

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 2, 2023

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“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever
loses his life for my sake will find it.”

-Matthew 10:39



July 2, 2023

Thirteenth 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 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.

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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

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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 ...*

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*Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.*

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time as we usher in the month of July! Today's readings point us all in the direction of loving Jesus. We should love him more than anything or anyone else. And this is shown by how we love one another. In the first reading from 2 Kings, we see the prophet Elisha as an agent of life for the people of Israel. He sees the faith this hospitable woman had and wants to help her. The result is that she will within a year bear a son. **"Elisha promised, 'This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.'"** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul reminds us that in Baptism we die with Jesus. But we also rise with Jesus in Baptism to a new life. That is why we renounce the things of this world as we live for God. **"If then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."** And finally in Matthew's gospel, we see Jesus using his authority to send his disciples forth to proclaim his teachings. There will be hardships as well as rewards. The requirements of being a disciple are that you take up your cross and follow, not clinging to anyone or anything. A true disciple will also lose his life and find new life in a faith rooted in the gospel. The rewards will come because of the faith of the disciple. Faithfulness and righteousness provide their own rewards. **"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."**

In our modern world we think of hospitality as opening our home for the night to family members and friends; sharing what one has with others. But in the biblical world hospitality is sharing not to simply be nice but it is for life. It's also the call Christians have for others. It's not the excess we share but rather what one truly needs, no matter what the cost. Elisha the prophet, in order to do what God commands, needs the kindness of others. He finds that hospitality from a woman of wealth who sees his need. Because of her generosity she is to be rewarded with a son. Paul's letter serves to remind all of us that we live in order to serve Jesus. With trust in God's promise of eternal life, Christians live generous lives because we have been saved in Jesus Christ. Now in the gospel, it seems that Jesus tries to shock us by using the mother and father images. Of course, we love our parents, but Jesus comes first. When we love Jesus above even those closest to us, then we will know how to love generously, like Jesus. For us Christians, carrying one's cross freely and giving all away leads to new life.

Generosity and hospitality are essential elements of **"giving it all away."** In the biblical word a cup of water may be the difference between life and death. Being a Christian requires true hospitality, even when it hurts to do so. Let us always be reminded in the Eucharist of just how generous, loving and **"giving it all away"** God has been to us.

Starting this Sunday, July 2nd, the priests, deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will no longer be required to wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion at Sunday Masses. This had been our parish policy at my discretion for the past year, and now it is being lifted. However, anyone distributing Holy Communion may still wear a mask if they so choose as well as anyone attending Mass.

As previously announced, we are now well underway with the **"Return of the Backwards Money Drawing."** Yes, it has been four years since we last held this fund raiser. I hope that you are ready to make it the successful fund-raising event once again that it had been for many years prior to the pandemic. You should have received the parish-wide mailing by now and the bulletin also contains an order form for your convenience. The drawing will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023, in the school cafeteria. **Everything is the same, the ticket price of \$100, the grand prize of \$10,000 and an additional \$10,000 spread out amongst other winners.** Hopefully you will be in it and a big winner!

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the newest **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the Communal Prayer Before Mass (on the inside back cover), a recruitment date for new **Altar Servers**, the **Backwards Money Drawing** order form, an invitation to the next **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Tuesday evening, July 11th, 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 July. **Enjoy the July 4th Independence Day holiday with family and friends. And remember: Freedom is not free!** God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 2, 2023-13TH 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

JULY 2, 2023-13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

SECOND READING

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

ALLELUIA

1 Pt 2:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 89

*Forever I will sing
the goodness of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and to the Holy One of Israel, our king.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Mt 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

“Backwards Money Drawing!”

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for **St. Raymond Parish** This special fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, August 27, 2023**

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 27, 2023

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Number of Tickets:** _____





"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given."
-St. James the Apostle

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St. Raymond CYO Basketball



Registration will be open online from June 15th - July 15th.
Please see the below link.
There will be no registrations after July 15th.

