

## 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

## Pastoral Team

### Pastor

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

## A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, February 12, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Blessed are they who follow  
the law of the Lord!”

-Psalm 119



February 12, 2023

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  
**Web Site:** www.SaintRaymonds.org  
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Rectory Fax.....887-0554

**Parish Social Ministry**.....887-9197  
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Parish Social Ministry Fax.....593-6278

**Religious Education Office** .....593-9075  
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**E-Mail:** strayfaithformation@aol.com

### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

### Devotions

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

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

### Baptisms

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

### Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

### Marriages

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

### Prayer Groups

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

**Men's Prayer Group:** Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

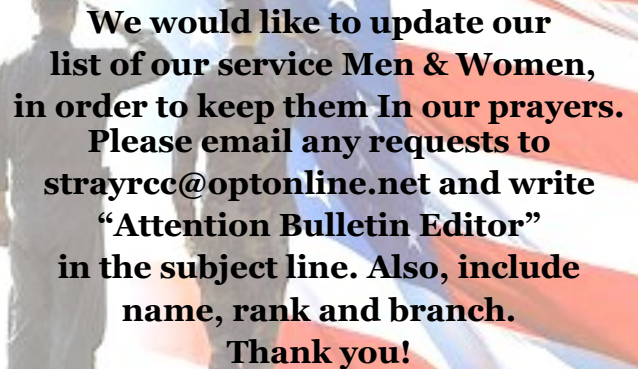
### Music Ministries

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

**Folk Group:** Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



**We would like to update our list of our service Men & Women, in order to keep them In our prayers. Please email any requests to [strayrcc@optonline.net](mailto:strayrcc@optonline.net) and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!**



**CATHOLIC FAITH**  
— NETWORK —

### **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



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

SPC Frank Candreva US ARMY  
PFC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS  
PFC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS  
Lt. Col. Mary P. King, M.D., US ARMY  
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY  
Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY  
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

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Today's scriptures tell us that God calls us to do more than what is acceptable according to the world's standards. We are called to stand out in the world as God's witnesses to the truth. In the first reading from Sirach, we follow the previous verses which spoke of the noble character of human beings. Now Sirach refers to our freedom to choose. Wisdom is the key to making the best choices, and God's graces are offered in abundance to help us along the way. **"Before man are life and death; good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given to him."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul is clear that the rulers of this world see only passing things because they are spiritually immature. God's faithful ones listen to what has been revealed through the Holy Spirit and are spiritually mature. **"But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount through the use of four examples required for good Christian conduct. They are anger, adultery, divorce and oaths. Each one is given a further emphasis by Jesus pushing us to a higher level of Christian living. Anger can be seen as a form of killing. Lust can be a form of adultery. Divorce is absolutely prohibited by Jesus unless the marriage was unlawful to begin with. And the taking of oaths, even as a solemn promise, is opposed by Jesus. If one is a person of integrity and committed to truth you should not need oaths. The quality of one's life should speak for itself. **"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."**

Today's reading invites us all to **"dig a little deeper"** by moving from doing what is **"good enough"** to making a more thoughtful, mature commitment in keeping and actively living God's commands. Just think of how many times we hurry to finish a task or chore and say to ourselves, **"That's good enough."** Well as daughters and sons of God we are all called to a higher standard of attitude, behavior, and action. Dig a little deeper when choosing to keep the commandments. Take some time this week to reflect on one or more of the Ten Commandments, and ways to **"dig a little deeper"** in moving from just keeping them to actively living them. Maybe even do one as a family.

We have all made promises that we didn't keep. Think about how not keeping it may have affected another person. See the connection between **"Let your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No."** Followers of Jesus witness to the truth and keep their promises by telling the truth. Dig a little deeper this week by being promise keepers and truth tellers. Lent begins soon and today's readings suggest ways to dig a little deeper in order to become stronger witnesses of Jesus' truth and love.

