

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, October 5, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“The word of the Lord remains for
ever. This is the word that has been
proclaimed to you.”

1 Peter 1:25



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

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

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

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Maureen Ohlsen

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Dianna Viglietta

Cara

Betty McHale

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

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

LC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS

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Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY

Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings encourage us to always praise and thank God, even in the midst of hardships. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk, the people wonder how long they must suffer. They wonder if God hears them in their anguish. *"How long O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen!"* Then in the second reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, he exhorts Timothy and his people to remain steadfast in their faith. God has given them the power of love and self-control. They should bear their hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. *"Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us."* And finally, Luke's gospel has the apostles asking Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies: ***"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."***

Life is full of hardships for most of us. I'm sure I don't have to tell you that. They arise from difficult relationships, money troubles, health issues. They come with employment challenges, mental or emotional issues, school situations, the consequences of bad choices, poor judgment, or even sin. Yes, life comes with all sorts of hardships, disappointments, burdens and tragedies, both large and small. This is not a part of faith that is very attractive; to bear our hardships for the sake of the Gospel. If I'm not willing to embrace the tough parts of this journey of faith, not willing to embrace the work involved, the sacrifices, the challenges, the self-emptying, the crosses; then can I really say that I am all in? Am I as committed as I should be? Do I only want a Christianity-lite that doesn't demand much. I just want to live a stream of Easters without a single Good Friday.

How many of us wonder, like Habakkuk says, if God is really listening when we are faced with sorrow, disappointment or a painful situation? Is God paying attention? Does he really care? Well, he does provide an answer, but it is one we don't like or accept. It is an answer perfectly on display on Calvary, that if it doesn't come quickly, we're to wait for it. But that is not easy. We want the good stuff now! We want the pain to go away, the problem to be solved, the worries to subside and the heartache to end now.

We don't want to wait, yet that is what lies at the heart of the Paschal Mystery. Everything unfolds in God's time, on his schedule. There was a waiting for that first Easter, a time of confusion, fear and sorrow. But Easter did come. The resurrection came. Salvation came. The Holy Spirit came. And all came in God's time and in the way that God saw fit. What we must do is simply forge ahead, do what is right, honor our promises to God and one another. God wants us to be kind, generous and loving no matter what is going on in our lives. God promises to be our strength at all times, especially when we are praying for Easter in the midst of a Good Friday. Walk by faith and not by sight. Believe that God will not disappoint.

Our parish's Religious Education Program began this past week. Students from 2nd grade through 8th grade were met by a dedicated group of teachers to begin this year's journey of faith formation. Our second graders will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion while the other grades continue to learn more about our Catholic Faith leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation in 9th grade. Later this month we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our current 9th graders. Let's pray for all these children and their teachers that Jesus will touch their lives with his loving grace this year.

Please 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), an invitation to the ***Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Vigil*** on Tuesday evening at 7pm, the ***Come and See Centerfold***, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (found on the inside back cover, and invitation to join ***FORMED*** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great first week of October. ***Smile, share and always walk by faith and not by sight. Plus remember: Faith makes things possible, not easy.***

God bless always. Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 5, 2025—27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

**we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,**

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the

**Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated**

at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

**For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.**

**You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.**

Amen

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,**

in my thoughts and in my words,

in what I have done and

in what I have failed to do,

[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]

through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial

with the Father; through him all things

were made. For us men and for our

Salvation he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate

of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in

Glory to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the

Son, who with the Father and the Son is

adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and

apostolic Church. I confess one

Baptism for the forgiveness of

Sins and I look forward to the

resurrection of the dead and the

life of the world to come.

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

OCTOBER 5, 2025—27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

ALLELUIA

1 Peter 1:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains forever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

JOIN THE FOLK GROUP!

A MINISTRY OF MUSIC, FAITH & COMMUNITY

Do you love music and want to be part of something joyful and meaningful?

The Folk Group offers a fun, modern take on traditional church music,

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU WITH US!