<http://www.straymondscy.com>

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Grades 5-9
July 10-21



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Grades 6-9
July 10-13



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Grades 5-9
July 10-13



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**THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ARE THE RECIPIENT OF A \$1,500 AWARD
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MONSIGNOR JABLONSKI AWARD - JOSEPH LAURIA ACCEPTED TO KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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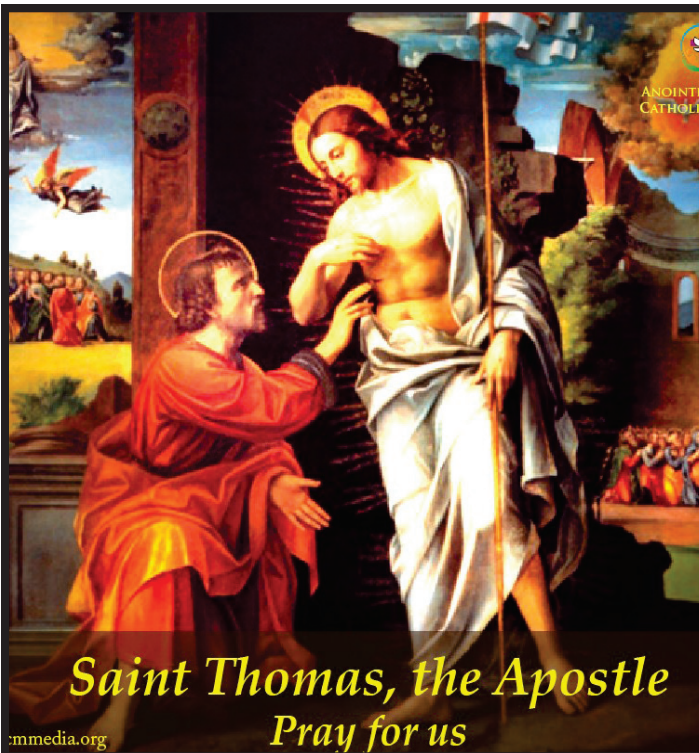
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THESE AWARDS ARE PART OF THE SODALITY'S COMMITMENT FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF CONTINUED CATHOLIC EDUCATION.
 AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE ARE PROUD TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.



*Lord - Give me strength in my weakness. Give me faith in my fear.
 Give me power in my powerlessness. I'm trusting You. Amen*



Saint Thomas, the Apostle
Pray for us

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STEWARDSHIP
 Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Whatever you are dealing
 with this week, ask God to
 help you deal with it and to
 find a way to Glorify
 Him through it.

PROTECTS IS NOT SELF-SEEKING
 DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL **HOPES**
 IS PATIENT DOES NOT ENVY
 DOES NOT DISHONOUR OTHERS
ALWAYS DOES NOT BOAST
 LOVE NEVER FAILS
LOVE
 REJOICES
 1 CORINTHIANS 13

IT KEEPS NO RECORDS
TRUSTS
 IS KIND
 PRESERVES
 IS NOT EASILY ANGERED

*Congratulations to the following
 Parishioners who will
 be married in
 St. Raymond's Church in July:*

Francesca Binani & Christopher Orlando

Klaudia Rusinowska & Eric Cahill

Amanda Lubliner & Joseph Demetrio

Marie Fare & James Walsh



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 email svdpstray@gmail.com for information on ways that you can participate.

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*God Bless Our
Newly Baptized*

*Kenneth Angelo Grassano
Adalynn Leigh Mosley
Chelsea Paige Serpico
Carlo Gregorio Pisicchio
Sophia Rose Correa
Finn Thomas Evans
Charlotte Rose Kamprath
Emma Jessica Reynolds
Vanessa Grace Rivera
Travis Owen Ullip
Elijah Jace Taveras
Caroline June Florio
Patrick Joseph Cannon
Elliot Francis Loud
Joeylyn Grace Tellier
Brooklyn Bonnie Tellier
Amelia Rose Palladino
Ryan Grace Murphy
Jack Ryan Iglhaut
Jackson Charles Rocca
Caleb Oscar Escobar
Maria Celeste Escobar
William Robert
Lizarraga-Khalameida*

Children
are
A
★ gift
FROM THE
Lord:
THEY are
A
reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3



CLEAR OUT THE OLD YEAST, SO THAT YOU MAY BECOME A FRESH BATCH OF DOUGH, INASMUCH AS YOU ARE UNLEAVENED. FOR OUR PASCHAL LAMB, CHRIST, HAS BEEN SACRIFICED.”

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7

Why is the Eucharist not only a meal but also a sacrifice?

