

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

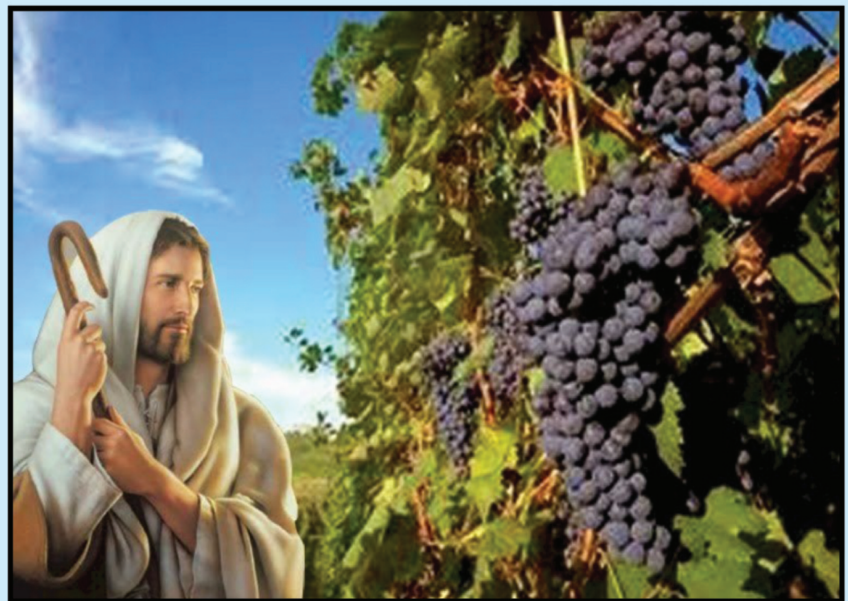
Sunday, October 8, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will remain."

-John: 15-16



October 8, 2023

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

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

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

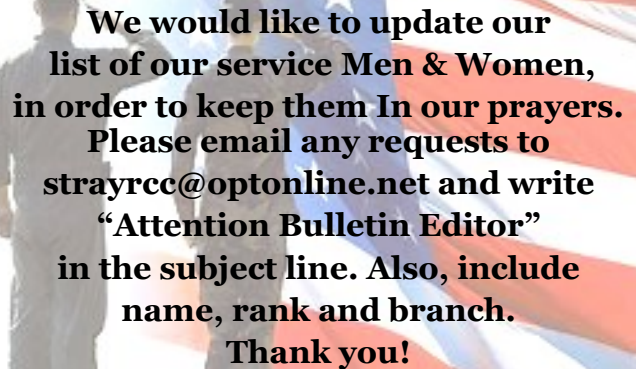
Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



We would like to update our list of our service Men & Women, in order to keep them In our prayers. Please email any requests to strayrcc@optonline.net and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

LC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS
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Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY
LC Connor Thomas McHale US MARINE CORPS
Sgt. Gerard Moran
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.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings point out that doing the works of God brings forth life in abundance so that goodness flourishes. If we fail to follow God's, will we go down the path to disrepair and decay. Maintaining God's kingdom is a responsibility for those who honor his will. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah uses a song to impress upon the people of Israel that while they had been given everything by God to live in peace and prosperity, they had abused God's graciousness. Therefore, what they have will be destroyed and taken away from them. **"The vineyard of the order of hosts is the house of Israel and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!"** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Philippians, Paul encourages the people to make requests to God through constant prayer. They should always pursue excellence in all its forms. If the people do all this, Paul says: **"Then the God of peace will be with you."** And finally, Matthew's gospel is a parable describing the events of salvation history as seen through the eyes of the early Church. It is a sobering question that was asked by the early Christians concerning what happened to us that people end up killing the Messiah who was supposed to save them. Everything had started out well with Israel and then people changed but God persisted until finally: **"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."**

God desires justice for his people, for the nation of Israel and for the world. The Israelites were the chosen race, beloved by God. They were to be his witness to the world. But when they failed to produce justice and good fruits by turning away from God, they were not abandoned by God; instead he changed course and continued his plan for salvation through Jesus. When one follows Jesus, they do the work of God and bring justice and good fruits to the world. Ruin and destruction do not come from God abandoning us but rather flows from our own injustice. God is always hoping we learn from our past mistakes, remembering that by following God's ways we can be restored to goodness and life. Jesus was sent to fulfill the law and the Father's will. Jesus says that it is the responsibility for tending the kingdom of heaven on earth to those who follow God's ways do what is honorable and just. This is how the fulfillment of God's plan for salvation will come about.

We who follow Jesus bring his ministry to all the world, a fruit that will remain, and thus the perfection of the kingdom of God is made whole.