We're a welcoming group of people who come together to share music, faith, and friendship. While some of us play instruments or have formal training, it's not required. What connects us is our shared love of music, community, and worship.

Whether you sing, play, or just want to be part of a faith-filled musical group,

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN!

Open to anyone from 7th grade and up—no upper age limit!

 Rehearsals: Sundays at 11:00 AM

 Location: Rectory Lower Level

 We sing at the 12 Noon Sunday Mass

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

 Call Nadine Robinson at 516-784-6775

 Or email: straymondsfolkgroup@gmail.com

Come make a joyful noise with us!



St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

"The Heart of the Parish"

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197

"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." Isaiah 58:10



FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM

10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

The Parish Social Ministry would like to thank those who responded to the bulletin ads for food pantry volunteers and medical drivers. Three people are interested in working in the food pantry and have begun training. As of this writing, one person offered to be a medical driver. If you have some free time and would like to help others, please consider volunteering at the Parish Social Ministry. Thanks again to those who answered our need.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DEODORANT, SHAVING CREAM, RAZORS, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, COFFEE, COOKING OIL, MAYONNAISE, HOT CEREAL, JELLO/PUDDING, TUNA, CANNED FRUIT

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch and in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for always helping us serve the people in need in our community.

You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
THE PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY!!**



**JOIN US IN SHARING
KINDNESS
TO OTHERS!!**

**St. Raymond's Parish
Social Ministry is in need
of volunteers to help stock
shelves, pack groceries,
make appointments, greet
clients and assist them
with food pickup.**

**The food pantry is open
from Monday through
Wednesday from 10am to
3pm. As a volunteer, you
would work two and half
hours, either morning or
afternoon, one day a week.**

**For more information –
Please call 516-887-9197**



**The Parish Social Ministry needs
volunteer drivers to assist our
parishioners who have no one
to take them to their medical
appointments in the area.**

**Please contact the
Parish Social Ministry
Monday thru Wednesday**

10am to 3pm

516-887-9197

**if you have some free time to
volunteer to help us and your
fellow parishioners.**

**Thank you and
God Bless You!**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION**

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGAN THE WEEK OF 9/29/2025
AND END THE WEEK OF 4/20/2026.**

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail or bring them to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. Please note that the Registration fee is \$250 for the first child in the family – each additional child is \$100.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

9th grade Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, 2025, in St. Raymond Church. The Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students. There will be two ceremonies that day - one at 11am and one at 2:30pm.

This information was e-mailed to parents in May.

The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

GROUP 1 - 11AM CEREMONY

Mrs. Maria Lopez, Mrs. Danielle Peknic, Mrs. Petra Schoen

Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony

Mrs. Nancy Mott, Ms. Denise Rivenburgh, Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero, Kellenberg, St. Mary, Chaminade, Home

Confirmation Rehearsal and Gown Distribution - Child and Sponsor are to attend their designated rehearsal. If the Sponsor is not able to attend the rehearsal, then we ask that a parent attend in his/her place.

GROUP 1 REHEARSAL – MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2025, 7:30PM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

GROUP 2 REHEARSAL – MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2025, 7:30PM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH



