

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 1, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



Psalm 25:4-5

October 1, 2023

Twenty Sixth 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.

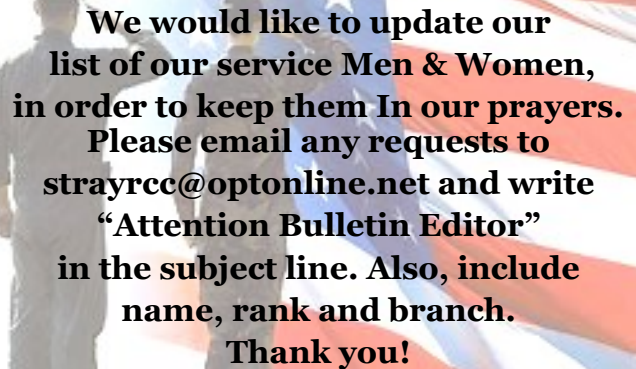
Music Ministries

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 and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

LC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS
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Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY
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Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Good morning on the Twenty-sixth Sunday in ordinary Time! The purpose of this Sunday's readings is to emphasize that we are all on a continuous conversion journey and that God is with us with love every step of the way. In the first reading from Ezekiel, we see that Israel always had the choice to remain faithful to God yet couldn't stay that way. But the opportunity to choose life was always at hand. God's way is not to punish future generations for the sins of their ancestors. **"But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life...."** Then in the second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians, Paul urges the faithful to imitate Jesus who humbled himself for our sakes. Glory is attained through death on the cross. **"Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped."** And finally in Matthew's gospel we have the parable of the two sons which seems to have a simple message. Based on their responses it is easy to conclude who did the father's will. Upon reflection we see the first son as representing those who repented and changed their attitude and behavior, like the tax collectors and prostitutes. The second son who said yes but didn't follow through represented the religious leaders who profess obedience to God but in action really weren't. Authentic obedience, in faith, responds positively to God's ways.

The two sons in today's gospel have a reluctant relationship with their father. Others of less stature and responsibility are getting into heaven over those who reject Jesus' call, even while claiming to be religious. John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus but not all people were open to see a new way of living. One has to be open to conversion, a new way of seeing and living, a new way of loving. Those without hope were waiting for someone to acknowledge their worth, while those who were sure they had it made were not open to a new way of living, loving. They just didn't know how narrow their world was. Jesus challenged his listeners to be on a conversion journey. This requires that you look back and examine what you always believed and assess to see if it still makes sense in light of your new call. Conversion isn't a once in a lifetime event, but rather an ongoing journey. There are multiple stops, insights, and experiences that call us to explore more deeply. Sometimes we get lost and backtrack, looking to become wiser and more open to hearing God in a different way. The important question to ask is: **"To whom do you listen?"**

Do these voices challenge you and fill you with peace, leading you to be more loving? Or are they voices of division and anger? Is the voice you hear that of a loving God? Remember that the kingdom parables overturn conventional ideas about God. They challenge us as to who is the king of our life. Is he the one with power and might or the king wearing a crown of thorns. You decide!

Today is Respect Life Sunday. As such there will be a special second collection taken at all the Masses. The money raised will be split, half going to the diocesan Respect Life Office and the other half going to our parish's Human Life Committee. In addition, we are once again conducting the **Baby Bottle Campaign.** Empty baby bottles will be distributed after each Mass at all the doors. Please take a bottle and return it the weekend of November 4-5th with your donation inside. All money raised will go to **Women's First Pregnancy Center.** Check the Human Life Committee ad for more details.

Next Sunday, October 8th is our next Parish Blood Drive. It will take place from 8am till 2pm in the school cafeteria. There will be a speaker from our Blood Drive Committee after all the Masses this weekend to invite and encourage participation in the drive. Appointments can be made at the Blood Drive tables located in the church vestibule and altar server sacristy. Check the bulletin ad for more information and please consider being a blood donor. It is the very gift of life.

