

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
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Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
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A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, August 23, 2026

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Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the
Christ, the Son of the living God."

~Matthew 16:18



August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time! The focus of today's readings is to recognize that the Holy Spirit helps us to know the will of God. The Psalm Response today affirms that God's love is everlasting, and he will not ever forget his creation. We can always rely on him. ***"I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and truth: when I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me."*** Then in the second reading from his letter to the Romans, Paul extols the wisdom and knowledge of God who is beyond our understanding. ***"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever, amen."*** And finally, in Matthew's Gospel, insight is given to Peter from the Holy Spirit to recognize that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus commends Peter for having this insight and rewards him by establishing him as the soon to be earthly head of his Church. ***"And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."***

There are two things I glean from this gospel. First, the Holy Spirit is the one who helps us recognize the presence and action of God in our lives. In baptism we were given the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can trust that the God who desires to draw all people into his blessed life is already at work in us, guiding us toward the end. Knowing that God is already at work in us reassures us that if we continue seeking him, he will not allow us to be led astray. Then the Gospel of Matthew speaks of another gift God has given us to help us to know his mind and plan. This is the ministry of our Holy Father, the Pope. Peter and his successors have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit, who has helped them to guide the Church through the ages. If we remain in union with Peter's successors, we can be assured that we are in the truth of God. The papacy is a gift that God has given to guide us to salvation, which is ultimately his plan for each of us.

Much has been made from these words, ***"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."*** Mostly it has been used to support the Church's understanding of Church leadership, specifically the role of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope.

Because of this understanding through faith, we the Catholic faithful entrust a lot to Church leaders. We trust them to guide and teach and inspire us; to shepherd us and unify us and at times to admonish. They were given the keys. But we also have been given the keys to discipleship, a responsibility to carry out Jesus' mission through our life in the Church. If we see this as a good thing, a blessing, a gift, then we can take these keys and open for all people a life of great meaning, beauty and joy. The choice is ours.

The 2026 Backwards Money Drawing is one week away, and all the tickets have been sold except the #500 ticket which will be raffled off when there are only 9 tickets left in the drum. When the #500 ticket is drawn and filled out it is put back in the drum and becomes one of the last 10 tickets drawn. This is a guaranteed winner, from \$300 to possibly the \$10,000 grand prize. You can see the winning breakdown on the flyer in the bulletin. Chances for the #500 ticket raffle are \$10 each and can be purchased in the rectory during office hours and also during the Backwards Money Drawing in the school cafeteria next Sunday, August 30th, beginning after the 9am Mass. Don't miss out on this added chance to be a definite winner!

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from ***Parish Social Ministry***, info from ***Religious Education*** (Faith Formation), the ***Divine Mercy Prayer Vigil*** on Monday evening, August 24th from 7-8:30pm in the church, our monthly ***Ministry Spotlight Column*** on Pre Cana, the ***Come and See Centerfold***, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (found on the inside back cover of the bulletin, and 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 last week of August. ***Smile, share, let the Holy Spirit lead you deeper into God's presence. And remember: Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 23, 2026— 21ST 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

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.

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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 23, 2026—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

ALLELUIA

Matthew 16:18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.



*Jesus I trust
in You*

*Come celebrate...
St. Faustina Kowalska's
Birthday*

**Please join us in praying for
our great nation.
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Praises of the Divine Mercy
The Rosary
St. Raymond Church
Monday, August 24th
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Please join us in prayer!**



**St. Faustina Kowalska
1905-1930**

**I asked Him,
"Do You have among our
students any who are a
comfort to Your Heart?"
The Lord answered that
He has, but their love is
weak, and so I put them
in your special care...
pray for them (288)**

*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 THROUGH
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM
(Suggested to call for an appointment)**

*"Those who are generous to the poor lend to the Lord, and the Lord will fully repay them."
- Proverbs 19:17*

During the month of July, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 103 households with food, personal and household items and advised them regarding other services offered through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul. We also welcomed one new client and provided them with food and we advised them of other services available to them.