CONFIRMATION





St. Raymond



Religious Education Program





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

Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & THE ROSARY

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

108th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FATIMA APPARITIONS

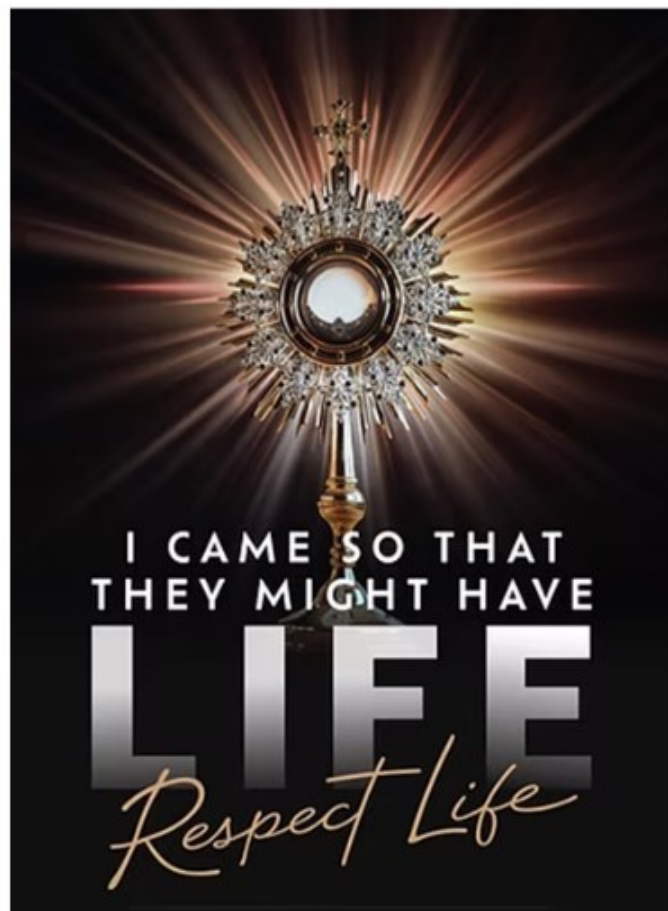
Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

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

The Message of Fatima

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



A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



Thank you for your generous support to the St. Vincent de Paul annual Friends of the Poor Walk. Your contributions will directly help our neighbors in need in East Rockaway and Lynbrook.



Ministry of Consolation



Offer the precious gift of your time, presence and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

**Work one week a month with a team to assist families in preparing and celebrating the Funeral Mass for recently deceased loved ones.
If Interested Call Doreen Dolan 516-593-5000**

**27TH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME WEEKLY GUIDE FOR
PERSONAL PRAYER
CREIGHTON ONLINE MINISTRIES**



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

Summary of the Readings for the Week

For the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, the First Reading is from the prophet Habakkuk (1:2-3; 2:2-4). The prophet cries out to God in the face of injustice and suffering, and God answers him with a call to patient faith, assuring that His promises will be fulfilled in due time. In the Gospel taken from Luke (17:5-10), the apostles implore Jesus, "Increase our faith," and He answers that even faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains, then emphasizes that disciples must serve without presumption, for they are "unprofitable servants" who have only done what was commanded.



Tuesday is the Memorial of Our lady of the Rosary in which we reflect on Mary, as a model of faith who always directs believers to her son, Jesus Christ. As October is the Month of the Rosary, Mary encourages us to pray the Rosary, to meditate on the life of Christ through its mysteries, and to see the Rosary as a spiritual weapon to combat sin as well as increase in virtue and our good works.

Throughout this week's readings, the First Readings are drawn from the prophetic books of Jonah, Malachi, and Joel. Each passage invites us into a journey of faith, repentance, and trust in God's mercy.

Monday through Wednesday's First Readings focus on the prophet Jonah's story, which centers on God's mercy and the human response to divine calling. "Should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city?" (Jonah 4:11). Jonah's initial reluctance, the repentance of Nineveh, and Jonah's own struggle with God's compassion reveal the tension between judgment and mercy.

The Gospels for the week are taken from Luke which echo this call to mercy and active love, such as the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) urging us to love our neighbor without prejudice "Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" and the instruction to listen attentively to God's word: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." (Luke 10:38-42). Together, these readings teach that obedience to God's call involves openness to mercy—both received and given.

Thursday's readings shift to Malachi's call for genuine faithfulness and trust in God's justice. The Gospel from Luke (11:1-4) in which Jesus teaches the disciples to pray to the Father (the "Our Father"), He reinforces this by encouraging persistent prayer and trusting in God's generosity, portraying God as a loving Father who responds to our needs. This combination invites us to deepen our relationship with God through faithfulness and persistent prayer, confident in His care and justice.