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. Besides the aforementioned is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, the **Blessing of the Animals** on Saturday morning, October 7th, the **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Wednesday, October 11th, 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 first week of October. **Smile, share and pray the Rosary this week. Plus remember: Jesus died with outstretched arms so you could run into them.** Have a great day. God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 1, 2023-26th 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 1, 2023-26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

ALLELUIA

Jn 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

SECOND READING

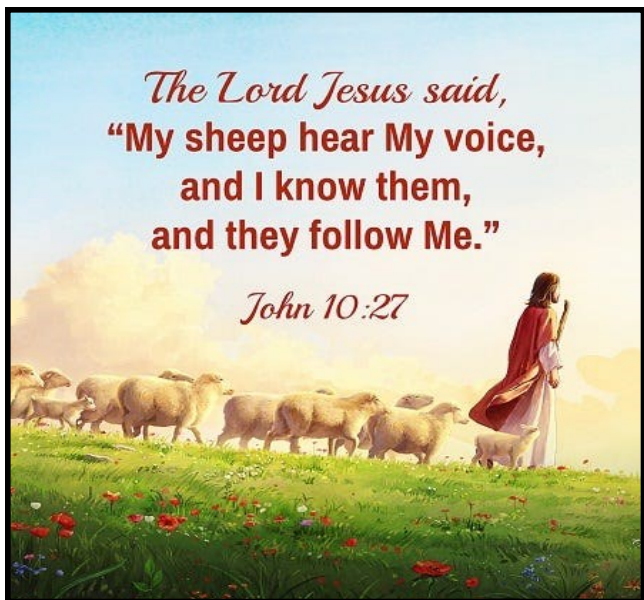
Phil 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters:

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The Lord Jesus said,
"My sheep hear My voice,
and I know them,
and they follow Me."*

John 10:27



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?' They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



The following are the 2023/2024 Religious Education school year start dates:

- Grades 2 Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Grades 3-6 week of October 2nd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Grades 7 & 8 Monday/Tuesday October 2nd & October 3rd, 2023 7pm-8pm
- Grade 1 is an at-home program.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – www.saintraymonds.org. Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment. The Registration fee is now \$225.00.

ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

There will be a 1st grade parent meeting on Thursday, October 5th, 2023 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond auditorium. It is important that a parent attends this meeting because important information will be discussed and distributed. If a parent cannot attend, one suggestion have someone attend on your behalf and collect your materials.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

The following is important information regarding your child's upcoming Confirmation scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, 2023. Please make note of these dates.

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

ATTEND MANDATORY RETREAT @ ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL AUDITORIUM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2023.

GROUP 1 ATTEND 10AM-12:30PM SESSION AND GROUP 2 ATTEND 1:30PM-4PM SESSION

FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL LEAD TO THE STUDENT ATTENDING A CONFIRMATION

RETREAT AT A LOCAL PARISH BEFORE 10/25/2023

SPONSOR AND CANDIDATE REHEARSAL/SEATING ASSIGNMENTS/GOWN DISTRIBUTION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH	GROUP 1 <u>11:00AM CEREMONY</u> -Sponsor & Candidate Rehearsal/Seating Assignment/Gown Distribution	St. Raymond Church 7:30pm
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH	GROUP 2 <u>2:30PM CEREMONY</u> -Sponsor & Candidate Rehearsal/Seating Assignment/Gown Distribution	St. Raymond Church 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH	GROUP 1 - 11:00AM Confirmation Ceremony GROUP 2 - 2:30PM Confirmation Ceremony	Most Reverend Luis M. Romero Most Reverend Luis M. Romero



Good Luck Sisters... We will Miss You!!



The Cueto siblings on their first day as Altar Servers



Charisse Cueto, Cathlyne Cueto, Christian Cueto and Fr Chuck



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FOUNDED IN 1833, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION OF LAY CATHOLICS, FOLLOWING CHRIST'S CALL TO SERVE THE POOR, THE SUFFERING, AND THE DEPRIVED. OUR FOUNDING ACTIVITY, STILL PRACTICED TODAY, IS THE HOME VISIT. THROUGH THESE VISITS, VINCENTIAN MEMBERS ESTABLISH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED, NOT ONLY PROVIDING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS RENT, UTILITIES, FOOD, OR CLOTHING, BUT ALSO OFFERING FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING, AND PRAYER.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

HAS HAD AN ACTIVE CHAPTER (KNOWN AS A "CONFERENCE") OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR DECADES AND INVITES ALL WHO WISH TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

PLEASE CALL ED AT 887-9325

FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.