While the diocese has been dealing with the Bankruptcy Case for the past several years, many things have happened as well for St. Raymond Parish. The COVID 19 pandemic came along and basically crippled everything for a good while. Then in the midst of that, St. Raymond School closed which was a painful experience for the parish and all involved. Like every parish we have strived to get up off the mat and get things moving along positively again. Many of you have been of great assistance in doing just that. One diocesan project that occurs each year as you know is the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. As a parish we have not made a concerted effort to push this appeal since 2019. The reasons being, COVID came along in 2020, then our school closed in 2021 and the lingering bankruptcy case have all made it difficult to engage in the CMA. That being said, the 2023 CMA Appeal is upon us and so I will try to keep it our there for all who will participate. I thank those who through these past years have contributed to the CMA seeing its importance for the financing of many important diocesan ministries.

**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**, an invitation to the next **Holy Hour** this coming Wednesday, February 15th, an advertisement for the **Midnight Run for the Homeless** (clothing collection for the homeless), 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, enjoy giving and receiving Valentines and remember: If God wanted you to touch your toes, he would have put them on your knees.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**

# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 12, 2023-SIXTH 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

FEBRUARY 12, 2023-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Sir 15:15-20**

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who observe his decrees, who seek him with all their heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! You have commanded that your precepts be diligently kept. Oh, that I might be firm in the ways of keeping your statutes!

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! Be good to your servant, that I may live and keep your words. Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

## SECOND READING

**1 Cor 2:6-10**

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him*, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

## ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment*. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery*. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce*. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow*. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*

### ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

The 2ND Grade students will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 from 3:30pm-5pm in the Church. Parents are asked to bring their child to church during this hour and a half – no set arrival time for each class or group. Priests will leave promptly at 5PM. Please plan your schedule accordingly.



### Sweetheart Valentine Dance – 2/11/2023

The attendees for the Sweetheart Valentine dance must attend the 5pm Mass that day – there they will receive their tickets for admission to the party. No one will be admitted to attend the party without their tickets. The party will be held in the cafeteria 6:30pm-8:30pm.



### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

All parish children in grades 1-8 are invited to attend the 12Noon Mass on Sunday 2/12/2023 and encouraged to show who their favorite team is by wearing a sports jersey or t-shirt. If the children do not have a sports jersey or t-shirt, they are invited to wear their own uniform for whatever sports they participate in. Let's all get together at Mass to show everyone who your favorite team is!!! God will send extra blessings to your teams!!! We all saw what the power of prayer did for Buffalo Bills' Damar Hamlin!!!!



HAPPY  
Valentine's day



# Mrs. Falbee's 2nd grade gets ready for First Reconciliation!



# Mrs. Albuin's 7th grade class made the hearts for the Valentine Mass & Dance!

# Lindsay Joyce, Joanna Agnello & Laura MacLeish's 4th graders say the living rosary





## The Sodality of Our Lady

invites women of faith to our  
**5th Annual Women's Day Retreat**  
**Saturday, March 25**

We will begin at the 8:45 mass then proceed to the school cafeteria for coffee.

The presentation begins at 10:00 and concludes at 3:00 with a break for lunch at noon.

### A Lenten Renewal

**Presented by Sr. Mary T. Naccarato, PBVM**

Program Fee: \$30, including lunch

Registration Closes: Monday, March 20

Checks made payable to: **Sodality of Our Lady**

\*\*\*\*Please remit payment along with registration form to:

**Sodality of Our Lady, St. Raymond Church**  
**263 Atlantic Ave, East Rockaway, NY 11518**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, please contact Frances Corio at 516-401-5734 or Mary Thorpe at 516-524-3103

## St. Valentine's collection of personal hygiene items for single mothers

Collection baskets will be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary altar at the front of the Church.

Your donations of shampoos / conditioners, soaps, body wash, lotions and similar products will be brought to the Life Center (Women First Pregnancy Options), 474 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead. Women First provides information to expectant mothers and services, resources and assistance to mothers and babies.



**All services are confidential and free.**



Thanks to all who donated baby items during our Advent collection. You generously supplied twenty-five bags of baby clothing, wipes and care items, two boxes of diapers, and baby furniture. Your gifts have allowed the Life Center / Women First to continue offering assistance to the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community at a time of particularly great need.

