

## 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, October 22, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God”

-Matthew 22-21



October 22, 2023

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

### Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;  
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm  
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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

**Holy Communion**—Available to the homebound;  
call the rectory to schedule a visit

### Devotions

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.  
**Nocturnal Adoration**  
First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm  
**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

### Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

### Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

### Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

### Prayer Groups

**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.

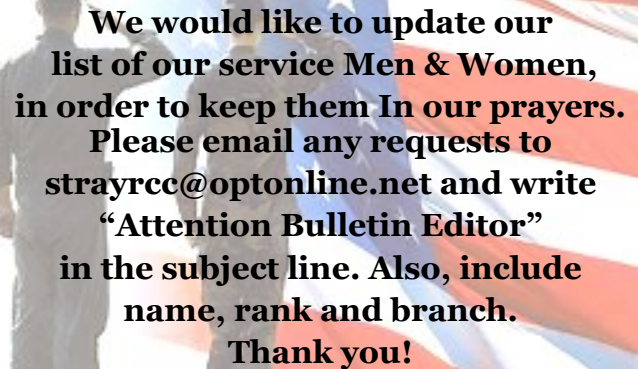
### Music Ministries

**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](mailto:strayrcc@optonline.net) and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!**



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

LC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS  
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Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY  
PFC Hunter Deets, #10 Mountain Division US ARMY  
***Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.***

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** The purpose of today's Gospel is to show how Jesus' pronouncement about paying Caesar a census tax avoids the trap set for him and silences his critics at the same time. In the first reading from the prophet, Isaiah, the people of Israel are being challenged to put their trust in God and return to their homeland. Those who cooperate with God are much wiser and become loyal servants of heaven. **"For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not."** Then in the second reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians, Paul gives thanks to God for the faith shown by the people while attributing their strength to the power of the Holy Spirit. **"For the gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction."** And finally, Matthew's gospel continues to show Jesus being at odds with the Jewish leaders, this time about paying taxes to Rome. The question posed by the Pharisees is a set up and Jesus sees right through their little trap. His answer is not an answer. When looking at a coin he says rather flippantly to pay Caesar what is his and give God what is his. Now what does that mean? Jews believed everything belonged to God, so what does that mean about a Roman coin. It is the pharisees who must make a choice. **"So, Jesus said to them: Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."**

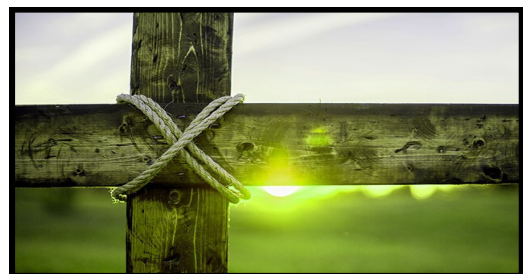
In this gospel, Jesus is hit with a **"loaded question"** that is designed to trap him. There doesn't appear to be any good answer, so Jesus turns the table by asking his own question. His devastating question can only bring a silent response. Jesus doesn't get into the political question about the validity of paying taxes. Yet, whatever side he chose would lead to his arrest. By allowing Caesar his due, Jesus opposes both the Zealots and the Pharisees. The practical reality of paying taxes is a given. Yet Jesus does not give a blueprint for modern day Church/State relations. We have to decide what are the needs of the competing claims of God and government. Civil society may make legitimate demands on our tax dollars in order to provide necessary services. But as to what belongs to God, from whom we believe every good gift comes, I would suspect that Jesus would have a simple one-word answer: everything! Shouldn't that determine what we give back? It's all a matter of who is number one in your life.

The events of the past two weeks have certainly been difficult and challenging, first for the people of Israel, then those in Gaza, and coupled with the ongoing war in Ukraine plus other troubled spots throughout the world, it seems we are losing the battle of trying to live up to the nobility of being a human being. The atrocities that have occurred in Israel and Ukraine have no place in our world. Then there is the terrible suffering that comes upon so many innocent people because of the wanton disregard for human life. Our best response is prayer coupled with concrete support for those suffering and whose very existence is threatened. The world God created, and Jesus Christ saved is one where all people should live in peace and harmony. Differences should not be divisive but rather complementary. Unfortunately, this is not a lesson that we have learned very well. So, we must continue to trust in God's providential care and the good works and intentions of decent people throughout the world. And we pray, unceasingly, for an end to all war and violence. May our Blessed Lady, through the power of the Holy Rosary help bring our world to a better place.

