

## 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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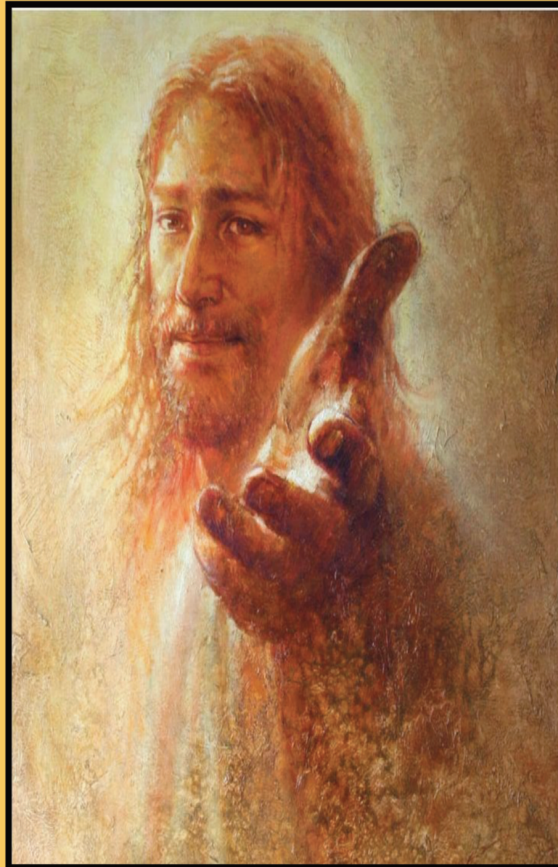
# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, July 9, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



“Come to me,  
all you who  
labor and are  
burdened,  
and I will give  
you rest.”

-Matthew 11:28

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth 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 8-9pm.  
**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



**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR  
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!  
*ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY*  
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL  
BE POSTED TO KEEP US  
ALL CONNECTED  
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**

## The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

### St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

### St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY  
Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit  
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

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

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Today's readings remind us that we are all qualified for leadership through the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises to carry our burdens, freeing us to not only follow his ways but to also lead others into a closer friendship with him. To live a holy life includes prayer, sacrifice and the willingness to serve as a Christian leader in ordinary ways. In the first reading from the prophet, Zechariah, we see the ideal king being a humble leader who serves the God of Israel whom he recognizes as the true king. He serves with justice and relies on the power of God to bring peace to the land. **"His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth."** Then in the second reading from Romans, it is through Baptism in Jesus that the Spirit of God comes to dwell within us. The spirit gives new life to our bodies so that we are no longer bound by limitations of the flesh. **"For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel we have Jesus in a dialogue with the Father in which he refers to the rejection he experiences by Israel yet knows he has a strong relationship with his Father. This leads to Jesus' being meek and humble of heart. **"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light."**

The gospel tells us to let go of the burden of being **"wise and learned"** and focus more on what God has already revealed. A heart that is filled with gratitude for all God has provided, trusting in God's goodness, has no room for fear. Chances are most of us don't look in the mirror and see a leader, yet Jesus calls each of us to lead. At Baptism our natural qualities are enhanced by grace. This type of leadership is not based on intelligence or wealth but relies purely on God's grace. As a leader we bring initiative, willingness to risk, a generous spirit, and above all our faith in God's love. Also, remember that we all have free will, never forced or manipulated to participate in God's will. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit provides the courage to act upon our decisions to follow God's will. Still, being human we will fail to act, to forgive one another, and so we ask for God's mercy which moves us to try again and again. Being apprehensive is a natural feeling. We all make mistakes and Jesus invites us to give these burdens to Jesus to carry for us. Doing this allows us to accept our vulnerability and overcome our fears. Then pray that your words and actions reflect God's love and lead others to the heart of Jesus.

