

## 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, May 7, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



Jesus said to  
him, 'I am the  
way and the  
truth and the  
life. No one  
comes to the  
Father except  
through me.'

-John 14:6

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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Call the rectory office for meeting times.

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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.

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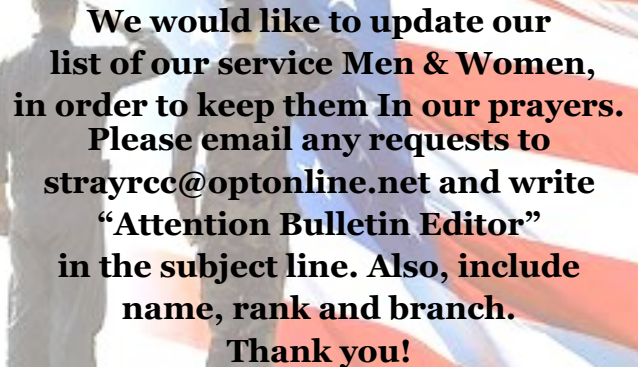
### Music Ministries

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

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

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



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



**CATHOLIC FAITH  
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### **The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)**

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#### **Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome**

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

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Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

#### **St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY**

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

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***Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.***

**Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Fifth Sunday of Easter!** Today's readings point out that Jesus is the cornerstone who directs our lives, always leading us to our heavenly Father. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the apostles facing a challenge from within the community. It is a language dispute between those speaking Aramaic and those speaking Greek. To solve the potential rift within the community, seven members were elected to have authority in the community. Through prayer and the Holy Spirit, the Good News continued to be spread and the number of new believers continued to increase.

**"The Word of God continues to be spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even large groups of priests were becoming obedient to the faith."** Then in the second reading from 1 Peter, Jesus is seen as the stone rejected by the builders which has become the cornerstone. If one believes in Jesus, they become a chosen race and a royal priesthood. **"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."** And finally, John's gospel gives us the start of the **"Final Discourse"** as Jesus is telling his disciples that he must leave them and return to the Father. This causes much consternation among the disciples. Jesus personifies himself as the way, the truth and the life. Follow him and this is what you will receive. Belief in Jesus leads one to the Father because Jesus and the Father are one. **"Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves."**

Peter's letter points in two directions. One is toward the building of Christian communities, guided by love and justice. And the second direction is to eternal life knowing that Jesus is the **"way, the truth and the life."** Thus, he is the cornerstone who guides all things and sets all things right. When our faith connects with Jesus, we become a special people. The early Christians were rooted in Jesus and formed into communities of faith, hope and love. Prayer and trust were needed in order to meet the challenges of living peacefully together while the apostles continued to preach and teach the good news. With trust in Jesus, they worked through their difficulties. Success came because they built their lives and communities on Jesus, the cornerstone.

John's gospel invites us into eternal life, while acknowledging that is easy to stumble and fall. Living spiritually with Jesus will bring us eternal life in the dwelling place that Jesus has prepared for us. The key is to keep centered on Jesus as the **"way, the truth and the life."** One can only get to the Father through Jesus. The best way to keep grounded in Jesus as the cornerstone is by receiving Holy Communion, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus.

**This weekend we celebrated First Holy Communion at two Mases for our Second Graders.** St. Raymond Parish congratulates the children on reaching the most important day in their life as a Catholic. To be able to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion is the most sacred practice Catholics partake of. It gives us full participation in the Mass and unites us to the great gift of salvation that Jesus won for us through his death and resurrection. I congratulate the parents for continuing your role of being the **"best of teachers in the faith by what you say and do."** Many thanks to our Religious Education Department under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Ostermann and also to her assistants and all the catechists who guided the children to this great day. I look forward to seeing you and your families at the table of the Lord each Sunday going forward.

**Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.** It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an invite to the **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Friday evening, May 12th in our church, an ad for the upcoming **Open House for Camps R Us** on Saturday, May 13th, an ad for the upcoming **Parish Blood Drive** on Sunday, May 21st, an invitation for join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand, a request for **Parishioner Emails** (to enhance communication from the rectory), the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (on the inside back cover) 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, pray the Rosary and remember: Sunday's menu: bread, wine and divinity.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**MAY 7, 2023-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **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

MAY 7, 2023-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## FIRST READING

**Acts 6:1-7**

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

## SECOND READING

**1 Pt 2:4-9**

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his work are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

## GOSPEL

**Jn 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

## ALLELUIA

**Jn 14:6**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*

On Saturday, May 6th two of the three groups of 2nd grade students received their First Holy Communion. God bless each and every one of them and congratulations to their families for bringing these beautiful young ones to know who Jesus is.