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.



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



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

EVENTS INCLUDE:

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

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



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



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

Your spiritually adopted baby is quite active. Even though her mother cannot feel her yet, your baby kicks and flips herself around her secure, watery world. Her eyes have closed so that her delicate eyeballs can finish developing. Her cartilage skeleton begins to change over to real bone. Your baby sucks her thumb, hiccups when she swallows the amniotic fluid, and can close her fingers around an object placed in her hand. Your baby's face is very expressive: she will squint, frown and smile! Your baby is now 3 inches long and can hear outside noises. Her favorite sound is her mother's voice!



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)

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done."

- Proverbs 19:17

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. **During the month of August, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 78 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed 2 new clients into the Outreach Program and helped them with food and other services they needed.** 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: Canned Fruit, Tuna Fish, Grape Jelly, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Tea Bags, Jell-O and Pudding.

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 EIGHT



STATION EIGHT

**MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES:
THE EUCHARIST, FOOD FOR THE
MULTITUDES**

“AND TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH HE LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN, AND BLESSED, AND BROKE THE LOAVES, AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES TO SET BEFORE THE PEOPLE; AND HE DIVIDED THE TWO FISH AMONG THEM ALL. AND THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED. AND THOSE WHO ATE THE LOAVES WERE FIVE THOUSAND MEN. “

MARK 6:41-42,44

While Jesus was preaching, a very large crowd gathered and followed Him. They followed not only on account of his preaching, but also because of all the signs and miracles He worked. On one occasion near the Passover, He was teaching people who had come from many cities, when it grew late. Jesus desired to feed the large crowd. There were 5,000 men (not including women and children) who were there, and all they had were five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus, taking the five loaves and two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave them to

the disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. (Mk. 6:41-42).

What is the connection to Jesus?

The multiplication of the loaves foreshadows the words Jesus will speak in the Gospel of John and during the Last Supper, by His giving thanks and blessing the bread. This miracle, Lord, among all Your miracles is so markedly Eucharistic, as we see You say the blessing, break the bread, and distribute it through Your disciples to the multitude. Five loaves among five thousand men. This prefigures Your feeding (through the hands of Your priests) the countless faithful with the Bread of Life, the Most Holy Eucharist. So long as there is Mass, there is the Eucharist, and the multitudes are fed. Not only do You feed us, but You satisfy us. Grant that we may always be satisfied with You alone.

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

Week 8 Thought: How has God multiplied the blessings in my life?

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

Silence Before Mass

When we come to Mass, we recall the graces of our Baptism, genuflect to acknowledge Jesus truly present. If there is a little time before Mass begins, some moments of prayer will help prepare you for the graces of the Mass.

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass (GIRM, no. 45). During this time before Mass, you can recall all the great gifts and graces God has given you since you last came to church. This silence also provides the opportunity to reflect on the generosity of our loving Father and to prepare to thank him in the worship of the Mass. In addition to thankfulness, you might also recognize any needs you have—you might talk to God about any difficulties, stresses, or anxieties you are experiencing and offer them to the Lord, asking for his help and grace.

It can be difficult to enter this time of silence to help prepare for Mass, especially if we have not yet made it a habit. If you are short on time, Charles Belmonte encourages you to pray on the way to Mass. He writes, "Prepare your soul for Communion with acts of love of God. Make acts of contrition and atonement...pray for the priest that he may truly minister to the needs of the parish. Pray for the congregation...pray that you may understand what you yourself will be taught at Mass" (Understanding the Mass, pg. 38). Belmonte goes on to also encourage using a missal or missalette to review the readings and prayers of the Mass ahead of time. Being familiar with these will also help you to be more attentive and unite your personal prayer more fruitfully with the Mass.

Give yourself a goal of arriving at church a bit earlier, and take the challenge of spending a little time in prayer before Mass. In addition to the suggestions above, any of our classic prayers or even composing a prayer of your own is a great way to help prepare your heart for the celebration of the Mass.