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 our Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

Pantry items needed this week: Laundry Detergent (Small Size), Dish Detergent, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Cold Cereal, Hot Cereal, Snacks, Bar Soap, Jello and Pudding and Canned White Potatoes.

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.

Needed: If you have any brown paper shopping bags, such as those from Trader Joe's, CVS, etc., the Parish Social Ministry would greatly appreciate you dropping them off at the Ryan House as we are running low on them for packing groceries.

Thanks you all for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers!



St. Raymond's Human Life Committee

Spotlight on Saint Francis and the Sanctity of Life

Saint Francis of Assisi offers us a powerful example of what it means to recognize the sacred dignity of every human life. When Francis encountered a man suffering from leprosy—a person whom society feared and rejected—he overcame his own revulsion, approached him, and embraced him with compassion. Francis learned to see beyond illness, poverty, weakness, and outward appearance to recognize the priceless dignity of the person before him.

Saint Francis understood all creation as a gift from God, but he recognized the unique dignity of the human person, created in God's image. Every human life, from conception until natural death, therefore deserves our love, respect, and protection; especially when that life is weak, vulnerable, or unable to speak for itself.

This truth has particular meaning when we consider abortion. An unborn child is among the most vulnerable members of the human family: completely dependent upon others for protection and care. Saint Francis' profound devotion to the vulnerability of Jesus—in the manger, in the Eucharist, and upon the Cross; challenges us to recognize Christ's presence in those who are most defenseless and to respond with love.

Being pro-life means more than opposing abortion. It means accompanying mothers facing difficult or unexpected pregnancies, supporting fathers and families, providing practical assistance, and helping women know that they do not have to face pregnancy alone. It also means extending Christ's mercy and healing to anyone suffering after an abortion.

As we commemorate the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis' death during this special Year of Saint Francis, may his example open our eyes to the beauty of every human life, in particular, in the weakest and most vulnerable among us, and give us the courage to protect both mother and child with compassion, hope, and love.

Need help? Women seeking confidential pregnancy support may contact the Life Center of Long Island nearest them: Hempstead (516) 408-6300, Massapequa (516) 798-9100, Deer Park (631) 243-0066, or Smithtown (631) 656-0441, or visit Women First Pregnancy Options



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Stewardship

a way of life

*Take time this
week to pray
for the Pope
and our Church.*



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

250 HOURS OF LOVE IN ACTION

As each one
has received a gift,
use it to serve one
another as good
stewards of God's
varied grace.

— 1 PETER 4:10

As a parish family, let us come together
in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.



250 HOURS OF ADORATION

Be with Him.

Spend time in the real
presence of Jesus in
the Eucharist. Attend a
monthly special Holy Hour
or our regular weekly
adoration.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



250 HOURS OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Be His hands.

Serve those in need through
acts of charity such as donating
food, tutoring children,
sponsoring a family, visiting
the homebound, and more.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



TOGETHER BETWEEN JULY 4TH AND LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the **250th Anniversary** of the United States of America,
let us thank God for our freedom by giving Him our time in prayer and service.

— Pray. Serve. Transform. —



MY PROMISE TO ST. RAYMOND PARISH

I will help our parish reach our goal of 250 hours of Adoration
and 250 hours of Corporal Works of Mercy.

Name (Please Print): _____

I commit to: ☐ ADORATION ☐ CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

I will contribute approximately: _____ hour(s) (per month / per week / one-time)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TOGETHER IN
FAITH AND LOVE

"Backwards Money Drawing!"

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

This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2026

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

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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

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 30, 2026

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Number of Tickets:** _____



TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 16:13-20), Jesus asks His disciples the question every believer must ultimately answer: ***"But who do you say that I am?"***



Peter's profession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," reminds us that faith is more than knowing about Jesus; it is recognizing Him as Lord and allowing that conviction to shape our lives.

