

## 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, March 22, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“Lazarus, come out!”

~John 11:43



March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

## 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

Tristan Hollenstein	Julianne Grennen
Baby Faith Madison	Herb McIntyre
Mary Lynch	Anthony Campanile
Linda Dagostino	Baby Cooper Graham
Karen Pagnotta	Maureen Condiss
Jodi Neckles	Timothy Murphy
Jim Marasco	Lauren Greco
Christine I.	Eileen Roberts
Jeanne Swanson	Betty McHale
Rosemarie Lombardo	Eileen Appel
Elaine & Eddie Corrado	Dianna Viglieta
Nick S.	Sally Perry
Rosemarie Salabini	Caroline Saporito
Connie Montesino	Michael Conconan

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

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

**Cpl. Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS**  
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**Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY -Cavalry Unit**  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR  
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**



**Greetings and God's continued Lenten blessings be yours on the Fifth Sunday of Lent!** As we enter more deeply into Lent, it would be good to spend some time in prayerful reflection on what you would like to ask God. Because he loves us dearly, God wants to hear our fears, our desires and our troubles. Even if something seems hopeless to us it is not so for God. In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel, God tells the people he will bring them back from the dead to live in the land of Israel. Then they will know that he is God. **"I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord."** Then in the second reading from his Letter to the Romans, Paul emphasizes how one lives, even though dead, because of the Spirit of God dwelling in him. **"But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness."** And finally, John's gospel focusses on the sisters, Martha and Mary who are in grief because their brother, Lazarus, has died. Martha's incredible faith is a model for all of us. Like Martha, when we receive unexpected bad news, or have a moment of vulnerability or loss, we too are called to have faith. We don't know how a situation of grief is going to end or how it could glorify God, but we can put our trust in Jesus. Because Martha had experienced the love Jesus had for her and her family, she is able to trust him fully. **"Yes Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."**

Most of us have had or maybe even now, have been in the same situation as Martha and Mary. We watch a loved one suffer immensely and then die. It is deeply painful to watch someone you love suffering. The uncertainty and precariousness of the situation is overwhelming. That's how it was when Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus about Lazarus. He too loved Lazarus and they wanted him to know he was gravely ill. Jesus tells them that his illness will not end in death but will be for the glory of God. By the time Jesus gets to their home, all hope is lost and Lazarus has died and been entombed. Remember, that Jesus loves you just as much as he loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus. He is always here for you. You are his beloved and his Spirit lives within you. Jesus will hear any prayer you bring before him in faith.

Here at Mass, we see just how wide and deep God's love for each of us is. He has offered himself up for us, inviting us to journey with him in life. Like Martha, Mary and Lazarus, can you trust that his love for you is true?

This Tuesday evening, March 24th, we will have our last **Lenten Holy Hour** from 7-8pm in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection, time for quiet prayer, accompanying music and Benediction. Come join us for this special time to be with the Lord in preparation for the upcoming Holy Week. So come and even better, bring a friend.

This week our **"Giving, No Giving Up...It's a Lenten Thing"** program concludes with the donation of **"baby items"** at all the Masses. These baby items will help Parish Social Ministry and the Human Life Committee. Please place all your donations in front of the altar when you come to Mass. In addition, the Human Life Committee will have a table in the altar server sacristy to provide information about their ministry and to accept any monetary donations you may wish to give to help them in their work.

**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 additional note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the **Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule**, info for the **Easter Masses of Remembrance** envelopes, the last session of the **"Understanding the Mass"** Lenten series on Wednesday evening, March 25th, 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. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Fifth Week of Lent. **Don't stop your Lenten smile now. Keep praying, keep sacrificing and keep helping others. Plus remember: No one reaches the promised land without first walking through the desert.**

God bless always. **Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 22, 2026—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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

## MARCH 22, 2026—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST READING

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8**

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

### SECOND READING

**Romans 8:8-11**

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

### GOSPEL

**John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH  
**HOLY HOUR**

*Preparation for Lent Evening*



FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> • MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>

MARCH 12 • MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> • MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

