

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, July 16, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one
who hears the word and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit and yields a
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

-Matthew 13:23



July 16, 2023

Fifteenth 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



**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL
BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

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

Greetings God's blessings be yours on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! I hope you have been able to keep cool and safe during these past days of heat and humidity. Just remember that St. Raymond Church is *"always cool"* and comfortable for all our Masses and services. The main focus of this Sunday's readings is to encourage everyone to read Scripture. Why? Because there is power in the word of God. In the first reading from the prophet, Isaiah, it is God's word that rouses the people and gives life. It is like the rain that falls on the earth and brings forth life to the seeds that have been planted. Psalm 19 today says: **"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul regards suffering in this world as nothing compared to the good things God has in store for us. We all eagerly await the redemption of our bodies and being free as children of God. **"We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now, and not only that, we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies."** And finally, Mathew's gospel presents the parable of the Sower. Jesus taught this story to make the point to his disciples that their goal is not necessarily to produce a great harvest. A disciples' goal is to sow and seed and then let God take over from there. Seed will grow but only at God's time and pace. God alone produces the harvest. That's how the kingdom of God works. The purpose of this and other parables is so the disciples can understand what the crowds cannot. The nature of a parable will allow them to look, and see, to hear and understand. The final outcome of this parable is that it all depends on what kind of soil a person is. Good-soiled people remain faithful and continue to flourish. **"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."**

As Christians we know and believe that the word of God is powerful. It is not just informative but performative. In scripture we encounter the living God and his power. We don't simply read about healing, we are invited to encounter healing: new life, conversion, repentance, and freedom as a child of God. The seed sown among thorns, on rocky ground, on the path all have pitfalls preventing fruition. To be fertile soil we need to be open to God's word. We should have divine expectation welcoming not only the words but also an encounter with God

We trust that God's word comes with a particular mission: consolation, peace, strength, and a call to conversion. Holy openness is what we need to practice. Welcome the change that God may be calling you to. Trust the Holy Spirit to reveal insights into ways you can act on God's word in your life. And practice gratitude for the ways that you can encounter God's power in his word.

The **"Backwards Money Drawing"** tickets keep coming in. As of now over 225 tickets have been purchased. That's great but we still have more than halfway to go. In order to be successful, we need all 500 tickets to be taken by August 27th when the drawing will take place. They cost is **\$100 each** with the grand prize of **\$10,000** awarded to the last ticket drawn. In addition, there is another **\$10,000** in money prizes given out to multiple winners. So, don't wait too long to get your ticket. Use the order form you received in the mail, or the one included in this bulletin. I'd love to give you some winning news on August 27th.

At this time, I am looking for some parishioners, 18 and older to apply for the **Pastoral Council** of St. Raymond Parish. There are three open positions for the coming year, starting in September. Check the bulletin ad for more detailed information on the qualifications this position seeks. Maybe God is calling you to this particular way of service in sharing your time and talent with St. Raymond Parish.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, an order form for the **Backwards Money Drawing** tickets, an ad requesting potential applicants for the **Pastoral Council**, an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand), a request for **Parishioner Emails** to help foster communication from the rectory, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (on the inside back cover) 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, listen for God's word in the scriptures and remember: It's easier to get older than it is to get wiser.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 16, 2023-15TH 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 16, 2023-15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it. God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods, Softening it with showers, blessing its yield.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain. They shout and sing for joy.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them*. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Backwards Money Drawing!

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023

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 27, 2023

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Number of Tickets: _____



Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen.



Come and see how Secular Franciscans live joyfully in the world and celebrate God's creation.

Our Lady of the Atonement Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:45 pm in Tabor Retreat Center, 60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572.

Please contact Jane 516 425-2768 for information.



"Most high, glorious God enlighten the darkness of my heart; give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge so that I may carry out Your holy and true commands."

