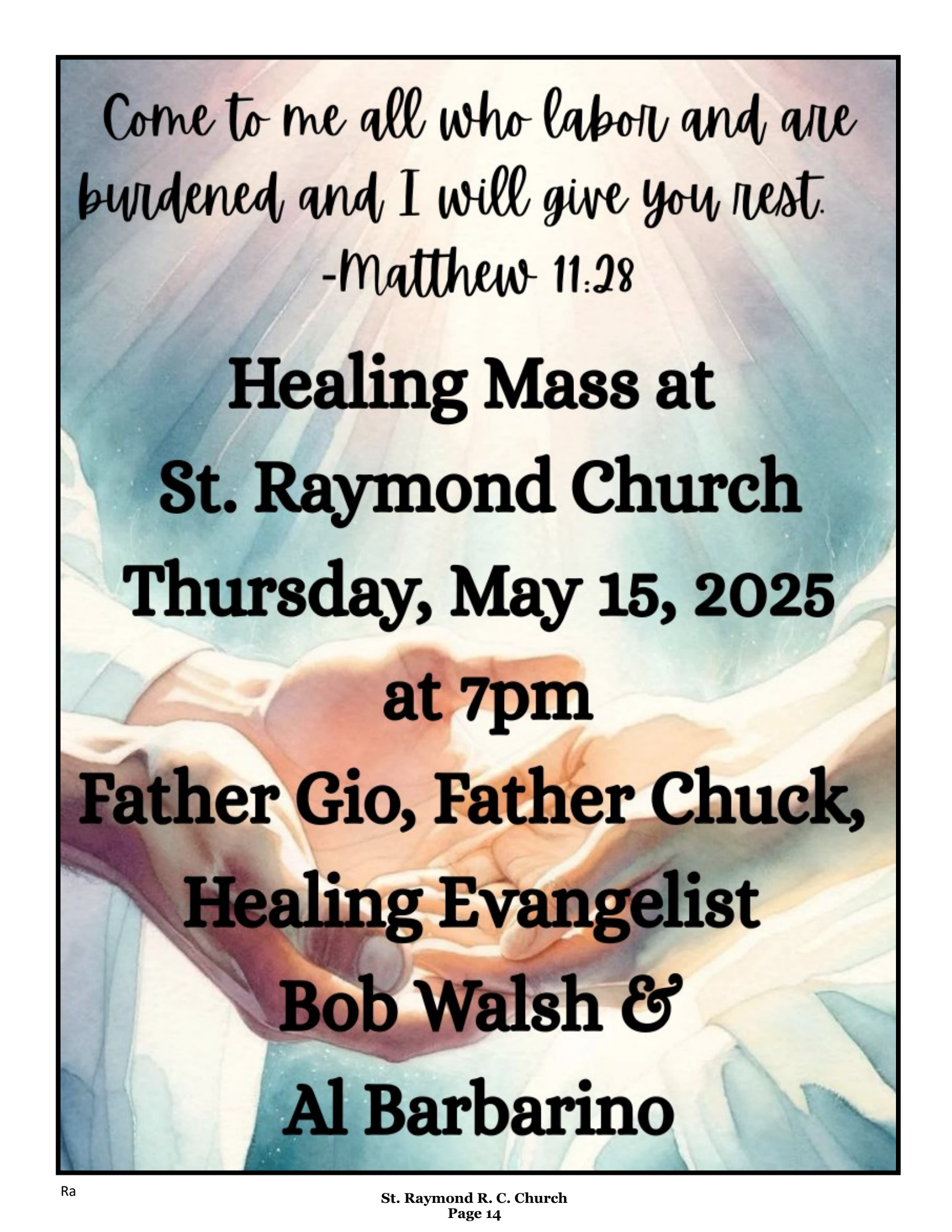
During the month of March, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 91 households with food, personal care and household items and provided the clients with other services needed, such as information on DSS, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul.

Pantry items still needed: Mac and Cheese, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Pasta Sauce, Instant Mashed Potatoes, White, Black and Baked Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Cold Cereal, Shampoo and Conditioner.

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 and in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for always helping us serve the people in need in our community.

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

The background of the entire page is a soft, painterly illustration. It depicts several hands of different skin tones being gently held together in a supportive gesture. Above the hands, a faint rainbow with soft, blended colors of purple, blue, green, and yellow arches across the top. The overall mood is one of healing, comfort, and community.