**This collection is sponsored by the St. Raymond of Penyafort St. Vincent de Paul Conference. For more information, please call Ed at 887-9325.**





# CYO SPOTLIGHT



St. Raymond CYO would like to recognize Coaches Joe Vuotto and Frank Russo for their teams winning the Sportsmanship award. This award is voted on by the other coaches in their division for teams that demonstrated acts of sportsmanship.



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...**

## ADULT BINGO

SPONSORED BY OUR IHM SISTERS



**Saturday, March 4th at 6:30pm**

(doors open at 6:00 pm)

**St. Raymond School Cafeteria**

**\$1,000 in Cash Prizes**

**\$30 Entrance Fee**

**Includes Entrance Fee**

**Early bird special, marker & light supper**

**Additional bingo boards available for purchase**

**50/50 • Cash bar**

**Reservations may be made at the rectory**

**Walk-ins welcome!**

***(No one under 21 years of age will be admitted)***





# Your neighborhood summer camp.

Camps 'R' Us provides Long Island's families with an accredited, award-winning, and affordable camp experience.

Kids ages 3 and up love our sports, arts & crafts, dance, gaming, gaga, educational programs, swimming, special events, traditions, field trips and more!

Families love the peace of mind that comes with knowing their children are cared for in a safe, nurturing environment.

Family owned and operated, Camps 'R' Us is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2023. Learn more at the links below, and join us at our upcoming open house.

**Camps 'R' Us East Rockaway Open House - Saturday, February 25, 2023 | 10 AM**



877-850-CAMP  
CAMPSRUS.ORG

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campsrus.org/openhouse



## OUR FOREVER VALENTINE

I PRAY THAT YOU,  
BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE,  
MAY HAVE POWER... TO GRASP  
HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND  
DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST,  
AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE  
THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE- THAT  
YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE  
OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.  
EPHESIANS 3:17-19







**The Rose for Life  
In Thanksgiving  
For The Sodality  
For Dedications call  
Mary Healy 887-4062**



***"If we wish to make  
any progress in the  
service of God we must  
begin every day of our  
life with eagerness."***  
– **St. Charles Borromeo**

**Pastoral Council Members**

Jean Chojnacki, Secretary, Linda Daley, Julianne Grennen,  
Jeanne LaSala, Vice Chairperson, Patricia McCormack,  
Chairperson, Dave Ohlsen, Linda Ohlsen, Stephen Rochford,  
Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin.

**STEWARDSHIP**



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

When we study Catholic teaching and read Catholic apologetics or theology, we can better form our consciences. This week, take time to learn more about the Faith through trusted resources like Formed or Catholic.com.



*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)

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

*Hebrews 13:16*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of January, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 66 households with food, personal care and household items. Several parishioners requested assistance with transportation to doctor's appointments and the Parish Social Ministry was able to provide our volunteer drivers for them.

**Pantry items needed this week: Pasta Sauce,  
Canned Chef Boyardee Pasta, Canned Tomatoes,  
Mayonnaise, Ketchup and Coffee**

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.*



## St. Raymond Human Life Committee

Do you find it puzzling that although our awareness of the reality of human life in the womb has grown yet, abortion, the intentional killing of that human life, is so commonplace? One can see, in real time, through four dimensional ultrasound technology babies sleeping, moving and sucking their thumbs. Surgeries can now be performed on babies in utero to correct spina bifida, hydrocephalus, breathing obstructions and more problems. Expectant mothers are discouraged from drinking, smoking, taking drugs or certain medications. Parents are encouraged to interact with their unborn babies through talking, music, etc. So we return to the question - How can we go to great lengths to care for some babies in the womb, to make sure they are safe from harm and yet, at the same time, say that other babies have no right to live and can be killed through abortion? What makes one baby different from the other? Aren't they both living, active, human beings?



# God is



**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](http://www.oceanfinancial.org).**

Do you like to sing?  
Do you play piano, flute or guitar?  
Check out...

**St. Raymond Folk Group!**  
We are back...

We rehearse Wednesday nights from 7pm-8pm & Sunday at 11am in the Rectory Lower Level and sing at the 12 Noon Sunday Mass

If interested please call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836  
7th Grade and higher are Welcome!