This Sunday, October 8th is our semi-annual **Parish Blood Drive** from 8am till 2pm in the school cafeteria. It is not too late to donate even if you haven't made an appointment. Walk-ins are most welcome. Check the bulletin and please consider making this gift of life. It really makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

As you know we have been dedicating the centerfold of each bulletin to the **Eucharistic Revival** that is being conducted throughout the Church in our country. I hope that you have been finding this material helpful in your own formation of Eucharistic spirituality. This past week we began the Religious Education classes for all our children from second grade through eighth grade. I was struck by the eagerness and spirit of all the opening gatherings as we once again take these children on a faith journey to enhance their relationship with Jesus, while forming them to become good, strong, and faithful Catholics as they grow older. A most important part of this formation is that our children develop a real appreciation and desire for the Eucharistic presence in their lives. And this starts with our parents supporting and strengthening this effort. To all parents I plea just as we prayed at the baptism of your children: **"Be the best of teachers of your children in the faith by what you say and do."**

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and information 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 Wednesday, October 11th, info about the **Sodality of Our Lady's Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, October 15th, 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 help someone in need. Plus remember: The mystery of love is that the more you give, the more remains in your heart.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 8, 2023-27th 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

OCTOBER 8, 2023-27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

SECOND READING

Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters:
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

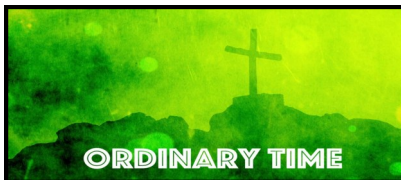
ALLELUIA

Cf. Jn 15:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

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

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

GOSPEL

Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



There will be no classes and the Religious Education office will be closed Columbus Day Monday 10/9/2023.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

There will be an important 7th grade parent/student meeting on Wednesday 10/11/2023 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Please make every effort to attend.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

There will be an important 8TH grade parent/student meeting on Thursday 10/12/2023 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Please make every effort to attend.

ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

Next Sunday 10/15/2023 is the first of five meetings for 1st grade parents and students. We meet at 11am in the St. Raymond School auditorium and the entire group goes to the 12Noon Mass where the lesson will continue with Fr. Chuck. Please remember to bring the child's workbook, Jesus Storybook bible, pencil, folder.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

The following is important information regarding your child's upcoming Confirmation scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, 2023. Please make note of these dates.

YOUR CHILD'S GROUP IS BASED ON THE TEACHER HE/SHE HAD FOR 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS:

Group 1 – 11:00am Ceremony

- 8-1 Mrs. Patricia Canepa/Mrs. Gina Manos
- 8-2 Mr. Damien Becker
- 8-5 Mrs. Denise Rivenburgh
- 8-6 Mrs. Mary Murphy

Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony

- 8-3 Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero
- 8-4 Mrs. Diana Gannascoli
- 8-7 Mrs. Julianne Grennen
Kellenberg Holy Family

SPONSOR AND CANDIDATE REHEARSAL/SEATING ASSIGNMENTS/GOWN DISTRIBUTION

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH	GROUP 1 <u>11:00AM CEREMONY</u> -Sponsor & Candidate Rehearsal/Seating Assignment/Gown Distribution	St. Raymond Church 7:30pm
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH	GROUP 2 <u>2:30PM CEREMONY</u> -Sponsor & Candidate Rehearsal/Seating Assignment/Gown Distribution	St. Raymond Church 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH	GROUP 1 - 11:00AM Confirmation Ceremony GROUP 2 - 2:30PM Confirmation Ceremony	Most Reverend Luis M. Romero Most Reverend Luis M. Romero

Parish boys in Grades K-8 join us for a

Fall Ball



Saturday November 4th, 2023

St. Raymond's School Cafeteria - 6-8pm
\$20 per person

includes DJ, dinner, desserts, a special photo and more!

- Tickets will be distributed at the 5pm mass on 11/4.
- Must have ticket for admittance.
- Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.
- Seating is limited.
- RSVP by October 17th by returning the bottom of this form with payment to the Religious Ed office.
- Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.

