

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, February 5, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"You are the salt of the earth....
You are the light of the world."

-Matthew 5:13 & 15



February 5, 2023

Fifth 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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Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

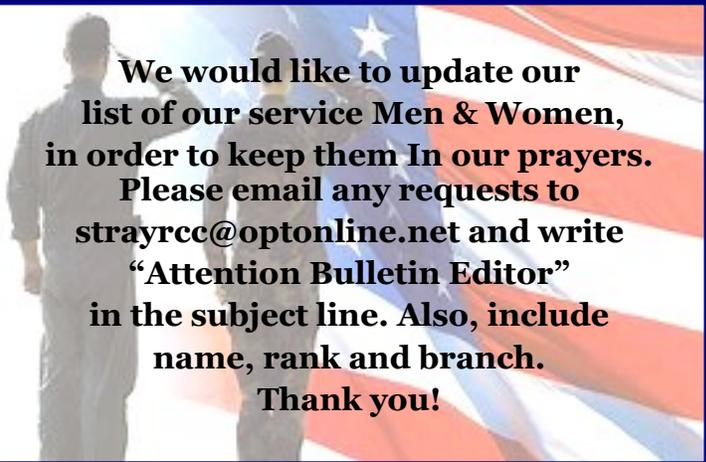
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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!



**CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —**

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



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

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PFC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS
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Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings give us all a boost to be salt and light as joyful followers of Jesus. In the first reading from Isaiah, God's people are challenged to worship sincerely. They wonder if fasting is really edifying spiritually. God says that fasting is superficial if at the same time you go about pursuing your own interests. Fasting should set aside personal interests in order to reach out to others. And when this is done, a new day will dawn and the light from this dawn will scatter the world's gloom and darkness. **"Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians Paul takes no personal credit for the gospel he preaches for he recognizes his human weaknesses and limitations. His preaching relies on the Holy Spirit, not human persuasion. **"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."** And finally, Matthew's gospel today immediately follows the Beatitudes, now Jesus turns to his disciples and designates them to be salt and light. To be the **"salt of the earth"** means to be reliable, trustworthy, and consistent. Jesus goes even further referring to salt as a preservative as well as seasoning. Don't let your salt get covered by debris or it loses its taste. And as light, the disciples are to illuminate the world by preaching the Gospel of Jesus. By his resurrection, Jesus conquers any fear one might have of persecution. There should be no more hiding the light. With light and salt at work the Gospel will be put into practice and good deeds will abound. **"You are the salt of the earth, and You are the light of the world."**

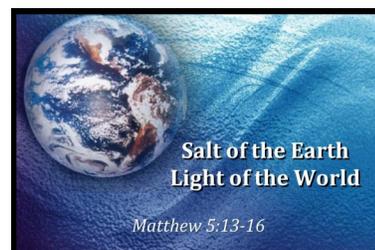
Salt plays a big part in our experience of food. At least it did when we're young. It preserves and gives flavor to food. Without it food can lack appeal, flavor and quickly spoil. As Christians we can see that joy is like the salt of our lives. It gives a flavor necessary for passion, wonder, goodness and even though not always evident, it preserves our Christian life. A person of joy is like salt in your life, adding goodness which is important for being fulfilled. Light gives direction, hope and safety in the midst of darkness. Being the light of the world for a Christian means working for justice. Now I don't equate joy with happiness. Joy is not an emotion related to the circumstance but rather it is a disposition. Joy derives from believing that you are unconditionally loved by God and that no circumstances can change that. We choose joy daily. And justice is not a single political position, but rather a way of life, a result of being a follower of Jesus. Indifference is not an option for Christians.

As you may know from reports on television and in the newspapers, the bankruptcy case that the Rockville Diocese has been involved in for the past two years is hopefully heading for a resolution. The diocese has proposed a plan that it hopes provides a timely framework for a resolution of this bankruptcy case for the survivors, the diocese and its parishes. Litigation has been too extensive and costly and if continued for a prolonged period of time will only continue to financially erode the assets of the Diocese, parishes and the other co-insureds that could otherwise be used to fund the settlement. The Diocesan plan would contribute \$185-\$200 million which does not include the third part insurance companies which are also to be contributed under the plan. The Diocese feels that with this contribution, coupled with the insurance payouts, it brings us well in excess of any other Diocesan Chapter 11 plan in history. As more information is shared with the parishes, I will continue to keep you abreast of where things currently stand. As always, prayer for the victims and their families and all the good people of our diocese.

