

## Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,  
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM  
Saturday 8:45 AM

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, June 28, 2026

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**“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and  
whoever loses his life for my sake will find it”  
-Matthew 10:39**



June 28, 2026

13th 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 10 am-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

Linda Dagostino

Jodi Neckles

Jim Marasco

Christine I.

Jeanne Swanson

Rosemarie Lombardo

Nick S.

Rosemarie Salabini

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Estelle

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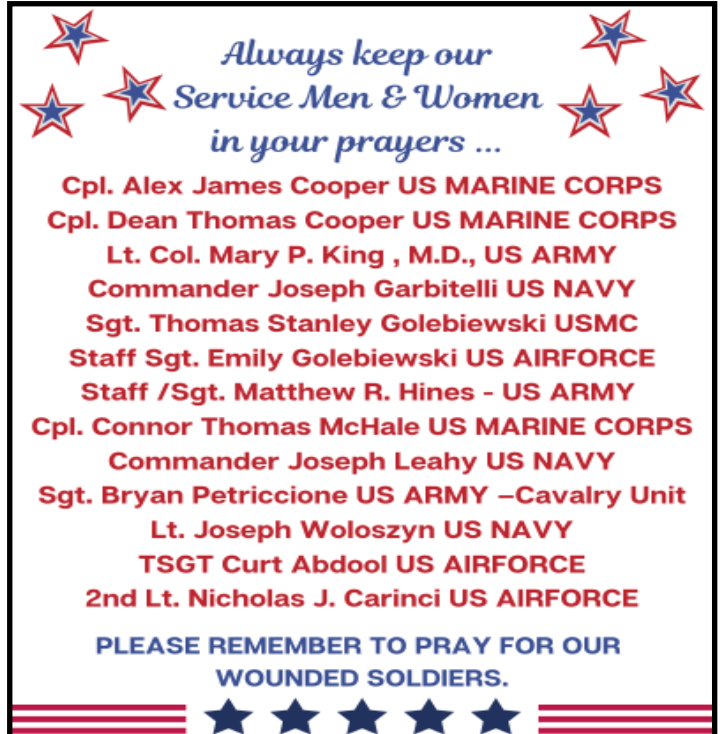
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(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise)



**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.** There is a lot of losing and finding in today's readings. In the first reading from 2 Kings, the prophet Elisha learns that his gracious host has lost the ability to have a child. He makes a promise to her: **"This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul insists that if you have been baptized into Jesus' death you are also baptized into his resurrection. You lose your life and then gain eternal life. **"If then we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel Jesus is instructing the apostles about having one's love centered first on God. Essentially it is the cross and giving one's life totally to God that is most important. **"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."**

Once again, we find Jesus saying all kinds of things that appear to be the opposite of how people often act, think and understand the world. He is painting a picture of the world for his apostles that seems unfamiliar. He's done this before, telling stories that never end the way they expected and makes statements that on the surface make little sense (such as the Beatitudes). The one thing you never hear Jesus saying is: **"Just keep doing what you're doing. You're doing great."** Jesus knew there was much about the everyday choices of people that needed a radical change of mind and heart, a completely new lens through which to look at the world, a turning upside down of conventional behaviors. That's not to say small changes aren't important too. These **"tweaks"** can often be the final steps to holiness. A truly loving person finds a new way to love. A generous person finds something else they can give. A forgiving person finds a way to heal one more relationship. All good stuff and all necessary to build a better world and a better person. But sometimes we need a 180, a complete reversal because we have been thinking the exact opposite of what God wants. This is precisely what it means to lose one's life, to take up one's cross. It's stopping the pursuit of things God doesn't want us to pursue. It's discarding ideas God doesn't want us to cling to.

It's worrying about someone else before oneself and helping some else before oneself. It's sharing every good thing God has graced us with. And in the process, we find ourselves and our lives become authentic, meaningful and filled with peace and joy. It doesn't mean our lives will be easier, but they will become more connected to Jesus, more like him and more in harmony with the person we were created to be. So, what in your life needs to become the opposite of what it is now? What idea? What understanding? What assumptions and prejudices? If you can do that and embrace it, you might just discover that **"losing"** makes you a winner in God's eyes. And that's all that really matters.

At this time, I welcome back our good friend **Father Eric** who will be sharing his priestly ministry with us for two months. Father Eric, we wish you a restful and joyful time once again at St. Raymond Parish. Look for Father Eric at a Mass near you.