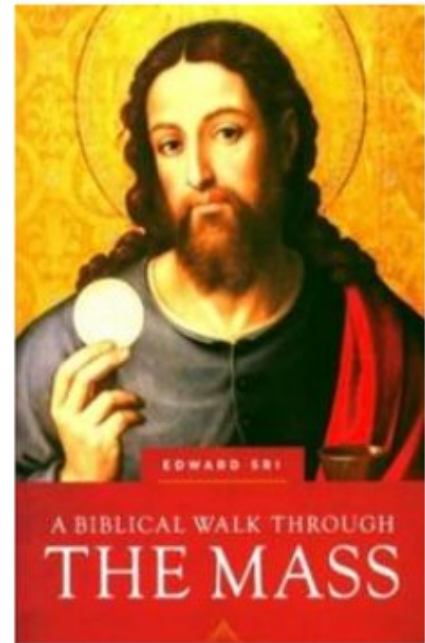
7:00PM - 8:00PM

✦ *Exposition • Reflection • Music • Benediction*

# *St Raymond's Lenten Series*

## *Understanding The Mass*

**Session 4 Overview: The Liturgy of the Eucharist**  
**In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Jesus takes our gifts and transforms them into His Body and Blood, then offers Himself to us in Holy Communion.**



**Session 5 - March 25th, 7 pm**  
**School Cafeteria:**  
**The Concluding Rites**  
**Read Chapter 26**  
**from A Biblical Walk Through the Mass,**  
**by Edward Sri**



## EASTER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE



Once again, we will have our special Novena, the  
**Easter Masses of Remembrance**

during the entire Easter season. This Novena will start on Easter Sunday and continue through Pentecost Sunday. Those who you mention will be remembered at all Sunday Masses during the Easter season. Usually, envelopes were mailed to all parishioners in the Easter mailing packet.

**Unfortunately, this year, these envelopes were inadvertently left out of this mailing.**

However, they are still available in the church and rectory. In the church they are found on the pew shelves by the side doors and the back doors next to a box marked



**"Easter Masses."**



You can also get an envelope at the rectory during regular office hours. If you would like to remember a loved one in these Masses, take an envelope, write the name of the person on the front of the envelope, include your donation and either mail or return it to the rectory, or drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or in one of the Easter Masses boxes on the pew shelves. I'm sorry for the glitch with the envelopes this year, but if you follow what you just read, all will be okay.

Please return your envelope by Easter Sunday, April 5th.



**Thank you! Father Chuck**



*"No Questions Asked"*

*Penance Service With Confessions*



MONDAY MARCH 30TH

7:30PM

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

*A gentle way to come back to this  
healing sacrament*

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

**PALM SUNDAY 3/29/26**

Blessing and Distribution of Palm at all Masses  
Regular Saturday/Sunday Mass Schedule

**HOLY MONDAY 3/30/26**

9am-4pm Confessions in Rectory  
7:30pm Penance Service with Confessions

**HOLY TUESDAY 3/31/26**

5-6pm Confessions in the Church  
7-8pm Confessions in the Church

**HOLY WEDNESDAY 4/1/26**

5-6pm Confessions in the Church  
7-8pm Confessions in the Church

**HOLY THURSDAY 4/2/26**

8:00pm Parish Mass of the Last Supper in Church  
(Eucharist Adoration till Midnight)

**GOOD FRIDAY 4/3/26**

3:00pm Solemn Liturgical Service in the Church  
7:30pm Folk Group Stations of the Cross

**HOLY SATURDAY 4/4/26**

11:30am Blessing of Easter Foods in the Church  
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass in the Church  
(The most beautiful Church Service of the year)

**EASTER SUNDAY 4/5/26**

Mass schedule in the Church

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00noon, 1:30pm  
(No 4:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

## "Giving... Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing"

Once again, our parish will be conducting the special Lenten program entitled: "Giving.... Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing" for the Sundays of Lent. All the items collected will be used by our *Parish Social Ministry Office, St. Vincent de Paul and the Human Life Committee.*

Everyone is encouraged to bring the suggested items to Mass on the designated Sundays. We will bring our "gifts" forward at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts. This giving of our goods at the altar as a visible action will be a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to help those in our community who have these basic needs.

The collection this weekend will be as follows:

### March 22nd BABY ITEMS

Diapers - Sizes 1 - 6, Baby Wipes,  
Baby Shampoo, etc.

Pampers.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



Faith Formation

## 7TH & 8TH GRADE LEVEL MASS SUNDAY 3/22/2026

All 7th & 8th grade Religious Education students along with a parent are asked to attend their grade level Mass on Sunday 3/22/2026 at 12 Noon. Students and parents are to come to the auditorium at 11am for a meeting then we will all go to the 12 Noon Mass.



## 2ND GRADE ADORATION

3/24/2026

Our 2nd grade students and their catechists will attend Adoration Tuesday 3/24/2026 at 3:45pm in the Church. Students are to come to the auditorium for attendance and then they will be walked over with their class to participate in Adoration with Fr. Chuck. Students will then be walked back to the school for normal dismissal procedure. Parents are welcome to attend.



