

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 12, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

*“But blessed are your eyes, because
they see, and your ears, because
they hear.” ~Matthew 13:18*



July 12, 2026
15th 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

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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

Linda Dagostino

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Rosemarie Salabini

Connie Montesino

Brian McGreevy

Mary Caffrey

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Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Lauren Greco

Eileen Roberts

Caroline Saporito

Michael Conconan

Nicolas Sarnelli

Denise Genise

Piper Clements-

Coogan

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



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



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings remind us that God is not only the Sower; he is also the one who tills the soil. Our spiritual fruitfulness is not the result of our own labors, but rather, our responsiveness to God's work in our hearts. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, which is one sentence, God is saying that just as the water that comes down from heaven to water and make fruitful the earth: **"....my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul affirms that all creation labors until the day of fulfillment. **"We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but 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, in Matthew's gospel we hear the Parable of the Sower. Jesus wants the apostles to hear and understand what he is saying. They have been privileged to hear and witness much, and Jesus expects their response to be strong. **"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."**

Jesus' use of the imagery in this parable was pretty familiar to the people. They would know farming and the challenges that went along with it. It's a rich story with a lot to think about. What does it mean to be good seed, or good soil, or good Sowers, or even all three? I think bearing good fruit takes all three. Good seed alone is not enough. Good soil alone is not enough. Good scattering alone is not enough. It is the good interplay, the coming together of the right elements that brings about a good harvest. It may seem on the surface that God can get everything he wants whenever he wants it. Basically, he controls everything and can prevent any bad thing from happening at will. Sounds good? But is it really because one of the things that makes us most human is our ability to make choices. We can choose between right and wrong which lets us share a little in God's divine life. We have the ability to make our way through the world, wrestling with all life's complexities without being forced by God. He wants us to be his children, not his puppets.

Even Mary said **"yes"** and cooperated with what God wanted. It seems to me that there are some things that God wants, wills, that won't become realities unless someone gives a **"yes."** And what it means for each of us is: Maybe there is someone who will remain alone unless you reach out to them or go hungry unless you feed them or will remain burdened with guilt unless you forgive them or remain broken unless you try to heal them. Simply put, what will not happen unless you are the one to help bring it about. God and you! This is God's recipe for a garden to bear good fruit. We are all invited to cooperate with the way God works in each one of us.

The weather was great for our July 1st Parish Picnic! All who came enjoyed the cool evening, all the food, beverages, snacks and entertainment. Special thanks to Deacon Tom and the Faith and Friendship Committee for coordinating this event and the Knights of Columbus for providing the food and entertainment.

As of July 7th, we have a total of **477 Prayer Hours and 480 Service Hours** committed to by parishioners for our collective goals of 250 Hours of Love in Action for the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Fill out the form on the St. Raymond Parish 250 Hours of Love in Action page so we can add more hours each week.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass. It contains many items of information and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the next **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Monday evening, July 13th, the **250 Hours of Love in Action** flyer, the **2026 Backwards Money Drawing** order form, 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, let God sow and you yield. And remember: Think God can do better? Give him the chance.**

God bless always.

-Father Chuck

A graphic with the words "Ordinary Time" in a stylized, cursive font. The text is white and set against a background of green and yellow wavy lines, resembling a field or a sunset.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 12, 2026— 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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 12, 2026—15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 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

Psalm 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 water-courses 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

Romans 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.

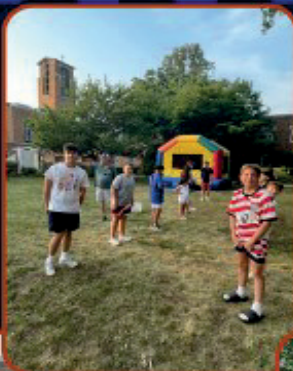
GOSPEL

Matthew 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."



★ *Come for the Food,* ★
★ *Stay for the Fellowship!* ★



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Thank You!

To all who helped make this day so special.

We are blessed with

a wonderful parish family!



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

250 HOURS OF LOVE IN ACTION

As each one
has received a gift,
use it to serve one
another as good
stewards of God's
varied grace.

— 1 PETER 4:10

As a parish family, let us come together
in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.



250 HOURS OF ADORATION

Be with Him.

