

## 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, November 5, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

-Matthew 23:12



November 5, 2023

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

### Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;  
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm  
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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

### Devotions

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

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

#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

First Fridays from 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.

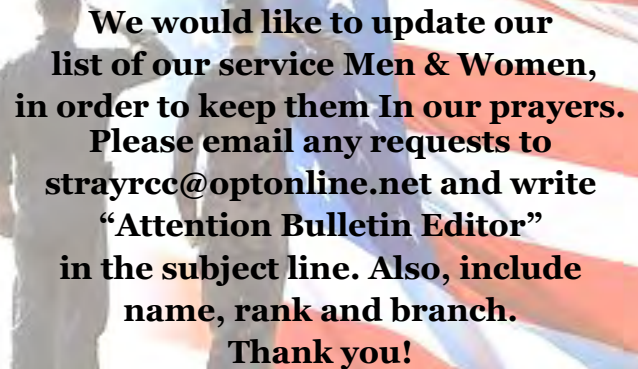
### Music Ministries

**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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LC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS  
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY  
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Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY  
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit  
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY  
PFC Hunter Deets, #10 Mountain Division US ARMY  
***Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.***

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Today's readings challenge us to follow leaders who live by the divine covenant, honoring God's law, and leading by serving. In the first reading from the prophet, Malachi, the people of Israel are told that if they seek to restore their homeland, they need to hear what God has to say. Even though they have returned from exile they still need direction to grow in the rich, strong faith tradition of their ancestors. Failure to give good direction is rebuked by God and the challenge is issued to the priest to respect the covenant. **"Have we not all one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?"** Then in the second reading from 1 Thessalonians, Paul preaches but also works so as not to be a burden to anyone. And he is grateful that the community listens and believes in the word of God. **"And for this reason, we give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God which is now at work in you who believe."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel we have Jesus strongly denouncing the scribes and Pharisees. He says not to follow their example for they lay heavy burdens on the people, but do not help them. After criticizing these religious leaders, he then gives a strong piece of advice. **"The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."**

One conclusion to be made from today's readings is that it is not always wise to follow any leader blindly. Good leaders demonstrate integrity, good communication, commitment, servanthood, and enthusiasm. Godly leaders should be preaching and teaching the ways of God and living by the ways of God that they teach. Jesus is quick to point out when leaders seek their own fame and glory. That's when he speaks of being humble in service to others. Of course, this is modeled by Jesus' very own life. Simply getting in line can be dangerous. As Christians we follow Jesus Christ. He alone shows us a good and perfect example for living. We all have examples in our lives of others who have given us godly examples for living, from parents and grandparents to teachers, coaches, saints and world and Church leaders. Actually, we are all called to be leaders of some type. As such we should be a leader who lives by God's ways, treating everyone fairly and with justice, serving others with love

Moms and dads lead their children. Siblings lead their younger brothers and sisters. Employees lead their employees as well as teachers leading their students and coaches leading their teams. We all need to pay attention to the opportunities we have to lead others in Jesus' way of love and service. Maybe try starting to do so this week.

**On Monday evening, November 13th, there will be a special Holy Hour starting at 7:30pm in the church.** This Holy Hour will be dedicated to praying for peace in our world. With so much suffering and death occurring because of war, it would be a good time to gather in prayerful reflection to ask for the peace of Jesus Christ to touch the hearts of all people so that war and the evil that war brings upon a nation's land and people will stop. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflection, scripture, music and Benediction to help guide our prayer. So, consider joining together on the 13th to pray for peace.

Our **"Countdown to Christmas Raffle"** is underway. Hopefully by now, all parishioners have received the mailing that was sent. Simply send in the order form with your payment for the number of ticket entries you want. Or use the order form found in this bulletin. Don't miss out on this great chance to win some holiday cash starting on Thanksgiving Day and every day after, right up to Christmas. Enter early and enter often!

**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 order form for the special **One Year Memorial Candles**, an order form for the **Countdown to Christmas Raffle** as well as the **Christmas Plant Sale**, 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 first week of November. **Smile, share, and be a leader for Jesus. Plus remember: Heaven is not a trick and hell is no treat.** God bless always.

