# The Parish of St. Raymond

## A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, November 29, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518 516-593-5000

## Masses

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| **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 |

## Pastoral Team

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# 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 10am-5pm. 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

Please call the rectory to schedule.

## Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

## Marriages

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

## Prayer Groups

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

## Music Ministries

**Choir (Adult):** Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.
**Folk Group:** Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

# Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison
Jodi Neckles
Jim Marasco
Christine I.
Rosemarie Lombardo
Rosemarie Salabini
Connie Montesino
Brian McGreevy
Mary Caffrey
Kinley S.
Logan Kaplan
Rose Heslar
Christine LaTorre
Sister Lorraine
Frank Quinn
Julianne Grennen
Anthony Campanile
Baby Cooper Graham
Caroline Saporito
Michael Conconan
Sabina Chiaccio
Focarino
Judy Kelly
Carol Cooper
Anne Cussen
Nick S.
John Samet
Dylan Goodwin
Christine Gilligan

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

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

**Cpl. Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS**
**Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY**
**Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY**
**Sgt. Thomas Stanley Golebiewski USMC**
**Staff Sgt. Emily Golebiewski US AIRFORCE**
**Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY**
**Cpl. Connor Thomas McHale US MARINE CORPS**
**Commander Joseph Leahy US NAVY**
**Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit**
**Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY**
**TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE**
**2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Carinci US AIRFORCE**

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

# Father Chuck's Corner

***Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the First Sunday of Advent!*** As we enter the season of Advent we start a brand-new liturgical Church year. We are called to be watchful and alert, to be like a gatekeeper. Expectation and longing should be part of our thinking and focus during Advent. In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, there is a powerful description of how the Israelites lament their turning away from God and their longing to be in his good graces once again. ***"Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage."*** Then in the second reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul recognizes that the people have been spiritually enriched in every way by their new relationship with Jesus Christ. ***"God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ."*** And finally, we now hear from Mark's gospel for this new liturgical year. The message of Jesus is simple and direct.If you choose to follow him then you must do the following: ***"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."***

Sometimes we believe that faith is simply giving our assent to certain statements.I believe that God is Father, Son and Spirit or that Jesus died for our sins. The Creed we pray at Sunday Mass lists the beliefs that as Catholics we give our assent to. And they are really important, no doubt about it. But simply giving assent is not that difficult or challenging. There may not seem to be any concrete expectations that go along with these beliefs. So, what actually are the expectations we have from these beliefs? We believe God is all knowing, all good, all powerful. So, we may expect some good outcomes from believing this. Maybe a certain standard of living, good health, romance, whatever. But these things are not promised to us. God wants us to conform our will to his, not the other way around. He wants us to imitate him, take on his mind, play by his rules and accept his way as best we can. Not the other way around.

The truth is that faith is not just about believing certain things. And it's certainly not expecting God to do what we want him to do. Rather it's about seeing in a certain way, with a certain kind of vision through a particular lens. Faith (especially in this holy season of Advent) is about expectations. The readings tell us we should not be expecting certain things. Instead, we should be expecting a person, the person of Jesus Christ. It's all about who we expect to see. That's the miracle of the Incarnation. It's not just acknowledging that Jesus broke into our world on Christmas, but that he continues to break into our world in every person and circumstance. He promises to dwell in every heart open to grace. So ***"being watchful"*** and being ***"alert"*** is not just a spiritual kind of warning. It's also an invitation to be heads up to see what God wants you to see so you can experience all the wonderful things this life has to offer. The promise of Advent is that God continuously comes to us. So be ready for him at every turn!

As the season of Advent begins, we have a special ***Holy Hour*** this Monday evening, November 30th in the church. Come and spend some time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament to set a good and holy tone for Advent. There will be Exposition, prayer, reflection, music and Benediction. Come and bring a friend.

***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*** (the Giving Tree starts this weekend), info from ***Religious Education*** (Faith Formation), an order form for ***Christmas Plants and Christmas Cash***, the ***Come and See*** centerfold page, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (found on the inside back page 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.