Thanks and gratitude to our catechists for the groups: Mrs. Joanna Agnello, Mrs. Dawn Falbee, Mrs. Siobhan Kelhetter, Mrs. Laura MacLeish and Mrs. Linda Ohlsen. These are wonderful women who have given their time to share their faith with our 2nd graders. God's blessings be with them always.

We are in need of catechists for the 2023/2024 Religious Education school year. Please call the Religious Education office if you are interested – 516-593-9075. The following is where we need teachers:

2nd Grade Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm 3 teachers needed

5th Grade Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm 1 teacher needed

6th Grade Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm 1 teacher needed

The 2023/2024 Registration forms were e-mailed home to parents in April. The forms can also be found on the parish website – [www.saintraymonds.org](http://www.saintraymonds.org). Please fill them out in their entirety and return them to the Religious Education office with full payment.

### FIRST GRADE 'GRADUATION' MASS

Congratulations to our First Grade students on their 'graduation' from our 2022/2023 Home Program. Next year they will now come to the school for in-person 2nd grade class. Thanks to their parents for working with them and for attending the meetings and assigned First Grade Masses. Thanks to our First Grade Specialist Mrs. Santa Mugno for her efforts in preparing the curriculum for the students and their parents to follow throughout the year.

Thank you to Fr. Chuck for his support and for presiding over the First Grade Masses this past year.

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for providing and preparing the First Grade Graduation Pancake breakfast that was held on Sunday 4/30/2023 after the 9am First Grade Mass.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 – MANDATORY REHEARSAL TEACHER/CLASSROOM # DATE/TIME/ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

#### GROUP 3

Mrs. DiRienzo/Mrs. Fiorentino/2-5 Room 114

Mrs. Nostramo/2-6 Room 209

Mrs. O'Hanlon/2-7 Room 208

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 3:30PM - 5:00PM

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023 - MASSES TEACHER/CLASSROOM # DATE/TIME/ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

#### GROUP 3

Mrs. DiRienzo/Mrs. Fiorentino/2-5 Room 114

Mrs. Nostramo/2-6 Room 209

Mrs. O'Hanlon/2-7 Room 208

Saturday, May 13th, 2023 - 11AM





# END OF YEAR 1ST GRADE "GRADUATION" AND MASS



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## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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### St. Raymond Parish

has had an active chapter (known as a "conference") of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please email [svdpstray@gmail.com](mailto:svdpstray@gmail.com) for information on ways that you can participate.



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Congratulations to...  
*Valerie Nguyen &  
 Michael Biarculli  
 Meredith Edelmann &  
 Stephen Mackey*  
 who will be married at  
*St. Raymond's Church*  
 in May

*God Bless Our  
 Newly Baptized*

- Ariana Jennifer Luciano*
- Giovanni Michele Marafiotte*
- Lucas Daniel Grotheer*
- Hudson James Todero*
- Liam Robert Bristol*
- Charlotte George Amritt*
- Luke Emerson Forte*
- Thomas John Maida*
- Charlotte Ellie Cannizzaro*
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Children  
 are  
 A **gift**  
 FROM THE  
**Lord.**  
**THEY** are  
 A  
 reward  
 from Him.  
 PSALMS 127:3



*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)

*"Do not close your hand to someone in need." Deuteronomy 15:7*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of April, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 67 households with food, personal care and household items.

As we all know, grocery prices have been skyrocketing and it is getting especially harder for seniors, who depend on their Social Security benefits as their sole income, to make ends meet. If you are a senior citizen who lives within our Parish boundaries and are having a difficult time financially to afford groceries, please contact our office and we will try to help out with food so that you can pay your other bills.

**Pantry items needed this week: Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Grape Jelly, Mac N Cheese, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Jarred Pasta Sauce. Pasta, Canned Tomatoes and Instant Mashed Potatoes.**

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.*



**O Mary,**

You shine continuously on our journey  
as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross,  
were united with Jesus' suffering,  
and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs,  
and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee,  
joy and celebration may return  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.

