

## 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, June 9, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“With the  
Lord there is  
mercy, and  
fullness of  
redemption”  
-Psalm 130:1

June 9, 2024

Tenth 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

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### 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.

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### Baptisms

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.

### 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

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

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**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  
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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

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

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** The focus of today's scriptures is to teach us that we were created for unity, with God and with one another. In the first reading from Genesis, we see how God confronts Adam and Eve after they had eaten from the forbidden tree. They passed on the blame till it landed on the serpent. The result is separation from God. Out of fear, Adam and Eve hid because they did not trust in God's mercy and love for them, which was the bedrock of their unity with him. The unity for which we were created is destroyed by sin. Adam answered: **"I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."** Then in the second reading from 2 Corinthians, Paul affirms that though our bodies can be destroyed, we have faith that our unity with Jesus, he will raise us up to be in his presence forever. **"Therefore, we are not discouraged: rather. Although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."** And finally, Mark's gospel depicts a very eventful day for Jesus. His relatives are out to seize him, the scribes are calling him Satan, and he can't even stop for a bite to eat because the crowds are so large. No doubt, the disunity Jesus felt at this time pained him. Imagine the leaders of your community and your own family out to get you. Jesus wants us to know that the circle of God's love encompasses everyone, making all of us family. Our job is to widen the circle, so no one is standing outside of it. That's why Jesus spoke in familial terms about those he was united with. And that's why he said the following: **"Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."**

It's interesting that the people around Jesus called him crazy, saying he was out of his mind. He did strange things that were hard to explain. Now as modern hearers of this passage we might wonder what the big deal was. What did he do? He helped people in need, pointed out injustices, forgave people and inspired them with his teaching. So, what was the big deal? But think about it. We might actually have some similar feelings. How? Well Jesus said to forgive everyone who has wronged us, not just **"sort of"** but completely. And not just for the small stuff. He even wants us to forgive our enemies.

Does sound a little crazy. Then he wants us to turn the other cheek, never respond to violence with violence. He wants us to curb our urges for revenge. Sounds a bit much, don't you think? And he wants us to give generously from all the blessings he has bestowed upon us. That means we don't just give a little from our excess or extra. We are called to give much from whatever we have, whether a little or a lot. Feeling that we never have enough is not an option. Sounds crazy, right? Plus add in being kind, merciful, compassionate, understanding and non-judgmental. And that means to everyone, not just the people we like. Again, a bit much.

The question then becomes why should we be followers of Jesus if we don't really have any intention of following where he leads? We come to Mass for all good reasons. We come to show gratitude, to have communal support, hear sacred stories and just get some peace and calm. Plus, we come for the nourishment of the Eucharist. But perhaps we need to come also to Mass to be challenged, in big ways. Sometimes we need to come and leave asking all the big questions, the ones that really matter in our day-to-day lives. What does it really mean to be a follower of Jesus? What am I being called to do? And maybe most of all, how committed am I? Mull over it for a while.

**Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.** It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the envelopes for the upcoming **Father's Day Novena of Masses**, an invitation to the **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Tuesday evening, June 11th, information on **CYO Basketball Registration**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover of the bulletin), 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 and remember: Be the person your dog thinks you are.** God bless always.  
**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**JUNE 9, 2024-TENTH 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

**JUNE 9, 2024-TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### FIRST READING

**Gn 3:9-15**

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."

### SECOND READING

**2 Cor 4:13—5:1**

Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

### GOSPEL

**Mk 3:20-35**

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons." Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

### ALLELUIA

**Jn 12:31b-32**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the ruler of the world will be driven out, says the Lord; and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



**Our office will close for the summer on Thursday 6/13/2024.**

We will continue to come to the office every week but on limited hours.

The Registration process will continue, phone messages and e-mails will be responded to.

Our 24/25 Religious Education program is in need of 4 more catechists for the following grades and days:

3 Catechists for 3rd Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Monday, 1 Wednesday, 1 Thursday

1 Catechist for 6th Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Thursday

The Religious Education school year goes from September 23rd, 2024 - April 10th, 2025.

Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months. Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment.

Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and students who are in our program.

Our parents are very supportive and appreciative of all that we do – it makes a world of a difference to receive the kindness extended to us. Special thanks and gratitude to our devoted and loving catechists. They are the cornerstone of this program and without them our program could not thrive as it does. Thank you to Fr. Chuck for the support he gives not only to us, but to our catechists and families. It truly is a gift to have a pastor who is always in our corner and who cares so much about our program. And we could not forget to thank our Mrs. Contaldi. She so lovingly put this program together through all of her years of hard work and dedication to our children.

With deep respect we continue to use her words to guide us along. And to you, our fellow parishioners, thank you. You do not realize how much it means to us to hear your compliments and words of encouragement.

**Please stay safe and have a wonderful summer! We will see you in September!**

**Lucy, Nancy and Stephanie**





**Feast of Corpus Christi  
St. Raymond Parish had  
a Eucharistic Procession  
around the grounds to  
the four outdoor shrines:  
Padre Pio, the Angel  
Garden, St. Therese and  
The Holy Family.**







## **ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE**

The Supreme Court Dobbs Decision, which overturned Roe v. Wade, tragically did not end abortion but sent the question of abortion back to the states, with each state deciding the fate of the unborn babies. Some states enacted laws prohibiting abortion with few exceptions, some states banned abortion after six weeks of pregnancy. Others states, including our own New York State, enacted laws to keep the killing of the unborn babies by abortion legal for any reason, up to and including the ninth month of pregnancy. Since more women are using the chemical abortion pills in place of surgical abortions, abortion numbers have increased. Through telemedicine, the abortion pills are being sent by the states that have legalized abortion to those states that want to protect the unborn babies, thereby circumventing those states legitimate laws. Next week-end is the beginning of our parish's **"Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program"**. This is a very simple prayer program - no meetings - simply a commitment to pray the **"Prayer of Life"**, at the time of your choosing, each day for nine months, for a baby in danger of being aborted. Pledge cards will be put in each pew with the **"Prayer for Life"** attached. Simply sign the pledge, separate the pledge side and put it one of the plastic boxes located in the Church's vestibules, and keep the side with the **"Prayer"** on it for yourself. Our hope is that reading the above information on the increased number of abortions - increased death of unborn babies and more harm to women - more people will participate in this simple but powerful prayer program.



## **Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!**

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of \$20,986! The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave.in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100

visit their website at: [www.oceanfinancial.org](http://www.oceanfinancial.org).





*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 THRU WEDNESDAY FROM  
10AM TO 3PM**

(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*

During the month of May, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 87 households with food, personal care and household items and other services they needed. We also welcomed 1 new client, who is in need of our services, into the Outreach Program. Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including seniors who depend on their Social Security benefit as their only source of income and need help with food assistance.

**Pantry items needed this week: Cold Cereal, Coffee, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Meat, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Canned White Potatoes and Yams, Canned Corn, Beets and Peas, Snacks, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant and Dish Detergent.**

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. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*May God's blessings shower  
upon all of you!*



# THE ROSE FOR LIFE

Prayers for the work of the  
Human Life Committee

Donated by:

Jean & Ed Cook

For Dedications call  
Mary Healy 887-4062





**STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS**  
**DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME**  
**FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL**  
**NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG**



**Washing  
Hands**

We continue our journey through the Offertory of the Mass. After the gifts are brought forward (and after the incense, when it is used), you may notice that the priest washes his hands over a dish called a lavabo (meaning, "I shall wash") and dries them with a towel. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says that this washing is a rite "in which the desire for interior purification finds expression" (GIRM, 76).

**Practical & Symbolic Significance  
of Handwashing**

To explain this handwashing in more depth, Charles Belmonte, author of "Understanding the Mass," teaches, "In every Mass, a liturgical act is performed which originally was a response to a practical necessity. The celebrant washes his hands, which have touched the sundry offerings as well as the censer, before taking up the bread about to become the body of Christ. The Church has kept this ceremony of the Lavabo to express the desire of interior purification. This mystical meaning was emphasized by St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century, when he wrote: 'This action shows that we must be free from all sin. We perform actions with our hands; to wash our hands is the nearest thing to purifying our deeds'" (p. 114).