Have a great first week of Advent. ***Watch and wait with hope!! And remember: If we don't teach children who Jesus is, other people will teach them who he isn't.*** God bless always.
***- Father Chuck***



# WEEKLY MASS READINGS
# NOVEMBER 29, 2026 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## FIRST READING
## ISAIAH 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

**You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.**

## SECOND READING
## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

**Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM
## PSALM 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

**O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.**

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

**Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.**

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

**May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.**

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

## ALLELUIA
## PSALM 85:8

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**
**Show us, Lord, your love;**
**and grant us your salvation.**
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## GOSPEL
## MARK 13:33-37

**Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"**

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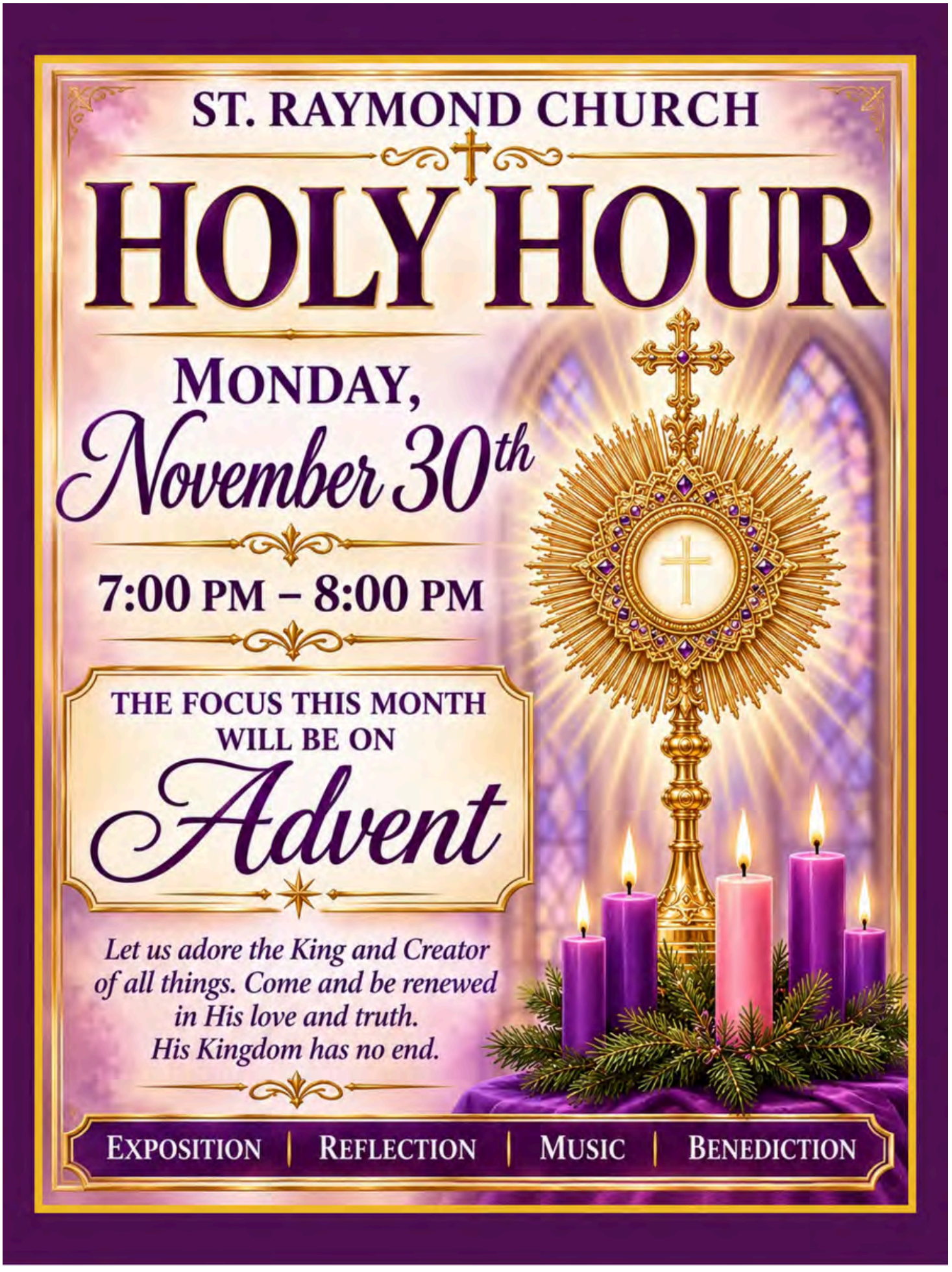
ST. RAYMOND CHURCH
HOLY HOUR
MONDAY,
November 30th
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
THE FOCUS THIS MONTH
WILL BE ON
Advent
Let us adore the King and Creator
of all things. Come and be renewed
in His love and truth.
His Kingdom has no end.
EXPOSITION | REFLECTION | MUSIC | BENEDICTION

# Saint Raymond's

# Christmas Plant Sale

Once again, Saint Raymond's will be offering special ***Christmas Wreaths, Grave Blankets, Poinsettias, Crosses and Candy Canes*** for sale on a pre-ordered basis only. These items are always well received as they are high quality seasonal plants at a good price.