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**, the **St. Vincent de Paul Collection** of items for single mothers during the month of February, an invitation to the **Prayer Vigil to Our Lady of Lourdes** on Friday, February 10th, an ad for our next **Holy Hour** on Wednesday, February 15th, an invitation to married couples to celebrate **World Marriage Day** on Sunday, February 12th, a request for **Parishioner Emails**, 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 first week of February. **Smile, share your salt and light and remember: It is what it is but it will become what you make of it.** God bless always.

Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 5, 2023-FIFTH 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

FEBRUARY 5, 2023-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Light shines through the darkness for the upright; he is gracious and merciful and just. Well for the man who is gracious and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

He shall never be moved; the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he shall not fear; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear. Lavishly he gives to the poor; His justice shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

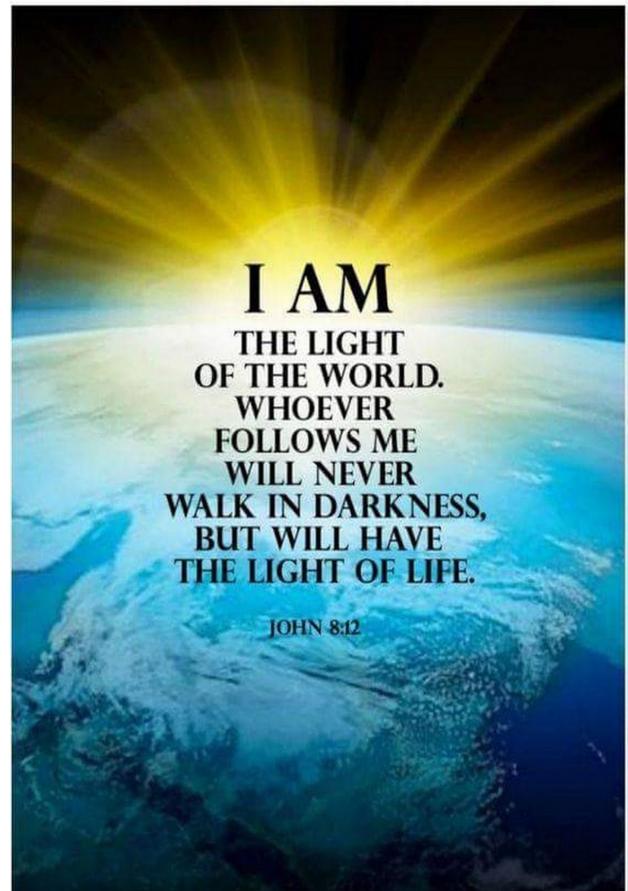
ALLELUIA

Jn 8:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

There will be a 2nd grade First Holy Communion Parent meeting on Wednesday, February 8th, 2023 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Please make every effort to attend – the First Holy Communion Banner Kits will be distributed at this meeting.



The 2ND Grade students will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 from 3:30pm-5pm in the Church. Parents are asked to bring their child to church during this hour and a half – no set arrival time for each class or group. Priests will leave promptly at 5PM. Please plan your schedule accordingly.



Sweetheart Valentine Dance

The due date for all responses to the Sweetheart Valentine Dance scheduled for Saturday, 2/11/2023 was 1/17/2023. All attendees for the dance must attend the 5pm Mass that day – there they will receive their tickets for admission to the party. No one will be admitted to attend the party without their tickets.



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

All parish children in grades 1-8 are invited to attend the 12Noon Mass on Sunday 2/12/2023 and encouraged to show who their favorite team is by wearing a sports jersey or t-shirt. If the children do not have a sports jersey or t-shirt, they are invited to wear their own uniform for whatever sports they participate in. Let's all get together at Mass to show everyone who your favorite team is!!!

God will send extra blessings to your teams!!! We all saw what the power of prayer did for Buffalo Bills' Damar Hamlin!!!!





FIRST GRADE MASS



WORLD

Marriage DAY



VALENTINE'S DAY

IS APPROACHING! LET YOUR SPOUSE KNOW YOU WOULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN. WITNESS THE SMILES ON YOUR CHILDREN'S FACES AS THEY SEE MOM AND DAD SAY, "I DO!"