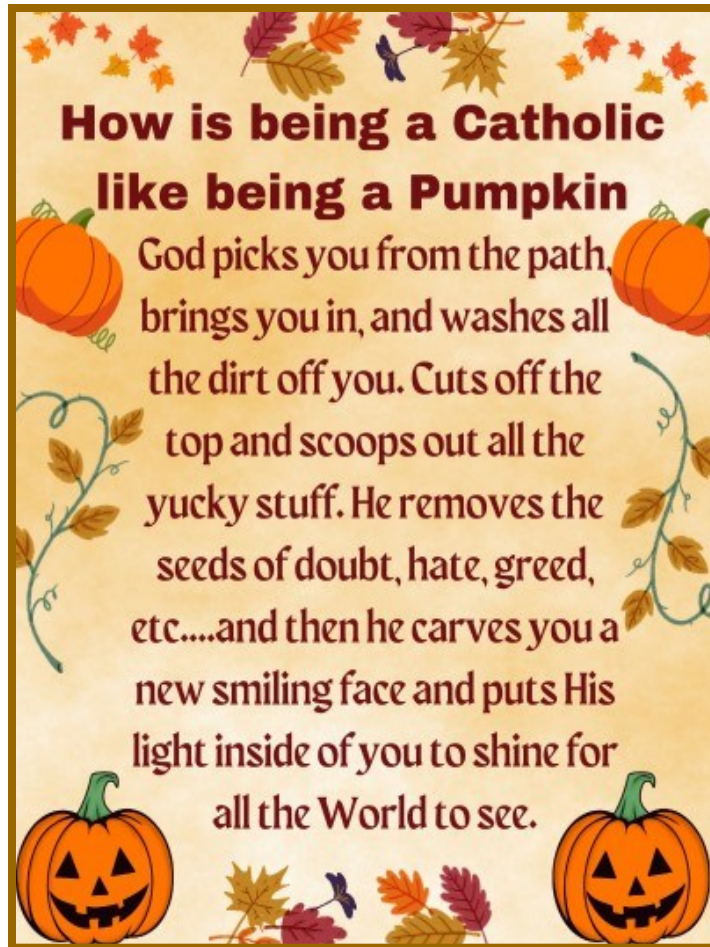


Cash or checks made out to St. Raymonds Religious Education

Student Name: _____ Student Grade: _____


Escort Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email (please write clearly - this will be used to send you photos!):



How is being a Catholic like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the path, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc....and then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the World to see.



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 CALL ED AT 887-9325

FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.



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.



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession



Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!

To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Last week-end our parish began the "Baby Bottle Fundraiser" for Women First pregnancy care centers (aka The Life Center) located in Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park and Riverhead. These centers provide free, confidential assistance to men and women who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide maternity housing, medical care referrals, cribs, car seats, diapers and all other baby items that are needed. We thank all who accepted an empty baby bottle. Remember all it takes is to fill the baby bottles with your spare change for the next month. We will be collecting the filled bottles after each of the Masses on the week-end of November 4th and 5th.

Thank You! Thank You!

A special thank you to St. Raymond's Sodalists for conducting a baby shower and donating an overwhelming abundance of baby items to Women First pregnancy center located in Hempstead. When the gifts were delivered the volunteers told us that they were worried as the shelves were empty, and they had several appointments that day with women in need. The volunteers were so grateful to the generosity of the Sodalists.

God's timing - perfect!



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)

*"The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor."*

- Proverbs 22:9

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. **During the month of August, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 78 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. 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.

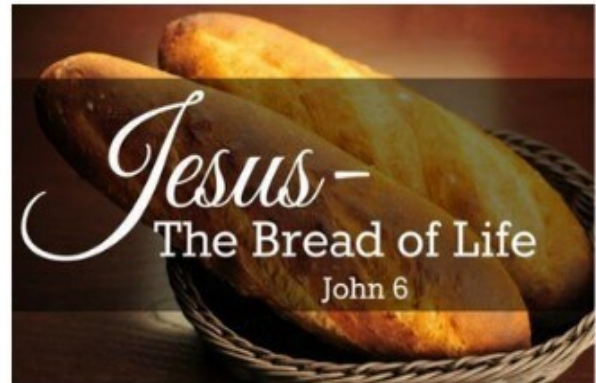
Pantry items needed this week: Jarred Pasta Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Grape Jelly, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Fruit, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Jell-O, Pudding, Canned Meat, Tuna and Non-Cream based Soups.

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.



THE TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
STATION NINE



STATION NINE

*The Bread of Life Discourse:
Jesus, the Bread of Life*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die.”

-John 6:47-50

Soon after the miracle of the loaves and fish, the crowds come to Jesus asking for more bread. Jesus takes this time to reveal that no bread can give them life except the living bread, which is He Himself:

I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

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 (Jn. 6:48-51:55-56).

What is the connection to Jesus?

Jesus leaves no wiggle room here. He is speaking calmly but forcefully to all who will hear. He speaks the truth of the Eucharist.

Saint Hilary of Poitiers reflects: “It is no longer permitted to me to raise doubts about the true nature of the Body and Blood, for according to the statement of the Lord Himself as well as one faith, this is indeed Flesh and Blood.”

Saint John Chrysostom amplifies this further when he writes: Let us in everything believe God, and gainsay him in nothing, though what is said be contrary to our thoughts and sense ...Let us act wise in respect to the [Eucharistic] mysteries, not looking at the things set before us, but keeping in mind his words. For his word cannot deceive.