Spend time in the real
presence of Jesus in
the Eucharist. Attend a
monthly special Holy Hour
or our regular weekly
adoration.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



250 HOURS OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Be His hands.

Serve those in need through
acts of charity such as donating
food, tutoring children,
sponsoring a family, visiting
the homebound, and more.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



TOGETHER BETWEEN JULY 4TH AND LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the **250th Anniversary** of the United States of America,
let us thank God for our freedom by giving Him our time in prayer and service.

250
1776-2026

— Pray. Serve. Transform. —



MY PROMISE TO ST. RAYMOND PARISH

I will help our parish reach our goal of 250 hours of Adoration
and 250 hours of Corporal Works of Mercy.

Name (Please Print): _____

I commit to: ☐ ADORATION ☐ CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

I will contribute approximately: _____ hour(s) (per month / per week / one-time)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TOGETHER IN
FAITH AND LOVE



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

I just received word from the Cathedral Corporation, who publishes and mails our church contribution envelopes that there will not be any envelopes for the month of July sent to our parishioners.

Unfortunately, a major piece of their machinery broke down, and it has taken longer to get it fixed than anticipated. That is why they can't get July envelopes to their customers. They promise that the envelopes for August will be sent and then we will be back on our regular bi-monthly schedule of September/October and November/December.

Fortunately, there are no extra envelopes for the month of July.

I would suggest you do one of the following.

- Use a check for your contribution and **write your envelope number on the remark line**. You can put it in a regular envelope if you wish but it is not necessary. These checks will be recorded.
- If you prefer to contribute with cash, you need to place the cash in an envelope with **at least your name and address** on it in order for your contribution to be recorded.

The important thing is:

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE!

Once we get through July, we should be back on track for the month of August. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks for your patience and cooperation. **Father Chuck**

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)

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

During the month of June, the Parish Social Ministry helped 96 households with food, personal care and household items and provided some clients with other services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul. The Parish Social Ministry provides food assistance to 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 only source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry office and we can assist you with food.

Pantry items needed this week: Canned Tomatoes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pinto and White Beans, Canned Carrots, Beets and Peas, Canned Fruit, Juice, Soup, Ramen Noodles, Snacks, Jello and Pudding, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Coffee and Tea.

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.

Thanks to all of you for always helping us serve the people in need in our community. You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!



FIFTEENTH 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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 13:1-23), Jesus teaches the parable of the sower, reminding us that God's word is generously planted in every heart, yet bears fruit most fully in those who receive it with openness, depth, and perseverance. His words, *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it,"* invite us to become receptive soil where grace can take root and grow.

Monday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Henry, a (married lay ruler) who is remembered for using his authority in service of the Church, justice, and Christian renewal. Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, a Native American laywoman, whose quiet holiness, purity, prayer, and fidelity to Christ made her a radiant witness of faith.

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose wisdom joined learning with humility and a deep love for Christ. Thursday is the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title associated with Mount Carmel in the Holy Land and the Carmelite Order. Her maternal care and the Brown Scapular tradition remind the us to live in prayer, trust in God's providence, and faithful discipleship under Mary's loving protection.

Saturday is the Optional Memorials of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Camillus de Lellis. Unless there is another Solemnity, each Saturday throughout the year the Church also honors Mary's faithful heart, remembering how she remained steadfast in hope on Holy Saturday while awaiting the fulfillment of Christ's promise of resurrection. Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest, is remembered for his compassionate care of the sick and his founding of the Camillians or the Order of St. Camillus, a religious community dedicated to serving Christ in the suffering.

The First Readings this week are taken from Isaiah 55:10-11, Romans 8:18-23, Isaiah 1:10-17, Isaiah 7:1-9, Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16, Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19,

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8, and Micah 2:1-5. These readings move from the fruitful power of God's word and the hope of creation's redemption to the prophetic call for justice, firm faith, humility before God's authority, longing for peace, trust in healing mercy, and concern for the poor and oppressed. Together they remind us that God's word is never empty; it calls His people to conversion, strengthens them in weakness, and bears fruit in justice, mercy, and faithful trust.

This week, the daily Gospel passages draw us deeper into the demands, consolations, and merciful heart of discipleship with Christ.