While our sins would have made it impossible for us to share in the life of God, Jesus Christ was sent to remove this obstacle. His death was a sacrifice for our sins. Christ is *"the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"* (Jn 1:29). Through his death and resurrection, he conquered sin and death and reconciled us to God. The Eucharist is the memorial of this sacrifice. The Church gathers to remember and to re-present the sacrifice of Christ in which we share through the action of the priest and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we are joined to Christ's sacrifice and receive its inexhaustible benefits. As the Letter to the

Hebrews explains, Jesus is the one eternal high priest who always lives to make intercession for the people before the Father. In this way, he surpasses the many high priests who over centuries used to offer sacrifices for sin in the Jerusalem temple. The eternal high priest Jesus offers the perfect sacrifice, which is his very self, not something else. *"He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption"* (Heb 9:12).

Jesus' act belongs to human history, for he is truly human and has entered history. At the same time, however, Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity; he is the eternal Son, who is not confined within time or history. His actions transcend time, which is part of creation.

"Passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation" (Heb 9:11), Jesus

the eternal Son of God made his act of sacrifice in the presence of his Father, who lives in eternity. Jesus' one perfect sacrifice is thus eternally present before the Father, who eternally accepts it. This means that in the Eucharist, Jesus does not sacrifice himself again and again. Rather, by the power of the Holy Spirit, his one eternal sacrifice is made present once again, re-presented, so that we may share in it.

Christ does not have to leave where he is in heaven to be with us. Rather, we partake of the heavenly liturgy where Christ eternally intercedes for us and presents his sacrifice to the Father and where the angels and saints constantly glorify God and give thanks for all his gifts: *"To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever"* (Rev 5:13).

The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ, participates in the sacrificial offering of her Head and Spouse. In the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ becomes the sacrifice of the members of his Body who united to Christ form one sacrificial offering (cf. Catechism, no. 1368). As Christ's sacrifice is made sacramentally present, united with Christ, we offer ourselves as a sacrifice to the Father. *"The whole Church exercises the role of priest and victim along with Christ, offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and itself completely offered in it"* (Mysterium Fidei, no. 31; cf. Lumen Gentium, no. 11).

Excerpt from "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers" Committee on Doctrine of the USCCB June 2001 General Meeting



"FOR GOD ALONE MY SOUL WAITS IN SILENCE FROM HIM COMES MY SALVATION"

Psalm 62:1

WISDOM & ENCOURAGEMENT

On June 19, 2023, Pope Francis met with the U.S. National Eucharistic Revival and Congress team. The Pope affirmed the critical need for Eucharistic Revival, and shared his hope for the future of the Church in the United States. He says the Congress will be an occasion for the faithful to “commit themselves with ever greater zeal to being missionary disciples of the Lord Jesus in the world.”

The Holy Father reminded us that “the love we celebrate in this sacrament cannot be kept to ourselves but demands to be shared with all. This is the sense of a missionary spirit.” The Pope went on to say, “Two groups of people come to mind whom we must always seek out: the elderly, who are the wisdom of a people, and the sick, who are the image of the suffering Jesus.”

The Pope continued “It is my hope, then, that the Eucharistic Congress will inspire Catholics throughout the country to discover anew the sense of wonder and awe at the Lord’s great gift of himself and to spend time with him in the celebration of the Holy Mass and in personal prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that we have lost the sense of adoration in our day. We must rediscover the sense of adoration in silence. It is a form of prayer that we have lost. Too few people know what it is. It is up to the Bishops to catechize the faithful about praying through adoration. The Eucharist requires it of us.”

The Holy Father especially stressed the importance of fostering vocations to the priesthood, as “There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood” (Quoting Pope John Paul II’s Letter to Priests for Holy Thursday 2004).

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion

Saint John Neumann

Bishop († 1860)

Feast: January 5

“I have one desire, that of being near you in the Blessed Sacrament ... Gladly would I endure hunger, thirst, heat and cold to remain always with you in the Blessed Sacrament.”

In 1852, John Neumann was appointed Bishop of Philadelphia. Neumann wished to establish the Forty Hours’ Devotion in his diocese, but his priests were hesitant: There was tremendous anti-Catholic sentiment, and already some churches had suffered arson. One night the bishop fell asleep at his desk and his candle ignited some papers. When he awoke, he found that the fire had done little harm. As he prayed in thanksgiving, he heard these words: “*As the flames are burning here without consuming or injuring the writing, so shall I pour out my grace in the Blessed Sacrament without prejudice to my honor. Fear no profanation, therefore; hesitate no longer to carry out your design for my glory.*” The Forty Hours’ Devotion was introduced in Philadelphia soon after, in 1853.