**- Father Chuck**

# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 31st 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

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10**

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, If you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

## ALLELUIA

**Mt 23:9b, 10b**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
You have but one Father in heaven  
and one master, the Christ.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 131:1, 2, 3**

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.  
O LORD, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty; I busy not myself with great things, nor with things too sublime for me.  
R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.  
Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.  
R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD, both now and forever.  
R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

## SECOND READING

**1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13**

Brothers and sisters:  
We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
TRUST  
GOD

## GOSPEL

**Mt 23:1-12**

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



Faith Formation

**There are no Religious Education classes on Election Day Tuesday 11/7/2023.**

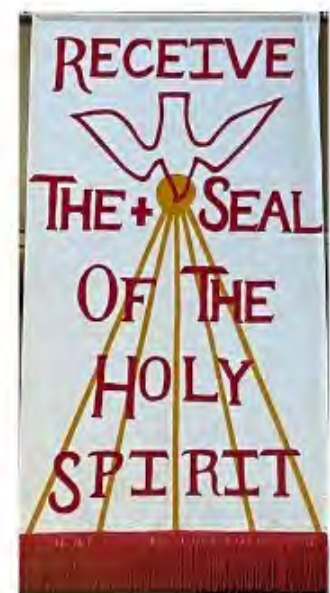
Last night our Fall Ball for boys in grades K-8 was a wonderful event. We had almost 85 attendees! Our boys attended the 5pm Mass with their guest and then went to the cafeteria for pizza, dancing, photos and prizes. A fun night was had by all!!! So many thanks and gratitude goes out to: Joanna Agnello and Laura

MacLeish for chairing the event. Special thanks to all the parents who contributed to the event by donating desserts, waters and for their help setting up and cleaning up: Alicia Brenneis, Jane Breuer, Kim Elliott, Theresa Gaffney, Lindsay Joyce, Monica Kennedy, Kelly Khan, MariaClaudia Lore-Montano, Erin McCadden, Jane O'Hanlon, Jennie Saia, Maureen Scatamacchia, Sara Sollin, Mary Thompson, Marie Walsh.

There are not enough words to express our gratitude to each and every one of them!!!

### Attention 2nd grade Parents

Sunday, November 12th, 2023 all 2nd grade students and their parent(s) are to attend a meeting in the auditorium at 11am. Then the entire group will attend the 12Noon Mass immediately following the meeting.





**OUR CHILDREN  
RECEIVE THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFIRMATION**





# Countdown to Christmas Raffle

Once again, we are having the exciting Countdown to Christmas Raffle where you have 33 chances to win some "Cash for Christmas." This raffle starts on Thanksgiving Day and concludes on Christmas Day. Each day a money prize will be awarded to the winning number drawn. Starting with \$500 on Thanksgiving Day and culminating with \$1000 on Christmas Day there will be 33 cash prizes awarded totaling over \$5000. Now to get in on the action all you have to do is fill out the tear-off found on this page, include the number of tickets you wish to purchase, the payment amount and return it to the rectory ASAP. Your control number will be sent to you and depending on how many tickets you purchase, that number of tickets, all with the same number, will be entered into the drawing.

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### Pricing for the tickets is as follows:

**1 Ticket for \$25- 5 Tickets for \$50- 10 tickets for \$75- 15 Tickets for \$100**

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## Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please include payment for your ticket(s) with this form. Upon receipt, you will be mailed the number assigned to all your tickets. If you request more than 15 tickets an additional number will be assigned to you.**

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You may mail your order form to the rectory, place it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it in the mail slot at the rectory at any time. Winners will receive a telephone call on the day they win. Winning tickets will be put back in the drum to possibly win again. You can join the raffle at any time but to be included in all 33 drawings, we must receive your entry and payment by Wednesday, November 22nd. Winning numbers will be added to the calendar that is printed in the weekly bulletin.

*Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all. and Good Luck!*

Let's have a peaceful and grace filled Thanksgiving Day, a holy and happy Advent, a joyous Christmas season, and a hope filled New Year. Thanks for your support in this fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish!

Father Chuck Romano






# Merry Christmas

## Countdown to Christmas Cash Raffle 2023

Over \$5,000.00 in Prizes – 33 Cash Prizes to be Awarded.

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Prize: \$500.00	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE \$1000</p> </div>			November 23 Thanksgiving Day Prize: \$500.00	November 24 Prize: \$100.00	November 25 Prize: \$100.00
November 26 Prize: \$250.00	November 27 Prize: \$100.00	November 28 Prize: \$100.00	November 29 Prize: \$100.00	November 30 Prize: \$100.00	December 1 Prize: \$100.00	December 2 Prize: \$100.00
December 3 First Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 4 Prize: \$100.00	December 5 Prize: \$100.00	December 6 Prize: \$100.00	December 7 Prize: \$250.00	December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Prize: \$100.00	December 9 Prize: \$100.00
December 10 Second Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 11 Prize: \$100.00	December 12 Prize: \$100.00	December 13 Prize: \$100.00	December 14 Prize: \$100.00	December 15 Prize: \$100.00	December 16 Prize: \$100.00
December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 18 Prize: \$100.00	December 19 Prize: \$100.00	December 20 Prize: \$100.00	December 21 Prize: \$100.00	December 22 Prize: \$100.00	December 23 Prize: \$100.00