Monday is the **Feast of Saint Bartholomew**, Apostle and martyr, who traditionally is also identified as Nathanael. His encounter with Jesus transformed skepticism into faith and missionary discipleship.

Tuesday includes the Optional Memorials of Saint Louis of France, a husband, father, and king, who is remembered for justice and care for the poor, and Saint Joseph Calasanz, a priest and founder of the Order of the Pious Schools, commonly known as the Piarists. This Order is devoted to educating poor children.

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Monica, a wife and mother whose persistent prayer helped lead her son Augustine to conversion. ***"One thing only do I ask of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."*** (Confessions)

Friday is the Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, whose restless search for truth found its fulfillment in Christ. ***"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."*** (Confessions)



Saturday is the Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, prophet and martyr, who courageously witnessed to God's truth even at the cost of his life. ***"He must increase; I must decrease."*** (John 3:30)

Together, these saints remind us that holiness grows through honest searching, persevering prayer, faithful service, conversion, and courageous witness. Their example inspires us to surrender more completely to Christ and trust what He can accomplish through a faithful heart.

The First Readings move from Revelation 21:9b-14 on Monday to 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; 3:6-10, 16-18 on Tuesday and Wednesday and to 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; 1:17-25; 1:26-31 on Thursday through Friday. These readings call us to stand firm in faith, work faithfully, recognize God's grace, and discover in Christ crucified a wisdom and strength greater than anything the world can offer.

Throughout this week's Gospels, Jesus calls us from outward appearances toward an authentic faith rooted deeply within the heart.

Monday's Gospel for Saint Bartholomew (John 1:45-51) recounts Nathanael's encounter with Jesus and his joyful profession, ***"Rabbi, you are the Son of God."*** Tuesday (Matthew 23:23-26) calls us beyond outward observance: ***"... cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."***

Wednesday (Matthew 23:27-32) continues Christ's warning against hypocrisy, challenging us to make our inner lives consistent with the faith we profess. Thursday (Matthew 24:42-51) urges faithful readiness: ***"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."***

Friday (Matthew 25:1-13) presents the wise virgins whose lamps remain prepared for the bridegroom, as Jesus tells us, ***"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*** Saturday's Gospel for the Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Mark 6:17-29) reveals the cost of courageous fidelity as John refuses to remain silent before wrongdoing.

In the Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27) for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus gently but firmly leads us deeper into discipleship: ***"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."***



"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:16



St. Raymond Church

Each Day, the Church is open
for personal prayer until 5:00pm

Each Thursday - Eucharistic
Exposition from 1-4:00pm

Each First Friday
Nocturnal Adoration 7:30pm-8:30pm

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

As we journey with Christ throughout this week, the Gospel invites us to move beyond outward appearances toward a faith rooted deeply within the heart. May these daily reflections help us recognize Christ more clearly and follow Him with sincerity, readiness, perseverance, and courage.

MONDAY – COME AND SEE

FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

"Come and see." (John 1:46). Philip's simple invitation leads Nathanael (Bartholomew) to a personal encounter with Jesus and ultimately to faith. Christ reminds me that I can help others discover Him not only through words, but through the quiet witness of a life transformed by His love.



*My Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me lead others toward
You by the way I live my faith.*

TUESDAY – INNER FAITH

"You pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier things of the law: judgment and mercy and fidelity." (Matthew 23:23). Jesus challenges me to examine whether my outward religious practices are accompanied by mercy, justice, faithfulness, and genuine love for others.

*My Prayer: Lord, purify my heart so that the
faith I profess may be reflected in the way I
treat everyone I encounter.*

WEDNESDAY – AUTHENTIC DISCIPLESHIP

"Even so, on the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing." (Matthew 23:28). Christ invites me to look honestly within and surrender the attitudes and weaknesses that keep my inner life from reflecting Him.

*My Prayer: Jesus, make my heart sincere and help my
actions flow from a genuine love for You.*

THURSDAY – FAITHFUL READINESS

MEMORIAL OF SAINT MONICA

"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42). Saint Monica's patient years of prayer remind me that spiritual readiness is not anxious waiting but faithful living, trusting God even when answers seem long delayed.