Excerpt from Magnificat Magazine June 2023



Wanted: St. Raymond Parish Altar Servers

AT THIS TIME I AM LOOKING TO BUILD UP FURTHER OUR ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY. LAST YEAR WE REINSTITUTED THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY AT ST. RAYMOND'S. NEW AND FORMER ALTAR SERVERS CAME FORWARD AND HAVE FAITHFULLY CARRIED OUT THIS TASK FOR THE PAST YEAR. NOW I AM ASKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THIS MINISTRY AS WELL AS PERHAPS SOME FORMER SERVERS. REMEMBER, THIS IS A WONDERFUL AND HOLY WAY TO SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR GOD, THE MASS AND TO HELP IN AN IMPORTANT PARISH MINISTRY. I AM HAVING A GENERAL MEETING FOR NEW AND CURRENT SERVERS ON SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 AT 1:00PM IN THE CHURCH. ANY BOY OR GIRL GOING INTO FOURTH GRADE AND UP IS WELCOME TO JOIN. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, JUST LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER FOR ME AT THE RECTORY.

Hope to see many of you on the 15th!

Father Chuck



AT THIS TIME, WE ARE SETTING UP THROUGH OUR PARISH ROSTER A WAY TO SEND EMAILS FROM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH STRAIGHT TO ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OR EVEN SELECTED GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE IN THE PARISH. IT IS A FEATURE THAT OUR PDS PROGRAM OFFERS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS CAPABILITIES GOING FORWARD. WE CAN SEND OUR REMINDERS, SCHEDULES, EMERGENCY NEWS AND OTHER TIMELY BITS OF INFORMATION. BUT, IN ORDER TO REACH THE LARGEST GROUP OF PARISHIONERS AS POSSIBLE, WE NEED TO GROW OUR PARISHIONER E-MAIL LIST. CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 500 EMAILS OUT OF 3800 REGISTERED PARISHIONER FAMILIES. SO, IN ORDER TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE MESSAGES WE NEED MORE EMAILS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS LISTING FOR PARISH MESSAGES, PLEASE EITHER CALL THE RECTORY TO GIVE US YOUR EMAIL, SEND IT IN TO THE PARISH EMAIL (STRAYRCC@OPTONLINE.NET), OR FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE RECTORY. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION GOES NO FURTHER THAN BEING A PART OF YOUR REGISTRATION PROFILE FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

The Religious Education office is closed for the summer. We will be coming into the office once a week to check e-mails, phone messages and to continue to process Registration forms throughout the summer.

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.

We are in need of a 3rd grade Religion teacher for either Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm or Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm. Our classes begin the week of October 2nd, 2023 and will end on April 18th, 2024.

If you would like to join our most important ministry, please call the Religious Education office 516-593-9075.



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(The Declaration of Independence)

Please note the words: "created equal" - meaning that at each individual's creation, which we know from science is at conception, we are all "equal", and "endowed by their Creator" - meaning that each of us has been given by our "Creator", not the government or another human being, "inalienable rights" - meaning rights that cannot be taken away. Isn't ironic that our forefathers over 200 years ago, who did not have the knowledge of fetal development in the womb, as we do today, used the word "created" not born, and that our basic "right to life" is the first "right" mentioned and a gift of our Creator (capital "C") and must be protected. Today, with the aid of modern technology, we can see into the womb of a pregnant woman and clearly see a live, human being at the youngest phase of his or her earthly life. And yet, many people are still defending a woman's "right" to have her little one "legally" killed through abortion, for any reason, up to and including the time right before the baby's birth. Until the "right to life" is extended to the youngest in our human family, the babies in the womb, we, as a people and as a nation, still have a way to go until we live up to the full potential and greatness of "The Declaration of Independence". Please continue to pray and work for the day when the babies in the womb have the same legal protection for their "right to life" as we enjoy and cherish.

Happy 4th of July!
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- Matthew 25:35*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen and you depend on your Social Security benefits as your sole income and are having a difficult time affording groceries, please contact our office and we can assist you with food so that you are able to pay your other bills.

Pantry items needed this week: Coffee, Tea, Hot Cereal, Canned Beets, Canned Corn, Chick Peas, Pinto Beans, Grape Jelly, Mayonnaise, Jello, Mashed Potatoes, Pancake Mix, Laundry Detergent, Razors and Shaving Cream.