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

10:30AM MASS

WE WILL GIVE SPECIAL HONOR AT MASS TO THOSE COUPLES WHO ARE CELEBRATING AN EARMARK ANNIVERSARY! ENDING WITH A "3 AND/OR 8" DURING THE 2023 YEAR. EARMARK ANNIVERSARY COUPLES, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY 516-593-5000 WITH YOUR INFORMATION ASAP.

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP

WILL HOST A CELEBRATORY RECEPTION IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS FOR ALL - ESPECIALLY THE COUPLES WHO RENEWED THEIR VOWS. COME AND JOIN US AS WE REJOICE IN CELEBRATING AND COMMEMORATING THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY!

St. Valentine's collection of personal hygiene items for single mothers

Collection baskets will be placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary altar at the front of the Church. Your donations of shampoos / conditioners, soaps, body wash, lotions and similar products will be brought to the Life Center (Women First Pregnancy Options), 474 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead. Women First provides information to expectant mothers and services, resources and assistance to mothers and babies.



All services are confidential and free.



Thanks to all who donated baby items during our Advent collection. You generously supplied twenty-five bags of baby clothing, wipes and care items, two boxes of diapers, and baby furniture. Your gifts have allowed the Life Center / Women First to continue offering assistance to the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community at a time of particularly great need.

This collection is sponsored by the St. Raymond of Penyafort St. Vincent de Paul Conference. For more information, please call Ed at 887-9325.



CYO SPOTLIGHT



St. Raymond CYO would like to recognize Coaches Joe Vuotto and Frank Russo for their teams winning the Sportsmanship award. This award is voted on by the other coaches in their division for teams that demonstrated acts of sportsmanship.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

ADULT BINGO

SPONSORED BY OUR IHM SISTERS



Saturday, March 4th at 6:30pm

(doors open at 6:00 pm)

St. Raymond School Cafeteria

\$1,000 in Cash Prizes

\$30 Entrance Fee

Includes Entrance Fee

Early bird special, marker & light supper

Additional bingo boards available for purchase

50/50 • Cash bar

Reservations may be made at the rectory

Walk-ins welcome!

(No one under 21 years of age will be admitted)



St. Anthony's Pre-School



ANNOUNCING: Early Registration for 2023-2024 School Year

We are now accepting registrations for our programs for 2,3 and 4 year old children. Please see our webpage on St. Anthony's parish website for full details on registering a child to attend.

<https://sacli.org/pre-k>

2023-2024 registration forms for each age group are now available for download from our webpage.

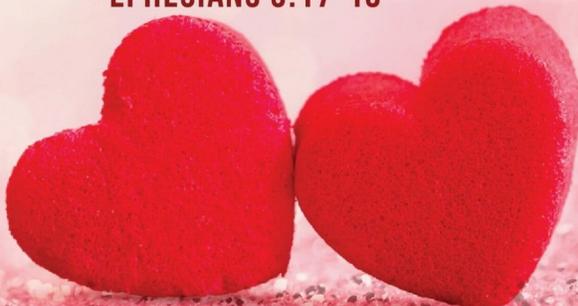
To speak to us about our St. Anthony's Pre-School and to discuss what we have to offer your child, please contact us at

516-764-0048 Ext. 2520

OUR FOREVER VALENTINE

I PRAY THAT YOU,
BEING ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED IN LOVE,
MAY HAVE POWER... TO GRASP
HOW WIDE AND LONG AND HIGH AND
DEEP IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST,
AND TO KNOW THIS LOVE
THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE- THAT
YOU MAY BE FILLED TO THE MEASURE
OF ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

EPHESIANS 3:17-19





**The Rose for Life
In Memory of
Deceased Members of
The Human Life Committee
For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062**



***"If we wish to make
any progress in the
service of God we must
begin every day of our
life with eagerness."
- St. Charles Borromeo***

Pastoral Council Members

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

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

As Christians, we are called to care for others (as we hear in today's readings). This week, be at service to someone in need. Let your light shine by donating clothes to the poor, volunteering at a soup kitchen, or by helping an elderly friend/relative with a task that they find difficult.



*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)

*"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and He will reward them for what they have
done." - Proverbs 19:17*

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of December, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 57 households with food, personal care and household items. We also have welcomed several new families as clients and have provided them with food and information on services they are eligible for from Nassau County.

Pantry items needed this week: Laundry detergent

Baked beans, Mashed Potatoes, Mayo

Canned Mixed Vegetables

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch.

Also food donations can be left in the

Altar Servers Sacristy.