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



**RENEWED:**

**AN EVENING OF FAITH AND  
FELLOWSHIP  
PIZZA TO FOLLOW**

**FEB 15, 2023  
7:00 PM**

**ST. RAYMOND CHURCH**



# SODALITY OF OUR LADY SCHOLARSHIP EXAM 2023



- WHAT:** THREE \$800 SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY AT ST. RAYMOND'S CHURCH. THREE \$150 MARIANNE MALONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.
- WHO:** ANY EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT, LIVING WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF ST. RAYMOND'S PARISH, WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER, 2023
- WHEN:** THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023. TIME 3:30PM
- WHERE:** ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
263 ATLANTIC AVENUE  
EAST ROCKAWAY, NY 11518
- EXAM:** 15 MULTIPLE CHOICE AND TWO ESSAYS
- HOW:** TO REGISTER-CALL OR TEXT JULIANNE GRENNAN (516) 330-8183 BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023. YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE CONFIRMED. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION, PLEASE CALL AGAIN.

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER  
FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023**

**\*\*\*ABSOLUTELY NO ADD-ONS AFTER THE DEADLINE\*\*\*  
A STUDENT CANNOT SIT FOR THE EXAM WITHOUT FIRST BEING REGISTERED.**

# ***Midnight Run for the Homeless***



*Cathedral Seminary House of Formation in Douglaston, NY, where St. Raymond's own **Patrick McCormack** is a first-year seminarian, and our pastor **Father Chuck Romano** (Class of 1974) graduated, is working with the non-profit **Midnight Run for the Homeless** to collect the following items:*

- Pants (Particularly Sweatpants and Jeans)*
- Long and Short-Sleeve Shirts-Coats-Hoodies*
  - Underwear and Boxer Shorts*
  - Hats-Gloves-Scarves-Backpacks*

*Please Note: Pants, Shirts, Coats, and Hoodies may be slightly used or new. All other items **MUST BE NEW**. Sizes L, XL, and XXL preferable (or waist size 32 and above). Monetary donations are also accepted and can be left at the rectory.*

***PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS IN PLASTIC BAGS TO THE ALTAR SERVER SACRISTY WHEN YOU COME TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH. THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.***

# Parish Email List

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# Masses for this Week

## Monday, February 13th

7:15am Thomas P. Duggan  
8:45am Walter Ligarzewski

## Tuesday, February 14th *Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

7:15am Rosemary Pozzini  
8:45am Fr. Cine

## Wednesday, February 15th

7:15am Agnes Villacci—100th Birthday in Heaven  
8:45am Pasquale Pirrone

## Thursday, February 16th

7:15am Jeanne Healey  
8:45am Juan Antonia Deras

## Friday, February 17th

7:15am Frances Hess  
8:45am Mary Guiliano

## Saturday, February 18th

8:45am Robert & William Ligarzewski  
5:00pm Jeanne Healey

## Sunday, February 19th

7:30am Mary Romano  
9:00am Anita Santonio  
10:30am Sodality  
12:00pm Dorothy Riehl, Juan Antonia Deras  
Alisa Batu Bako Maiganga  
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Gn 4:1-15, 25 /Mk 8:11-13

#### Tuesday

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 /Mk 8:14-21

#### Wednesday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 /Mk 8:22-26

#### Thursday

Gn 9:1-13 /Mk 8:27-33

#### Friday

Gn 11:1-9 /Mk 8:34—9:1

#### Saturday

Heb 11:1-7 /Mk 9:2-13

#### Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 /1 Cor 3:16-23 /Mt 5:38-48

### Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,  
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,  
John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik,  
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,  
Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro  
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jennie Gaeta,  
Christina McGrory, Jay Witemeyer  
Kristine Hopkins, Theresa DeCuzzi  
Linda D'Agostino

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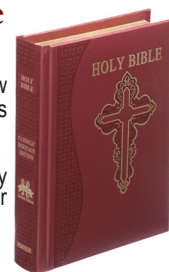


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