

## 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 15, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

-Matthew 22-14



October 15, 2023

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

### Rectory

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

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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

### Devotions

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

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

#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

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

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

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

### Baptisms

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

### Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

### Marriages

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

### Prayer Groups

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

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

### Music Ministries

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

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

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

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

**We would like to update our list of our service Men & Women, in order to keep them In our prayers. Please email any requests to [strayrcc@optonline.net](mailto: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.***

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** As the weather becomes cooler and the colors change, it is a beautiful time of year and one which is conducive to reflecting on our personal faith life. Where are our priorities? Do we place God first in our life? In the first reading from Isaiah, the path for the Israelites that led to God often got sidetracked by pride. When the veil of pride is removed, the earth will rejoice, and life will flourish once again because the people have put God's kingdom first. ***"This is the Lord for whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"*** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Philippians, Paul learned that his strength comes from God and that he will provide the faithful with all they need to live. ***"My God will fully supply whatever you need in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*** And finally, Matthew's gospel describes the dynamic of the kingdom of heaven. It is a story told in four stages. First there is a king giving a wedding feast for his son, but the invited guests refuse to come. Secondly, he sends out more invitations to those who also refuse and mistreat the messengers. The king is pretty mad now. Third he invites anyone he can find, both good and bad, to fill up the banquet hall. And fourthly, a man shows up underdressed and gets kicked out of the feast with a verse that gives a clue to the meaning of the parable: ***"Many are invited, but few are chosen."***

Now at first reading, this parable seems to have a rather harsh ending. The king goes through various mood swings, from being happy to sad to enraged. What the ending means is that being invited to the banquet table in heaven does not imply free entrance. You don't just get in by showing up. The wedding garment symbolizes the moral preparedness a person needs to enter the kingdom of heaven. Now what is proper attire for entering God's kingdom? The proper attire is the interior one. Are we properly disposed to enter? It seems to me that a strong faith, and belief in God's presence in our daily lives is the best ***"dress of the day."*** What gets in the way of not being properly attired? Go back to pride which can really hinder a person's spiritual growth. Many of the world's problems and our own can be attributed to pride.

Pride is like having blinders over our eyes. We get so used to having things our own way, our own preferences, that we forget about the needs of others. But it is never too late to change, to see the light of God's path, the one we are called to follow as Christians. The problems and crises that life throws at us every day can make changing our direction seem impossible at times. But don't stop! Deepen your faith in God's forgiveness and mercy. Let the Holy Spirit enter your life once more. So, prepare now for entering God's kingdom just as you prepare to receive Holy Communion. Open yourself to the healing power of the Real Presence of Jesus.

While this year's baseball season was a dud for the Mets and Yankees, and it looks like the football season is more of the same for the Giants and Jets, our parish's ***CYO Basketball Program*** is in full swing. The school gym is constantly being used for practices and soon the regular season games will commence. We wish all our teams well in this new season. May all who participate, play well, play fair, improve individually and as a team; and most of all have fun. ***Just don't forget Sunday Mass comes first!*** Thanks to all our coaches and CYO Staff who tirelessly give of themselves to make our program one of the finest in the diocese.

***Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin each week when you leave Mass.*** 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 upcoming ***Fall Ball*** on November 4th for our young boys and their adult escorts, an ad for the ***2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal***, a request for ***Parish-ioner Emails*** to improve communication from the rectory, the ***Eucharistic Revival Centerfold***, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (found on the inside back cover) an invitation to join ***FORMED*** (your Catholic Faith on demand, and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. ***Smile, share, don't put off getting ready for God's kingdom. And remember: Doing better for yourself is not the same as getting better for yourself.*** God bless always

***-Father Chuck***





# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 15, 2023-28th 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 15, 2023-28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Is 25:6-10a**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

## SECOND READING

**Phil 4:12-14, 19-20**

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 22:1-14**

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

## ALLELUIA

**Cf. Eph 1:17-18**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



Faith Formation

### ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

Next Sunday 10/15/2023 is the first of five meetings for 1st grade parents and students. We meet at 11am in the St. Raymond School auditorium and the entire group goes to the 12 Noon Mass where the lesson will continue with Fr. Chuck. Please remember to bring the child's workbook, Jesus Storybook bible, pencil, folder.

