

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, August 27, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon
this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the
netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

-Matthew 16:16



August 27th

Twenty-First 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.

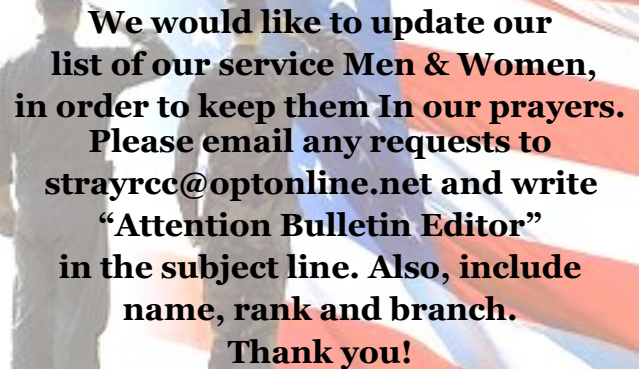
Music Ministries

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.

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 ...

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Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time! The focus of today's readings is to get us to better understand who Jesus Christ is and what he means to us. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet chastises some of the Israelite leaders who have moved away from God and have neglected the needy. In the form of an oracle, Isaiah depicts what will happen to such leaders. However, Eliakim, always being faithful, will have nothing to fear. **"He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder...."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul marvels at God's saving wisdom which is far above any that comes from this world. All glory belongs to him for he has no need of human support. **"For from him and through him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."** And finally, Matthew's gospel presents Peter's confession of faith. Jesus wants to know from Peter what are his disciples saying about him as well as other people. Peter speaks up and proclaims: **"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."** The first part was an acceptable opinion of many people, but the last part: **"the Son of the Living God"** would not be an acceptable opinion. It would be a violation against the first commandment. However, Jesus accepts and approves of Peter's full answer. In response to Peter, Jesus declares that Peter's answer was a divine revelation and then commissions him as the rock upon whom he will build his Church. Peter is given the keys to the kingdom of heaven and the power to bind and loose on earth and in heaven. All of this will only be able to be fully understood after Jesus is raised from the dead.

We have to remember that Jesus is both God and man in his relationship to us. Not only is he teacher, savior, and redeemer but also the founder of the Church, the Body of Christ on earth. Time and again we tend to forget that our achievements and successes come not from our own human efforts but from the grace and abilities given to us by God. God's grace will extend to us when we act according to his will. He will never forsake us. The mystery of God brings a richness to our lives by helping us understand that not everything can be explained. Faith is not scientific proof although science and faith often complement each other. God's wisdom and grace guide us beyond the mundane concerns of daily life into a great, expansive love that helps us reach beyond our own limited lives.

Peter's response to Jesus lays the foundation for building the Body of Christ in this world. He calls Peter **"the rock"** and the Church will be built on his foundation. We too may have our description of who Jesus is which is a model for us and the Church. Hopefully, our understanding provides the opening for the Holy Spirit to infuse us with the power and grace to follow Jesus as faithful disciples.

This Sunday is our **Backwards Money Drawing** starts at 10am in the school cafeteria. The Sodality of Our Lady is providing a hospitality breakfast for all who stop by. Now there is still a way to be a part of the drawing. **The number #500 ticket has not been sold.** It will be raffled off when there are only nine tickets left in the drum. The one who wins the number #500 ticket is a guaranteed winner as it will be pulled as one of the final 10 tickets left in the drum. **You could win from \$300 to \$10,000!** These special raffle tickets are available at the cafeteria all during the drawing. **They are \$10 each.** Stop by to get in on this extra action. Hopefully, I will be calling you with some winning news.

Last week we had our annual **Parish Picnic.** It was a beautiful evening and those who came had a great time, sharing refreshments, listening to music, and shooting the breeze. Plus, the kids enjoyed the bouncy house and playing soccer with Father Theo. Thanks to the Faith and Friendship Committee for organizing this event and the Knights of Columbus for providing the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. We hope to see even more people next year.

Remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass this Sunday. 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**, the latest **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 last week of August. **Smile, share and know how much you mean to Jesus. Plus remember: God loves you whether you like it or not.** See you in September. God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 27, 2023-21ST 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

AUGUST 27, 2023-21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

ALLELUIA

Mt 16:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the nether world shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Special Backwards Money

Enter to Win Drawing Raffles



BACKWARD DRAWING PRIZES:

- 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

*You
never
know!*



This Weekend, August 27th, is the Backwards Money Drawing! The drawing starts at 10am in the school cafeteria.