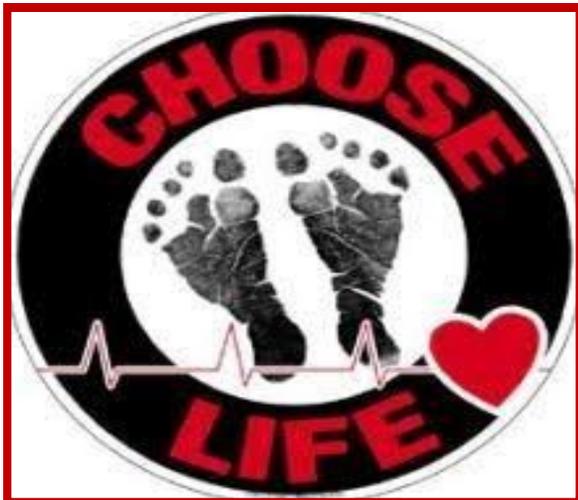
*Thank you for your continued support and
generosity. You are always in our prayers.*



St. Raymond Human Life Committee

About 40 years ago, we conducted a petition signing campaign in our parish to our elected representatives in Albany stating that we wanted the killing of the unborn babies through abortion to end in our state and that we expected our respective representatives to vote and pass legislation to accomplish that end. One of the older volunteers collecting the signatures was reproached by a young woman stating that she had no business getting involved with the abortion issue as she was too old to get pregnant. The wise, and it turns out, prophetic volunteer simply responded, "My dear, this will effect me, because if they can legally killed a little baby now, they'll be coming after me next." And how right she was! There is a great push by the proponents of physician-assisted suicide to have this deadly evil legalized in NYS. Physician-assisted suicide is dangerous to patients, caregivers, the vulnerable elderly and people with disabilities. Those proposing this evil are using the same tactics as were used to legalize the killing of the unborn babies. Examples of hard cases with the solution being troubling but necessary and compassionate. But in the final analysis, abortion and physician-assisted suicide are alike, in that, both are about the intentional ending someone's life through killing. It is urgent that our representatives in Albany hear from each of us to avoid another assault on human life. Please use the following to let your voice be heard.

ACTION ALERT
nyscatholic.org/action-center



Prayer Vigil Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of the Sick The 165th Anniversary Of the Apparitions at Lourdes.



Prayer Vigil Friday, February 10, 2023 7:00pm-8:30pm St. Raymond Church

Please join us with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Rosary and praying for family, friends and
parishioners who are sick in mind, body and spirit.
The Blessed Mother appeared 18 times to Bernadette
Lourdes appealing for penance and prayers for sinners.

"I am the Immaculate Conception."

Do you like to sing?
Do you play piano, flute or guitar?
Check out...

St. Raymond Folk Group!

We are back...

We rehearse Wednesday nights from
7pm-8pm & Sunday at 11am
in the Rectory Lower Level
and sing at the 12 Noon
Sunday Mass

If interested please
call AnnMarie Lynch at 599-6836
7th Grade and higher are Welcome!

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. . . . Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek." - Saint John Paul II

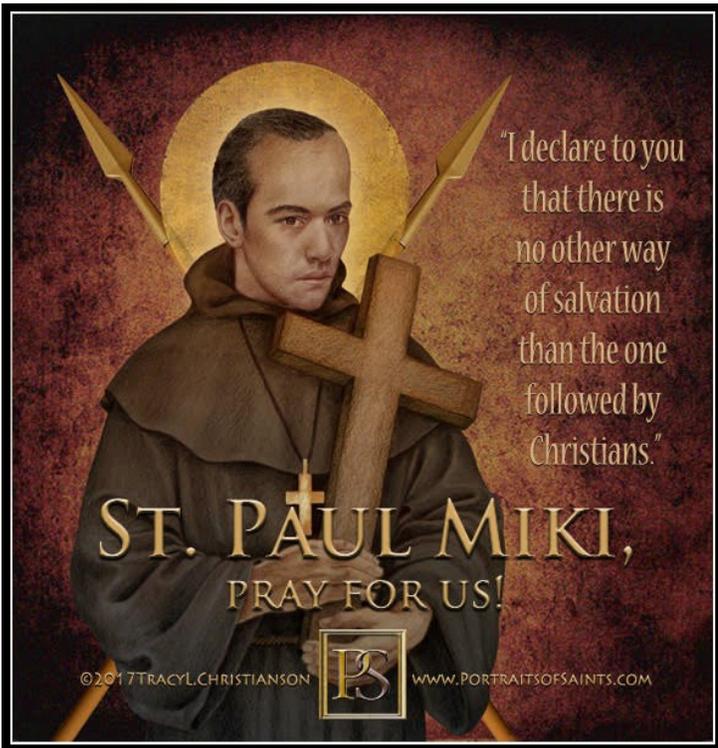


RENEWED:

**AN EVENING OF FAITH AND
FELLOWSHIP
PIZZA TO FOLLOW**

**FEB 15, 2023
7:00 PM**

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH



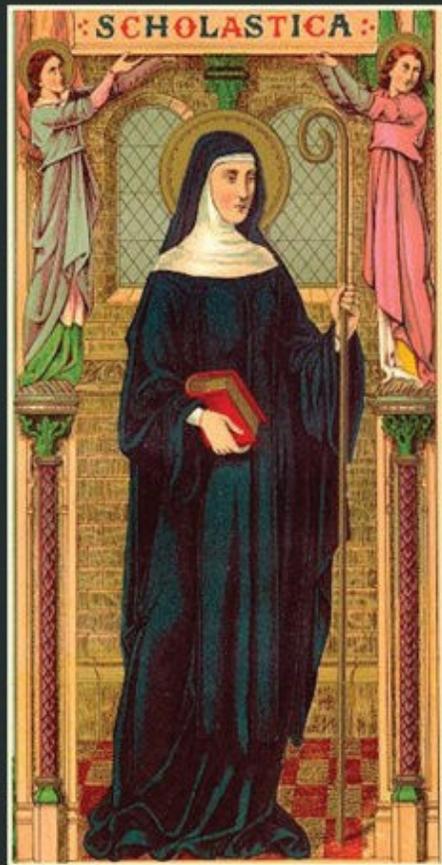
"I declare to you
that there is
no other way
of salvation
than the one
followed by
Christians."

ST. PAUL MIKI,
PRAY FOR US!

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St. Scholastica

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Memorial - 10 February

Sister of St. Benedict



*God is love.
Whoever lives in love
lives in God,
and God in him.*



**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.**



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
Monthly Food Collection**

**February 4th & 5th
Please leave non-perishable
goods at the entrances to the
Church or in the
Alter Servers' Sacristy.
All food collected goes
to the Parish Social Ministry.**

*Thank you for remembering
those in need!*



SPECIAL ONE YEAR MEMORIAL CANDLE

As you know, several years ago we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they have enhanced people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.

Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022 for the entire Church Liturgical Year.

If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory.

This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check:

Blessed Mother Statue: _____ St Joseph Statue: _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print):

Parish Email List

At this time, we are setting up through our parish roster a way to send emails from St. Raymond Church straight to all registered parishioners or even selected groupings of people in the parish. It is a feature that our PDS program offers, and we would like to take advantage of its capabilities going forward. We can send our reminders, schedules, emergency news and other timely bits of information. But, in order to reach the largest group of parishioners as possible, we need to grow our parishioner e-mail list. Currently we have only about 500 emails out of 3800 registered parishioner families. So, in order to reach as many people as possible with these messages we need more emails. If you would like to be on this listing for parish messages, please either call the rectory to give us your email, send it in to the parish email (StRayRcc@optonline.net), or fill out this form and return it to the rectory. Your email information goes no further than being a part of your registration profile for the purpose stated above.