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.

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Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima



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The background of the entire page is a waving American flag with stars and stripes. A white rectangular box with a black border is centered on the page, containing the prayer text.

Prayer for America

Dear God, we thank you for the bountiful blessings you have bestowed on us. Guide us in being good stewards of these gifts. Let us care for all your beautiful creation, from the redwood forests to the gulfstream waters. Make us instruments of your peace in order to put an end to rockets' red glare and bombs bursting in air. Help us to love and care for all of our neighbors - locally and globally - so that we might be truly crowned with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

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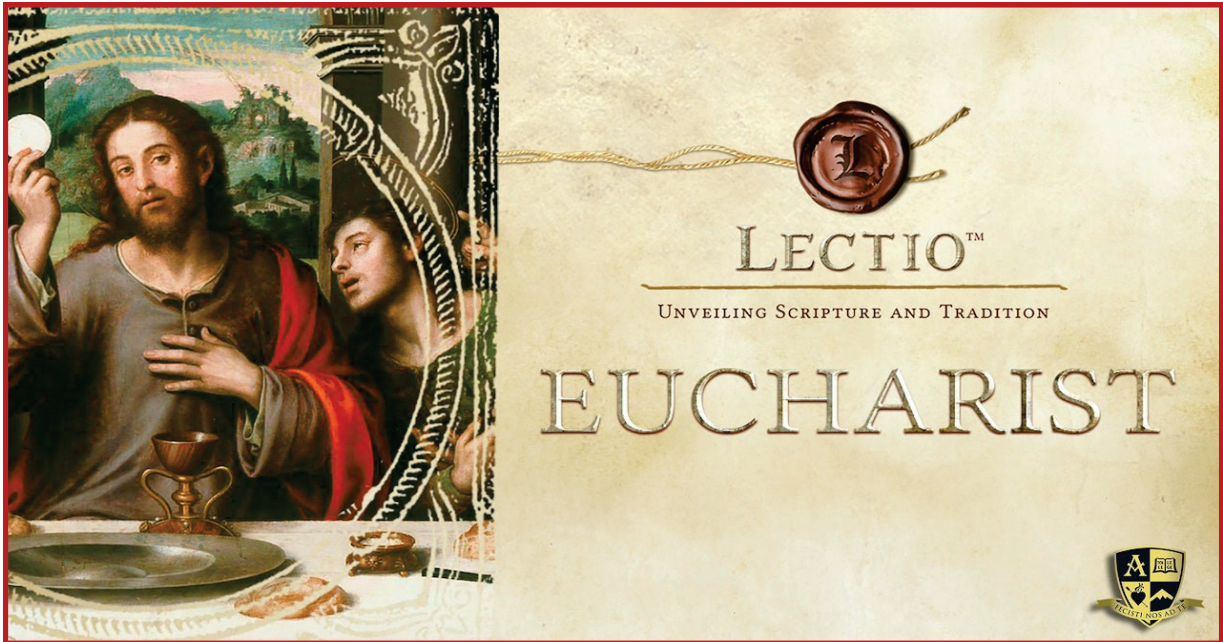
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Masses for this week

Monday, July 3rd *St. Thomas*

7:15am James Daly

8:45am Jennie Gaeta

Tuesday, July 4th

7:15am James Collins

8:45am Rita M. Muller

Wednesday, July 5th

7:15am Sue & Rich Duffy

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Thursday, July 6th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Raphael Sellitti

Friday, July 7th

7:15am Charles Hess

8:45am Richard & Margareta Schneider

Saturday, July 8th

8:45am Louise Saar, Barry McCluskey

5:00pm Eddie Lee

Sunday, July 9th

7:30am Reverend Donald E. Babinski

9:00am Todd Gleason

10:30am Bernadette Dalrymple

12:00pm Julia Mary Schmidt, Frances Rinaldi,
Robert Champion, Jr., Emilio Salvatori,
Anthony Pontrello, Michael Barhold,
William Worrall, Gerard Hoey,
Philip Thomas

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8

Friday

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

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, Danny Finneran,
Jay Witemeyer, Theresa DeCuzzi, Helen DelPezzo
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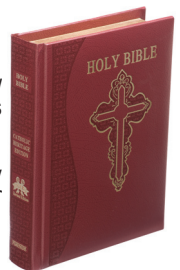
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