We have a started off very slowly with people responding to our call for 250 hours of Prayer and 250 hours of Service to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our country's 250th anniversary. Please check how you may help in this effort on the bulletin page and return the tear-off at the bottom so we can hopefully reach and go beyond the 250 hours of Prayer and Service between July 4th and Labor Day.

**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 our **Parish Picnic** on Wednesday evening, July 1st, the **Come and See 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. Keep a copy of the bulletin at home for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share and make plans to come to the Parish Picnic on Wednesday and remember: Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**JUNE 28, 2026— 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

## 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

JUNE 28, 2026—13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a**

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

## ALLELUIA

**1 Peter 2:9**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

**R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**  
You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

**R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will not lose his reward."

# St. Raymond's

## Parish Picnic

July 1st at 6:00pm

At the Great Lawn behind the Church

It Starts with a Great Evening of Fun,  
Friends, Food and....



*Friendship*



**Bring Your Friends, Family, Lawn Chairs,  
Picnic Food & Beverages!**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda, Water,  
Popcorn, Italian Ices provided by**

**Msgr. Walsh/St. Raymond's Knight of Columbus  
Music, Games and So Much More!  
It's Time to Get Together Again**

*Hosted by  
Faith & Friendship*





# 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 4<sup>TH</sup> AND LABOR DAY!

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

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**250**  
1776-2026

*— 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: \_\_\_\_\_



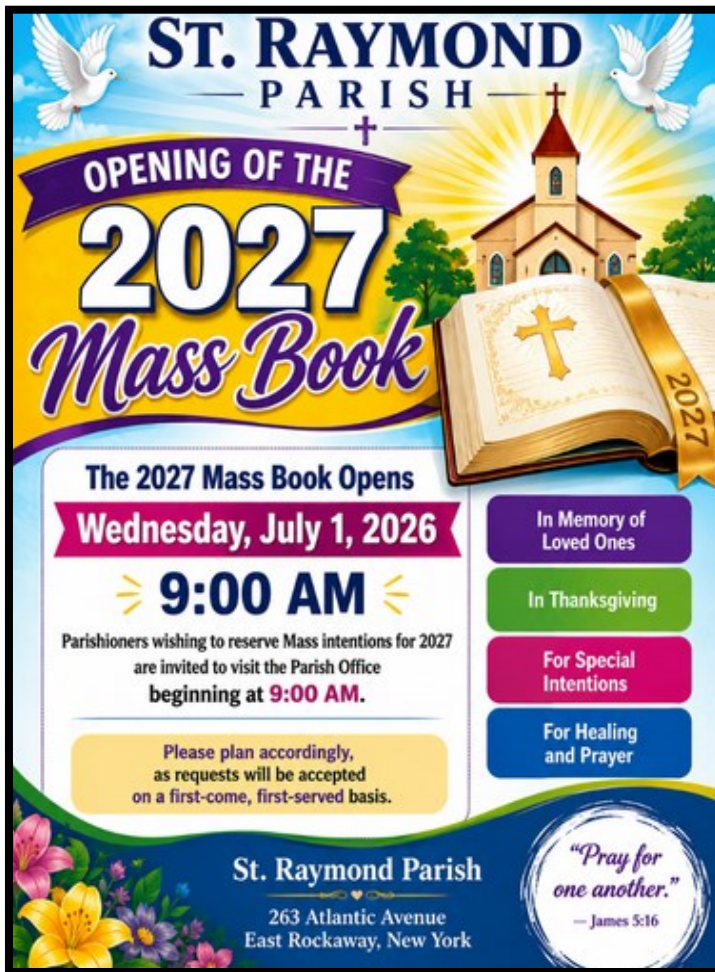
TOGETHER IN FAITH AND LOVE



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

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

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



**ST. RAYMOND  
PARISH**

**OPENING OF THE  
2027  
Mass Book**

The 2027 Mass Book Opens  
**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**  
**9:00 AM**

Parishioners wishing to reserve Mass intentions for 2027 are invited to visit the Parish Office beginning at **9:00 AM**.