There will be a special hospitality sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady during the drawing. Everyone is invited to come, enjoy some refreshments and friendship and hopefully see your ticket(s) pulled for a winning money prize. All the tickets have been sold except the ticket numbered **#500**. Why? Because this ticket is being raffled off that day. When there are only 9 tickets left in the drum, the winner from a separate drum is pulled and that person gets the ticket numbered **#500**, which is then filled out and put in the big drum with the remaining 9 Backwards Money Tickets. It becomes one of the last 10 tickets pulled and is a guaranteed winner! You could win anywhere from **\$300 to \$10,000** depending on when it is pulled. Special raffle tickets for the numbered **#500** ticket are available for sale at the rectory. They are only **\$10** each and will be sold continuously right up to the drawing on Sunday. Stop by the rectory and get in on this chance to be a definite winner and maybe even the grand prize winner.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

We are in need of a 2nd grade Religion teacher. The hours are Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Please call the Religious Education office if interested.

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.

Our office will re-open on Monday, August 28th, 2023 – 10am-4pm.

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 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



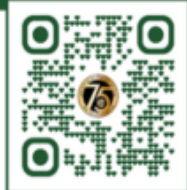
NINTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, ST. RAYMOND

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023

AUDITORIUM 7:30PM

SCAN ME



SAVE THE DATE!
Sat. Sept 30, 2023
10AM
Cedar Creek Park,
Seaford



Please register or donate today at <https://svdpli.org/walk/> or by using the QR code. When you select "St. Raymond Conference – East Rockaway" your donation will go directly toward helping neighbors in our community. For more information, please contact Anthony at (516) 220-2521.



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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.



"Taken up to Heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way to Life."
– Pope St. John Paul II

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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.



This week, be at service to someone in need. Check in on your elderly friends and family to make sure everything is ok.

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Because no marriage is beyond hope...
 A marriage-saving program her in the
 New York/Metropolitan Area.**

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

**Retrouvaille can help.
 Our Next Weekend is September 8-10, 2023
 Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington
 To register or for more information:
 1-800-470-2230**

HelpOurMarriage.org Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.



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.



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THE TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST STATION THREE

STATION THREE

**THE MANNA:
PREFIGUREMENT OF THE EUCHARIST,
THE NEW MANNA
“THEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES,
‘BEHOLD, I WILL RAIN BREAD FROM
HEAVEN FOR YOU.’”
EXODUS 12:7,11,13**

After being freed from slavery, the Israelites find themselves in tough times again. They are wandering in the desert with no food. Many cry out to God and begin to complain about the lack of nourishment. They even talk of going back to Egypt to be slaves in order to have food to eat.

God then tells Moses “I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion...”(Ex 16:4). The Israelites would eat of this manna for forty years until they came to the Promised Land (cf. 16:35).

What is the connection with Jesus?

In John 6:41-60, Jesus speaks in reference to the manna that the Jews’ ancestors ate in the desert. He explains that even though they received this bread, they still died and could not live in eternity with God.

Jesus is the Bread of Life, the new manna that will never go away and will give our souls life for all eternity. The Jews in Moses’ time question the miracle of the manna: “...the Israelites asked one another, ‘What is this?’ for they did not know what it was” (Ex. 16:15). The Jews in Jesus’ time question the same thing. They hear Jesus saying “I am the Bread of Life,” and they question Him for they do not know who He really is.

The connection between Jesus and the manna from heaven is expressed in the liturgy. The Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Advent says, “Skies, let the Just One come forth like the dew, let him descend from the clouds like the rain. The earth will open up and give birth to our Savior” (Isaiah 45:8).

In the Eucharistic Prayer II in the Order of the Mass, the Priest joins his hands, and holding them extended over the offerings, says:

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and the chalice together, saying: so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Week 3 Thought: How can I thank God for giving us the Living Bread at every Mass?



**“BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD,
WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!”**

John 1:29

**Feast of the Passion of St. John
the Baptist August 29th**

St. Raymond Church

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration

Each day the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00 PM

Each Thursday - Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM

Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

**Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion
Saint Augustine**

Priest & Doctor of the Church († 430)

Feast: August 28

St. Monica's Gift to Her Son, St. Augustine:

A Love for the Eucharist

Excerpts from America Magazine, November 1, 2018

St. Augustine took his mother Monica (Feast Day: August 27th) for granted for most of her life. As a young scholar, he thought that her Catholic faith was fine for simpletons but not for him. Yet by the time of her death, Augustine had come to realize what he had in his mother: a source of unconditional love, a powerful intellect, and a channel of mystical grace. As Monica laid dying, she looked keenly at Augustine and his brother and said, “One thing only do I ask of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” What did Monica mean by asking that she be remembered by her sons “at the altar of the Lord, wherever you may be?”