# Christmas Fair!

Sponsored by the Sodality

of Our Lady

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

**10:00AM-3:30PM**

**ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA**



*Bakery - Sweepstakes - Jewelry Shop  
Handmade Knits & Crafts - Christmas Gift Box  
Money Tree - 50/50 - Lottery Wreath  
Raffles - Granny's Attic  
Refreshments at the Country Kitchen!*

**St. Raymond's**  
**Breakfast with Santa**  
**Saturday, December 9th**

**2 Seatings: 9a-10:30a & 11:30a-1p**  
Cost: \$15 per person (2yrs & younger free)  
Cash, Check or Venmo @GinaPLee

Please make checks out to St. Raymonds Religious Education

<p>Reservations required, Limited availability, Please RSVP by 11/9. Reservations will be first come, first serve. Held at the St. Raymond's School Cafeteria</p>	<p>What's included: Pictures with Santa, Crafts, Dance Party, Pancakes, Sausage, Bagels, Fruit, Coffee, Juice &amp; Hot Chocolate</p>
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Submit the below form to the St. Raymond Religious Education Office located in St. Raymond School

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one session: 9am or 11:30a  
8 Ticket Max Per Family



Pray for the "Church Suffering" ... the Souls in Purgatory "If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."

Romans 6:3-9

## Pastoral Council Members

Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley, Julianne Grennen,  
Kimberly Moran, Mary Murphy,  
Dave Ohlsen, Linda Ohlsen, Secretary,  
Stephen Rochford, Chairperson,  
Fr. Chuck Romano,  
Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson,



JOY

# Christmas Plant Sale

Once again, we are offering beautiful Christmas Plants for sale. Below is an order form. Simply fill it out and return to the rectory by Sunday, December 3, 2023. All orders will be picked up on December 17th during Gaudete Sunday Hospitality in the school cafeteria. All orders are to be paid up on Sunday December 17th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Christmas Wreaths</u>	12" - \$15 _____	Quantity		
<u>Grave Blankets</u>	24" - \$25 _____	Quantity	42" - \$35 _____	Quantity
<u>Poinsettias</u>	6" - \$10 _____	Quantity	8" - \$20 _____	Quantity
	Red/White/Pink (circle one)		Red/White/Pink (circle one)	

Decorated Crosses 24" - \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

Decorated Candy Canes 24" - \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

Order Total: Number of Items \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_





**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST**  
**ADAPTED FROM THE "CATECHISM IN A**  
**YEAR" ASCENSION PRESS PODCAST**  
**FR. MIKE SCHMIDT**

**CATECHISM**

**SECTION 2 / CHAPTER 1 / ARTICLE 3**

**PARAGRAPHS 1322 -1327**

"The sacrament of the Eucharist the Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation those who have been raised to the Dignity of the royal priesthood by baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own Sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

At the Last Supper on the night he was betrayed Our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his body and blood this he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again and so to entrust to his beloved spouse the church a memorial of his death and Resurrection a sacrament of love a sign of unity a bond of Charity a Paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed the mind is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

The Eucharist is the source and Summit of the Christian Life the other sacraments and indeed all ecclesiastical Ministries and works of the apostolate are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it for in the Blessed Eucharist is contained at the whole spiritual good of the church namely Christ himself our Pasch.

The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and Sublime cause of that communion in the Divine life and that Unity of the people of God by which the church is kept in being it is the culmination both of God's actions sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offered to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.

Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the Heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life when God will be all in all.

In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

**Fr. Mike Schmidt's Commentary on 1322-1327**  
**(excerpts)**

The Eucharist is a "who" ... this is Jesus but also is an action. It's the great sacrifice of Jesus, the Son of God, to the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit. We've been looking at the sacraments of Christian initiation and the Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. If you have all three of these: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist, you're fully initiated. Those who have been raised to the Dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation, participate with the whole community in the Lord's own Sacrifice by means of the Eucharist. Why? Because it's all of Jesus being offered. Not only Christ, the head, being offered but Christ's whole body being offered. Christ's body is truly in the Eucharist and also Christ's body in the Church. You're a member of Christ's body. When we are fully initiated into the church through Baptism, we are able to join in offering up that great sacrifice of the Eucharist of the Son to the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit.