Each week, we will present another of the twelve stations for your meditation for the week.

Week 9 Thought: When Jesus asks me to trust Him and believe in His Eucharistic Presence, like He asked His disciples, will I stand with Him no matter the cost?

St. Raymond Church

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition

Each day the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00

Each Thursday - Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM

Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

**"... IN THIS WORLD THERE IS NOTHING OF THE
MOST HIGH HIMSELF THAT WE CAN POSSESS
AND CONTEMPLATE WITH OUR EYES, EXCEPT
HIS BODY AND BLOOD."**

Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day: October 4th

Step By Step Walk Through the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me

By Father Luke Spannagel

National Eucharist Revival Blog

Opening Hymn

Now that we have reminded ourselves of our Baptism (holy water), given reverence to Jesus present in the tabernacle (genuflection), and quietly said our prayers of preparation, we are ready to stand for the Introductory Rites. For most parishes, these rites will begin with a hymn or the Entrance Antiphon.

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal (GIRM, #39) explains the importance of singing: "The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart's joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves,' and there is also the ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'".

At the beginning of Mass, the common options for the "Entrance Chant" are an Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon. The purpose of singing at this time is "to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgy, and accompany the procession of the Priest" (GIRM, no. 47). This singing especially reminds us that we are a community, because it is the first act that we all do together at the Mass.

Next week: Altar Kiss

Eucharistic Nature of Mary's Role

Our Lady of the Rosary

Feast: October 7

In the last encyclical of his pontificate, St. John Paul II focused the Church's attention on the Most Holy Eucharist. In doing so, he knew the Church would have no better model for Eucharistic faith than the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In this teaching, he meditates on the Visitation, quoting St. Elizabeth's words, "Blessed is she who believed" (Lk 1:45). St. John Paul II offers this contemplation on the Mother of God: "When, at the Visitation, she bore in her womb the Word made flesh, she became in some way a 'tabernacle'—the first tabernacle in history—in which the Son of God, still invisible to our human gaze, allowed himself to be adored by Elizabeth, radiating his light as it were through the eyes and voice of Mary." He then asks: "And is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time, we receive Eucharistic communion?"

Mary shows us the most amazing way to adore the Lord Jesus and to receive him. With her consent and in her womb, the Word was made flesh. The eternal Son of God became her Son for our salvation. She shows us the way to follow him through all the joys, lights, and sorrows of this earth to the unending glory of reigning with him in heaven.

When we pray the Rosary, we are moved to contemplate the face of Christ with his Mother. God is now lavishing the graces of a Eucharistic Revival, a time for the Holy Spirit to work in new ways in our hearts. By the power of the Spirit, we can pray the Rosary with a love that will lead us to adore and receive Christ himself, present in the Holy Eucharist, to the glory of God the Father. In this way, when it is time to approach Holy Communion, we can receive the grace to become living tabernacles of the Lord in a world made for his presence.

Adapted from: "Rosary for a Eucharistic Revival"
Magnificat - Fr. Andrew Hofer, O.P.

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Nassau: Wednesday, Nov.29-St. Paul the Apostle/Brookville-Lowes Hall; 7-10pm

Suffolk: Tuesday, Oct. 10-St. Elizabeth/Melville-Msgr. Kane Hall; 7-10pm

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October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family's budget.

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Masses for this week

Monday, October 9th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Emanuel Urzi

Tuesday, October 10th

7:15am Paul Zsuffa

8:45am Elizabeth McCormack

Wednesday, October 11th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Maryann Mulroy

Thursday, October 12th

7:15am Frankie Coppola

8:45am Marco Benedetto

Friday, October 13th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Kay Quadrino

Saturday, October 14th

8:45am Clare Dower, Arthur & Cathy Gollagher,
James & Patricia Hogan

5:00pm Edward W. Goodhue

Sunday, October 15th

7:30am Hermine Roussine

9:00am Joan & Bob Crockett

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Elizabeth (Betty) Harmon,
Maryann Mulroy, Marlene Lora-Vacetner
Joshua Encarnacion, Pola Cifuentes,
Alfonso Aleman

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

Please Pray for Our Sick

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 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 Where there is injury, pardon;
 Where there is doubt, faith;
 Where there is despair, hope;
 Where there is darkness, light;
 And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
 Grant that I may not so much seek
 To be consoled as to console;
 To be understood as to understand;
 To be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive;
 It is in pardoning
 that we are pardoned;
 And it is in dying
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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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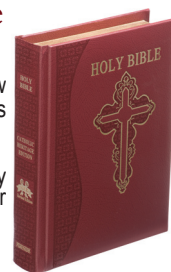


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