-Francis of Assisi



RECENTLY IN THE BACK OF CHURCH A PLAQUE HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON THE WALL IN MEMORY OF

TAYLOR ROSE CLARKE

TAYLOR WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR FOLK GROUP, A LECTOR, AND HER PARENTS.

JACK AND LAURA WERE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH PRE CANA PROGRAM.

Taylor Rose Clarke

At 18, in her freshman year of college, she became ill and it was determined she needed a heart transplant. The parish banded together, in many ways, and lead by prayer, at 20 in 2016, she received a new heart. Things went well at the start, but quickly became difficult, and overwhelming in 2020, and at 25 in 2021 lost her fight and went home to the Lord. 1996-(dash) 2021, one would think a life so short, never got to fulfill the dash between birth and death. But Taylor's life, what she did, who she touched, and how she carried herself gave her dash a very full touch. Taylor never missed a "beat" accepted every roadblock put before her, and never let the hand dealt her overwhelm her. Taylor's dash was full because she never let any days storm cancel a days experience, she never postponed a day, Taylor learned to "dance in the rain" of one day and move to the next. There is not much you can write on a 15" x 12" plaque to capture Taylor, but her picture says "a thousand words. Her smile is for you, for everyone, who has burden's they bring to church each week, and can now stop and talk with Taylor. Taylor is on the wall to greet you on your way out, walk with you thru the next week and help you experience God's love for you as she experienced in her final travels.

To Jack, Laura, and her so special sister Sammy, thank you for sharing Taylor with all of us, she is special to you in your home, and now she is forever at home in St. Raymond's to help anyone who needs a hug. Taylor has completed her dash, but she has a question for you reading this now and in the future?

"What is your dash going to say about you when your number is called?"

You still have time to answer that Everyday you are still here on earth....."

Frank W. Honerkamp Jr.



"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given.

-St. James the Apostle

Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki, Secretary, Linda Daley,
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OPENING OF THE 2024 MASS BOOK

THE 2024 MASS BOOK
WILL BE OPEN MONDAY
JULY 31, 2023

COME INTO
THE
RECTORY
AND HAVE A
MASS SAID
FOR A LOVED
ONE!

IT WOULD BE EASIER
FOR THE WORLD
TO SURVIVE WITHOUT
THE SUN THAN TO DO
SO WITHOUT THE
HOLY MASS
-PADRE PIO



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!



To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.

TAG SALE

ST. RAYMOND CONVENT
20 CARMAN AVE.
AUGUST 4TH AND 5TH
10:00AM TO 4:00PM



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.

St. Raymond Parish

has had an active chapter (known as a "conference")

of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please

email svdpstray@gmail.com for information on ways that you can participate.

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

This week, let the seed of faith grow deeper within you. Make time to read Sacred Scripture or learn about a particular Catholic devotion—and make it a part of your life



“FOR THE BREAD OF GOD IS HE WHO COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND GIVES LIFE TO THE WORLD.” THEY SAID TO HIM, “SIR, GIVE US THIS BREAD ALWAYS.”
JOHN 6:33-34

Does the bread cease to be bread and the wine cease to be wine?

Yes. In order for the whole Christ to be present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—the bread and wine cannot remain, but must give way so that his glorified Body and Blood may be present. Thus, in the Eucharist the bread ceases to be bread in substance, and becomes the Body of Christ, while the wine ceases to be wine in substance, and becomes the Blood of Christ. As St. Thomas Aquinas observed, Christ is not quoted as saying, “This bread is my body,” but “This is my body” (Summa Theologiae, III q. 78, a. 5).

“FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK.” -JOHN 6:55

Is it fitting that Christ’s Body and Blood become present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine?

