

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, September 20, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



“Are you
envious
because I am
generous?
Thus, the last
will be first,
and the first
will be last.”
—Matthew 20:16

September 20, 2026

25th 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 10 am-5pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

Web Site: www.SaintRaymonds.org

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Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197

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Parish Social Ministry Fax.....593-6278

Religious Education Office593-9075

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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

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

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Jodi Neckles

Jim Marasco

Christine I.

Rosemarie Lombardo

Nick S.

Rosemarie Salabini

Connie Montesino

Brian McGreevy

Mary Caffrey

Kinley S.

Logan Kaplan

Rose Heslar

Julianne Grennen

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Lauren Greco

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Piper Clements-

Coogan

Sabina Chiaccio

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Judy Kelly

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



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



Cpl. Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS

Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY

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



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The bottom-line message from today's readings, especially the gospel, is that no matter what has happened or what we've done, all is not lost. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, Israel is told to constantly seek the Lord no matter how far they have strayed, because he is always kind and generous. **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."** Then in the second reading, Paul tells the Philippians that Jesus Christ will be magnified in his body either by life or death. While we strive for life with Jesus, we should live in the world bearing good fruit. **"Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."** And finally, Matthew's gospel teaches us that even if we squander our lives for a time, we can always come home to the embrace of a loving and forgiving God who only wants us to eternally share in his heavenly banquet. While we may wonder why God is so generous even when someone doesn't seem to deserve it, it is the radical generosity of God's mercy that befuddles us. At the end of the parable Jesus concludes with a question he asks of each of us: **"Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."**

I always like to place myself in the parables Jesus uses. I wonder what I would do in that situation. What would I say? How would I feel? In today's parable I first imagine myself as one of the laborers who worked all day and who got the same pay as those who worked much less. I wouldn't think this was fair. But I'm usually not thinking the correct way, especially in this case. When it comes to God, have I given all my day to God? Because I am a sinner, probably not. Maybe some days I only give a little of my time, effort and heart. So, what do I deserve? Thankfully, God doesn't just give what I deserve. He gives me more, much more, infinitely more. Suppose I am the landowner, which we all get to be every day. Do I simply give others what they probably deserve, or do I give them something else, something more, something I would surely want for myself? For instance, do you ever just give money as a gift instead of a loan to someone. **"Don't worry about paying it back. Consider it a gift."**

Or, when someone has hurt you, do you harbor ill feelings until the person says exactly the right thing to make amends? Or do you think: **"Gee, I mess up all the time, and I'm not so great at admitting fault or asking for forgiveness. I guess I shouldn't expect someone else to be perfect either."** Forgiving someone else is always the right thing to do no matter what. There are all sorts of things that challenge us as to what kind of landowner we can be. Being generous or not, gossiping about other's faults, acting self-righteous about another's behavior. Sometimes realizing that we're part of the problem.

A better world should start with me. What kind of landowner does God want me to be? I'm sure it includes forgiving the big stuff as well as the little and trying to see things from the other person's perspective. Not trying to get even, putting someone down or just focusing on myself. I should treat everyone the same, with the same kindness, compassion, mercy and love. Whether or not it is fair has nothing to do with it. God teaches through a parable like today's that it is the right thing to do. And that should be enough.

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-note the **Kick-Off Mass** on Sunday, September 27th at 12noon), the special **Holy Hour** on Monday evening, September 21st from 7-8pm in the church, the **Friends of the Poor Walk**, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society next Saturday, September 26th, the **Parish Blood Drive** on Sunday, September 27th, the **Come and See Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand), and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share, practice the Golden Rule and remember: Faith is not knowing if God can. It is knowing that he will.**

God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026—25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.
The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Acts 16:14b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

HOLY HOUR

MONDAY,
September 21

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

THE FOCUS THIS MONTH
WILL BE ON

The 7 Sacraments

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



CONFIRMATION



BAPTISM



EUCCHARIST



RECONCILIATION
(PENANCE)



MATRIMONY



HOLY ORDERS



ANointing
OF THE SICK

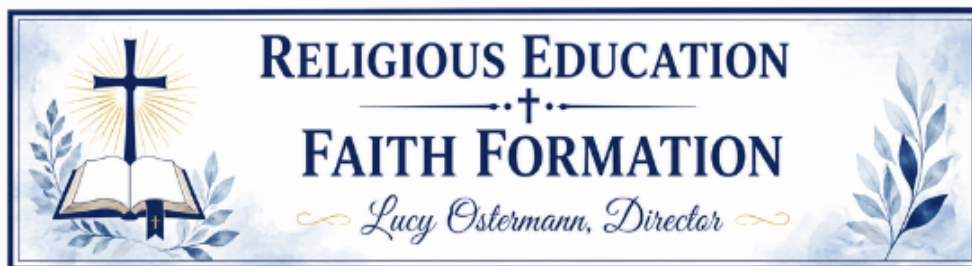


EXPOSITION

REFLECTION

MUSIC

BENEDICTION



Religious Education classes begin the week of 9/28/2026. Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm grades 3-6, Mondays 7pm-8pm grades 7 & 8, Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm grades 2-6, Tuesdays 5pm-6pm grades 7 & 8, Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm grades 3-6. The last week of classes is 4/19/2027.
All class assignments have been mailed home the week of 9/7/2026.

ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

There will be a 1st grade Parent meeting Tuesday 9/22/2026 at 7:30pm in the auditorium. Please every effort to attend – details regarding the 1st grade program will be reviewed and parents will be able to pick up their child's workbook along with materials. If you cannot, please contact the Religious Education office.

KICK-OFF CELEBRATION MASS

We invite all Religious Education students, catechists and their families to join us for a special opening Mass as we begin another wonderful year of faith formation. Join us on Sunday, September 27th, 2026, at the 12Noon Mass. Let us come together in prayer as we ask for God's blessing and guidance as we begin a new year.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

The Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 9th grade students on Thursday, October 29th, 2026. There will be two ceremonies - one at 11am and one at 2:30pm. The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

Group 1 - 11am Ceremony – Mr. John Giannotti, Mrs. Kim Elliott, Mr. Michael LoCascio

Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony – Mrs. Dominique Monaco, Mrs. Doreen Dolan, Ms. Jackie Stender, Kellenberg, Home

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR:

- 9th Grade Sponsor/Confirmation Candidate - Saturday, September 26th, 2026, at 5pm Mass. If the Sponsor is not available on this date, a parent is asked to attend with the child.
- 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat - Sunday, September 27th, 2026 - St. Raymond School auditorium. Confirmation Retreats are a Diocesan requirement for all Confirmation students. If your child does not attend this retreat, he/she will need to attend a retreat BEFORE 10/29/2026 at another parish. Group 1 will attend the 9:30am-12Noon session and Group 2 will attend the 1pm-3:30pm session.
- Confirmation Rehearsal and Gown Distribution - Child and Sponsor are to attend their designated rehearsal. If the Sponsor is not able to attend the rehearsal, then we ask that a parent attend in his/her place.

Group 1 Rehearsal – Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

Group 2 Rehearsal – Wednesday, October 21st, 2026, 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

ST. RAYMOND
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

MASS *Kick Off*

THE 2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR

As we begin the
2026-2027 Religious Education year,
we invite our students, families,
catechists, and volunteers to gather
as one faith community.

Together, we will ask God's blessing
upon all who will learn, teach, and
grow in faith throughout the
coming year.



DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



TIME: 12:00 NOON



LOCATION: ST. RAYMOND CHURCH



**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

Students, Families,
Catechists &
Volunteers



THERE WILL BE AN
Ice Cream Truck

AFTER MASS FOR THE
CHILDREN OF THE PARISH!

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT
near Social Ministry Office.



A NEW YEAR OF FAITH.
A Journey Together in Christ.



25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 20:1-16a), Jesus reveals the generous



heart of the Father through the landowner who gives the same full wage to those called at different hours: *"Are you envious because I am generous?"* God's grace is never something we earn or measure against another; it is a gift that invites gratitude, humility, and joy whenever mercy reaches one of His children.

Monday is the **Feast of Saint Matthew**, Apostle and Evangelist, a former tax collector called by Jesus whose Gospel witnesses to Christ. *"He said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him."*

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest and Capuchin friar, remembered for his deep prayer, devotion to the Eucharist, ministry of reconciliation, and patient sharing in Christ's suffering. *"Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart."* Excerpt from Prayer of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion.

Each Saturday, when there is not a feast or memorial, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose steadfast faith continually points us toward her Son. Saturday is also the Optional Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, physicians and martyr. They are honored for serving the sick and remaining faithful to Christ.

On Monday, the First Reading for the Feast of Saint Matthew (Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13) calls us to live worthily of our vocation and use Christ's gifts to build up His Body. The First Readings for Tuesday and Wednesday are taken from Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 and 30:5-9. These passages guide us to live with justice, truth, simplicity, and care for the poor. For

Thursday thru Saturday, the First Readings are taken from Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; 3:1-11; and 11:9-12:8 and we are reminded that earthly life is passing and finds its lasting meaning in God.

Through the weekday Gospels, Jesus calls us from mercy received to a life of listening, mission, honest seeking, faithful confession, and trust in the mystery of His Cross.

Monday (Matthew 9:9-13): Jesus calls Matthew from the customs post and eats with sinners, declaring, *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."* His mercy reaches us where we are and then calls us to rise and follow. Tuesday (Luke 8:19-21): When told that His family is waiting, Jesus teaches, *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."* Nearness to Christ grows through attentive listening that becomes faithful action.