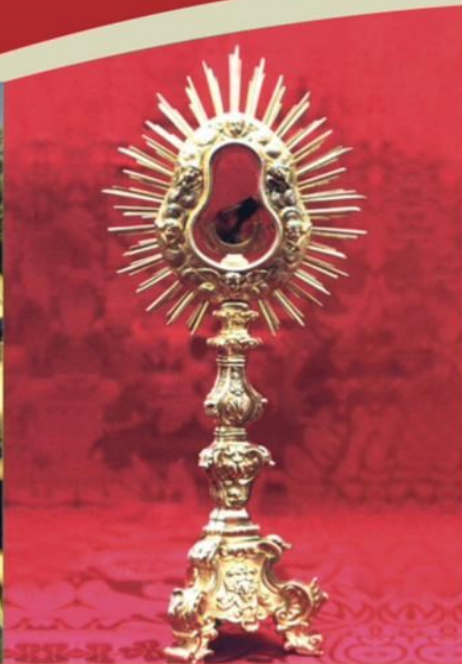
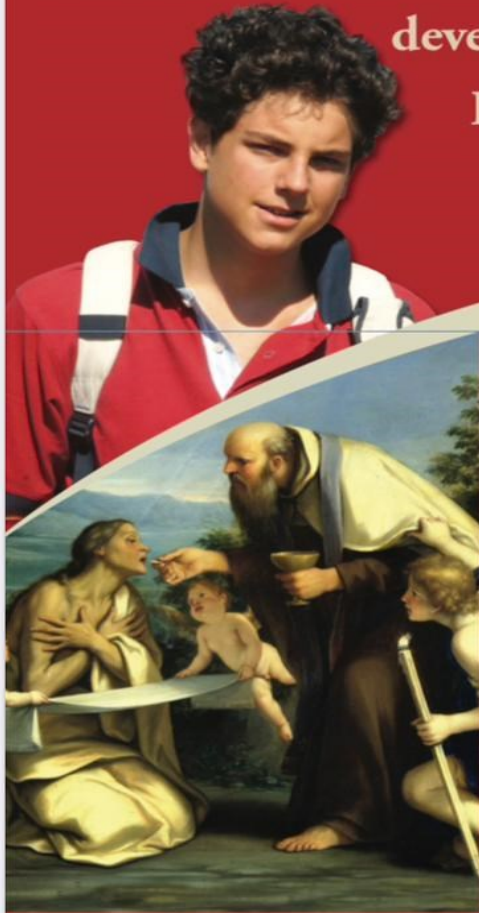
For he took upon himself our suffering,  
and burdened himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

*Pope Francis's Letter to the Faithful  
May 2020*

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Smithtown  
invites parishioners and friends to  
an exhibit of  
**THE EUCHARISTIC  
MIRACLES OF THE WORLD**

developed by The Servant of God,  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 • 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 • 9:00 AM- 6:00 PM**

*Location: Saint Patrick's School, Canning Hall, 284 E Main Street, Smithtown*

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As Christians, we live in a world that is constantly trying to guide us in a way opposed to Christ. We are faced with decisions that can either help us stay on the narrow path or lead us astray. We have two options: to follow Christ, whether popular or not, or we can do as Pilate did, listen to the crowds and turn our backs on Christ.

"FROM MARY WE  
LEARN TO SURRENDER  
TO GOD'S WILL IN ALL  
THINGS. FROM MARY  
WE LEARN TO TRUST  
EVEN WHEN ALL HOPE  
SEEMS GONE. FROM  
MARY WE LEARN TO  
LOVE CHRIST HER SON  
AND THE SON OF GOD!"

ST. JOHN PAUL II



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## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

"Life has a very long history, but each of us has a very definite beginning -the moment of conception". (Venerable Jerome Lejeune) "One of the most renowned 20th century geneticists, Jerome Lejeune is best known for discovering the cause of Down Syndrome, and he is also recognized as a faithful Catholic and pro-life advocate....After studying to become a doctor, he dedicated his research to helping those with Down Syndrome. In 1958, Lejeune discovered that a chromosome abnormality, trisomy 21, causes Down Syndrome. For this discovery he is considered the father of modern genetics...However, he soon realized that his discovery was leading some women to abort their babies.... He received the William Allan Memorial Award, the highest honor in his field and gave a speech in which he firmly spoke against abortion. Before his speech, he understood the implications, as his colleagues were mostly pro-abortion. That night, he wrote a letter to his wife, Birthe, saying, 'Today, I lost my Nobel Prize in Medicine.' Lejeune's words and actions, which cost him acclaim among his peers, show that he cared more for his faith - and the protection of life - than he cared for honors. In the words of Lejeune, 'We need to be clear: the quality of a civilization can be measured by the respect it has for its weakest members. There is no other criterion.'" (EWTN Newsletter, Jan. 2023) Tragically, today, 90% of the babies in the womb, who are diagnosed to have Down Syndrome, are killed through abortion.

Please join with us each Thursday from 3 pm - 4 pm,  
during Adoration, to pray the Chaplet of Divine  
Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady, for the specific  
intention of an end to abortion and the return  
to the dignity, respect and protection of all God's  
children from conception till natural death.  
The power of prayer is great!