Yes, for this way of being present corresponds perfectly to the sacramental celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus Christ gives himself to us in a form that employs the symbolism inherent in eating bread and drinking wine. Furthermore, being present under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives himself to us in a form that is appropriate for human eating and drinking. Also, this kind of presence corresponds to the virtue of faith, for the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ cannot be detected or discerned by any way other than faith. That is why St. Bonaventure affirmed: “There is no difficulty over Christ’s being present in the sacrament as in a sign; the great difficulty is in the fact that He is really in the sacrament, as He is in heaven. And so, believing this is especially meritorious” (In IV Sent., dist. X, P. I, art. un., qu. I). On the authority of God who reveals himself to us, by faith we believe that which cannot be grasped by our human faculties (cf. Catechism, no. 1381).

Are the consecrated bread and wine “merely symbols”?

In everyday language, we call a “symbol” something that points beyond itself to something else, often to several other realities at once. The transformed bread and wine that are the Body and Blood of Christ are not merely symbols because they truly are the Body and Blood of Christ. As St. John Damascene wrote: “The bread and wine are not a foreshadowing of the body and blood of Christ—By no means!—but the actual deified body of the Lord, because the Lord Himself said: ‘This is my body’; not ‘a foreshadowing of my body’ but ‘my body,’ and not ‘a foreshadowing of my blood’ but ‘my blood’” (The Orthodox Faith, IV [PG 94, 1148-49]). At the same time, however, it is important to recognize that the Body and Blood of Christ come to us in the Eucharist in a sacramental form. In other words, Christ is present under the appearances of bread and wine, not in his own proper form. We cannot presume to know all the reasons behind God’s actions. God uses, however, the symbolism inherent in the eating of bread and the drinking of wine at the natural level to illuminate the meaning of what is being accomplished in the Eucharist through Jesus Christ.

Why are some of the consecrated hosts reserved after the Mass?

While it would be possible to eat all of the bread that is consecrated during the Mass, some is usually kept in the tabernacle. The Body of Christ under the appearance of bread that is kept or “reserved” after the Mass is commonly referred to as the “Blessed Sacrament.” There are several pastoral reasons for reserving the Blessed Sacrament. First of all, it is used for distribution to the dying (Viaticum), the sick, and those who legitimately cannot be present for the celebration of the Eucharist. Secondly, the Body of Christ in the form of bread is to be adored when it is exposed, as in the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, when it is carried in eucharistic processions, or when it is simply placed in the tabernacle, before which people pray privately. Excerpts from “The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers” Committee on Doctrine of the USCCB June 2001 General Meeting



Transubstantiation

"Then many of his disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"

John 6:60

Transubstantiation – the belief, that during Mass, the bread and wine used for Communion becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ – is central to the Catholic faith. Beginning with the Apostles, the Church has held this belief and has always taught that "the Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life' (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1324). Yet, in February of 2019, the Pew Research Center released the results of a survey that reported that only 63% Catholics who attend Mass at least once a week accept the Church's teaching about Transubstantiation

"Blessed are they who put their trust in God."

Psalms 2:12b

The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle was celebrated on July 3rd, and, in many ways, he can be viewed as one of our patron saints of the Eucharistic Revival given his faith story. Following Jesus' call, Thomas listened to Jesus' preaching and witnessed the many signs he performed. When Jesus stated that, despite the threats on his life, he planned to return to Judea because Lazarus was ill, Thomas fearlessly rallied the other Apostles: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). However, his faith and resolve were shaken upon Jesus' arrest, and he fled. Disillusioned, Thomas seemed unwilling to allow himself to be vulnerable again when told by the other Apostles that Jesus was alive: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." However, as he did with the other Apostles in his previous visit, Jesus transformed Thomas' reality by again coming through the locked door and meeting him in his unbelief: "Put your finger here and see my hands and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." (John 20:27). Like Thomas, at every Mass, Jesus meets us in our struggle to believe what many find unbelievable: "Take ... this is my body" (Mark 14:22). Jesus calls us to listen to his Words, to touch his wounds, and believe: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." In our faith journey, let us beg Jesus like the Apostles did to "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5) so we may join St. Thomas is saying: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

**Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion
Blessed Carlo Acutis**

*"If we get in front of the sun, we get suntans ,
but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints."*

Young layman († 2006)

Feast: October 12

Carlo Acutis was born in England, but his parents moved back to their native Italy when he was a baby. While still very young, he was drawn to the Eucharist. His parents were not yet particularly devout, but Carlo started to insist on entering every church they passed to greet Jesus. He asked to make his First Communion at the age of seven, and faithfully attended daily Mass.