Next week: Opening Hymn

"RECEIVE COMMUNION OFTEN, VERY OFTEN...THERE YOU HAVE THE SOLE REMEDY, IF YOU WANT TO BE CURED. JESUS HAS NOT PUT THIS ATTRACTION IN YOUR HEART FOR NOTHING."

Saint Therese of Lisieux

Feast Day: October 1st

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion

Saint Jerome

Priest & Doctor of the Church (+ 420)

Feast: September 30

"If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven."

Saint Jerome was born in Strido, Dalmatia (Croatia) in 347 AD and he became a Christian in 366. After being educated by his father, Jerome was sent to Rome where he eagerly studied Greek, Latin, history, and philosophy and built his own library diligently copying most of the works he read. Inspired by preaching he heard in Antioch; he became a priest in 378.

In the following decades, Jerome translated most of the Old Testament from Hebrew and wrote his Biblical commentaries. A difficult and hot-tempered man, he also made enemies as he vigorously opposed various heresies. However, Jerome's greatest achievement was, the translation of the Bible into Latin, known as the Vulgate, from the original Greek and Hebrew texts. Commenting on his translation of the Bible, Jerome affirmed the need to always return to the original texts if disagreements arose in the future regarding the context and meaning of the scriptures.

For example, in the Gospel of Matthew, a unique word stands out during the Our Father prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread (Greek: epiousios)" (Mt 6:11). The word Epiousios is not found anywhere else in the Bible, except in Luke 11:3, in the same prayer. St. Jerome's translation of the Gospel of Matthew into Latin is more literal and translates this word as "supersubstantial." Supersubstantial means above all substance or superior to all things. Therefore, many Church Fathers, including St. Augustine, Cyril of Jerusalem, Cyprian of Carthage, as well as by the Council of Trent understood the petition for "our supersubstantial bread" to refer to the Eucharist.

As his death approached, Jerome confessed his sins and received the Eucharist with great fervor. After throwing himself on the ground, singing "Now let thy servant depart" (Luke 2:29-32), an ethereal light flooded the room. Witnesses saw several angels; others heard a voice, which promised Jerome the eternal reward prepared for him in Heaven. He then uttered his final words: "Behold, I come to thee, merciful Jesus! Receive me whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood."



Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

**October Meeting: Monday,
October 16, 2023**

Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria

Time: 7:30

**(Hospitality will be available
beginning at 7 pm)**

Speaker: Cristian Murphy

Topic: "Mercy"

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

**"Sodality is a women's organization devoted
to prayer and service to the Blessed Mother.**

**The membership is active in many ways
doing what we call "Mary' Work," helping
those in need in any way we can."**



As Catholics, we are called to put our faith in action. Put yourself at the service of others. Perhaps you have an elderly friend or family member who could use your assistance with something or you know someone who is lonely who could enjoy some company—show your Christian love to all!

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POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



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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

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Amen.