In Monday's Gospel (Matthew 10:34-11:1), Jesus teaches that authentic discipleship requires loving Him above every earthly attachment and courageously taking up the cross, declaring, *"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."* In Tuesday's Gospel (Matthew 11:20-24), Jesus reproaches the towns that witnessed His mighty deeds yet refused to repent, warning, *"It will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."*

In Wednesday's Gospel (Matthew 11:25-27), Jesus rejoices that the Father reveals the mysteries of His Kingdom to the humble, proclaiming, *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."* In Thursday's Gospel (Matthew 11:28-30), He extends His tender invitation to all who struggle, promising, *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

In Friday's Gospel (Matthew 12:1-8), Jesus teaches that mercy fulfills the deepest purpose of the Law, declaring, *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."* In Saturday's Gospel (Matthew 12:14-21), even in the face of growing opposition, Jesus quietly fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah, assuring us, *"A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench."*

In the Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 13:24-43), Jesus teaches through the parables of the weeds, mustard seed, and yeast: *"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father."*



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."

Matthew 13:23



St. Raymond Church

Each Day, the Church is open
for personal prayer until 5:00pm

Each Thursday - Eucharistic

Exposition from 1-4:00pm

Each First Friday

Nocturnal Adoration 7:30pm-8:30pm

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

Throughout this week, Jesus gently forms the hearts of His disciples through lessons of courage, repentance, humility, trust, mercy, and faithful perseverance. As we welcome His Word into our daily lives, He teaches us that lasting peace is found not in relying upon our own strength, but in faithfully walking beside Him each day.

SUNDAY – RICH SOIL FOR GOD'S WORD

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." (Matthew 13:23). As I listen to today's Gospel, I realize that Christ continually sows His Word into my heart through prayer, Scripture, family life, and the ordinary events of each day. When I welcome Him with patience and perseverance, He quietly produces fruits of faith, hope, charity, and peace that bless both my own life and those around me.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, prepare my heart to receive Your Word with joy and help me bear lasting fruit.

MONDAY – CHOOSING C

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 10:39). When competing priorities pull me in different directions, Jesus reminds me that lasting joy is found by placing Him first above every earthly attachment.

My Prayer: Lord, help me choose You above every distraction and faithfully serve You.

TUESDAY – GRATEFUL CONVERSION

"If the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained to this day." (Matthew 11:23). Reflecting, I realize how generously God has blessed me through countless opportunities to know Him, love Him, and follow Him more closely.

Rather than taking those blessings for granted, Christ invites me to respond each day with a grateful heart.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, give me a humble and grateful heart that responds generously to Your grace each day.

WEDNESDAY – CHILDLIKE FAITH

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE

"You have revealed them to the childlike." (Matthew 11:25). As I reflect upon today's Gospel, I am reminded that true wisdom begins with humility before God rather than confidence in myself. Saint Bonaventure teaches me that genuine learning always leads to deeper love, greater simplicity, and joyful trust in the Lord.

My Prayer: Heavenly Father, grant me the humility to seek Your wisdom above all else and the courage to follow wherever it leads.

THURSDAY – FINDING REST IN JESUS

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28). Whenever the responsibilities of life leave me weary or discouraged, Christ invites me to place my burdens into His loving hands rather than carrying them alone.

My Prayer: Blessed Mother, lead me ever closer to your Son, and help me discover His peace.

FRIDAY – MERCY ABOVE RITUAL

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice." (Matthew 12:7). Today's Gospel reminds me that genuine holiness is measured not merely by outward observance but by the compassion I extend toward others. Christ continually invites me to see each person through His eyes and to let mercy guide my words, decisions, and actions.

My Prayer: Jesus, make my heart more merciful so that others may encounter Your kindness through me.

SATURDAY – GENTLE STRENGTH

"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench." (Matthew 12:20). Christ's quiet strength encourages me to treat others with patience, tenderness, and hope, especially those who carry hidden burdens.

My Prayer: Lord, help me reflect Your gentle compassion and be faithful in the small acts of love.

"Backwards Money Drawing!"