**The "Backwards Money Drawing" is in full swing.** A little over 100 of the 500 tickets have already been taken. That's great but we still have quite a way to go. Remember there are 500 numbered tickets to sell. In order to be successful, we need all 500 tickets taken by August 27th when the drawing will take place. They cost \$100 each with a grand prize of \$10,000 to the last ticket drawn. Plus, another \$10,000 will be given out in multiple prizes. **So, don't wait, get your ticket or tickets now!** Use the order form that you received in the mail, or the form provided in this bulletin, or stop by the rectory during regular office hours. I'd love to give you some winning news on August 27th.

**The Eucharistic Revival continues with this time being called the Year of Parish Revival.** To that end the bulletin centerfold will always be dedicated to providing Eucharistic food for thought. In the coming months there will also be outreach to Parish Ministries to help enhance appreciation and participation in this revival. I will always recommend checking out **FORMED** for many enriching programs on the Eucharist and viewing the short YouTube video **"The Veil Removed"** on a regular basis.

**Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.** It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an invitation to the **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Tuesday evening, July 11th in the church, a meeting for new and current **Altar Servers** on Saturday, July 15th, the order form for the **"Backwards Money Drawing,"** the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share and lead where God calls you. Plus remember: Without the bread of life-you're toast.** God bless always.  
**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**JULY 9, 2023-14TH 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

JULY 9, 2023-14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Zec 9:9-10**

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14**

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

## SECOND READING

**Rom 8:9, 11-13**

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

## ALLELUIA

**Cf. Mt 11:25**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

# *“Backwards Money Drawing!”*

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for **St. Raymond Parish**

This special fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**Tickets for the Backwards Drawing are \$100 each, with only 500 tickets available.**

The grand prize of **\$10,000** will be awarded to the last ticket drawn. There will also be an additional **\$10,000** in prize money spread amongst other tickets as they are drawn. **For us to be successful, we need to sell all 500 tickets!** While \$100 may be high, the price can easily be shared with family, friends, or co-workers. The key is to be in it for a chance at the grand prize of **\$10,000**. Winners need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are available at the rectory during regular office hours and you may also use the tear-off below to order a ticket.

*Enter to Win*



## **BACKWARD DRAWING**

### **PRIZES:**

- Ticket #1-\$500
- Ticket #50-\$200
- Ticket #100-\$200
- Ticket #150-\$200
- Ticket #200-\$200
- Ticket #250-\$200
- Ticket #300-\$200
- Ticket #350-\$200
- Ticket #400-\$200
- Ticket #450-\$200
- Ticket #491-\$300
- Ticket #492-\$400
- Ticket #493-\$500
- Ticket #494-\$600
- Ticket #495-\$700
- Ticket #496-\$800
- Ticket #497-\$900
- Ticket #498-\$1,000
- Ticket #499-\$2,500
- Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize**

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### **Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 27, 2023**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## 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.



*Come and see how Secular Franciscans live joyfully in the world and celebrate God's creation.*

Our Lady of the Atonement Secular Franciscan Fraternity meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:45 pm in Tabor Retreat Center, 60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572. Please contact Jane 516 425-2768 for information.



*"Most high, glorious God enlighten the darkness of my heart; give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge so that I may carry out Your holy and true commands."  
-Francis of Assisi*



"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given.

-St. James the Apostle

### Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki, Secretary, Linda Daley, Julianne Grennen, Jeanne LaSala, Vice Chairperson, Patricia McCormack, Chairperson, Dave Ohlsen, Linda Ohlsen, Stephen Rochford, Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin.

## St. Raymond CYO Basketball



Registration will be open online from June 15th - July 15th.

Please see the below link.

There will be no registrations after July 15th.

<http://www.straymondscyos.com>

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint Bonaventure was known as the "seraphic doctor." He was good friends with St. Thomas Aquinas and at age 22, entered the Franciscan

order. By 35 he was General of the Order and as general, composed The Life of St. Francis.

He was an Italian medieval scholastic theologian, philosopher and Cardinal and Bishop of Albano.



Hat tip to Charles Schulz!

### Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

## Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

### **IRS TAX DEDUCTION FREE TOWING ANY CONDITION**

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525  
For details: [svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org](http://svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org)





# SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

**S**AIN**T** BENE**DICT** WAS A MERE TEENAGER WHEN HE LEFT THE SINFUL WORLD IN 497 TO LIVE LIFE FASTING AND PRAYING IN THE INACCESSIBLE DESERT MOUNTAINS. HE WAS THEREFORE QUITE SURPRISED ONE DAY TO SEE A PRIEST BEARING FOOD APPEAR IN THE REMOTE REGION. "IT'S EASTER DAY!," THE PRIEST SAID, "SHARE THIS FEAST WITH ME!"

AFTER PRAYING AND EATING TOGETHER, THE YOUNG SAINT WONDERED WHY THE PRIEST HAD FOUND HIM

AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SIT DOWN TO HIS DINNER THAT DAY, THE PRIEST REPLIED, HE HAD HEARD A GENTLE VOICE SAY: "YOU ARE PREPARING FOR YOURSELF A BANQUET, WHILE MY SERVANT BENE**DICT** IS DISTRESSED WITH HUNGER." THE PRIEST IMMEDIATELY PACKED UP THE MEAL AND SET OUT LOOKING FOR BENE**DICT**!



# SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

**B**LESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA, A YOUNG MOHAWK INDIAN WOMAN, WOULD CIRCLE A CORNFIELD WHILE PRAYING THE "HAIL MARY" IN HER NATIVE TONGUE DURING THE BITTERLY COLD WINTER OF 1679.

AS A YOUNG GIRL, SHE HAD LEARNED THE PRAYER FROM HER MOTHER BEFORE BEING ORPHANED, SCARRED AND NEARLY BLINDED BY A SMALL POX EPIDEMIC. SHE WAS THEN RAISED BY HER UNCLE, THE TRIBE'S CHIEF WHO RESENTFULLY OPPOSED HER FLEDGING CHRISTIANITY. SHE WAS BAPTIZED AGAINST HIS WISHES, REFUSED TO MARRY AND WAS PERSECUTED BY HER TRIBE.

YET, THROUGH IT ALL, SHE CONTINUED TO OFFER HER EFFORTS TO OUR LORD AS PENANCE.



## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.

### St. Raymond Parish

has had an active chapter (known as a "conference")

of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please

email [svdpstray@gmail.com](mailto:svdpstray@gmail.com) for information on ways that you can participate.

## STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

As Christians, we are called to live a life that shows that we are Christians. This week, find a way to give of your time and talents to someone in need.



**"AMEN, AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU DO NOT HAVE LIFE WITHIN YOU. WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM ON THE LAST DAY. FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK."  
JOHN 6:53-57**

***When the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, why do they still look and taste like bread and wine?***

In the celebration of the Eucharist, the glorified Christ becomes present under the appearances of bread and wine in a way that is unique, a way that is uniquely suited to the Eucharist. In the Church's traditional theological language, in the act of consecration during the Eucharist the "substance" of the bread and wine is changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the "substance" of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the "accidents" or appearances of bread and wine remain. "Substance" and "accident" are here used as philosophical terms that have been adapted by great medieval theologians such as St. Thomas Aquinas in their efforts to understand and explain the faith.

Such terms are used to convey the fact that what appears to be bread and wine in every way (at the level of "accidents" or physical attributes - that is, what can be seen, touched, tasted, or measured) in fact is now the Body and Blood of Christ (at the level of "substance" or deepest reality). This change at the level of substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is called "Transubstantiation."

According to Catholic faith, we can speak of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because this transubstantiation has occurred (cf. Catechism, no. 1376).

This is a great mystery of our faith—we can only know it from Christ's teaching given us in the Scriptures and in the Tradition of the Church. Every other change that occurs in the world involves a change in accidents or characteristics. Sometimes the accidents change while the substance remains the same. For example, when a child reaches adulthood, the characteristics of the human person change in many ways, but the adult remains the same person—the same substance.

At other times, the substance and the accidents both change. For example, when a person eats an apple, the apple is incorporated into the body of that person—is changed into the body of that person. When this change of substance occurs, however, the accidents or characteristics of the apple do not remain. As the apple is changed into the body of the person, it takes on the accidents or characteristics of the body of that person. Christ's presence in the Eucharist is unique in that, even though the consecrated bread and wine truly are in substance the Body and Blood of Christ, they have none of the accidents or characteristics of a human body, but only those of bread and wine.