### 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

### SPONSOR AND CANDIDATE REHEARSAL/ SEATING ASSIGNMENTS/ GOWN DISTRIBUTION

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

Attention Parents/ Guardians of Parish Boys in grades K-8

Parish Boys' Fall Ball - Saturday, November 4th, 2023

St. Raymond Cafeteria - 6pm-8pm

\$20/ person - includes pizza, desserts, DJ, special photo and more

Tickets distributed at the 5pm Mass on 11/4/2023– no admittance without a ticket

The RSVP date has been extended to 10/17/2023. Form is in this weekend's bulletin. Please complete bottom portion of form and return to Religious Education office with full payment (Cash or Check made out to St. Raymond Religious Education). Seating is limited.

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or any adult guardian is welcome to escort.





Our 2nd  
Graders  
begin  
preparing  
for  
First Holy  
Communion





Parish boys in Grades K-8 join us for a

# Fall Ball



Saturday November 4th, 2023

St. Raymond's School Cafeteria - 6-8pm

\$20 per person

includes DJ, dinner, desserts, a special photo and more!

- Tickets will be distributed at the 5pm mass on 11/4.
- Must have ticket for admittance.
- Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.
- Seating is limited.
- RSVP by October 17th by returning the bottom of this form with payment to the Religious Ed office.
- Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.



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Cash or checks made out to St. Raymonds Religious Education

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Escort Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please write clearly - this will be used to send you photos!):

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THIS WEEK, IF YOU ARE  
ABLE, PERHAPS PICK UP  
EXTRA GROCERIES TO  
DONATE TO YOUR  
PARISH'S FOOD PANTRY.

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**St. Raymond's  
Light of the  
World Lecture  
Series  
Presents...**