*My Prayer: Lord, give me Monica's perseverance and
help me remain faithful while I wait upon Your will.*

FRIDAY – KEEP THE LAMP BURNING

MEMORIAL OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13). The wise virgins remind me that faith must be continually nourished through prayer, the Sacraments, and daily fidelity. I am called to keep the lamp of faith burning so that my heart is always ready to welcome Christ.

*My Prayer: Jesus, keep the light of faith alive within me
and help me remain prepared to meet You each day.*

SATURDAY – COURAGEOUS WITNESS

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist spoke out against what he knew was wrong (Mark 6:18). His martyrdom reminds me that following Christ sometimes requires courage to defend truth even when remaining silent would be easier.

*My Prayer: Lord, give me the courage of Saint
John the Baptist to remain faithful to Your truth
in both my words and actions.*

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**OUR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF TWO MORE CATECHISTS FOR
THE FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:**

5TH GRADE - 1 CATECHIST NEEDED - WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM-4:30PM

7TH GRADE - 1 CATECHIST NEEDED - MONDAYS 7PM-8PM

The Religious Education school year goes from September 28th, 2026 - April 21st, 2027. Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months.

Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. The forms can also be dropped off at the Rector - simply put your paperwork in an envelope marked "Religious Education" along with payment and drop it in the mail slot. The mail slot goes into a locked box so payment will be secure. The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer. Registration fee for paperwork received after July 31st, 2026 goes to \$275.00.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026.



Monday,
September 21, 2026

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT

Dinner to follow



Drawn to Carmelite spirituality?

Inspired by Theresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Therese of Lisieux?

Do you desire to say yes to Our Lady to follow her son Jesus in Community with others?



We invite you to consider the Lay Carmelite Community at St. Christopher's in Baldwin.

More information can be found at

www.laycarmelite.com

If interested, call Andrea Waldron TOC, Director
at 516-965-0970.

Ministry SPOTLIGHT

PRE-CANA

The Pre-Cana Ministry takes its name and inspiration from the Gospel of John, where Jesus performs His first public miracle at the wedding feast at Cana, turning water into wine. In this joyful moment, Our Lord reveals the beauty and sacredness of marriage, showing that the love shared between husband and wife reflects Christ's faithful love for His Church.

At St. Raymond's, the Pre-Cana Ministry is blessed to be supported by several faithful married couples, many of whom have served for more than 30 years. Their witness, wisdom and generosity have helped guide engaged couples as they prepare to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony. We would warmly welcome additional married couples who feel called to share their faith and experience in this meaningful ministry.

Like many parish ministries, Pre-Cana has adapted in recent years, but it continues to be a vital and fruitful part of parish life. Typically, sessions are offered twice each year. The program begins with an opening presentation by Father Chuck in the rectory basement on the Sacraments and the vocation of marriage. Afterward, engaged couples meet in small groups with one or two married couples once a week for two hours over five weeks. The experience concludes with a closing Mass celebrating their completion of Pre-Cana and the beginning of their journey toward a Catholic marriage.

Throughout the sessions, couples reflect on important topics including the Sacraments, communication, family of origin, preparation for marriage, God and decision-making, finances, and obstacles they may encounter in married life. There is also time to discuss questions related to planning the wedding liturgy and preparing for the vocation of marriage.

Serving in Pre-Cana is not only a wonderful way to accompany engaged couples as they prepare for this sacred vocation, but also a blessing for the married couples in the ministry themselves. Many find that sharing their experiences and reflecting on the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony strengthens and enriches their own marriages. It is also a ministry that does not require an extensive time commitment, making it a meaningful and manageable way to serve the parish.

If you believe in the sanctity of marriage and would like to help support couples as they prepare for a Christ-centered married life, please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.