Friday's first reading from the book of Joel brings a sense of urgency to repentance and readiness for the coming "Day of the Lord." The Gospel presents Jesus warning against spiritual complacency and division, emphasizing the need for vigilance and wholehearted discipleship. This pairing challenges us to examine their spiritual lives honestly and to remain alert to God's transformative presence.

Saturday's first reading from the book of Joel continues the theme of God's judgment and vindication, promising blessings and restoration for the faithful. The Gospel concludes the week with Jesus affirming that true blessing comes from hearing and obeying God's word.

On the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are presented with the disparity between the First Reading, in which Naaman, a foreigner healed of leprosy, comes to faith and gives thanks to God, while in the Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers but only one, also a foreigner, returns in gratitude. These readings highlight that true faith is shown in our heartfelt thanksgiving in all circumstances.



*"For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands."
2 Timothy 1:6*



St. Raymond Church
 🔥 **Kindle The Fire Within**
Each Day, the Church is open
for personal prayer until 5:00pm
Each Thursday - Eucharistic
Exposition from 1-4:00pm
Each First Friday
Nocturnal Adoration
7:30pm-8:30pm

Daily Prayer This Week

As I begin this week, Sunday's First Reading invites me to bring my honest questions and doubts before God, much like the prophet Habakkuk who lamented the injustices around him. This reminds me that faith does not require me to have all the answers, but to trust God's plan even when I cannot fully understand it.

In my morning prayer, I can entrust my uncertainties and the world's challenges to God, asking for the grace to live by faith and to see His vision unfold in my life and in the world.

Lord God, as I begin this day, I place my trust in Your mercy and faithfulness. Help me to live by faith, even when I do not understand everything. I bring my doubts to You, confident that Your justice will prevail.

The story of Jonah further calls me to reflect on obedience and God's abundant mercy. Even when I feel reluctant or unworthy, God continues to call me to repentance and transformation. Like the people of Nineveh, I am invited to turn back to God and open my heart to His mercy. Throughout my day, I can meditate on the power of conversion and renewal, seeking to live more fully in God's grace and compassion.

The midweek Gospels also invites me to embrace mercy and active love as central to my discipleship.

The parable of the Good Samaritan challenges me to extend compassion beyond my comfort zones and to embody God's mercy in concrete ways.

This theme encourages me to begin each day with a commitment to live out the Gospel in my interactions, seeing Christ in those I meet and serving without judgment or hesitation.

In the passage in which Jesus visits Martha and Mary, Mary's example, choosing "the better part" by listening attentively to Jesus, reminds me of the importance of quiet and attentive prayer amid the busyness of daily life. Each day, I can set aside moments to listen deeply ... to Scripture, to God's voice in my heart, and to the needs of those around me. This practice nurtures spiritual growth and strengthens my ability to respond faithfully to God's call.

Wednesday's Gospel (Luke 11:1-1) deepens this reflection by reminding me of the importance of prayer and persistence. Jesus' teaching on the Lord's Prayer and His encouragement to ask, seek, and knock with confidence inspire me to cultivate a persistent and trusting prayer life.

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"



In the evening, I can reflect on the day's moments of grace and difficulty, bringing all my needs and those of others to God with faith and perseverance.

Finally, both the First Readings and Gospels for the week emphasize that true blessing and peace come from hearing and obeying God's word.

As I close each day, I can meditate on the blessings of faithfulness and obedience, asking for the grace to live in harmony with God's will. This ongoing commitment shapes my life as a Catholic, grounding me in hope, love, and the joy of serving God and neighbor.



Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

**Come Join Us for
Sodality's Annual
Communion Luncheon!**

The Sodality Of Our Lady will receive Corporate Communion on Sunday, October 19th at the 10:30 am Mass. Our annual Communion Luncheon will follow immediately after Mass in the school cafeteria. Event chairlady, Grace Irwin, along with her committee have planned an amazing afternoon for us. Reservations must be made in advance. Checks and seating requests should be dropped off at the rectory as soon as possible. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Father Justin Cinnante, O. Carm., will be our guest speaker, and will speak about our 2 newest saints, Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis. Everyone is welcome! Then, come join us at our regular monthly meeting, on Monday, October 20th at 7:30 pm in the school cafeteria. We are honored that our Moderator, Father Chuck will present on The Rosary as October is dedicated to Our Lady of The Rosary.