**Very Reverend  
James A. Kuroly, ED. D  
Rector-President of  
Cathedral Prep**

*"Go and Announce the  
Gospel of the Lord.  
But How?"*

**Date: Tuesday, Oct. 17th**

**Time: 7:30 P.M.**

**Place: St. Raymond School Cafeteria**

**263 Atlantic Ave.**

**E. Rockaway, NY**

**(516) 593-5000**

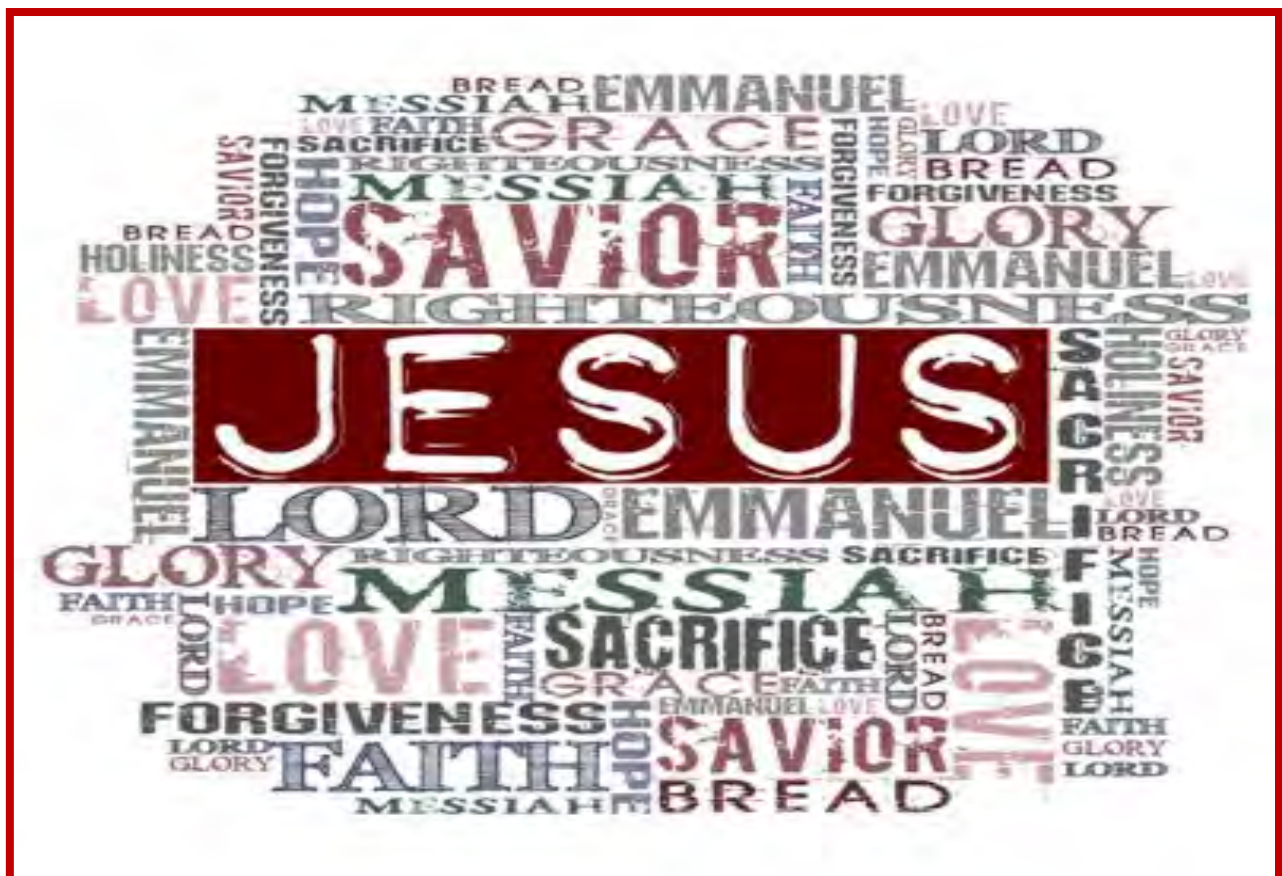
**Join us for a presentation from  
Fr. Kuroly, on how we announce the  
Gospel of the Lord. On-site parking is  
available in school parking lot. Entrance  
is on Grant Avenue south of Atlantic  
Avenue. Light refreshments  
will be served.**





Prayer for a  
**Generous Faith**  
*by St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you  
as you deserve;  
to give and not to  
count the cost,  
to fight and not to  
heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and to ask  
for no reward,  
save that of knowing that  
I do your will.  
Amen







## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

The Dobbs Decision, which overturned Roe vs. Wade, returned the decision-making regarding abortion to each individual state. Since that time, some states have enacted laws to protect the unborn from abortion without exceptions and some have passed laws that restrict abortions after a 15 weeks in utero with exceptions. However, other states have worked, not only to keep abortion legal up to and including the ninth month of pregnancy for any reason, but to have abortion written into the state's constitution as a "right", so to bypass any pro-life majority state legislatures who support protection for the baby. Disturbing to say, N.Y., former Gov. Cuomo, signed into law such a "right" in N.Y.'s state constitution. We bring this to your attention now because elections are coming up this year and "through ballot initiatives, they (pro-abortion forces) can write incredibly broad language that is misleading to voters. Big Abortion hides behind the ambiguity and statements of 'reproductive freedom' to obscure the true impacts of the amendments. Every election is important. This November, New Yorkers will vote on The Equal Rights Amendment which could further strengthen further access to abortion. We must speak up and ensure our hard-earned victories are not erased & that abortion is not further embedded in our constitution. Please vote your pro-life values and motivate others to do the same."