Even if the spiritual meaning makes sense, you may note the practical reality that the priest's hands don't look dirty. It is true that our offerings today are clean, but if you remember a few installments back, in the early days of the Church people would bring all kinds of things for the offertory, not just neat little containers of bread and wine. For example, someone might bring produce or chickens as gifts for the poor. Naturally, if the priest was handling these kinds of offerings, we would want him to wash his hands before continuing the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

While we no longer need the practical cleaning today, the understanding of spiritual cleansing is very valuable. As the Diocese of Peoria notes, "the Church maintains this washing ritual as it expresses an inward desire to be cleansed within" (A Study of the Mass, p. 12). This desire is very clear when we see the private prayer the priest prays at this washing: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Although the priest prays

this prayer privately, this is another place where all the faithful could unite in prayer, asking God to purify our minds and hearts in anticipation of being in the True Presence of Christ himself on the altar.

**Uniting Ourselves to the  
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

After washing his hands, the priest goes back to the center of the altar, extends his hands and then rejoins them, and asks the faithful: "Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." According to our most recent directives, the faithful stand to make the response: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church." Charles Belmonte writes that "the priest begs us to unite ourselves with him in the sacrificial act as it draws nearer... the priest stresses that the sacrifice is mine (i.e., Christ offers himself—the aspect of ministerial priesthood) and yours (the entire Church offers the sacrifice—the aspect of common priesthood)" (Understanding the Mass, p. 115). The Diocese of Peoria explains, "The invitation makes a distinction between the way in which the priest makes his offering and the way in which the faithful make theirs. The Sacrifice of the Mass is not offered by the priest alone. All of us by virtue of our baptism are called upon to offer ourselves to the Father through Christ" (A Study of the Mass, p. 12).

As we have seen throughout the Offertory, there are several opportunities to unite ourselves and our sacrifices to Jesus. This is no accident! Each of these invitations helps us to be aware of what we can offer and to be attentive to what is about to happen in the Mass. Next time, we'll see the Prayer over the Offerings draw our prayers and sacrifices together as the time of Christ's True Presence draws ever closer.

For Reflection: As we have seen throughout the Offertory, there are several opportunities to unite ourselves and our sacrifices to Jesus. This is no accident! Each of these invitations helps us to be aware of what we can offer and to be attentive to what is about to happen in the Mass. Next time, we'll see the Prayer over the Offerings draw our prayers and sacrifices together as the time of Christ's True Presence draws ever closer.

**Next Week: The Prayer over the Offerings**



## ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration  
and Eucharistic Exposition

The Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00PM  
Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM  
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM



### The Sacred Heart and the Eucharist Fr Richard Neilson

As May leads to and introduces June, so Mary brings us to the love of her Son, the love symbolized by His Sacred Heart. Christ's heart of flaming love finds its truest and most profound expression in the Blessed Sacrament of His love, the Eucharist, God's giving of Himself, whose feast, Corpus Christi, each year most often falls within the month of June. How appropriate this is, for devotion to the Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart are in fact one thing, inseparable – devotion to the mystery of Christ's human and divine love. In the Sacred Host dwells the God-man, Jesus; in His Person pulses His Heart through which we are loved with the perfection of His humanity, the fullness of His Godhead, one Person who not only loves but is love. Thus St. Peter Julian Eymard instructs us, "Let us learn to honor the Sacred Heart in the Eucharist. Let us never separate them."

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus infallibly leads souls to the Eucharist. Love for, and devotion to, the Eucharist infallibly leads souls to the mystery of God's infinite love symbolized for us by the Sacred Heart, a symbol necessary because love itself is immaterial and imperceptible: We need the sensible manifestation of the Divine Heart. So it is that the Sacred Heart, the Holy Eucharist, and Love itself, are one and the same thing; for in the Eucharist dwells Jesus, in Jesus His Heart, and in His Heart is infinite love.