Please plan accordingly, as requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

- In Memory of Loved Ones
- In Thanksgiving
- For Special Intentions
- For Healing and Prayer

St. Raymond Parish  
263 Atlantic Avenue  
East Rockaway, New York

*"Pray for one another."*  
— James 5:16



**Saint RAYMOND'S**

**ST. RAYMOND  
CYO  
BASKETBALL**

**REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN  
JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> - JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER WILL BE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW FOR REGISTRATION  
<http://straymondscyo.com>



## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

"America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And in granting, unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands and other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." (Mother Teresa, "Notable and Quotables", Wall Street Journal 2/25/94) Although Roe v. Wade has been overturned, abortions still continue today at an increasing rate, due to the chemical abortion pills, as do the evils that were cited by Mother Teresa in 1974. It is not too late to sign up for the Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program. The pledge cards are located on the ledges in back of the last pew, on either side of the Church's main aisle. Simply sign the card and place it in the boxes provided. Next week-end, the pledge cards will be placed on St. Joseph's altar and remain there until the Feast Day of St. Joseph, nine months from the beginning on Father's Day. Thank you!

## Spiritual Adoption Of An Unborn Child



Jesus. Mary and Joseph. I  
love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of  
the unborn baby that I have  
spiritually adopted who is in  
danger of abortion.  
-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



**THIRTEENTH 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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 10:37-42), Jesus calls His disciples to place Him above every earthly attachment and to embrace the demands of authentic discipleship. His challenging invitation, *“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me,”* reminds us that true life is found not in self-preservation but in self-giving love.



Monday is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. Saint Peter, the first Pope and shepherd of the Church, and Saint Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, gave courageous witness to Christ through their preaching, suffering, and martyrdom. Their lives proclaim that God's grace can transform weakness into strength and send ordinary people on extraordinary missions. Friday is the Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle. Though remembered for his doubts, Thomas came to make one of the most profound professions of faith in the Gospel: *“My Lord and my God.”* Saturday, July 4th, is the Optional Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Unless there is another Solemnity, each Saturday throughout the year, the Church honors Mary's interior life of faith, love, and obedience, and recalls how she remained steadfast in hope on Holy Saturday while awaiting the fulfillment of Christ's promise of resurrection.

The First Readings this week begin on Monday with the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, featuring Acts 12:1-11, which recounts Peter's miraculous deliverance from prison through God's saving intervention, and the Second Reading from 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18, in which Saint Paul reflects upon his faithful service and confidence in the Lord's eternal reward. On Friday, the Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle, the First Reading from Ephesians 2:19-22 reminds us

that through Christ we are no longer strangers but members of God's household, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Himself as the cornerstone. The remainder weekday First Readings continue with passages from Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12, Amos 5:14-15, 21-24, Amos 7:10-17, Amos 8:4-6, 9-12, and Amos 9:11-15, as the prophet calls God's people to repentance, justice, sincere worship, and renewed covenant fidelity. Together these readings remind us that God continually invites His people to conversion, gathers His people into the unity of His Church through the witness of the Apostles, desires hearts committed to righteousness rather than empty ritual, and remains faithful to His promises even amid judgment and purification.

This week, the daily Gospel passages teach that Christian discipleship flourishes through humility, obedience, perseverance, trust, and faith in the saving power of Christ.

In Monday's Gospel for Saints Peter and Paul, Jesus entrusts Peter with the keys of the Kingdom and establishes him as a visible shepherd for His Church. In Tuesday's Gospel (Matthew 8:23-27), Jesus calms the storm and asks, *“Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?”* teaching us to trust Him amid life's uncertainties. In Wednesday's Gospel (Matthew 8:28-34), Jesus reveals His authority over evil as He frees those possessed by demons. In Thursday's Gospel (Matthew 9:1-8), He heals the paralytic and demonstrates that He possesses authority both to forgive sins and to restore human dignity.

In Friday's Gospel for the Feast of Saint Thomas (John 20:24-29), the risen Christ invites Thomas to believe, leading him to proclaim, *“My Lord and my God!”* On Saturday's Gospel (Matthew 9:14-17), Jesus teaches that the new life He brings cannot be confined within old ways of thinking, for God's grace continually renews those who receive it.

In the Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 11:25-30), Jesus gently invites all who are weary to come to Him, promising, *“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”*



*“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*  
**Matthew 10:39**



**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**

The Gospel readings this week invite us to trust Christ more deeply, surrender our fears, and embrace the transforming power of faith. Through the witness of the Apostles and the teachings of Jesus, we learn that God remains present in every circumstance and continually calls us to greater confidence in His providence.

**SUNDAY – RADICAL DISCIPLESHIP**

“Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:38). Jesus reminds me that true discipleship requires placing Him above every earthly attachment and entrusting my life completely to His care. When I willingly embrace the sacrifices and challenges that come with following Christ, I discover the deeper life and lasting joy that He alone can give.