(Gloria Schreiber, CEO Life Center of L.I.)

**Next monthly Human Life Committee meeting:**

**Thursday, October 19th, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Parish Social Ministry Office**

**Please join with us in being a voice for the pre-born babies. All invited and needed!**



*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)

*"Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

*-Galatians 6:2*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. **During the month of September, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 61 households with food, personal care, household items and other services they needed.**

Also, 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: Laundry**

**Detergent, Dish Detergent, Chef Boyardee**

**Pasta, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly,**

**Coffee, Jello, Jarred Pasta Sauce and Ketchup.**

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers.*





## THE TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

### STATION TEN



### STATION TEN THE LAST SUPPER: PROMISES FULFILLED

**“AND HE TOOK BREAD, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS HE BROKE IT AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, ‘THIS IS MY BODY.’”**

**LUKE 22:19**

This is the event to which all the previous stations have been leading. At the Passover meal Jesus established the New Covenant, the new priesthood, and the Bread of Life. We read in the Gospel of Saint Luke:

When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. Then he took the bread said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you” (Lk. 22:14, 19-20).

### *What is the connection to Jesus?*

Jesus makes the connection between Himself and the bread and the wine. The bread and wine become His Body, Blood,

Soul and Divinity. Saint Cyril of Jerusalem reflects:

Even of itself the teaching of the Blessed Paul is sufficient to give you a full assurance concerning those Divine Mysteries, of which having been deemed worthy, you have become of the same body and blood with Christ.

“For you have just heard him say distinctly, That our Lord Jesus Christ in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it, and gave to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is My Body: and having taken the cup and given thanks, He said, Take, drink, this is My Blood. Since then He Himself declared and said of the Bread, This is My Body, who shall dare to doubt any longer? And since He has Himself affirmed and said, This is My Blood, who shall ever hesitate, saying, that it is not His blood?”

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

Week 10 Thought: When people question the truth of the Eucharist, am I prepared to defend that the Eucharist is truly the Body of Christ?



## **St. Raymond Church**

**Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration  
and Eucharistic Exposition**

Each day the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00  
Each Thursday - Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM  
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

**"O JESUS, CONCEALED IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OF  
THE ALTAR, MY ONLY LOVE AND MERCY, I COMMEND TO  
YOU ALL THE NEEDS OF MY BODY AND SOUL. YOU CAN  
HELP ME, BECAUSE YOU ARE MERCY ITSELF. IN YOU LIES  
ALL MY HOPE."**

**Saint Faustina Kowalska Feast Day: October 5th**

### **Step By Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me By Father Luke Spannagel National Eucharist Revival Blog Altar Kiss**

Have you noticed that, during the entrance hymn or antiphon, the celebrant approaches the altar and kisses it? As a sign of veneration, the priest and deacon kiss the altar. The altar symbolizes the heart of the Church. It is the Lord's table and the center of the Eucharistic action. It has always been considered a symbol of Christ. That is why we cover the altar with a cloth, out of reverence for the celebration of the memorial of the Lord's sacrifice.

Altars typically also have a special set-in stone that contains the relic of a saint. The relic is usually a small bone fragment from one of the martyrs or perhaps a saint. The tradition of the relic can be traced back to the first centuries of Masses celebrated at the burial places of the martyrs or in the catacombs.

The word "altar" comes from the Hebrew word meaning "place of sacrifice." Throughout the Old Testament, altars were erected in special places where the people had an encounter with God, which then became places of prayer. In our churches, the altar is where the Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated, and we encounter Christ truly present in the Eucharist. We call the Mass a sacrifice because we are given an opportunity to share in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Jesus Christ –body, blood, soul, and divinity–becomes present during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. To kiss the altar is to kiss Christ. As you may realize, kissing the altar is more than a simple gesture!