Certainly, she was referring to the Eucharist, which does not vary in meaning or significance from one church to another. Praying for the dead is in evidence at every stage of the church's development, so Monica was clearly asking that prayers be offered on her behalf at the celebration of the Eucharist. There is also a second reading: Monica was also directing her sons to look for her in the Eucharist, telling them that they would know a deeper communion with her within it than by any visit to a grave site.

We cannot see the saints gathered around the altar of the Lord, but we trust that they can see us. We tend to think of the Eucharist as a meal that stretches back in time to the night in which it was first established by the Lord Jesus. Yet on that very night, Christ himself gave his meal an eschatological orientation. It stretches into the future. The Lord indicated that this meal of his also lies ahead of us when we will be gathered by him into it.

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes” (Lk 22:17-18; cf. Mt 26:29).

“Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice, what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament.”

Augustine was born in 354 in what is now Algeria. His mother, Monica was a devout Christian while his father Patricius was a pagan who converted to Christianity on his deathbed. Augustine was a difficult child and grew to be an atheist.

A highly intelligent scholar who had received the finest education, he founded a school of rhetoric in Rome in 383. However, dissatisfied with the city, he moved to Milan, and it was there that he met the bishop Saint Ambrose. The combination of Monica's perseverance in praying for him and Ambrose's persuasive arguments was instrumental in Augustine's conversion in 387. The decisive moment for Augustine is said when he opened a Bible and read in the Letter to the Romans an exhortation to abandon licentiousness and follow Christ.

Among his numerous contributions to Catholic Theology and Western philosophy, St. Augustine's teachings on the Eucharist have been significant, among them:

- The Eucharist is the same Body of Christ that hung on the Cross.
- The Eucharist should be worshiped before it is received, leading to the liturgical practice of adoration of the consecrated host.
- Christ as the Priest and the Victim in the Eucharist at the Last Supper ... it is the true sacrificial offering of Christ's Body and Blood that was prefigured in all the sacrifices of the Old Covenant. The Eucharist alone is the sacrifice of the “body and blood of the priest himself.”
- The sacrifice of the Mass involves the sacrifice of Christ, together with interior self-sacrifice of the members who gather to offer the Holy Mass.

“What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ, and the chalice is the blood of Christ.”



*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)

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did
for one of the least of these brothers of
mine, you did for me."*

Matthew 25:40

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries.

During the month of July, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 71 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed 3 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: Non-cream Soups, Canned Beets, Canned Potatoes, Canned Meat, Jello, Coffee, Tea, Cold Cereal - no Bran, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Ketchup, Mustard, Toothpaste, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent and Bar Soap.

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'S
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Usually when someone needs surgery, the person inquires first about the doctor's qualifications in the particular field of medicine, has the doctor performed many of this kind of surgery, has the doctor had good results, etc. Then, before the actual surgery, there is a meeting with the doctor to go over the procedure, including how long the surgery will take, what to expect after the surgery and the recovery period. In addition, before the surgery, the person usually has shared the up-coming surgery with family members and/or close friends. However, with abortion, the most common surgery, the setting is much different than the former account. There is no talking about the surgery with family and friends, no checking on the doctor's qualifications. Often times, the person doesn't meet the doctor until she is in the procedure room, already prepped for the abortion. And the doctor may not even live in the community. No detailed information is given about the actual abortion procedure. In fact, some important information is actually kept from the person. The most important difference in the abortion surgery and other medical surgeries is that the purpose of abortion is not to heal but to end a human life. The purpose of other surgeries is to heal or prolong life. "It is morally and ethically wrong to do abortions without acknowledging what it means to do them. I performed abortions, I have had an abortion, and I am in favor of women having abortions when we choose to do so. But we should never disregard the fact that being pregnant means there is a baby growing inside of a woman, a baby whose life is ended. We ought not to pretend this is not happening." (Dr. Judith Arcana, abortionist)

"I am destroying a life."

(Dr. Benjamin Kalish, abortionist)



Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen.