*My Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to place You first in my life, carry my daily cross with faith, and follow You with a generous and undivided heart.*

**MONDAY**

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
 APOSTOLIC COURAGE**

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them” (Matthew 7:24). Jesus teaches me that faith becomes strong and enduring when I put His teachings into action in daily life.

*My Prayer: Lord Jesus, strengthen me to serve You faithfully and boldly in the vocation You have given me.*

**TUESDAY – TRUST IN THE STORM**

“Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?” (Matthew 8:26). When difficulties arise, I am tempted to focus on

the waves rather than on Christ who remains present beside me. Jesus invites me to place my fears in His hands and trust His loving care.

*My Prayer: Lord, calm the storms within my heart and deepen my confidence in Your providence.*

**WEDNESDAY – FREEDOM IN CHRIST**

“Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?” (Matthew 8:29). Jesus reveals His authority over every power of evil and brings freedom where there had been suffering and bondage. When I place my struggles before Him, I can trust that His grace is stronger than any fear, temptation, or burden I carry.

*My Prayer: Lord Jesus, free me from whatever keeps me from following You wholeheartedly.*

**THURSDAY – HEALING MERCY**

“Take courage, child, your sins are forgiven” (Matthew 9:2). Christ desires not only to heal physical suffering but also to restore the soul through forgiveness and mercy. When I bring my weaknesses to Him, He offers healing that renews my entire life.

*My Prayer: Lord, heal what is wounded within me and help me walk in the freedom of Your grace.*

**FRIDAY**

**FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE  
 BELIEVING IN THE RISEN LORD**

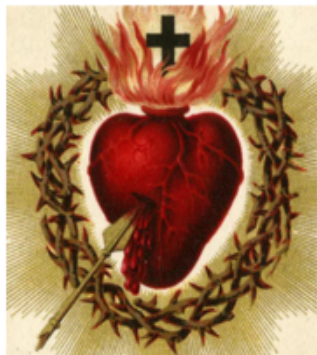
“My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). Saint Thomas teaches me that faith is not the absence of questions but the willingness to encounter Christ honestly and allow Him to lead me to deeper belief. The risen Lord patiently strengthens those who seek Him.

*My Prayer: Lord Jesus, increase my faith and help me recognize Your presence in every moment of my life.*

**SATURDAY – NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

“New wine is put into fresh wineskins” (Matthew 9:17). Jesus continually invites me to openness, conversion, and renewal so that I may receive the fullness of His grace. Following Him requires a heart willing to be transformed each day.

*My Prayer: Lord, renew my heart and help me welcome the new life You desire to give me.*



*“Sacred Heart  
of Jesus,  
I place my  
trust in you.”*

*Corpus Christ Sunday - June 7th*

*Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - June 12th*

*Consecration of America to the Sacred Heart - June 12th*

### **Pastoral Council Members**

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

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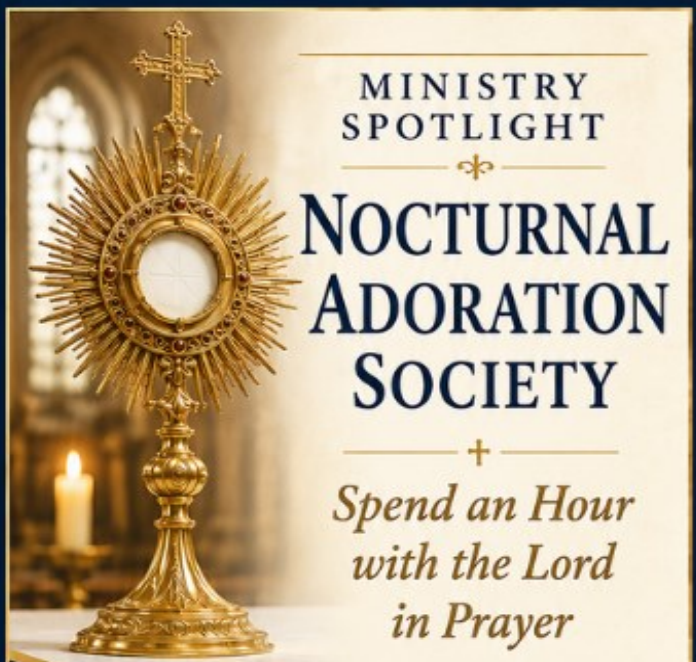
***Gives Back!***

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)



MINISTRY  
SPOTLIGHT

## **NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY**

*Spend an Hour  
with the Lord  
in Prayer*

The Nocturnal Adoration Society  
meets on the  
**FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
in the church.