Wednesday (Luke 9:1-6): Jesus sends the Twelve to proclaim the Kingdom and heal, telling them, *"Take nothing for the journey."* Their simplicity teaches us to rely more deeply on God than on our own resources. Thursday (Luke 9:7-9): Herod hears about Jesus and asks, *"Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"* His restless curiosity invites us to move beyond merely hearing about Christ toward truly seeking and knowing Him.

Friday (Luke 9:18-22): Peter confesses Jesus as *"The Christ of God,"* and Jesus immediately reveals that the Son of Man must suffer, die, and rise. True faith receives Christ not on our terms, but in the saving mystery of His Cross and Resurrection. Saturday (Luke 9:43b-45): Jesus tells the disciples, *"Pay attention to what I am telling you,"* as He again speaks of His coming Passion. When God's ways are difficult to understand, discipleship asks us to remain close, listen, and trust.

In the Gospel for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 21:28-32), Jesus gently challenges us to make our faith concrete through obedience: *"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today."*



PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE SAVE LIVES

GIVE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.



*Be the Reason
Someone Lives* ♥

IN GIVING
WE REMEMBER

9/11
25 YEARS

Let us never forget.



St. Raymond's
Sunday, September 27, 2026
8:00PM to 2:00PM
263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway 11518



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to schedule an
appointment

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WELCOME!**



FEEL GOOD AND SYMPTOM FREE



MEET MINIMUM WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS



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16 WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION AND
76+ WITH WRITTEN PHYSICIAN CONSENT.



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MINISTRY *Spotlight*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. RAYMOND COUNCIL

In Service to One. In Service to All.



WHO ARE WE?

We have had a council at St. Raymond's for over 40 years. We have had active members for most of those 40 years and we're always looking to replenish our ranks.



UNITED IN FAITH

We're grateful having our Deacons and Priests as members, and thanks to Fr. Chuck, we are able to hold our Monthly Corporate Mass, where we unite as brothers to attend mass together with our families.

WE ARE:

- ✦ Ushers
- ✦ Lectors
- ✦ Eucharistic Ministers
- ✦ Leaders of Song
- ✦ Choir and Folk Group Members
- ✦ Members of the Parish Council
- ✦ CYO Coaches and Scout Leaders



A BROTHERHOOD FOR EVERY AGE

The Knights of Columbus and especially our Council are not just of your father or grandfather. It is not only our ethnic diversity but our age diversity that helps us all understand ourselves better, bound by our common Catholic faith. As long as you are over 18 and a Catholic Gentleman you too can become a Knight.

We can continue to grow as a vibrant organization with the eagerness of the young and the experience of the "young at heart."



WE SUPPORT

- The Parish's Food Pantry
- "Coats for Kids" annually
- Charitable work for the community and many worthy causes
- Providing not only money but, manpower to the parish and those in need.



MEET. GROW. SERVE.

We meet twice a month, once for the business of the Council, and the second as a social night at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club.

If interested, please visit the Knights of Columbus website at kofc.org to gather more information and register to begin the process of joining us!



Father Chuck has said frequently,

**"Time, Talent
and Treasure"**

perhaps this reaches you today to consider giving your Time, Talents and Treasure and join the Knights of Columbus!



**BECOME A KNIGHT.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. JOIN US TODAY!**



St. Raymond's Human Life Committee

MONTH 3 – DEVELOPING BABY

"I can suck my thumb!"

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Your baby is quite active in the womb now - - although her mother won't feel her for another couple of months. If her mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move her tongue. She can make a tight fist if you touch her palm. She is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although she obtains the oxygen her body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce.

"To all the members of the Church, the people of life and for life. I make this most urgent appeal, that together we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of life will be affirmed, for the building of truth and love."

(Pope Saint John Paul II - Evangelium Vitae, 6)





St. Raymond's *Bereavement Ministry*

We are offering a Program for
those grieving the death of a loved one.

Six Sessions beginning
Thursday
October 1, 2026
at 7:30 PM

in St. Raymond's
School Cafeteria

Register: *Call the Rectory*
at 516-593-5000
or fill out the form below
and send to the Rectory

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Relationship to the Deceased _____

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 THROUGH
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM**
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a
ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

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, please contact the Parish Social
Ministry and we can help you with food.

Donations of food can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable
food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

**Pantry items needed this week: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce,
Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Canned Yams, Mixed Vegetables and Carrots, Grape Jelly, Soup,
Cold Cereal, Snacks, Mayonnaise, Laundry and Dish Detergent.**

Thank you to our neighbors who have been bringing home grown vegetables to the food
pantry during its operating hours. The tomatoes, string beans, zucchini squash, to name some, are really
a treat and truly appreciated by our clients. If you have a garden and find you have a surplus of
produce and would like to donate these home grown vegetables, please bring them to the food pantry
during the days and hours we are open. As always, thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank you all for your continued support. You are always in our prayers.