Blessing of the Animals



In Memory of

St. Francis of Assisi

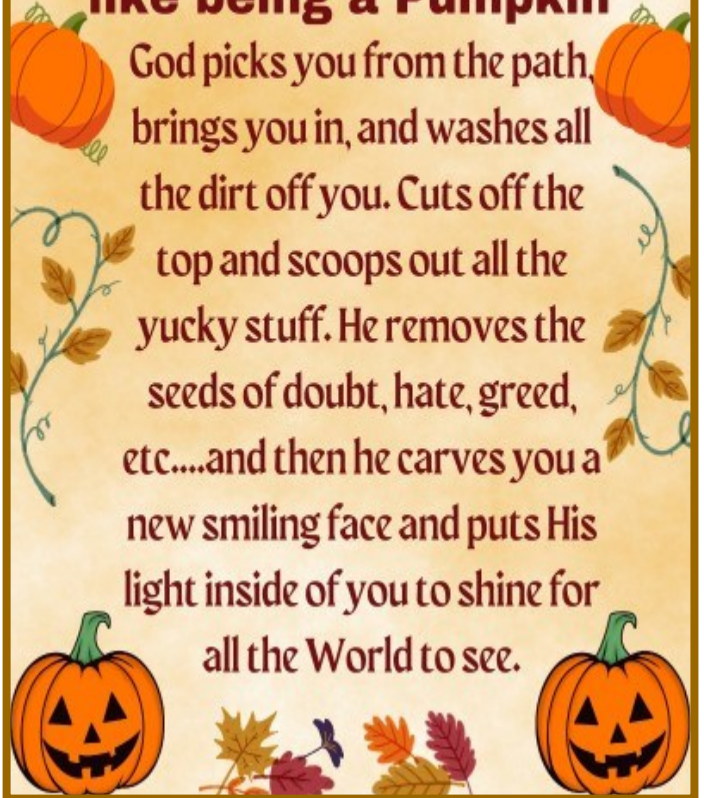
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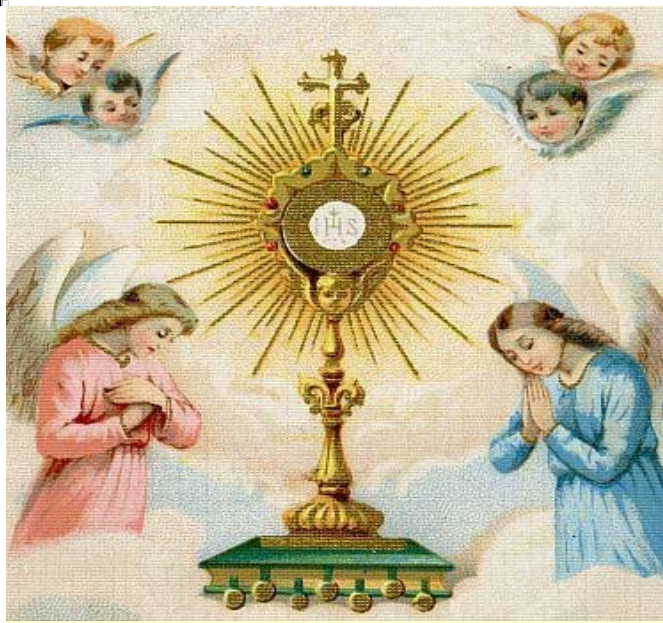
God picks you from the path, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc....and then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the World to see.

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Prayer to The Guardian Angel

"Angel of God,
my Guardian dear,
To whom God's love
commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.
Amen."





Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday October 6th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!



First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

October 7, 2023

8:10am

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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:

“My neighbors and I often say that we are tremendously relieved to have dignified, affordable housing and are very grateful to this ministry of the Church assisting us in our time need.”

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Masses for this week

Monday, October 2nd

Memorial of the Guardian Angels

7:15am Raymond Nethaway

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Tuesday, October 3rd

7:15am St. Raymond's Parish

8:45am Joseph Ferrara

Wednesday, October 4th *St. Francis of Assisi*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Jimmy Barrett

Thursday, October 5th

7:15am Stephen J. Buckley

8:45am Charles Horn

Friday, October 6th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Jane McElroy Gilhooly

Saturday, October 7th *Lady of the Rosary*

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory, Maryann Mulroy

Fr. Leo, Michelangelo Sapienza,

Deb Lilly, Michael O'Shea

5:00pm Elizabeth McCormack

Sunday, October 8th

7:30am Julie & Francis Caranno

9:00am Salvatore Simeti

10:30am Frances Guadagno

12:00pm Antonette McGreevy, Adele Stewart,

James & Kathleen Ryder, Dolores Bisa

Vincent A. Joy, Jr., Edward Roemer

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Zec 8:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday

Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Friday

Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Jodi Neckles, Mike L, 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, Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri, Samir Leo B., Caroline Saporito, Linda D'Agostino Mary Lou Hart, Marie Gay Oddo, Michael Sarro, Barbara, Nick S., Joseph Petraro, Nicole Brack
(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise.)



Rest in Peace

Ann Patrice Rainis



The Bread & Wine

For this week is in loving memory of

Elizabeth McCormack

With Love & Prayers

Joan Cascio

Parish Bulletin Board

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 To be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning
 that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying
 that we are born to eternal life.

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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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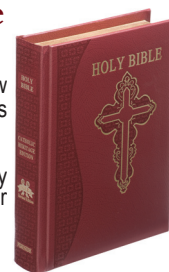


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