**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), especially about the upcoming **Fall Ball** on November 4th for our young boys and their adult escorts, a notice for the **All Souls Novena of Masses** that will start on November 2nd which is All Souls Day, 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 week. **Smile, share, pray the Rosary for peace and remember: No God-no peace. Know God-know peace.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 22, 2023-29th 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

OCTOBER 22, 2023-29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

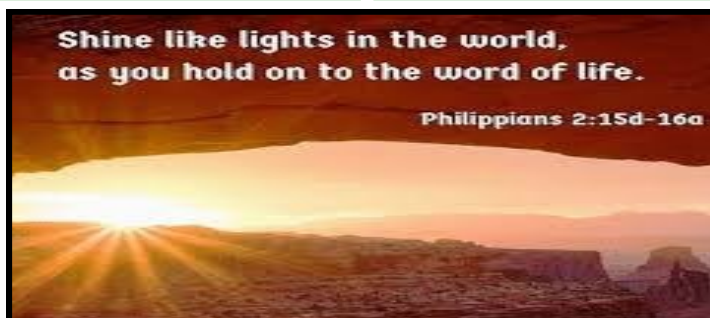
**Is 45:1, 4-6**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

## SECOND READING

**1 Thes 1:1-5b**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10**

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

## ALLELUIA

**Phil 2:15d, 16a**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



### ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

Our 9th grade students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 25th, 2023. The groups have been divided by the names of the teachers the child had for 8th grade Religion classes. The Most Reverend Luis M. Romero will administer the Sacrament to the boys and girls.

### YOUR CHILD'S GROUP IS BASED ON THE TEACHER HE/SHE HAD FOR 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS:

#### Group 1 – 11:00am Ceremony

8-1 Mrs. Patricia Canepa/Mrs. Gina Manos  
8-2 Mr. Damien Becker  
8-5 Mrs. Denise Rivenburgh  
8-6 Mrs. Mary Murphy

#### Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony

8-3 Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero  
8-4 Mrs. Diana Gannascoli  
8-7 Mrs. Julianne Grennen  
Kellenberg Holy Family

This Thursday, October 26th, 2023 is the 2023 Catechetical Service Awards being held at St. Agnes Cathedral at 7:30pm. We have two recipients from our Parish. Our own Nancy Mott who will receive the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton award for 20 years of service to our program. Also, Raymond Mugno will receive the St. Pius X award for 10 years of service teaching the children of our parish. Congratulations to these two very special individuals. Their commitment to our parish children has enhanced the St. Raymond Religious Education program.



Proud Moment...  
7th Grade girls meet  
together for Mass

Religious Ed classes  
are collecting money  
for Life Center of L.I.  
For unwed mothers!  
Stay tuned for the  
winning session!





# OUR FIRST GRADERS



“PEACE BE TO YOU! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them,

“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

~John 20:21,22



## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2023

*Melany Acosta  
Amanda Ambery  
Aidan Arevalo  
Emma Bacelis  
Shiloh Faith Bellingan  
Shayla Benn  
Ashley Betzag  
Jack Bourquin  
Jordana Boyer  
Caleigh Buckley  
Emily Callaghan  
Francesca Canepa  
Sophia Canone  
Ava Caradonna  
Mark Chojnacki  
Melissa Chojnacki  
Alessio Coluccio  
Vita Corbett  
William Corbett  
Christian Costanzo  
Caroline Cronin  
Dylan Cruz  
Kevin Curtis  
Paulina Cuthbert  
Mia Daniels  
Stephanie DeCunzo  
Lilly Devaney  
Jack DeVivo  
Luke Diamond  
Phillip Dzieciolowski  
Adriana Enderica*

*Anthony Fasano  
Amara Galane  
Gavin Galane  
Claire Gallagher  
Ethan Galo  
Viviana Gannascoli  
Christian Giordonello  
Isabella Giuttari  
Aidan Gulino  
Evan Gulino  
Keith Halstead  
Eileen Harvey  
Keira Jackman  
Steven James, Jr.  
Holly Kaplan  
Joseph Lauria  
Aiden Leighley  
Caitlyn Lynch  
Colleen Lynch  
Paul Lynch  
Gabriella Maffettone  
Elysa Maldonado  
Aleyah Manos  
Sean Mansfield  
Olivia Marafioti  
Kayla Marchell  
Garin Martinez  
Olivia Mazzei  
Elena Michel  
Luna Monge*