The Eucharist can be explained only by love; the love of Jesus is the love of His Heart, and so the Eucharist is explained only by the Sacred Heart. Drawn close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by cords of love, we receive into our own hearts the Eucharistic Lord in Holy Communion. Every sacrament is an effect of Christ's love, but as St. Bernard said, the Blessed Sacrament is the love of loves, the effect of Jesus giving us Himself who is love, and the most fertile source of that most tender and ardent love man should have for Jesus. St. Francis de Sales tells us our great intention in receiving the Eucharist should be to advance in the love of God, to become intimate with Him. You cannot love someone you do not know, and you do not know anyone you do not speak to or visit often and intimately.

*Thus, frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament, periods of prayer, adoration, are absolutely necessary.*

***"Here are my mother and my  
brothers. For whoever does the will of  
God is my brother and sister and  
mother." -Mark 3:34-35***

### Eucharistic Witness

***"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses  
than to teachers, and if he does listen to  
teachers, it is because they are witnesses." St.***

***Paul VI St. Francis Breadline***

### Franciscan Ministry (Manhattan, NYC)

A throng of men and women gathered one day during The Great Depression outside St. Francis of Assisi Church on West 31st Street in New York City, begging for food, clothing and money. At the front door of the friary, a Franciscan friar gave everyone a sandwich and five-cent coin. That simple act of compassion and generosity on the morning of Sept. 26, 1930 gave birth to what today is the iconic St. Francis Breadline, which has been feeding the homeless and poor every day since that historic moment more than nine decades ago. What can we learn from the Franciscans and volunteers' Eucharistic witness:

**Belief Intensifies Love:** Tim, a regular volunteer, attends daily morning Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church before work. Asked why he volunteered, Tim said that he passed the breadline before attending Mass one day. While mediating after Communion, he couldn't help to think that his father, who was an unemployed steel worker during the Great Depression, might have been one of those on the breadline. In honor of that charitable act, he volunteered.

**Feeding and Being Fed by Love:** At 7AM sharp every morning – weekdays, weekends, holidays, and through snowstorms, heatwaves and even hurricanes – the line zigzags along 31st Street with over 400 homeless, disabled, unemployed, migrant women and children, and those fallen on hard times – all of them poor and hungry. Richard McFeely, OFM, who served as Breadline friar liaison, said "Every day is Thanksgiving on the Breadline. We express our gratitude for the gifts God has given us by sharing them with our poor sisters and brothers."

**Made for Love:** "The joyful atmosphere and warm greetings are just as important as the bags of food. We try to set the example that homeless people are human beings, not just a stigma that you step over in the subway or sidewalk," says Patrick Regan, executive director.

***"It's a great feeling to provide a hungry person with  
food, but it's important to look them in the eye and  
greet them with the dignity and respect that every  
human being deserves."***



# 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

107th ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
FATIMA APPARITIONS

Date: Tuesday, June 11th

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

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

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

## 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.



## 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.







# FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

As we celebrate **Father's Day on June 16th**, there will once again be the parish's Novena of Masses prayed for nine consecutive days starting on that Sunday. It is very fitting to remember our fathers in prayer during this novena. Envelopes for this novena were mailed to those who receive the weekly envelope mailing. They are also available near the doors of the church. If you wish to participate in this novena simply fill out one of these envelopes, include your donation and place it in one of the boxes marked "**Father's Day**" which are located on the pew shelves by the doors of the Church.

**Please do so by 5:30pm  
Sunday, June 16th.  
Thank you!**



**Saint Joseph,  
pray for us.**

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A Ministry to Catholic Women  
*Immaculate Heart of Mary*

## Chapter Brunch

Saturday, June 15th

11:00pm - 3:00pm

Knights of Columbus Hall  
2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside

Speaker: Monique Moussot

Praise & Worship by the Woods Worship Band

Tickets: \$60 per woman; registration required.



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I would like to be a table hostess: Yes/No

Donation for priest to attend: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News to all those we meet. Jesus says to His Apostles (and all of us), "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20).