**Next week: Sign of the Cross**

### **Saints Who Promoted the Eucharistic St. John Paul II († 2005) Feast: October 22**

A French novelist once wrote, "Tell me what you love, and I will tell you who you are." Although there are countless ways to study Saint John Paul the Great, the most direct route is by entering the man's heart. Between 5:00 and 5:30 a.m. – and sometimes as early as 4:00 – Pope John Paul II would arise each morning, keeping virtually the same schedule he had as the bishop of Kraków. Although he enjoyed watching the sunrise, the main reason for his early start was to make time for prayer. He prayed the Rosary prostrate on the floor or kneeling, followed by his personal prayers, and would then go to the chapel to prepare for 7:30 Mass. According to his press secretary, Joaquín Navarro-Valls, his sixty to ninety minutes of private prayer before Mass were the best part of his day.

During the celebration of the Eucharist, one observer noticed, "He lingered lovingly over every syllable that recalled the Last Supper as if the words were new to him." Then, after the moment of Consecration, he would genuflect before Christ's presence on the altar with tremendous reverence. After Mass, a lengthy time of thanksgiving followed before the Holy Father greeted guests and gave each of them a Rosary.

The Eucharist was the principal reason for his priesthood. He said, "For me, the Mass constitutes the center of my life and my every day." He added, "nothing means more to me or gives me greater joy than to celebrate Mass each day and to serve God's people in the Church." John Paul didn't merely offer the Mass. He lived it. Like the Eucharist itself, he became an immolation of love – a living sacrifice offered to the Father for the salvation of mankind. Because of his deep faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, he was adamant with priests and bishops about how the Mass ought to be celebrated.

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#### **EM of Holy Communion - Part A**

**Nassau: Wednesday, Nov.29-St. Paul the Apostle/Brookville-Lowes Hall; 7-10pm**

**Suffolk: Tuesday, Oct. 10-St. Elizabeth/Melville-Msgr. Kane Hall; 7-10pm**

#### **EM of Holy Communion - Part B**

**Tuesday, Oct. 24-St. Elizabeth/Melville-Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30-9:30pm**

**To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact the rectory, 516-593-5000  
For questions regarding the training please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850**





## 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.



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 (STRAYCC@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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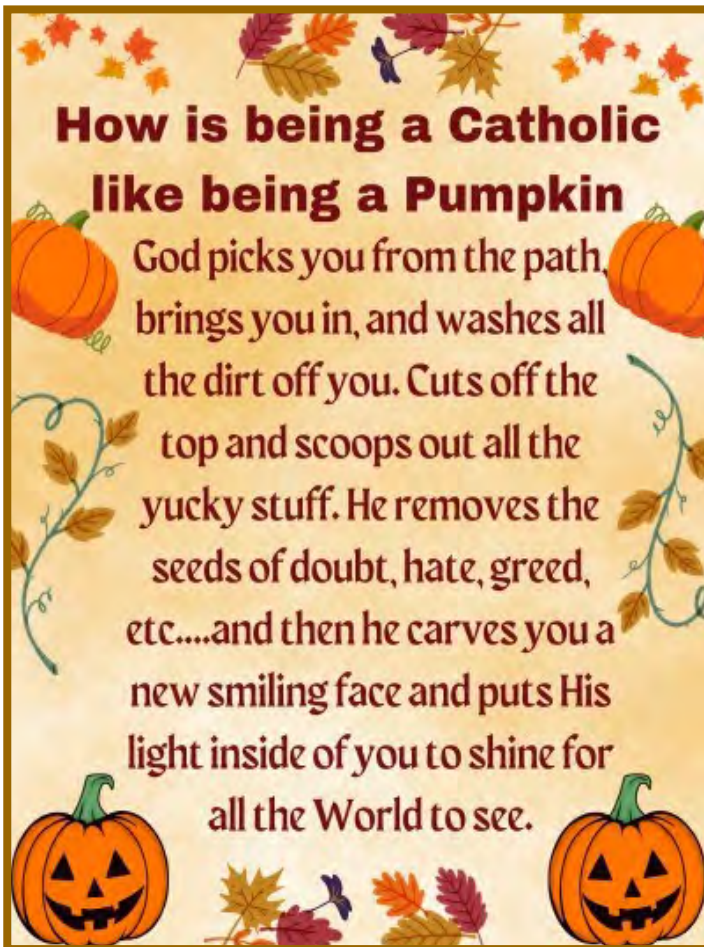
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Mass at 10:30am at St. Raymond Church