- The **wreaths** are balsam, 12" double faced and decorated with a red velvet bow, pine cones and silk poinsettias.
- The **grave blankets** are handmade, decorated on a wooden base with two size offerings, a 24" length and a 42" length.
- The **poinsettias** are available in two sizes also. One is a 6" pot, one branched plant with 4 plus flowers or an 8" pot with 3 branched plants and 9 plus flowers.
- Then there is a 24" **cross** decorated with a red bow, pine cones and poinsettias as well as a 24" decorated candy cane.

**All items ordered will be available for payment and pickup on**

## *Sunday, December 13, 2026*

**in the School Cafeteria during our *"Gaudete Sunday"* celebration which will run from 8:30am till 2pm.**

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please fill out the tear-off below and return it to the rectory. ***Payment is on pickup.*** However all items must be pre-ordered so we know how much of each item to order. ***The deadline for all orders is Sunday, December 6th.*** You must have your order form to the rectory by 5pm that day. Remember, payment not required until pickup on Sunday, December 13th.

*Any questions please call the rectory at (516) 593-5000.*

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**Name:** _____

**Address:** _____

**Phone #:** _____

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| **Christmas Wreaths** | **12" - $25** _____ Qty | |
| **Grave Blankets** | **24" - $30** _____ Qty | **42" - $40** _____ Qty |
| **Poinsettias** | **6" - $12** _____ Qty *Red/White/Pink (circle one)* | **8" - $22** _____ Qty *Red/White/Pink (circle one)* |
| **Decorated Crosses** | **24" - $30** _____ Qty | |
| **Decorated Candy Canes** | **24" - $30** _____ Qty | |

**Order Total:** Number of Items _____ **Total Cost $**_____

# It's that Wonderful Time of the Year

# The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree, sponsored by the Parish Social Ministry, will be set up on the weekend after Thanksgiving in St. Raymond's Church.

If you would like to share a little Christmas cheer with someone in need, please take a card from the Giving Tree. The card will have a gift request from someone's "wish" list that they would like to receive for Christmas.

When you return your wrapped gift, be sure to attach the card, which you removed from the tree, securely to the outside of the package.

**Please deliver your gift back to the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 13th, to allow time for distribution of the gifts.**

*Thank you for your never-ending generosity and for making someone's Christmas a little brighter!*

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# LIGHTING OF THE CRÈCHE

**Tuesday, December 1, 2026**
**at 8 PM**
**East Rockaway Village Hall**
**Hot cocoa and cookies will be served**
*Please join us to spread the light of Christ!*



**All Saints' Day**
**November 1st**
**All Souls' Day**
**November 2nd**

*"We must empty Purgatory with our prayers."*
**St. Pio of Pietrelcina**

## Pastoral Council Members

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



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



# Come & See

**Until you do, you will never know**

## SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The purpose of the season of Advent is to awaken in us a spirit of watchfulness, repentance, and hopeful longing as we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming in history, mystery, and glory. Each Sunday of Advent guides us step-by-step: from awakening to God's call, to embracing repentance, to rejoicing in hope, to contemplating the nearness of Christ, so that our hearts become a fitting place for Jesus to be born anew.

In the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent (Mark 13:33–37), Jesus calls us to remain spiritually awake, faithfully attending to the responsibilities entrusted to us as we await His coming. His words, *"Be watchful! Be alert!"* invite us to begin Advent with renewed prayer, hopeful expectation, and hearts ready to welcome Him.

On Monday of this week, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle: *"We have found the Messiah."* John 1:41

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, a Jesuit priest and missionary: *"In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope; let me never be confounded."*

Friday is the Optional Memorial of Saint John Damascene, a priest, monk, and Doctor of the Church: *"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."* Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 2559).



Friday is the First Friday of month, when we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus,. Saturday is First Saturday, when we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The First Reading on Monday, the Feast of Saint Andrew, is from Romans 10:9–18. We are reminded that faith comes through hearing the Word of Christ and that the Good News must be proclaimed throughout the world.