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish

This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2026

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 30, 2026

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Number of Tickets: _____

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THREE DAY HOME VOTIVE CANDLE
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OF MARY**

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OF JESUS**



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ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SISTERS OF LIFE

The Sisters of Life are a contemplative and active community of Catholic religious sisters founded by John Cardinal O'Connor, the former Archbishop of New York. After years of defending the dignity of human life, Cardinal O'Connor came to believe that society's growing disregard for the unborn required not only advocacy, but also a profound spiritual response rooted in prayer, sacrifice, and compassionate service. On June 1, 1991, eight women gathered in New York to begin what has become the Sisters of Life. Today, their joyful witness continues to proclaim that every human life is a precious gift from God. The Sisters serve women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies by offering free, confidential emotional, spiritual, and practical support. They also provide retreats for those seeking healing after abortion, accompany families through difficult life circumstances, lead spiritual retreats, evangelize young adults, and joyfully remind everyone they encounter of their God-given dignity and worth. Need help? The Sisters provide free and confidential pregnancy assistance at

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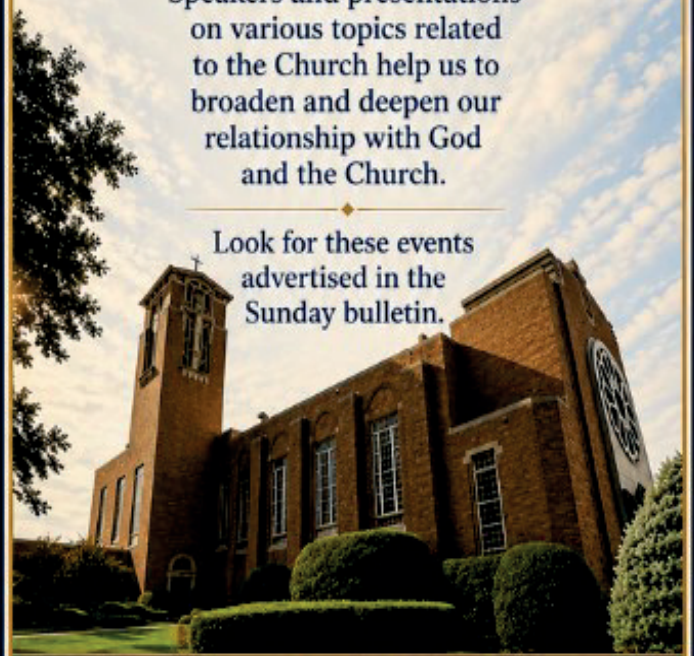
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

ADULT LECTURE SERIES

This committee formulates programs of education and spiritual enrichment opportunities for our parishioners.

Speakers and presentations on various topics related to the Church help us to broaden and deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

Look for these events advertised in the Sunday bulletin.



*“you are the **Light** of the World
A city built on a hill-top
cannot be hidden.”*

—MATTHEW 5:14—



Altar Bread & Wine

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Helene Patrice Piersiak
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**Remember that
your hospitality
and kindness
could help
someone grow
closer to Christ.**



"I am the Lady of the Rosary...
Pray the Rosary every day."

Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & THE ROSARY

Please Join Us in Praying For:
The United States of America & World Peace

109th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FATIMA APPARITIONS

Date: Monday, July 13, 2026

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: St. Raymond Church
263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518

The Message of Fatima

The message of Fatima consists of a number of precise predictions, requests, warnings and promises concerning the faith and the world, which were conveyed by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in a series of apparitions at Fatima, Portugal from May through October 1917.

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OF
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI DECLARED BY POPE LEO XIV:
An Instrument of Peace
St. Francis in Italian Pre/Renaissance Art**



**St. Francis Preaching to the Birds, Giotto,
1297-1299, fresco
Basilica of Saint Francis, Assisi, Italy**

About the artist: Giotto di Bondone, (c.1267-1337), known simply as Giotto, was an Italian painter and architect from Florence during the Late Middle Ages. He is generally regarded as the “founder of modern European painting.” Giotto's masterwork is the decoration of the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, which was completed around 1305. The fresco cycle depicts the Life of the Virgin and the Life of Christ. It is regarded as one of the supreme masterpieces of the Early Renaissance.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION**

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**OUR 2026/ 2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF 2 MORE CATECHIST FOR THE
FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:**

5TH GRADE - 1 CATECHISTS NEEDED – WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM- 4:30PM

7TH GRADE - 1 CATECHISTS NEEDED - MONDAYS 7:00PM-8:00PM

The Religious Education school year goes from September 28th, 2026 - April 21st, 2027. Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months.

Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists.

The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers.

Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come. Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision.