# Parish Email List

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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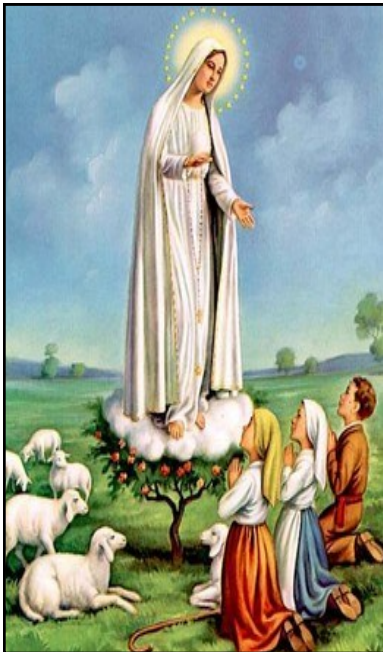
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & The Rosary

**Friday, May 12th; 7pm—8:30pm;  
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—Sister Lucia of Fatima



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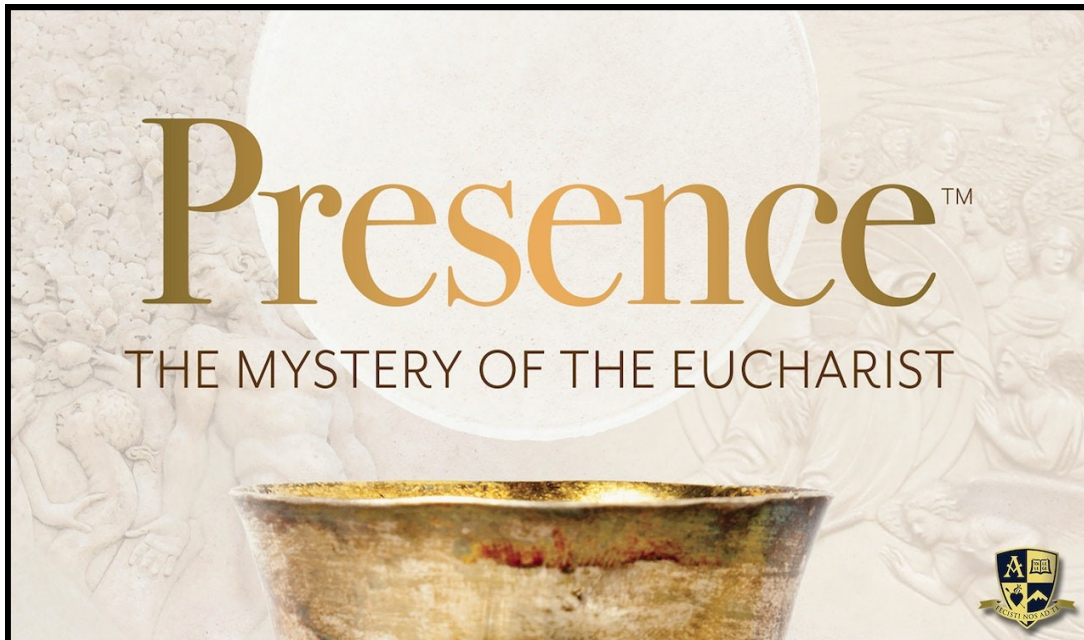
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# Masses for this week

## Monday, May 8th

7:15am Msgr. Dennis Regan

8:45am Joe Ferrick

## Tuesday, May 9th

7:15am Rev. James Kissane

8:45am Dominick Consolazio

## Wednesday, May 10th

7:15am Rev. Eugene McManus

8:45am Michael Malone

## Thursday, May 11th

7:15am Jeanne Ryan

8:45am Dcn. Bob Campbell

## Friday, May 12th

7:15am Mary W. Duggan

8:45am Sr. Jean Amore - living

## Saturday, May 13th

8:45am Joseph Fiore, Walter Convery  
Pola Cifuentez, Michael O'Malley  
Margaret Collins

5:00pm Bob Cavanaugh

## Sunday, May 14th

7:30am

9:00am Happy

10:30am Mother's

12:00pm Day!

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

#### Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

#### Thursday

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

#### Friday

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

#### Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

## Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,  
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,  
John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik,  
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,  
Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro  
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jennie Gaeta,  
Christina McGrory, Jay Witemeyer  
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Baby Bennett William Chevalier, Samir

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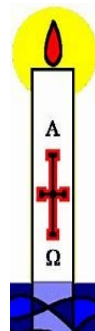


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Joseph Genna

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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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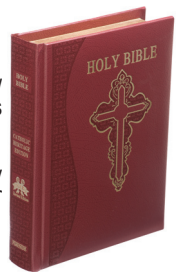
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