*Camila Montano  
Sloane Murphy  
Jillian Notter  
Luke O’Hanlon  
William O’Riordan  
Cecilia Padiernos  
Marco Palleschi  
Arianna Perez  
Sebastian Quiroz  
Mackenzie Reis  
Sophia Romanelli  
Michael Ruggiero  
Isabella Russo  
Sadie Grace Scalfani  
Robert Scholl  
Luca Silvagni  
Sophia Sirufo  
Christopher Sommer  
Eugene Sullivan  
Ryan Sylvia  
Christian Thorgersen  
Richard (RJ) TInyes  
Michael Tizio  
Matthew Tomao  
Mikayla Torres  
Junior Velasquez  
Ava Weis  
Liam Whitehouse  
Joseph Wolk  
Colin Wulff*





# Christmas Fair!

*Sponsored by the Sodality*

*of Our Lady*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

**10:00AM-3:30PM**

**ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA**



*Bakery - Sweepstakes - Jewelry Shop  
Handmade Knits & Crafts - Christmas Gift Box  
Money Tree - 50/50 - Lottery Wreath  
Raffles - Granny's Attic  
Refreshments at the Country Kitchen!*

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Charities of Brooklyn**

*Gives Back !*

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

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For details: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)



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**In Loving Memory of**

**Benay Mugman**

**Donated by**

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Mary Healy 887-4062*

## ALL SAINTS DAY

Wednesday November 1st

A Holy Day of Obligation

### MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST,

7:15AM , 8:45AM

12:15PM & 7:30PM



I have been all  
Things unholy:  
If God can work  
Through me,  
He can work  
Through anyone.  
-St. Francis of Assisi



## ALL SOULS NOVENA OF MASSES

Thursday, November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls, It is the day when the Church prayerfully remembers all the faithfully departed. A special way in which this is done is the celebrating a **Novena of Masses** for our dead beginning on All Souls Day. It is a most fitting way to remember our departed, to pray for their eternal happiness and also to their intercession for our prayers. This novena continues for nine days.

**All Souls envelopes are available if you wish to have anyone included in this novena.** They were mailed with the regular monthly envelope package and they can also be found on the back pew shelves and by the side doors of the Church. **Simply write the names you wish to remember, include your donation and place the envelope in one of the All Souls boxes located on the pew shelves next to the envelopes.** Please do so by Thursday November 2nd. *Thank you!*

## ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

**Thursday, November 2nd is the feast of all Souls.** Once again we will remember all parishioners who have died and been buried from St. Raymond Parish during the past year.

**The Mass of Remembrance will be at 8:45am on November 2nd in the Church.** Members and their families have been invited to join us in this loving and faith-filled remembrance. The names of all the departed from the past year will be read in prayerful reflection as the Communion Meditation of the Mass and also listed on the **Remembrance Scroll** for the month of November. Let us join together on All Souls Day to celebrate your loved one's new life in Christ Jesus as we support one another with our prayers and caring.

**P**RAY  
FOR ME,  
AND I SHALL  
PRAY FOR YOU  
AND ALL YOUR  
FRIENDS  
THAT WE MAY  
MERRILY MEET  
IN HEAVEN.

ST. THOMAS MORE'S LAST LETTER  
TO HIS DAUGHTER, MEG



## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

*"Abortion is the poisonous fruit of and desperation. No one grows up wanting to violently end the life of her baby."  
(Sean Carney, To the Heart of the Matter)*

Praying in front of a Planned Parenthood building is a somber, sobering experience. For this is the place where a desperate teen or woman goes, or is pressured into going, for help with her unplanned pregnancy. Sometimes the girl/woman comes by herself, but most of the time she is driven by young friends, a boyfriend or an older male. Because the parking lot is in front of the PP building, it is difficult to speak with the girl as the car is entering the parking area. A few times, the car slows down and help and literature can be offered to the girl. However, most times, when the driver sees those praying the car speeds up so that contact with the girl is not possible. In all the years participating in these prayer witnesses, there is one constant - the girls/women have a sad, fixed stare and there is no interaction between the driver and the girl. The driver parks the car, the girl exits and walks into the PP building, alone. The driver stays in the car. The stark reality of the girl's aloneness and vulnerability and what will be taking place inside that building - to her and her baby - hits and the prayers for her, her baby and all who work in that building continues. The tragedy is that many have believed the false promise that abortion will solve the problem of an unplanned pregnancy. However, it just compounds the problem because of the negative after-effects of the abortion. If you or anyone you know is suffering from having had an abortion, there is help available. You are not alone; you are loved! Please call the following for free, caring, confidential assistance:

*Surrendering the Secret  
Gloria or Joan - #516-798-9100*



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

*"The Heart of the Parish"*

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563  
516-887-9197

Food Pantry Hours of Operation  
Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm  
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great." Luke 6:35*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. **During the month of September, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 61 households with food, personal care, household items 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:**

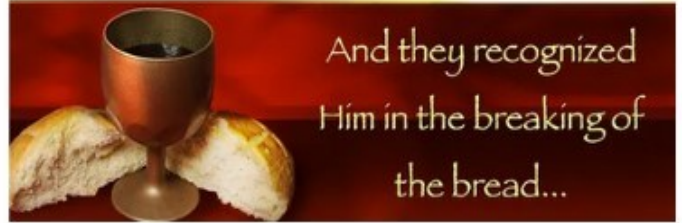
**Rice Side Dishes, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Tuna, Canned Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Cereal, Pinto Beans, Shaving Cream, Bar Soap and Toothpaste.**

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 TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST  
STATION ELEVEN**



**STATION ELEVEN  
THE ROAD TO EMMAUS:  
JESUS, RECOGNIZED IN THE  
BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**“WHEN HE WAS AT TABLE WITH THEM,  
HE TOOK THE BREAD AND BLESSED,  
AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM.  
AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND  
THEY RECOGNIZED HIM; AND HE  
VANISHED OUT OF THEIR SIGHT.”**

**LUKE 24:30-31**

After His glorious Resurrection, Jesus first comes to two disciples who were walking to Emmaus. He reveals to them that He is truly the Risen Lord in the “breaking of the bread” (Lk. 24:35).

“And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight” (Lk. 24:30-31).

*What is the connection to Jesus?*

Jesus reveals Himself fully in the Eucharist. We must be of great faith to see Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Lord, when You walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, You listened to all they had to say. Besieged by their own worries and disappointment, they did not recognize You as the One of Whom they spoke. They did not recognize You until “the Breaking of the Bread.” Their eyes were then opened, but You had vanished from their sight. In the Holy Eucharist, though not visible to our bodily sight, we recognize You in “the Breaking of the Bread.” As we listen in silent adoration, our hearts – like those of Your disciples – burn within us. And we repeat to You now the disciples’ plea and bid You to stay with us; for it is nearly evening. Stay with us, Lord, and may we always be with You.

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Each week, we will present another of the twelve stations for your meditation for the week.

Week 11 Thought: Since the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are in His Presence at every Mass. How can I thank Our Lord for this foretaste of Heaven?

## St. Raymond Church

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration  
and Eucharistic Exposition

Each day the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00  
Each Thursday - Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM  
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

Step By Step Walk Through the Mass  
Do This in Remembrance of Me  
By Father Luke Spannagel  
National Eucharist Revival Blog

### Sign of the Cross

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." Once we have finished the entrance hymn or antiphon at the beginning of Mass, there is a familiar gesture we do at every Mass and frequently with our prayers: we make the Sign of the Cross. When we make the Sign of the Cross...we enter a sacred tradition that goes back to the early centuries of Christianity, when this ritual was understood to be a source of divine power and protection. The early Christians made the Sign of the Cross quite often, desiring to tap into the power that lay therein.

Since we use the Sign of the Cross so frequently, it is important to recall what a meaning-packed gift it really is. The gesture itself points us to the Cross of Jesus—it reminds us of his saving sacrifice—the place where Jesus gave everything out of love for us to conquer sin and death. The words we say remind us that we have been brought into the life of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is important to notice that we pray "in the name" and not "names." Praying in the singular "name" recalls that God is One God in Three Persons. In addition to reminding us of the Trinity and the Cross of Christ, the Sign of the Cross also reminds us of our Baptism, when we were brought into God's family and given a share in the life of God: we are literally baptized "... in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"!

Next week: Greeting

"Everyday make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament,  
and when the duties of your state of life  
prevent you, visit Him in spirit."