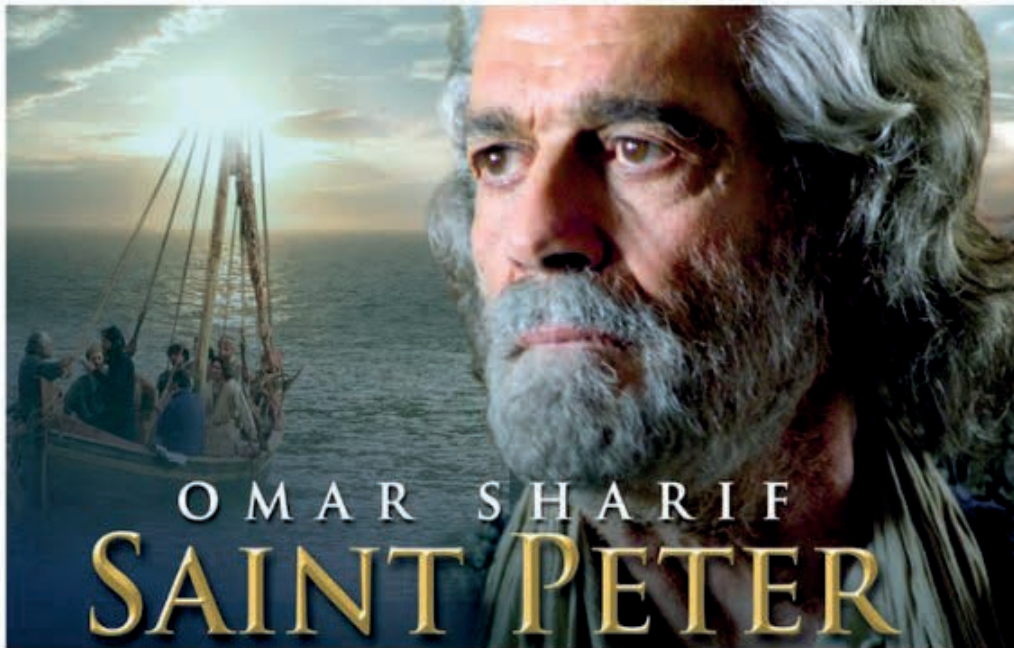
Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. The forms can also be dropped off at the Rectory – simply put your paperwork in an envelope along with payment and drop it in the mail slot. The mail slot goes into a locked box so payment will be secure.

The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2026/ 2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026.

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This week on **FORMED...**



Saint Peter tells the epic story about the key event in European and world history: the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, focusing on the leader of that new religion. St. Peter is played by the renowned Egyptian actor, Omar Sharif (Lawrence of Arabia, Doctor Zhivago). The film illustrates the strong reaction of Romans and Jews from a political and religious standpoint, and it also deals with the immense obstacles Christianity encountered in the early stages of its development.



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WEBSITE FOLLOW THE**

FORMED

LINK TO REGISTER... IT'S FREE!

MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 13th

7:15am Oscar Toba

8:45am Leonard Messineo

Tuesday, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

7:15am Oscar Toba

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Wednesday, July 15th

St. Bonaventure

7:15am Steve Papini

8:45am John McHale, Sr.

Thursday, July 16th

7:15am Mary Simeti

8:45am Sean Ledwith

Friday, July 17th

7:15am Monica Collins

8:45am Stanley & Grace Ligarzewski

Saturday, July 18th

8:45am Michael Sean Sloan

John Caffrey

Rosemary Gross

5:00pm Hawkins & Hoenig Families

Sunday, July 19th

7:30am Clara Hildebrand

9:00am Thomas Matthew O'Shaughnessy

10:30am Kathleen Kilgannon

12:00pm Elaine Corrado

Filomena LaSelva

Margaret Conroy

June Carrano (L)

Phyllis LaSelva

Patrick Michael McManus

John Slattery

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

John Kennelly
Patricia A. Nelson

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Isaiah 1:10-17/Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Isaiah 7:1-9/Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16/Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday

Isaiah 26:7-9, 16-19/Matthew 11:28-30

Friday

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22/Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday

Micah 2:1-5/Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19/Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

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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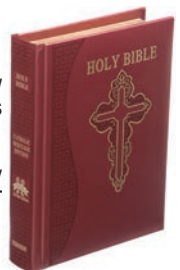
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