The First Readings for Tuesday through Saturday come from the Book of Isaiah (11:1–10; 25:6–10a; 26:1–6; 29:17–24; 30:19–21, 23–26). Isaiah reveals the wonderful promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ. These passages encourage us to wait with confidence, trusting that God's saving love is already at work among us.

Throughout this week's Gospels, Jesus invites us to follow Him wholeheartedly, receive His Kingdom with childlike trust, recognize His compassion, and share His saving love with others.

In Monday's Gospel (Matthew 4:18–22), Jesus calls Andrew, Peter, James, and John to leave their nets and follow Him. His invitation, *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men,"* reminds us that discipleship begins with trusting His call.

On Tuesday (Luke 10:21–24), Jesus rejoices that the Father reveals His mysteries to humble hearts. He praises the Father because *"you have revealed them to the childlike."*

In Wednesday's Gospel (Matthew 15:29–37), Jesus heals the suffering and miraculously feeds the hungry multitude. His tender concern is revealed in the words, *"My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."*

On Thursday (Matthew 7:21, 24–27), Jesus teaches that genuine faith requires listening to His Word and putting it into practice. He compares the faithful disciple to *"a wise man who built his house on rock."*

In Friday's Gospel (Matthew 9:27–31), Jesus restores sight to two blind men who approach Him with trusting hearts. He tells them, *"Let it be done for you according to your faith."*

On Saturday (Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8), Jesus compassionately ministers to the troubled crowds and sends His disciples to proclaim the Kingdom. He reminds them, *"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."*

For the Second Sunday of Advent (Mark 1:1–8), John the Baptist invites us to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming with the call, *"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
# FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*

**Sunday, November 29, 2026, marks the First Sunday of Advent—a time of hopeful waiting and spiritual renewal. Together, let us ready our hearts and minds to celebrate the coming of Christ, our Savior.**

**On Sunday, December 6, 2026, all parish children are invited to attend the 10:30 AM Mass dressed in their favorite Christmas pajamas (children only, please). Join us for a joyful morning of worship! At the end of Mass, a special treat will be handed out to all families in attendance.**

*We look forward to celebrating the season with you!*


















# St. Raymond's Human Life Committee

## NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Our parish will, once more, unite in prayer to pray for the establishment of the *"Culture of Life"* in America. Sins against life have inflicted deep wounds upon our land. Our Lord promises in Holy Scripture, *"If my people, upon whom My Name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, seek My Presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven, and pardon their sins and revive their land"*. (2 Chronicles 7:14-15) It is through our Blessed Mother that this revival will take place. Under the titles of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin Mary must be invoked to shower the necessary graces to protect life and to end this day *"Culture of Death"*. Our Lady of Guadalupe's image, on the tilma of St. Juan Diego in 1531, told the people to abandon their evil gods' demand for human sacrifice, and to embrace her Son. Our present culture has abandoned the innocent unborn babies in the womb through abortion on demand and is now promoting *"death with dignity"* through physician-assisted suicide. Please join us in prayer, as we petition Our Blessed Mother to intercede for us, so that we abandon the evils of abortion, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia and lead our nation to her Son.

**DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**
**TIME: ADORATION: 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM**
**(immediately following the Immaculate Conception's Feast Day Mass)**
**CONCLUSION: BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

# Christmas Cash "Gaudete Sunday"

## Sky's the Limit 50/50

ON DECEMBER 13, 2026 AT OUR "GAUDETE SUNDAY' CELEBRATION, THE WINNING "CHRISTMAS CASH" TICKET WILL BE DRAWN. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE ONE HALF OF THE MONEY RAISED. TICKETS ARE $10 EACH OR THREE FOR $25 AND MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE RECTORY DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS OR THROUGH THE FOLLOWING TEAR-OFF. SIMPLY FILL OUT THE INFORMATION, INCLUDE YOUR CHECK AND MAIL IT TO THE RECTORY (263 ATLANTIC AVENUE). TICKET(S) WILL BE SENT TO YOU THE SAME DAY. THE DRAWING DATE GETS CLOSER EACH WEEK SO GET YOUR ORDER IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE MORE TICKETS SOLD THE GREATER YOUR WINNING SHARE AND THE GREATER THE PROFIT TO THE PARISH. WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT TO WIN SOME EXTRA " CHRISTMAS CASH" JUST BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS? DON'T MISS OUT. ONLY $10 EACH OR THREE FOR $25 AND THE "SKY'S THE LIMIT." WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT!