Carlo was a fun-loving boy who had four dogs, two cats, and lots of goldfish. He loved computers and computer games. By a special grace, he knew he would die young, but it did not sadden him. He was eager not to waste his time, and devoted himself to works of charity, including working as a catechist from the time he was confirmed at age eleven.

Soon he began to travel to the sites of Eucharistic miracles. He wished to foster belief in the Real Presence and draw others to the Catholic faith, so he built a website documenting these miracles:

www.miracolieucaristici.org.

Carlo died at age fifteen from a devastating leukemia.

*"I am happy to die...because I have lived my life without wasting a minute on those things that do not please God."
Adapted from Magnificat Magazine June 2023*



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-Isaiah 41:10



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*"And do not forget to do good and to share
with others, for with such sacrifices,
God is pleased."*

-Hebrews 13:16

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of June, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 67 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed 2 new clients into the Outreach Program and helped them with food and other services they needed. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please call the Parish Social Ministry and we can assist you with food.

**Pantry items needed this week: Mayonnaise,
Mustard, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly,
Jarred Pasta Sauce, Jello/Pudding,
Laundry Detergent and Dish Detergent.**

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*Thank you for your continued
support and generosity.*

You are always in our prayers.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world... Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek."

-Saint John Paul II



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**At this time, I am looking for three new applications
to be accepted for three-year terms beginning
September 2023 and ending June 2026.**

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 three 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 4th.

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

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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Parish Email List**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

The Religious Education office is closed for the summer. We will be coming into the office once a week to check e-mails, phone messages and to continue to process Registration forms throughout the summer.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – www.saintraymonds.org. Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment.

We are in need of a 3rd grade Religion teacher for either Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm or Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm. Our classes begin the week of October 2nd, 2023 and will end on April 18th, 2024.

If you would like to join our most important ministry, please call the Religious Education office 516-593-9075.



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Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

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Masses for this week

Monday, July 17th

7:15am Monica Collins

8:45am Margaret Murphy (living)

Tuesday, July 18th

7:15am Kathleen Ryder

8:45am Maria Nozzolillo

Wednesday, July 19th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Anne Behrman

Thursday, July 20th

7:15am Phil Velotti

8:45am Jennie Gaeta

Friday, July 21st

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am James Daly

Saturday, July 22nd *St. Mary Magdalene*

8:45am John Lee

5:00pm Gregory Baumgarten

Sunday, July 23rd

7:30am Hawkins & Hoenig Family

9:00am Francis J. Killkelly, Jr.

10:30am Caroline Manna

12:00pm Dorothy & William Riehl, Peter Tauckus, Mario Rinaldi, Gladys Pfeifer, Arthur Schreiber, Michael C. Sena, John Cussen

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30/

Friday

Ex 11:10-12:14/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Sgs 3:1-4b/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn, Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas, John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik, Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci, Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro, Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Danny Finneran, Jay Witemeyer, Theresa DeCuzzi, Helen DelPezzo, Linda D'Agostino, Benay Mugmon, Michelle Cirillo, Baby Bennett William Chevalier, Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito, Marie Gay Odde
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22 July

St Mary Magdalene



Except for the Mother of Our Lord, few women are more honored in the Bible than St Mary Magdalene. Referred to as the 'Apostle to the Apostles', she is the woman from whom Our Lord drove out seven demons. She remained with the Lord during his last agony on the cross and, according to St Mark and St John, was the first to see Him after the Resurrection.

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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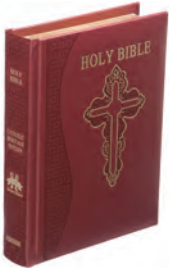
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