Excerpt from "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers" Committee on Doctrine of the USCCB June 2001 General Meeting



### *Transubstantiation*

*"If it's just a symbol, to hell with it," American novelist Flannery O' Connor in response to a friend who described the Eucharist as a "pretty good symbol."*

In 1551 The Council of Trent declared as a dogma of the Catholic Church that "in the most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really and substantially contained' " (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1374).

Our belief in Christ's real presence in the Eucharist is based on the words of Jesus in the Bible and the constant belief of Christ's followers from the very beginning to the present day. The biblical reasoning begins in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6:22-71, where we find the Bread of Life Discourse. When his listeners question "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus doesn't back off and say it's a symbol or clarify what he meant; he doubles-down: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." If they thought Jesus was using symbolism, why would his Disciples leave? Father John Carville, Diocese of Baton Rouge

St. Paul 1 Corinthians 23-27: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord."

**"THEN MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES WHO WERE LISTENING SAID, "THIS SAYING IS HARD; WHO CAN ACCEPT IT?" SINCE JESUS KNEW THAT HIS DISCIPLES WERE MURMURING ABOUT THIS, HE SAID TO THEM, "DOES THIS SHOCK YOU?" ... AS A RESULT OF THIS, MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES RETURNED TO THEIR FORMER WAY OF LIFE AND NO LONGER ACCOMPANIED HIM."**

**-JOHN 6:60-61;66**

### **Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion**

**Saint Pius X Pope († 1914) Feast: August 21**

*"Those who have charge of the children should zealously see to it that after their First Communion these children frequently approach the Holy Table, even daily if possible ..."*

In 1910, inspired by the miraculous events surrounding a little girl known as Nellie of God—who had a special Eucharistic devotion and whose body remained incorrupt after her death at age four, Pope Pius X lowered the age of First Communion by issuing the decree *Quam Singulari* (which means "how singular" or "how special", in reference to Jesus' love for children). He commanded pastors to read the decree to their congregation every year at Easter time.

The decree brought the age of First Holy Communion from twelve down to seven, the "age of reason" at which the sacrament of Confession was first received. It also taught that only a good intention and freedom from mortal sin were necessary to receive Communion, beyond the required fast. "A full and perfect knowledge of Christian doctrine is not necessary either for First Confession or for First Communion."

By this proclamation, Pius X greatly increased access to the Eucharist, a powerful antidote to help all Catholics be "freed from daily faults and...preserved from mortal sins." Adapted from *Magnificat Magazine* June 2023



*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry  
The Ryan House  
"The Heart of the Parish"*

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563  
516-887-9197

Food Pantry Hours of Operation  
Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm  
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble.  
Then your light will shine out from the  
darkness, and the darkness around you will  
be as bright as noon." Isaiah 58:10*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of June, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 67 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed 2 new clients into the Outreach Program and helped them with food 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: Jarred Pasta Sauce, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Grape Jelly, Pinto Beans, Chick Peas, Ramen Noodles, Snacks, Laundry Detergent and Razors.**