# Christmas Cash "Sky's the Limit" 50/50

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE#_____#OF TICKETS_____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED $_____

RETURN THIS TEAR-OFF TO THE RECTORY, 263 ATLANTIC AVE., EAST ROCKAWAY, NY 11518.

# Special One year Memorial Candle
## First come-First Serve!

## Bring in the attached form to the rectory







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, November 29, 2026 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.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pick one: Blessed Mother _____ St. Joseph _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print) _____

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House
"The Heart of the Parish"
12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook
NY 11563 516-887-9197

God's Work Our Hands

FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF
OPERATION MONDAY THROUGH
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

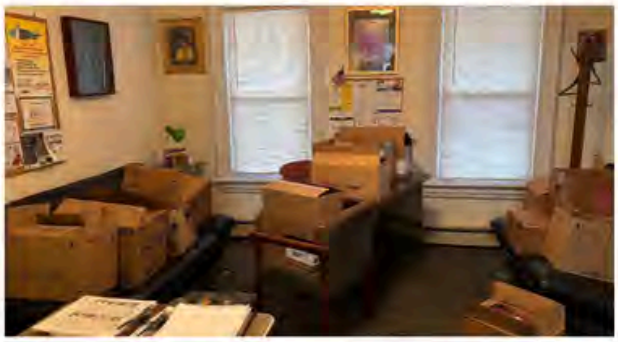
**On Saturday, November 14th, St. Raymond's Cub Scout Pack 84 held a food drive at the Stop and Shop supermarket in Oceanside and they delivered an overwhelming amount of food to the Parish Social Ministry. The Cub Scouts surely worked hard collecting the food and the Parish Social Ministry Staff, on behalf of their clients, thank them for caring about other people and taking the time to collect the food to help those in need. Thank you also to the Scout Leaders for organizing the food drive for St. Raymond's Food Pantry.**

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












**Pantry items needed this week: Pancake Syrup, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Canned Fruit, Coffee, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Small Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Chicken Broth and Bar Soap.**

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

*Thank you all for always helping the Parish Social Ministry serve the people in need in our community. You are always in our prayers!*

# Thank You!

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Raymond's is grateful for your incredible generosity throughout the year, and especially during our ***Walk for the Poor*** weekend collection this past September.

You made it possible for us to aid our neighbors in need with rent and utility bill assistance, clothing and furniture.

Without your support, we would not have been able to help these members of our community with life's basic necessities.




# The Sodality of Our Lady



Please join us at the Living Rosary to celebrate the

## The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Monday, December 7th at 7pm**

Mass to follow at 7:30pm

# This week on...

FORMED




**Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In How to Advent, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene.**

**GO TO THE ST. RAYMOND WEBSITE FOLLOW THE**

**FORMED**

**LINK TO REGISTER... IT'S FREE!**

# MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, November 30th**
**St. Andrew**
7:15am Caroline & Mary Teresa Sellitti
8:45am Frances Thompson

**Tuesday, December 1st**
7:15am Dulcelina Rojas
8:45am Anthony & Rose Marie Simeti

**Wednesday, December 2nd**
7:15am Chris Flatz
8:45am Barbara Paterno

**Thursday, December 3rd**
**St. Francis Xavier**
7:15am Barbara Barrie
8:45am Violet McHale, Sr.

**Friday, December 4th**
7:15am Muriel & Tom Henry
8:45am Peter G. Ledwith

**Saturday, December 5th**
8:45am Juliet LaMacchia
Filomena Cibellis
Susan Ledwith & Sean Ledwith
John & Joyce Petro (L)
Margaret Leyden
5:00pm Edward Murphy

**Sunday, December 6th**
**Second Sunday of Advent**
7:30am Gina Pira
9:00am Nicholas Corona
10:30am Jonathan Brand
12:00pm Donna Marie Curcio
Chris Andrews
Robert J. Chojnacki
John L. Thompson
Mary Sugrue
Dr. Peter Cirigliano
Patrick Michael McManus
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

# REST IN PEACE



Anne Cussen
Margaret Mary Whydle
Joseph DelGiorno

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







**Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Monday**
Romans 10:9-18/Matthew 4:18-22

**Tuesday**
Isaiah 11:1-10/Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday**
Isaiah 25:6-10a/Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday**
Isaiah 26:1-6/Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**
Isaiah 29:17-24/Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday**
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26
Matthew 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday**
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

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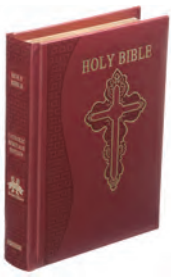

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