How are you answering this call in your life? As members of the Catholic Church on Long Island, we can answer this call and help spread the Faith to our youth and young adults, as well as to many others who depend on us, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Your gifts help to fund formation programs that bring people closer to Christ. One such program is Camp Quo Vadis for our youth. This camp is so vital to the mission of the Church because it quenches the spiritual thirst that so many young people on Long Island experience. The more our young people seek out Christ and the more the Church helps them to navigate their journey—the better our future will be.



*"The camp revitalizes the faith by helping young people understand who God is and develops their relationship with Him. It keeps young people close to God by learning more through the sacraments by offering Mass and time for Eucharistic Adoration. Seeing their faith grow and seeing faith through the eyes of our youth strengthens my faith."*

There are many other ministries funded by the CMA that support the education of youth and young adults in addition to seminarians and those preparing for the Diaconate. I invite you to visit the website for the CMA to learn more about what the CMA does: <https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>.

Let us come together to spread the Good News to the people of God on Long Island so that we can build a solid foundation for the future of our Catholic Community.

Please know that I thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. I remind you that no gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference in the lives of our young people - the now and the future of our Catholic Church.

# Ministry of Consolation

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**



**Basketball registration  
will be open  
June 1st - June 30th**

Last day to register will be June 30th - no exceptions.  
Please use the link below for registration when  
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<http://straymondscyo.com/>



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to join our  
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Saturday mornings November - February.

If you are interested please reach out to Jim Mulroy  
at [jmulroy33@gmail.com](mailto:jmulroy33@gmail.com)



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**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

***This week, be at  
service to someone  
who may need  
help carrying their  
cross—it may be  
either a stranger or  
someone you know.***



*"Behold the  
heart which has  
so loved men."  
Jesus speaking  
to St. Margaret  
Mary Alacoque*

### **Pastoral Council Members**

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Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson**

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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PARISH (ON YOUR ENVELOPES) #\_\_\_\_\_

**Please update our  
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# FORMED

*This week on* **FORMED...**



## Jesus and the Eucharist

**During this time of Eucharistic Revival, Jesus is inviting us to encounter him in our life stories. Together, we'll explore the story of salvation as told through Scripture, fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and lived out in the Church and the Sacraments—especially the Eucharist. At the conclusion of this series, participants will be empowered to live out the Gospel in their own lives and share its message of hope with others.**



**GO TO THE ST. RAYMOND  
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# Masses for this week

## Monday, June 10th

7:15am Clemente DiMonda

8:45am Holy Souls

## Tuesday, June 11th St. Barnabas

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Marie Dempsey

## Wednesday, June 12th

7:15am Marie Finken

8:45am Deceased Members of the  
Grennen Family

## Thursday, June 13th St. Anthony

7:15am Rev. Thomas Lynch

8:45am Elfriede Bennett

## Friday, June 14th

7:15am Joseph Ninivaggi

8:45am Laura Schneider

## Saturday, June 15th

8:45am Noreen C. Sheehy, Marie Maloy,  
Patricia Shanagan, Frank Savino

5:00pm George D'Agostino

## Sunday, June 16th

7:30am

9:00am Father's Day

10:30am Novena

12:00pm

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12

### Tuesday

ACTS 11:21B-26; 13:1-3/MT 5:13-16

### Wednesday

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday

1 Kgs 18:41-46/Mt 5:20-26

### Friday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32

### Saturday

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37

### Sunday

Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



## Please Pray for Our Sick



Mike L.

Jodi Neckles

Baby Faith Madison

Baby Cooper Graham

Samir

Maureen Condiss

Mary Lynch

Nick S.

Maureen McCarthy

Dawn

Fr. Don Hansen

Jay Witemeyer

Christine Gillidan

Joseph DelGiorno

Linda Dagostino

Timothy Murphy

Karen Pagnotta

Elizabeth Lacchini

Colleen Popp

Michael Malone

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



## Rest in Peace

Erminia Perri

Paula Caccavo

Patricia C. Sympson

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Thomas Hines



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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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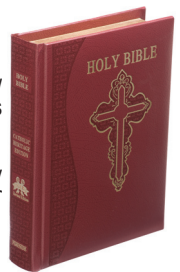
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