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  
HUMAN LIFE  
COMMITTEE**

On the one year anniversary of the Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Org. ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling, 31 Catholic members of Congress authored a public statement of principles, falsely invoking specific teachings of the Catholic Church to defend their support of a legal right to abortion. Archbp. Briglio, Pres. USSCB, Bp. Burbidge, Chrmn. of Comm. on Pro-life Activities, and Bp. Flores, USSCB's Comm. on Doctrine issued the following corrective statement in response: "Members of Congress who recently invoked teachings of the Catholic faith itself as justifying abortion or supporting a supposed right to abortion grievously distort the faith. It is wrong and incoherent to claim that the taking of innocent human life at its most vulnerable stage can ever be consistent with the values of supporting the dignity and well-being of those in need. 'Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception', including through civil law. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270, 2273). Abortion violates this with respect to preborn children and brings untold suffering to countless women....Conscience rightly enjoys a special regard both in Church and in the public sphere... Nevertheless, conscience is not license to commit evil and take innocent lives. Conscience can not and does not justify the act or support of abortion. In fact, conscience 'must be informed and moral judgement enlightened' with the Word of God in faith and prayer, and 'guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church' (CCC 1783,1785). Moreover, the reality that the preborn are our living sisters and brothers is not only a matter of faith, but is attested to by science and reason." It is not uncommon to hear that those who work in abortion facilities, but have not seen nor participated in an actual abortion, believe that they are helping women and doing "God's work." Abby Johnson, a former director of a PP facility, has given testimony that she believed she was helping women until the day she was asked to participate in an abortion and witnessed, in real time, the truth of what abortion is and what it does to the baby. She has left the abortion business, speaks out against this evil, and is helping workers leave their jobs by helping them get employment else where. With her help, over 500 abortion workers have left the abortion business.



# Wanted: St. Raymond Parish Altar Servers

AT THIS TIME I AM LOOKING TO BUILD UP FURTHER OUR ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY. LAST YEAR WE REINSTITUTED THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY AT ST. RAYMOND'S. NEW AND FORMER ALTAR SERVERS CAME FORWARD AND HAVE FAITHFULLY CARRIED OUT THIS TASK FOR THE PAST YEAR. NOW I AM ASKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THIS MINISTRY AS WELL AS PERHAPS SOME FORMER SERVERS. REMEMBER, THIS IS A WONDERFUL AND HOLY WAY TO SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR GOD, THE MASS AND TO HELP IN AN IMPORTANT PARISH MINISTRY. I AM HAVING A GENERAL MEETING FOR NEW AND CURRENT SERVERS ON SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 AT 1:00PM IN THE CHURCH. ANY BOY OR GIRL GOING INTO FOURTH GRADE AND UP IS WELCOME TO JOIN. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, JUST LEAVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER FOR ME AT THE RECTORY.

*Hope to see many of you on the 15th!*

*Father Chuck*



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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Location: St. Raymond Church  
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## 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*

The Religious Education office is closed for the summer. We will be coming into the office once a week to check e-mails, phone messages and to continue to process Registration forms throughout the summer.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – [www.saintraymonds.org](http://www.saintraymonds.org). Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment.

We are in need of a 3rd grade Religion teacher for either Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm or Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm. Our classes begin the week of October 2nd, 2023 and will end on April 18th, 2024.

If you would like to join our most important ministry, please call the Religious Education office 516-593-9075.



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## Masses for this week

### Monday, July 10th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Mario Rinaldi

### Tuesday, July 11th *St. Benedict*

7:15am Helga Raia

8:45am Robert Gardell

### Wednesday, July 12th

7:15am Angela Smith

8:45am Lorraine Edgar

### Thursday, July 13th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Jennie Gaeta

### Friday, July 14th *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

7:15am Katie O'Connor

8:45am Gregory Peppe

### Saturday, July 15th *St. Bonaventure*

8:45am Kathleen Ryder

5:00pm Gina Mazzola

### Sunday, July 16th

7:30am Jennie Gaeta

9:00am Friedhilde Page

10:30am Lee Anne O'Keefe

12:00pm Claudia Frisbie, Emilio Salvatori,  
Judge Frederick D. Schmiat  
Mario Rinaldi, Arthur Schreiber,  
Robert McCormick

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

#### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23

### Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,  
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,  
John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik,  
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Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro  
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Danny Finneran,  
Jay Witemeyer, Theresa DeCuzzi, Helen DelPezzo  
Linda D'Agostino, Benay Mugmon, Michelle Cirillo  
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Leo B., Caroline Saporito, Marie Gay Oddo  
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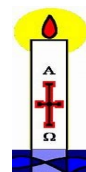
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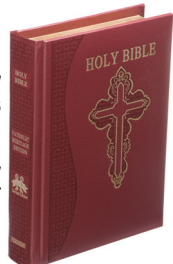
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