Our Holy Hour of prayer before the  
**Blessed Sacrament** is fashioned  
after the **Liturgy of the Hours**,  
the official prayer of the Church.

This sacred hour provides an  
opportunity for a blend of  
communal and private prayer, as well  
as praying for global, community  
and personal needs.

The Holy Hour concludes  
with **Benediction**.

***All are welcome!***

For additional details,  
please see the Sunday Bulletin.

*Come spend an hour in the  
presence of Our Lord.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
FAITH FORMATION**

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



**OUR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF 1 MORE CATECHIST FOR THE  
FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:**

**5TH GRADE - 2 CATECHISTS NEEDED - WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM-4:30PM**

**7TH GRADE - 1 CATECHISTS NEEDED - MONDAYS 7:00PM-8:00PM**

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. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. The forms can also be dropped off at the Rectory - simply put your paperwork in an envelope 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.

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

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**July 4, 2026**

**8:10am**

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The Immaculate Heart of Mary**



**This summer, think of one way  
you could be at service to  
others. Perhaps you could  
help clean up and care for the  
lawn of an elderly neighbor or  
assist someone in putting  
their air conditioner in.**



*Nocturnal Adoration*

**The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet  
Friday, July 3rd from 7:30-8:30pm in the  
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The milestone year will also mark 100 years of Scouting in East Rockaway (Troop 84 was founded in East Rockaway in 1927, but ended in 1953.)

To mark this great milestone year, Troop 332 will be holding a gala celebration reception at Rocco Anthony's on **April 23, 2027**. Invitations will be sent out early 2027.

**THE TROOP IS ANXIOUS TO REACH OUT TO ALL TROOP ALUMNI.**

To this end if you know the contact information for any alumnus of Troop 332 (email or address) and think they would want to be part of the Gala festivities in 2027, please send us the name of the Alumnus and his contact information to:  
**TROOP 332 DIAMOND GALA COMMITTEE AT**  
**TROOPGALA@GMAIL.COM**

**St. Joseph**  
**Defender of Life Prayer**

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

**St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!**

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**ST. RAYMOND**  
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**KEEP CALM**  
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*Ordinary Time*

**Be still, and know that I am God.**  
 PSALM 46:10  
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**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF  
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*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine,  
you did for me." Matthew 25:40*

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 help you with food. During the month of May, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 92 households with food, personal care and household items. We also provided clients with information on services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent De Paul.

**Pantry items needed this week: Canned Tomatoes, Mac and Cheese, Chef Boyardee Pasta,  
Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Carrots, Beets and Peas, Canned Fruit, Broth,  
Ramen Noodles, Coffee, Tea and Laundry Detergent.**

Food donations 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.

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## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, June 29th**

**Sts. Peter and Paul**

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am John J. McCotter

**Tuesday, June 30th**

7:15am Tyler Peltier

8:45am Peter & Gene Ledwith

**Wednesday, July 1st**

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Guy Lupi

**Thursday, July 2nd**

7:15am Amedeo Santoro

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, July 3rd**

**St. Thomas**

7:15am Sue & Rich Duffy

8:45am Anne Ledwith

**Saturday, July 4th**

8:45am Dennis Morrone

Judy Lauria

John "Sean" Donnelly

Mary Simeti

5:00pm Marie C. Dempsey

**Sunday, July 5th**

7:30am Louise Coscia

9:00am Frank Leonardo

10:30am Rosa Ramirez-Torres

12:00pm Willy Cochoy

Julia Mary Schmidt

Amedeo Santoro

Elaine Corrado

Anthony Pleckaitis

Mary Culmone

Theresa Leonetti (L)

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



## REST IN PEACE

Ruth M. Drohan

Mary Simeti

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



### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Acts 12:1-11/Matthew 16:13-19

#### Tuesday

Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Matthew 8:23-27

#### Wednesday

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24/Matthew 8:28-34

#### Thursday

Amos 7:10-17/Matthew 9:1-8

#### Friday

Ephesians 2:19-22/John 20:24-29

#### Saturday

Amos 9:11-15/Matthew 9:14-17

#### Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10/Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

# 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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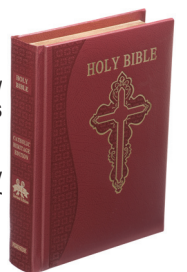
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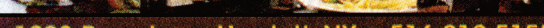
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