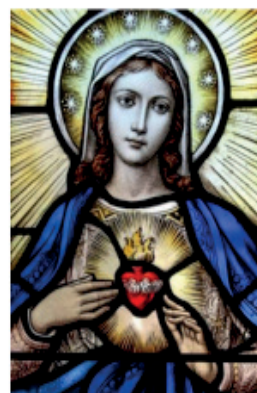
“Therefore what God has joined together,
let no one separate.”

MARK 10:9

TRULY PRESENT



*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Truly present
in the Holy Eucharist
I place My Trust in You.*



*"In the end, my
Immaculate Heart
will triumph."*

**Blessed Mother at Fatima
July 13, 1917.**

**Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major-August 5
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-August 15
Queenship of Mary-August 22**

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St. Francis in Italian Pre/Renaissance Art

**Saint Francis Receiving
the Stigmata**

Saint Francis Receiving the Stigmata is a panel painting in tempura and gold on wood by the Italian artist Giotto, painted around 1295–1300 for the Church of Saint Francis in Pisa. It is now in the Louvre Museum in Paris.



Giotto's St. Francis Receiving the Stigmata (c. 1317–1321), is a fresco in the Bardi Chapel of Santa Croce, Florence, highlighting the Saint's miraculous vision of Christ as a six-winged seraphim. It is part of a seven-scene cycle on St. Francis's life, Stories of St. Francis, 1317–1325, characterized by a clean-shaven Saint and dramatic rock-laden landscapes.



The Miracle of the Stigmata, fresco painted by Domenico Ghirlandaio between 1483 and 1485. It is located in the Sassetti Chapel of Santa Trinita in Florence. The background depicts an idealized view of the city of Pisa. This work is part of a larger cycle illustrating the life of the Saint.

About the artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio (1448-1494), was an Italian Renaissance painter born in Florence who led a large workshop through which many young apprentices passed, including a young Michelangelo. He was able to depict contemporary life and portraits within the context of religious tales, bringing him great popularity and many large commissions. Ghirlandaio also excelled in the painting of frescoes, and it is for his fresco cycles that he is best known.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 24th

St. Bartholomew

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Richard Raia

Tuesday, August 25th

7:15am Mildred Hinshaw

8:45am Vincent & Helen Morrone

Wednesday, August 26th

7:15am Marino Artusa

8:45am Geralyn DelGiorno

Thursday, August 27th

St. Monica

7:15am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

8:45am Julianito A. Moraleda

Friday, August 28th

St. Augustine

7:15am Mary Caffrey (L)

8:45am Mark Charles

Saturday, August 29th

Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:45am Daniel O'Brien

5:00pm Biello & Carrano Families

Sunday, August 30th

7:30am Joan Keogh

9:00am Marybeth Hone

10:30am John & Francis Santino

12:00pm Frederick W. Weiss

Michelangelo Sapienza

Mary Ellen Ellwood

Jorge Parra

Patricia Nelson

Patrick Michael McManus

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

Nunzio Cardone

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Revelation 21:9b-14/John 1:45-51

Tuesday

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17

Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18

Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday

1 Corinthians 1:1-9/Matthew 24:42-51

Friday

1 Corinthians 1:17-25/Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Mark 6:17-29

Sunday

Jeremiah 20:7-9/Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

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;
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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

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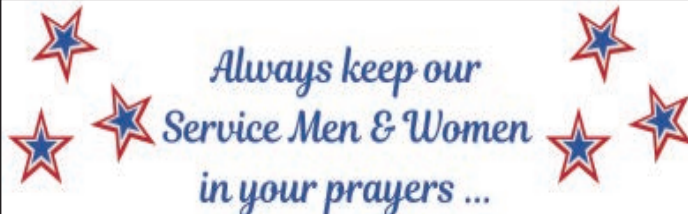
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Sabina Chiaccio

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Communal Prayer ➔ BEFORE MASS ➔

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles.

Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

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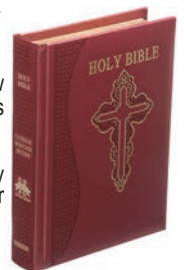
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