## PALM SUNDAY

3/29/2026

Please join our Religious Education students at the 12 Noon Mass on Palm Sunday 3/29/2026. We will have boys participate in a Palm Sunday procession. Palms will be given out to all children and some will line the aisles to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

## PALM SUNDAY





Our 7th & 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
filled knapsacks for  
Catholic Charities

CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
OF LONG ISLAND





## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT WEEKLY GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



# Come & See

Until you do, you will  
never know



### SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

For the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel from John 11:1–45 recounts the raising of Lazarus, revealing Jesus' authority over life and death and preparing the faithful for the mystery of His own Resurrection. Standing before the tomb, Jesus proclaims the heart of Christian hope: *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live"* (John 11:25), inviting us to trust that faith in Him leads beyond suffering and death into eternal life.

On Monday, the Church celebrates the Optional Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo (bishop), a missionary bishop in Peru who was known for evangelizing indigenous peoples.

Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord with the First and Second readings from Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 and Hebrews 10:4-10. We honor the Blessed Virgin



Mary when she humbly accepted God's plan through the message of the angel Gabriel and became the Mother of Christ, a moment known for her faithful response: *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."*

This week the First Readings are taken from Daniel 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62; Numbers 21:4–9; Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Genesis 17:3–9; Jeremiah 20:10–13; and Ezekiel 37:21–28. These passages reveal God's saving power in moments of trial and promise: Susanna's innocence is vindicated, the bronze serpent becomes a sign of healing, the three young men are delivered from the fiery furnace, God renews His covenant with Abraham, Jeremiah entrusts his suffering to the Lord, and Ezekiel

proclaims God's promise to gather and restore His people as one nation under His care.

The Gospels this week reveal Jesus' growing conflict with those who resist His message while also deepening the call to faith and freedom found in Him. Throughout the week, Jesus reveals His identity more clearly and invites believers to remain steadfast in truth as His Passion draws near.

For Monday and Tuesday, the Gospels are taken from John 8:1–11 and John 8:21–30, respectively. On Monday, Jesus shows mercy to the woman caught in adultery, gently reminding her accusers, *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone,"* revealing that compassion and repentance are stronger than condemnation. On Tuesday, Jesus warns that unbelief blinds hearts to salvation, saying, *"When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM,"* pointing toward the Cross as the moment when His true identity will be revealed.

For Wednesday and Thursday, the Gospels are taken from Luke 1:26–38 and John 8:51–59, respectively. On Wednesday, for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, the angel Gabriel tells Mary *"Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."* On Thursday, Jesus boldly declares His divine identity, proclaiming, *"Before Abraham came to be, I AM,"* a statement that provokes opposition yet reveals His eternal relationship with the Father.

For Friday and Saturday, the Gospels are taken from John 10:31–42 and John 11:45–56, respectively. On Friday, Jesus points to His works as testimony to His mission, urging His listeners to believe *"that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."* On Saturday, after the raising of Lazarus, the leaders begin plotting His death, revealing how even the greatest sign of divine power can lead hardened hearts to resistance rather than faith.

For the Sixth Sunday of Lent (**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**), the Gospel from Matthew 26:14–27:66 recounts the Passion of Christ, revealing the depth of God's saving love through Jesus' suffering, death, and total self-gift on the Cross.



*“I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD.” -Ezekiel 37:14*



**St. Raymond Church**  
 🔥 **Kindle The Fire Within**  
 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**

For the Fifth Week of Lent, my prayer moves from the promise of new life to the growing tension surrounding Jesus as He approaches His Passion. From the raising of Lazarus to the mounting opposition against Him, I am invited to deepen my trust in Christ, who calls me from spiritual death into renewed faith. In my family life, and moments of quiet prayer, I am reminded that faithfulness to Christ often requires courage, humility, and hope in the midst of uncertainty.

**MONDAY – MERCY AND CONVERSION**

“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7). When I am tempted to judge others quickly—whether at work, at home, or in daily encounters—Jesus calls me first to examine my own heart and respond with mercy. By remembering how generously God forgives me, I learn to extend patience and compassion to those around me.

*My Prayer: Lord, help me to see others with the same mercy You have shown to me.*

**TUESDAY – TRUST IN CHRIST**

“When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM” (John 8:28). Jesus reveals that the mystery of His identity will be fully known through the Cross, teaching me that God’s saving work often unfolds through sacrifice and perseverance. In the demands of my responsibilities and relationships, I am invited to trust that Christ is present even when His plan is not immediately clear.