**Saint Paul of the Cross**

**Feast Day: October 20th**

**Saints Who Promoted the Eucharistic**

**Saint Teresa of Ávila**

**Religious, Mystic & Doctor of the Church († 1582)**

**Feast: October 15**

Teresa was a woman of piety, wit, and charm. At the age of twenty, she entered the Carmelite convent, where she battled both health problems and distractions in prayer. Meditating on the sufferings of Christ brought her into close union with God. She felt God calling her to reform the Carmelite order.

A strong-willed leader, she set out to restore the austerity and contemplative character of the first Carmelite convents. Teresa encountered opposition from many individuals, yet she traveled throughout Spain and successfully founded 17 convents. Teresa grew in holiness through prayer, meditation, and frequent reception of the Eucharist. She was sustained by the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. She needed nothing more. Her deep devotion to God helped her do great things for the Church.

St. Teresa invited all her sisters and others – "Be with Him willingly; don't lose so good an occasion for conversing with Him as is the hour after having received Communion. Reflect that this is a most advantageous hour for the soul, during which Jesus is very pleased if you keep Him company. Take great care...not to lose it. This, then, is a good time for our Master to teach us, and for us to listen to Him, kiss His feet because He wanted to teach us, and beg Him not to leave."

St. Teresa taught five lessons: (1) Develop a hunger for heaven, (2) Seek spiritual progress in your prayer life by opening up yourself to the work of the Holy Spirit, (3) Pursue continual conversion so as to keep alive your desire for holiness, (4) Be an instrument of God for Church reform to bring us back to what Jesus at Bethany called the "better part" and "one thing necessary," and (5) Develop your devotion to St. Joseph ("If a person cannot find anyone to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious saint for his guide, and he will not lose his way.")



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**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A-This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. The "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition in BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training.**

### **EM of Holy Communion - Part A**

**Nassau: Wednesday, Nov.29-St. Paul the Apostle/Brookville-Lowes Hall; 7-10pm**

**Suffolk: Tuesday, Oct. 10-St. Elizabeth/Melville-Msgr. Kane Hall; 7-10pm**

### **EM of Holy Communion - Part B**

**Tuesday. Oct. 24-St. Elizabeth/Melville-Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30-9:30pm**

**To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact the rectory, 516-593-5000  
For questions regarding the training please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850**



# 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.



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 (STRAYCC@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.

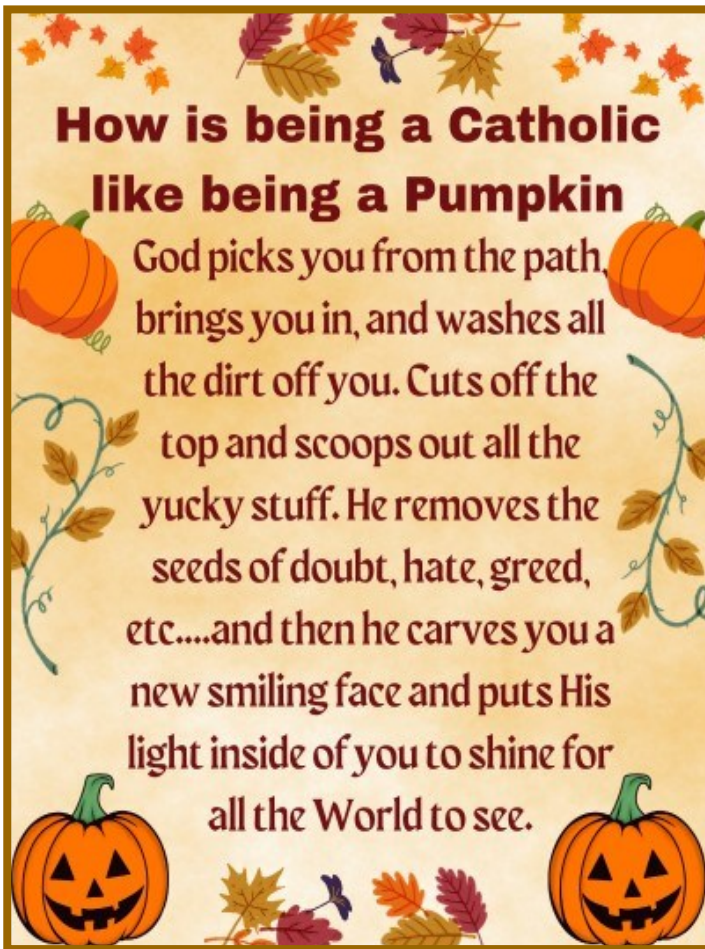
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*Dear Lord,*