Luncheon to follow:

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12:00 Noon \$60 per person

Space is limited contact Dorothy Bock

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*With Guest Speaker*

*Our Very Own "Deacon Thomas Connolly"*

*The Ten Commandments-*

*the Road to Happiness*

October Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023

Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria

Time: 7:30

(Hospitality will be available beginning at 7 pm)

*Speaker: Cristian Murphy*

*Topic: "Mercy"*

*Please join us and bring a friend as we are  
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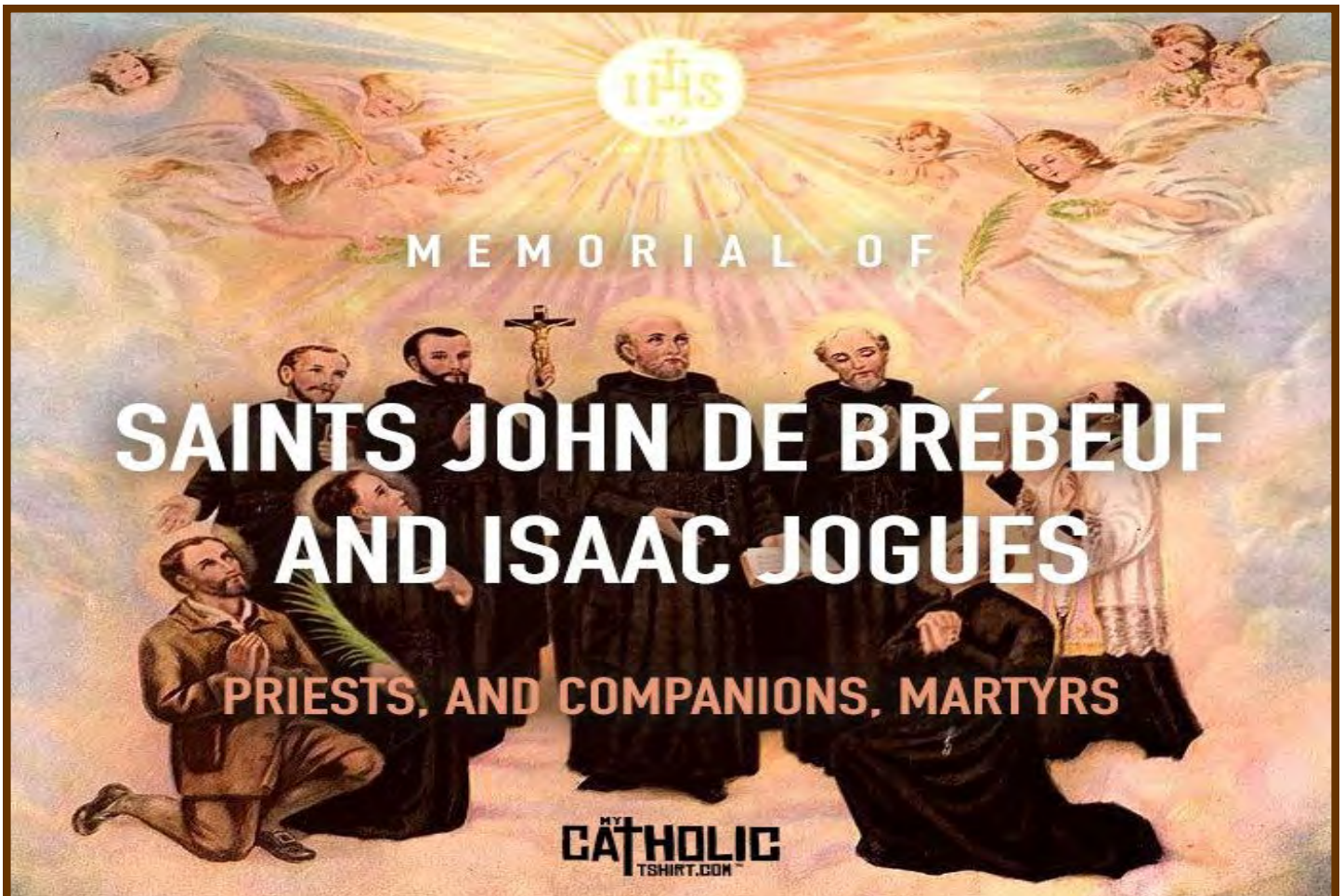
October 18