Name _____

Email _____ Parish (on your envelopes) # _____



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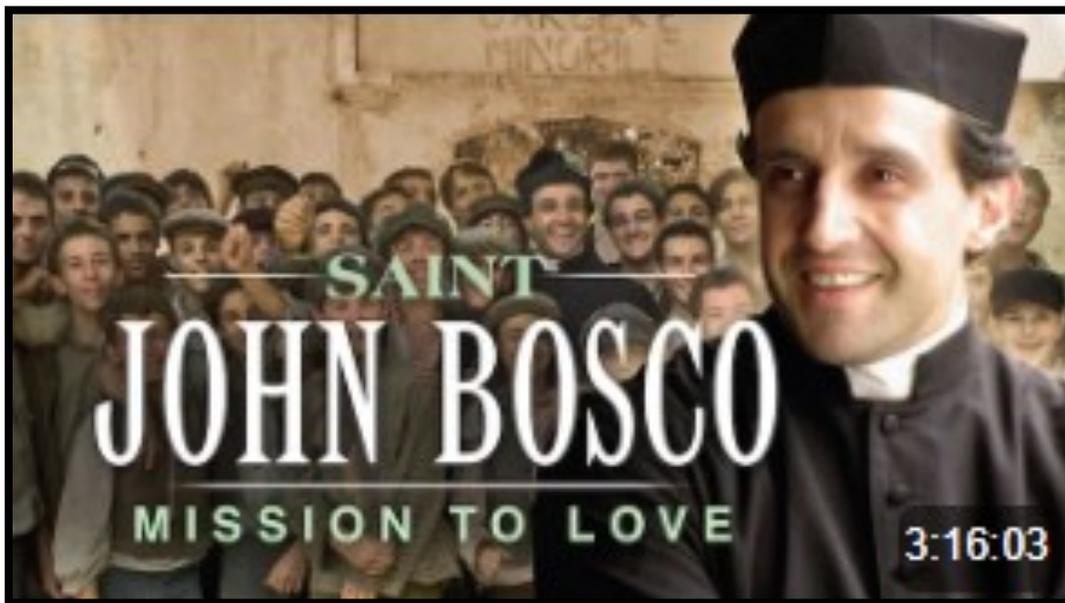
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Masses for this Week

Monday, February 6th *St. Paul Miki*

7:15am Ralph LaRegina

8:45am John Nikol

Tuesday, February 7th

7:15am Angeline Raia

8:45am Teresa Weymouth

Wednesday, February 8th

7:15am Michael Parrota

8:45am John Raber

Thursday, February 9th

7:15am Maureen Stanton

8:45am Roger Coone

Friday, February 10th *St. Scholastica*

7:15am John Stender

8:45am Mary & Frank Crapanzano

Saturday, February 11th

8:45am Betty Moseman, Michelle Cirillio

5:00pm Eleanor & Pat Muldowney

Sunday, February 12th

7:30am Emanuel Urzl

9:00am Alba Garavito

10:30am Elizabeth McCormack

12:00pm Robert Murray, Abbey Gladstone

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Gn 1:1-19 /Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

Gn 1:20—2:4a /Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 /Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

Gn 2:18-25 /Mk 7:24-30

Friday

Gn 3:1-8 /Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

Gn 3:9-24 /Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Sir 15:15-20 /1 Cor 2:6-10 /Mt 5:17-37

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,
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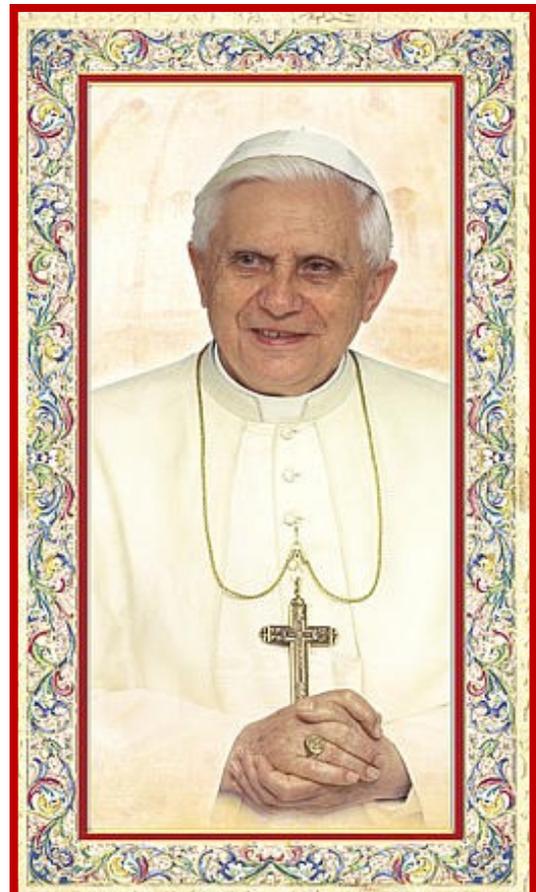


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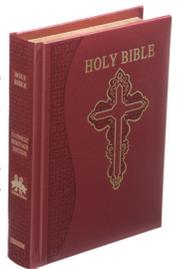
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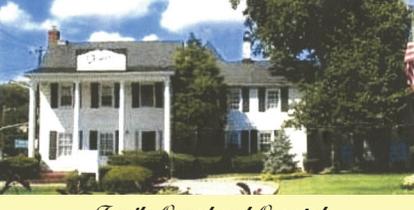
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