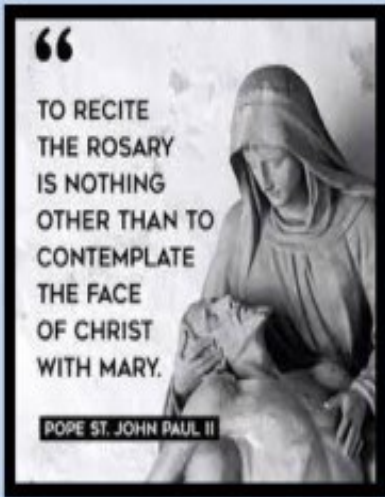
*Please help me to accept myself for who I am. Help me to see and appreciate the wonderful person You have created. Let me recognize the importance of my birthright as Your child and realize my significance in the universe. Help me to understand that the opportunities I possess are limitless...*

*For You have given me the chance to achieve all things for my own good and that of the whole world. Make my life, starting today, starting now, a worthy testament of Your wonderous glory and infinite love. For with You all things are possible.*



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*As Catholics, we should always strive to deepen our faith*

*PRAYER TO GROW IN THE THREE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES  
Lord, You give me today. One minute at a time. That's all I have. All I will ever have. Give me the faith to believe that each moment asks me to trust You even as You trust me. Give me the hope that holds within each minute- despite pain or doubt or fear-an anticipation of eternity with You. Give me the love that transforms each minute of my life into a reflection of Your forgiveness, mercy and goodness. Amen.*



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October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family's budget.

Support for those in need is crucial for many families, especially our senior community. Our Long Island community has had a 25% to 30% increase in the senior demographic, leading to an increase of 65% of these seniors living in poverty. Your donation allows Catholic Charities to provide affordable safe housing to senior citizens, operating 16 housing facilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties, totaling more than 1,329 units.

Additionally, it ensures the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents. Housing programs are also available for those with developmental disabilities and our veterans in need. Through our Parish Social Ministry programs, we bring food and hope during these challenging times. I would like to share a comment from a senior and resident of Bishop Ryan Village, Hampton Bays with you:

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# Masses for this week

## Monday, October 23rd

7:15am Francis Gallagher

8:45am Joseph Ingrao

## Tuesday, October 24th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Patrick Bilotti

## Wednesday, October 25th

7:15am Robert Thies

8:45am For the United States of America

## Thursday, October 26th

7:15am Edward Collins

8:45am Margo Roussine

## Friday, October 27th

7:15am St. Raymond's Parish

8:45am Mark Charles

## Saturday, October 28th *Sts. Simon and Jude*

8:45am Cindy Lewis

5:00pm William E. Gammel

## Sunday, October 29th

7:30am John Kenneth Behr

9:00am Jean & Benjamin Cassese

10:30am Margaret & Daniel Maximchuk

12:00pm Vincent Madonna, Antonio Tavella,

Anne Marie McToernen, Sadie McLean,

Nancy McDonald, Mario Rinaldi

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/

#### Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday

Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday

Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

#### Sunday

Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

### Please Pray for Our Sick

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Dawn, Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,  
Baby Cooper Graham, Kevin O'Sullivan  
Michael McPike, Christine I., John Lynch  
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,  
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Mary Lou Hart, Marie Gay Oddo, Michael Sarro,  
Barbara, Nick S., Joseph Petrarro, Nicole Brack,  
Rosalie Monaco, Maureen Condiss,  
Maureen McCarthy, Jane Gelson

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



### Rest in Peace

Jane Gelson

Charlotte Raimondi



### The Sanctuary Light

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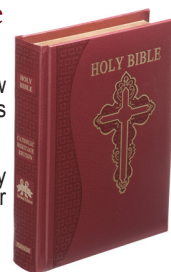


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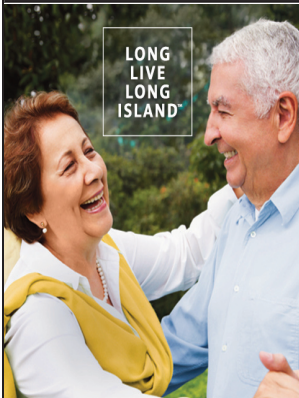
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