DID YOU KNOW THAT OCTOBER IS DESIGNATED AS FRANCISCAN MONTH?

Franciscan Month has been started to share the greatness of St. Francis and the Franciscan way of life. We may think of Francis as the “Birdbath Saint;” but there is so much more to him than protecting gardens and birds. His amazing conversion story is so inspiring. The mission of Franciscan Month is to celebrate the more than 800 year old Franciscan movement and to demonstrate how relevant St. Francis still is today. As only one example, his virtues outlined in the Peace Prayer attributed to him – love, faith, hope and giving – are so desperately needed to transform the inclination to hate so prevalent in our polarized world.

This year, Franciscans around the world are celebrating the 800th anniversary of his Canticle of Creation prayer, where he praised the Lord for Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, and Sister Mother Earth. Francis saw God in every created thing, animate and inanimate.

Deacon Bob Campbell is an active Secular Franciscan and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about Franciscan Month or the Secular Franciscan Order. Or visit franciscanmonth.org to learn more.



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Host Autumn Evening Event

The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their Autumn Evening Event on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 6pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

This year we are delighted to honor four of our Sisters with the St. Catherine of Siena Award who have served as Treasurer for our Congregation: S. Theresa Gallagher, S. Patricia Koehler, S. Kathleen McGinn and S. Judy Olsen.

Proceeds from this event benefit The Congregation's Ministry Support Fund, which was established to assist many of the Sisters' ministries in need of additional funding.

For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Office of Advancement at (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit: www.sistersofstdominic.org/2025autumnevening.

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*Memorial
of Our
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The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is an annual Catholic observance celebrated on October 7. The feast honors the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary and highlights the spiritual power of the rosary devotion.



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Christ's mission on earth. We have been entrusted with the message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant and for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

(USCCB Oct. 2025 Word of Life)

INTENTION FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF RESPECT LIFE MONTH:

For all Catholics, that the Lord will strengthen our resolve to protect the gift of every human life, from conception until natural death.

Let us pray to the Lord.

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I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE



During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have life. Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 1:5



need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”¹

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”²

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”³

“I am with you always,
until the end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20

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In the face of challenges such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is “the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.

Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound

1 Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013). 2 *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political*



experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.

Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introductory Letter, p. 8. (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024). 3 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

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St. Joseph, Defender of Life Prayer

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

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MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, October 6th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Jane McElroy Gilhooly

Tuesday, October 7th

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

7:15am John F. Beggs

8:45am Joanne Beichert

Wednesday, October 8th

7:15am James Ryder

8:45am Emily McCormack

Thursday, October 9th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Michael Sloan

Friday, October 10th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Clare Dower

David Webster (20yr. Anniv.)

Saturday, October 11th

8:45am Clare Dower

5:00pm Irene Plen

Sunday, October 12th

7:30am Ken Grassano

9:00am Frank Coppola

10:30am Marco Benedetto

12:00pm Christian Martyrs in Africa,
Paula Cifuentes, Robert Cea,
Alfonso Aliman, Mark Filippi,
Gongyi Huber, Enzo Panicali,
Anthony Romano,
Catherine Romano,
Lorraine Radice

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

Joseph Hiscock

Kenneth Hettler

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11/Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday

Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jonah 4:1-11/Luke 11:1-4

Thursday

Malachi 3:13-20b/Luke 11:5-13

Friday

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Luke 11:15-26

Saturday

Joel 4:12-21/Luke 11:27-28

Sunday

2 Kings 5:14-17/2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

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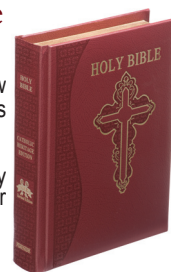
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