Come to me all who labor and are
burdened and I will give you rest.

-Matthew 11:28

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"Pray the Rosary every day." Our Lady to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco at Fatima Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13th

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Can you sing?

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Practice Wednesday Evenings
7:30-9:00pm in the Church
Mass with the Choir is
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Basketball registration will be open
June 1st - June 30th

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Jim Mulroy at jmulroy33@gmail.com



Fatima Day Tuesday May 13th

10:30am Solemn arrival and
enthronement of the Statue
of Our Lady of Fatima

11:00am Rosary

11:30am Mass

Procession following Mass

1:30pm Conference

3:00pm Solemn chanting of
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Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

Sodality's May Crowning and Induction of New
Members May 19, 2025

St. Raymond's Church at 7pm Mass

Sodalists are requested to meet in the church
at 6:45pm & the Past Prefects Procession
will begin at 7pm

May Meeting will follow immediately after
Mass in the School Cafeteria

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



Statement of Cardinal Dolan and the NYS Bishops on State-Sanctioned Suicide Bill

April 24, 2025

"Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for all. We are called never to abandon those who are suffering, never giving up but caring and loving to restore hope." – Pope Francis, 2019

On Easter Monday, April 21, Pope Francis ended his earthly journey and entered eternal life. The Holy Father gave us many examples to emulate throughout his life and ministry, even right to the end when he gave us an example of a holy, natural death.

Sadly, the very next day, news reports indicated that the New York State Assembly would take up legislation (A136/S138) to legalize state-sanctioned suicide for those who are diagnosed with a terminal illness. Euphemistically titled the Medical Aid in Dying Act, this bill would usher in a dangerous new era in our state, turning the Hippocratic Oath taken by physicians to "do no harm" on its head and leaving vulnerable individuals – people with disabilities, the elderly, and those in impoverished and medically underserved communities – subject to pressure and coercion to end their lives so as not to be a "burden" to society or an excessive cost to insurance companies.

One only need to look to the example of our neighbor to the north, Canada, to understand the risk. That country passed a similar law to New York's bill in 2016. Within a few short years, it was expanded to allow not only those with terminal illnesses, but also those with "chronic" illnesses, such as arthritis, to end their lives. In 2027, the law is set to expand to those whose only underlying condition is mental illness, such as depression, anxiety or anorexia.

At a time when New Yorkers are rightly concerned with issues such as affordability, crime, homelessness, federal cuts to Medicaid, behavioral health access, and their children's education, it is unconscionable that lawmakers would consider now an appropriate time to legalize suicide for a segment of the population. Think of the message this sends. Sadly, we are facing a suicide crisis among young people in our state, and the government rightly spends large sums of money to prevent these tragedies and to deliver a consistent message that life is worth living. Now our state will be telling its citizens that some lives – perhaps where there has been a loss of autonomy or a disability – are not worth living. We pray that the legislature reconsiders this disastrous public policy, and we call on Governor Hochul to exercise her veto authority should the bill come to her desk.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York
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"Please Lord, protect and guide your Church during
this time of transition."**



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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 12th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Walter Convery

Tuesday, May 13th

7:15am Mary W. Duggan

8:45am Joseph Fiore

Wednesday, May 14th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Donald Player

Thursday, May 15th St. Matthias

7:15am Harold Hinshaw

8:45am Rosalie & Felix Monaco

Friday, May 16th

7:15am Helen O'Grady

8:45am Violet McHale, Sr.

Saturday, May 17th

8:45am St. Raymond Parish

5:00pm Michael Shiel

Sunday, May 18th

7:30am Helen Hart

9:00am William Casey, Sr.

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Mario Rinaldi, Mary Sleaf, Eileen Mahoney,

Vincent Madonna,

Caterina LacaPria

Zenaida D. Faustino,

Dejak & Petroccione Families

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



**REST IN
PEACE**

Angelina

McNulty

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



**Altar
Bread and Wine**

In Memory of Maria Bosques

With Sympathy From

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Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 11:1-18/John 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26/John 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/John 15:9-17

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25/John 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52/John 14:7-14

Sunday

Acts 14:21-27/Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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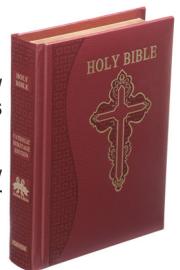
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