I love the very poetic words of Sacrosanum Concilium (Vatican II document) that describes the Eucharist as a sacrament of love. It's a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed and the mind is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us. This is not just incredible because we realize it is a sacrament of love. Why? Because here is Jesus, on night before he died, knowing that all was fulfilled saying: I've longed to eat this Passover with you. Then, He takes bread and said, take and eat, this is my body given for you. Taking the chalice filled with the fruit of the vine, He says, take and drink, all of you, this is the chalice of my blood. The blood of the new and eternal Covenant which will be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

The Eucharist is a sign of unity, and we can only be admitted to the Eucharist if we're in communion with the Church. If we step out of communion with the Church, then we're not able to have this Sacrament as it's a precondition that you be in union with your Bishop, who is in Union with the Holy Father.

### **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

**"FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF MY FATHER, THAT  
EVERYONE WHO SEES THE SON AND BELIEVES IN HIM  
MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."**

**JOHN 6:40**

All Souls' Day - November 2nd  
November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

### **Step By Step Walk Through the Mass**

Do This in Remembrance of Me

By Father Luke Spannagel

National Eucharist Revival Blog

### **Saints Who Promoted the Eucharistic**

St. Martin de Porres

Lay Brother († 1639)

Feast: November 3

### **The Penitential Act**

After the priest's greeting and people's response at the beginning of the Mass, we next share in the Penitential Act. During the entrance rite, we recall that we are in the presence of God. If we are truly sincere in realizing that God (who is all-holy) is in our midst, then we recognize the need for purification. We recognize that when we encounter God, we must draw near with a pure heart. So, we take a moment of silence to call to mind our sins and failings, and we ask the Lord to forgive and heal us. After our time of silence, the priest (or deacon) leads the community in praying one of three possible prayers.

This honest look inside ourselves during the Penitential Act helps us to be aware of our sin and, most importantly, our need for God to help us overcome sin. In a very practical way, this brief reflection recalls the places in our lives where we know we need Christ more. If you haven't yet thought of an intention to join with the priest's offering of the Mass, this might be a great time to ask specifically for help in overcoming a particular sin or perhaps further healing from the effects of previous sins. We believe that the Mass is our most powerful prayer together because Jesus himself is truly present and we are joining together with Him in the perfect worship of God the Father. In the Mass we take part in the one perfect sacrifice of the Cross where Christ offered Himself so that our sins could be forgiven.

St. John XXIII gave a brief summary of the secret to St. Martin de Porres' holiness during his canonization ceremony. "The example of Martin's life is ample evidence that we can strive for holiness and salvation as Christ Jesus has shown us: first, by loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind; and second, by loving our neighbor as ourselves."

"When Martin had come to realize that Christ Jesus suffered for us and that he carried our sins on his body to the cross, he would meditate with remarkable ardor and affection about Christ on the cross. Whenever he would contemplate Christ's terrible torture he would be reduced to tears. He had an exceptional love for the great sacrament of the Eucharist and often spent long hours in prayer before the blessed sacrament. His desire was to receive the sacrament in communion as often as he could."

Pope Benedict XVI, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, explained that St. Martin de Porres recognized the Lord in the tabernacle and the needy: "Martin lived from the adoration of the Lord present in the Eucharist, passing entire nights in prayer before the crucified Lord in the tabernacle, while during the day he tirelessly cared for the sick and assisted the socially outcast and despised, with whom he, as a mulatto, identified because of his origins."

If we want to be like St. Martin de Porres, we should foster a deep devotion to the Eucharist and then, fed by that celestial food, go out into the world, and love our neighbors.

St. Martin de Porres: "Always consider others as more holy and more worthy than you, at the same time strive to be as holy as you can be."

**Next week: Forms of Penitential Act**



## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

This week-end concludes the "Baby Bottle Fundraiser" for the Life Center's pregnancy care facilities. Volunteers are stationed at each of the Church's doors to accept your coin-filled baby bottles. All proceeds will be donated to the Life Center to assist their work in offering free, caring help to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and the opportunity to bring their babies to a live birth. If anyone has forgotten to bring his or her baby bottle today, simply drop it off at the Rectory during this coming week. We thank all who participated in this important fundraiser for the Life Center. May God bless you for your continued caring and generosity for both baby and mother.