Most wonderful St. Luke  
you are animated  
by the Heavenly Spirit of Love.

In faithfully detailing  
the humanity of Jesus,  
you also showed His Divinity  
and His genuine compassion  
for all human beings.

May the Holy Spirit,  
instructor of the faithful,  
help me to understand  
Christ's words and faithfully  
apply them in my life.

Amen.



# 2023

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October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family's budget.

Support for those in need is crucial for many families, especially our senior community. Our Long Island community has had a 25% to 30% increase in the senior demographic, leading to an increase of 65% of these seniors living in poverty. Your donation allows Catholic Charities to provide affordable safe housing to senior citizens, operating 16 housing facilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties, totaling more than 1,329 units.

Additionally, it ensures the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents. Housing programs are also available for those with developmental disabilities and our veterans in need. Through our Parish Social Ministry programs, we bring food and hope during these challenging times. I would like to share a comment from a senior and resident of Bishop Ryan Village, Hampton Bays with you:

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## Masses for this week

### Monday, October 16th

7:15am Jeff Campbell

8:45am Roseanne Striff

### Tuesday, October 17th *Saint Ignatius*

7:15am Maria Costanza

8:45am Benay Mugmon

### Wednesday, October 18th *Saint Luke*

7:15am Cindy Lewis

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, October 19th

#### *Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues*

7:15am Edward Collins

8:45am Lee Ann O'Keeffe

### Friday, October 20th

7:15am Frances & Charles Hess

8:45am Debbie & Joe Simeti

### Saturday, October 21st

8:45am Veronica Gordon

5:00pm Jennie Gaeta

### Sunday, October 22nd

7:30am Rosaleen Furey

9:00am Maria Umento

10:30am Sheila & John Sparling

12:00pm Frances Rinaldi, Joseph Giordano,  
Giuseppa S. Iannitelli, James Tosner

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

#### Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

#### Wednesday

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

#### Thursday

Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

#### Friday

Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

#### Saturday

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

#### Sunday

Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

### Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Jodi Neckles, Mike L,  
Dawn, Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,  
Baby Cooper Graham, Kevin O'Sullivan  
Michael McPike, Christine I., John Lynch  
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,  
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri, Samir  
Leo B., Caroline Saporito, Linda D'Agostino  
Mary Lou Hart, Marie Gay Oddo, Michael Sarro,  
Barbara, Nick S., Joseph Petraro, Nicole Brack,  
Rosalie Monaco, Maureen Condiss,  
Maureen McCarthy, Jane Gelson

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



### Rest in Peace

Ann Patrice Rainís  
Charlotte Raimondi



### The Sanctuary Light

For this week in memory of  
Mary Peduto



# Parish Bulletin Board

## Prayer of Saint Francis

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

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

## 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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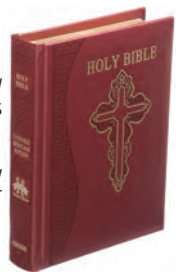
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