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A Message from the IHM

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On September 8, 1926, four IHM Sisters arrived at St. Raymond Parish in response to a request from the pastor to found an elementary school. They opened the school on September 14, 1926, with 180 children in the first four grades. And so the story begins. After a few moves, the Sisters happily arrived in the present day Convent in 1937. There the Sisters (different ones over the years) remained for the next 86 years! Now, after almost 100 years, the school has closed and the Sisters are moving back to Scranton.

Sister Lorraine and I would like to thank all our Parish Family for your loving support over the years. You have trusted us with the care of your children and opened your families to us in friendship. We have enjoyed sharing many events and activities with you and will take many happy memories with us. We would ask for your continued prayers as we begin the next chapter in our lives. I will be serving as the Director of the Everyday English for Adults program in Scranton and Sister Lorraine will be working with me and the other volunteers. We will be living at 2210 Kirst Court, Scranton, PA 18505 – just in case you're ever in the area. For now, we will be here until August 28th , but we will return the weekend of September 23-24 to host a final BINGO and to officially bid all adieu.

Meanwhile, thanks to all who supported our recent Tag Sale. Your generosity was amazing! Of course it's again the time of year to sell our IHM SILVER CIRCLES. We'll have them available – even after we're gone! Again, thanks for everything. God bless.

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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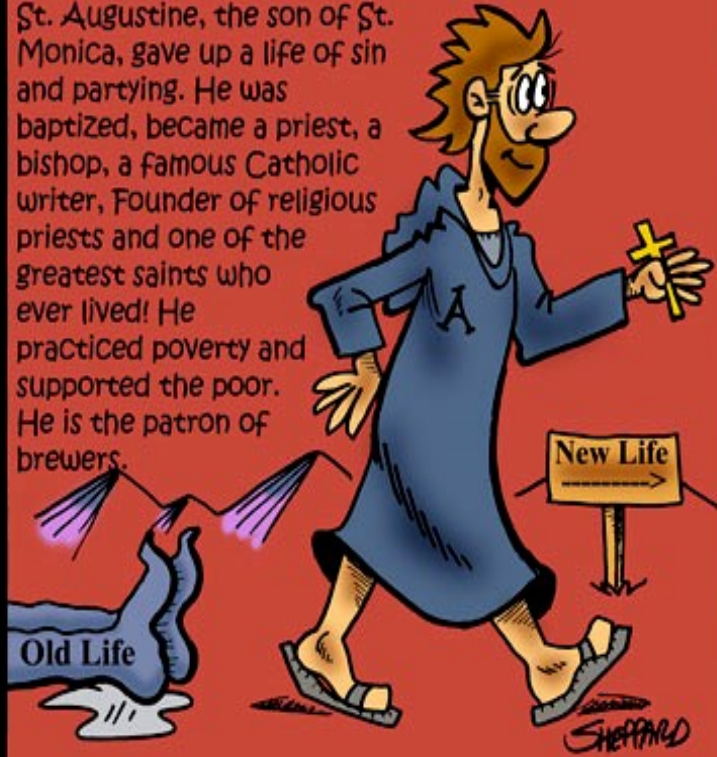
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SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Augustine, the son of St. Monica, gave up a life of sin and partying. He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests and one of the greatest saints who ever lived! He practiced poverty and supported the poor. He is the patron of brewers.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

When he was 30 years old he began preaching on the banks of the Jordan river against the evils of the time. He attracted very large crowds.

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John the Baptist

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This Labor Day, the economic facts are stark, and the human costs are real, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

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Masses for this week

Monday, August 28th St. Augustine

7:15am Christopher Lombardo

8:45am Patricia Rivas (living)

Tuesday, August 29th St. John the Baptist

7:15am Daniel O'Brien

8:45am Charles Horn

Wednesday, August 30th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Maria Coppola

Thursday, August 31st

7:15am Louis Miranda

8:45am Jean O'Brien

Friday, September 1st

7:15am James Horan

8:45am Jean Marian Ohland

Saturday, September 2nd

8:45am St. Raymond's Parish

5:00pm Christopher Bayiokos

Sunday, September 3rd

7:30am Lawrence Fanelli

9:00am Vincent Keane

10:30am Mary Sol Amador

12:00pm Andrew Perez, James Coico,
Joseph DelGirno, David Ohlsen, Sr.

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

1 Thes 2:1-8/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday

1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

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, Mary Lou Hart
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Rest in Peace

Bruce Sheskier

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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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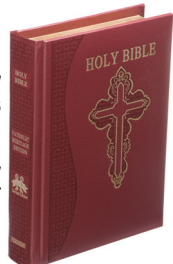
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