FORMED

This week on **FORMED...**



Littlest Saints features the lives of the saints as told by kids. In each episode, a young child dons a habit, a cassock, a uniform, anything and everything, and acts out a different heavenly hero's story, full of drama, comedy, and everything in between.



**GO TO THE ST. RAYMOND WEBSITE FOLLOW THE
FORMED
LINK TO REGISTER... IT'S FREE!**



**Ocean Financial
Federal Credit Union
Supports
St. Raymond!**

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of \$20,986! The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave.in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100

visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.

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If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525

For details: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org





TOGETHER,
WE WALK.
TOGETHER,
WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every Step. Every Neighbor. Every Day. ♥

Stronger Communities Start with Compassion ♥

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FOOD

CLOTHING

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

HOPE

By joining the Friends of the Poor Walk, you help support neighbors in our own communities with food, clothing, housing assistance, and hope.

100% of the donations received are used in the St. Raymond Parish to help our neighbors in need. We have no overhead and all members are volunteers.

For more information call Anthony - President of the St. Raymond Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul at
516-220-2521



Friends OF THE POOR® WALK

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LOCAL FAMILIES FACING HARDSHIP.

Join Us!

Saturday
September 26, 2026
Heckscher State Park
East Islip
CHECK IN: 9 AM
WALK START: 10 AM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ♥

OUR MEMBERS WILL BE AT THE DOORS
SOLICITING YOUR DONATIONS
AFTER ALL MASSES ON
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 & 13.

WALK TOGETHER. HELP TOGETHER. CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER. ♥



"And a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

Luke 2:25

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8th)
Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15):
The Most Holy Name of Mary (September 12)

Pastoral Council Members

Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley,
Julianne Grennen, Kimberly Moran,
Mary Murphy, Dave Ohlsen,
Linda Ohlsen, Secretary,
Stephen Rochford, Chairperson,
Fr. Chuck Romano,
Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson



Living a

STEWARDSHIP life

Take time this week to pray for the conversion of a friend or family member who may be away from the Church.



The Rose For Life

In Loving Memory of
Filippo Barone
Love, Wife, Paula,
Children and Grandchildren

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MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 21st

St. Matthew

7:15am Kathleen Ryder

8:45am Joan Keogh

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:15am Brian Flood

8:45am Mae Carnevale

Wednesday, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:15am Thomas Harney

8:45am Filippo Barone

Thursday, September 24th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Nunzio J. Cardone

Friday, September 25th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Lisa Shevlin (L)

Saturday, September 26th

8:45am Dennis Keane

Thomas Cea

5:00pm Kathleen Venis

Sunday, September 27th

7:30am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

9:00am John Keanna, Jr.

10:30am Joseph A. Vito

12:00pm Gilbert Helmstadt

Peter Tauckus

John Colasanti

John Slattery

Patricia Nelson

Sophia Lynn Donath

Jean Baden

Patrick Michael McManus

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

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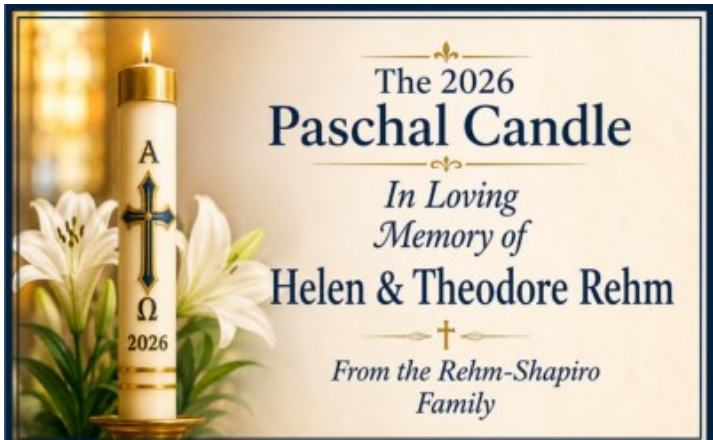


James Michael

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Vincenzo Stabile

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Ephesians 4:1-7/Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13/Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday

Proverbs 30:5-9/Luke 9:1-6

Thursday

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11/Luke 9:7-9

Friday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11/Luke 9:18-22

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8/Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday

Ezekiel 18:25-28/Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

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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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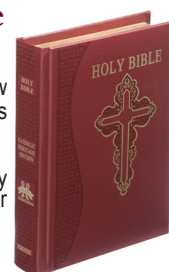
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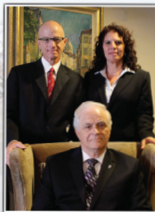
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