### Election Day – Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Although this is not a Presidential election, it is imperative that you vote! The "Equality Amendment" will be on New York State's November ballot. Politico reported "activists have vowed to spend \$20 Million to help pass the 'Equality Amendment'. Creating this constitutional protection on the category of abortion allows the state of New York to use the long arm of the law to bring all citizens in line with unrestrained access abortion. The passage...would result of erosion of religious liberty for many people of faith and faith-based organizations. You can be sure to expect medical workers would be compelled to participate in abortions and assisted suicide or face severe penalties or termination...Educate everyone you know about the dangers of this amendment.

**Please cast your 'NO' on this amendment."**  
**(Life News, November, 2023)**



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*Then your light will shine out from the darkness,  
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bright as noon." Isaiah 58:10*

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:**

**Toothpaste, Baked Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Yams, Juice, Ramen Noodles, Pancake Syrup, Canned Peas, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Shampoo, Conditioner and Laundry 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 or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

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

*St. Raymond's  
Bereavement Ministry  
Invites you to a discussion...*



*"Coping with the  
Holidays"*

*Thursday,  
November 16th  
at 7:30pm  
St. Raymond  
School Cafeteria*



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# Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

November Meeting:

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria

Time: Immediately following the 10:30 Mass

Corporate Communion

(Hospitality will be available following Mass)

*Speaker: Sister Maryellen Kane, CSJ*

*Topic: "The Call to Love"*

*Please join us and bring a friend as we are always looking for and happy to welcome new members.*

Sodality will be collecting "Scarfs and Gloves"

For the Parish Social Ministry at this meeting.

"Sodality is a women's organization devoted to prayer and service to the Blessed Mother. The membership is active in many ways doing what we call "Mary' Work," helping those in need in any way we can."



As Catholics, we are called to humble ourselves and be at the service of others. This week, take time out of your schedule to do something for someone else. Perhaps volunteer somewhere, take up someone else's chores or just do something special for a family member.



**No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
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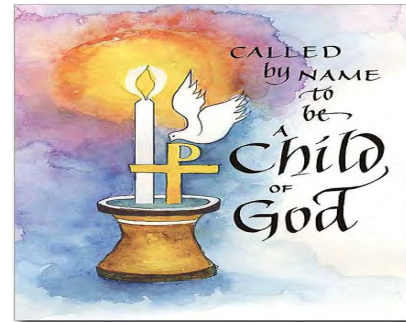




*Congratulations to...*  
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*Ryan Sullivan*  
*who were married at*  
*St. Raymond's Church in October*



*God Bless Our*  
*Newly Baptized*  
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*Scott Lawrence Bien, Jr.*  
*Jackson Marshall Ball*  
*Victoria Nola Baeza*  
*Michael Joseph Duffy III*  
*Raeya Rose Figliozzi*



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS TRAINING

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. No walk ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from Father Chuck.



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A-This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. The "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition in BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

### 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

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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) # \_\_\_\_\_

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**-Saint John Paul II**



**RENEWED:**

**AN EVENING OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

**7:30PM**

**ST. RAYMOND CHURCH**

# Special One year Memorial Candle

As you know, several years ago we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they have enhanced people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.



Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023 for the entire Church Liturgical Year. If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory. This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Masses for this week

## Monday, November 6th

7:15am Mark Charles

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

## Tuesday, November 7th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Meg & Bill Casey (30th Anniversary)

## Wednesday, November 8th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Matthew Ryan

## Thursday, November 9th

*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*

7:15am Edward Collins

8:45am Adam J. Schachtel

## Friday, November 10th *St. Leo The Great*

7:15am Gerald McKeon

8:45am Anthony Simeti

## Saturday, November 11th *St. Martin of Tours*

8:45am Alphonso Raia, Maria Rosa Artusa  
Paul Carrella

5:00pm Thorn & Drugan Families

## Sunday, November 12th

7:30am Rocco Anastasio

9:00am Rev. Michael Carroll

10:30am Ken Grassano

12:00pm Leo Borg (living), Geraldine King,  
Thorne & Drugan Families,  
Camille Brancato, Sebastiano Geraci,  
Arnold Gercken

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Rom 12:5-16ab/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Friday

Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18/Mt 25:1-13

### 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  
Baby Connor William, Flora Iannarelli

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



### Rest in Peace

Mark C. Dease



### The Bread & Wine

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### The Sanctuary Light

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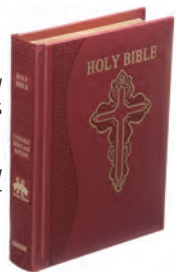
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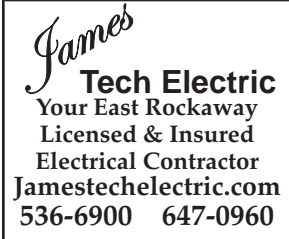


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