*My Prayer: Lord, strengthen my faith so I may trust in Your presence even in difficult moments.*

**WEDNESDAY – FAITHFUL SURRENDER**

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). In the Annunciation, Mary shows that true faith begins with trusting God’s plan even when the path ahead is uncertain. In my responsibilities at home and work, I am invited to imitate her openness by responding to God with humility and confidence in His guidance.

*My Prayer: Lord, grant me a trusting heart like Mary’s so that I may faithfully say yes to Your will each day.*

**THURSDAY – FAITH IN CHRIST’S DIVINITY**

“Before Abraham came to be, I AM” (John 8:58). Jesus boldly reveals His eternal identity, inviting me to recognize Him not only as a teacher but as the Son of God worthy of complete trust. In moments when faith is challenged by doubt or distraction, I am called to renew my belief in Christ and allow His presence to shape every aspect of my life.

*My Prayer: Lord, deepen my faith so that I may follow You with confidence and devotion.*

**FRIDAY – UNITY WITH THE FATHER**

“The Father is in me and I am in the Father” (John 10:38). Jesus points to His works as evidence of His unity with the Father, reminding me that authentic faith is revealed through actions rooted in love and truth. In my daily responsibilities and relationships, I called to let my words and deeds reflect my relationship with God.

*My Prayer: Lord, let my actions reflect the faith I profess and draw others closer to You.*

**SATURDAY – COURAGEOUS FAITH**

“If we leave him alone, all will believe in him” (John 11:48). After witnessing the miracle of Lazarus, some respond with faith while others respond with fear and opposition, revealing how powerful the presence of Christ truly is. As I prepare to enter Holy Week, I am invited to stand firmly in faith and allow Christ’s life-giving power to renew my hope.

*My Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to remain faithful to You as I follow You toward the Cross.*

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry  
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FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF  
OPERATION MONDAY THROUGH  
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM  
(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*

Last weekend was the second week of the "Giving - Not Giving Up" Lenten Program that Father Chuck arranged to help the Parish Social Ministry meet the needs of the people they serve. Thank you to all those who donated supermarket gifts cards after all the masses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This is the final weekend of the program and the requested items are:

**MARCH 22nd BABY ITEMS - Diapers --- sizes 1 to 6, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo**

*Thank you Father Chuck and all our parishioners for your continued support.*

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 as your only source of income, please call our office and we can assist you with food.

**Pantry Items still needed: Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Cold Cereal, Coffee, Canned Beets, Canned Fruit, Cooking Oil, Ramen Noodles, Jello/Pudding and Snacks.**

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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## **ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE**

### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM**

This is the weekend we welcome and celebrate the birth of the babies we have been praying for since their conception nine months ago. The baby items donated by you, our parishioners, this weekend, through our parish's "Giving...Not Giving Up" Lenten program, will be given to the Life Center, known as Women First, located in Hempstead, where the need is great. May God abundantly bless you for your faithfulness in prayer, your caring, and your generosity. Because of you, mothers are helped and babies are alive, saved from the deadly abortion procedures.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL for PREBORN BABIES**

**DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD (Rain or Shine)**

**TIME: 10:30 am - 12 NOON**

**PLACE: Nassau University Medical Center  
2201 Hempstead Tpke, East Meadow**

All are invited to participate in this prayerful, peaceful vigil as a reminder that preborn babies' lives continue to be lost on Long Island through abortion and that abortion is NOT health care. It is critical that this tragedy not be forgotten. Positive pro-life action can save lives! Your participation, for even a short time, is important! Signs will be provided or you can bring your own pro-life signs (no political signs, please).

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*"Whenever hate or exasperation seizes you, think of the love of St. Joseph, who was the first man to set his eyes on the human face of God".  
Pope Benedict XVI  
Feast of Saint Joseph  
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# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." – Matthew 5:4*

Our parish's Bereavement Support Group offers a supportive, peer-based space for those who are grieving after the death of someone dear. The group brings together individuals who share the common experience of grief and provides a safe, confidential environment where participants may talk, listen, and reflect alongside others who understand.

Our Bereavement Support Group meets in small groups and is gently facilitated to encourage respectful conversation, mutual support, and shared experience. This is not therapy, but a place to connect with others, speak openly about grief, and find comfort in knowing you are not alone.

The group usually welcomes participants after the initial four months following a death and honors each person's journey and pace. Through shared stories and thoughtful reflection, participants are encouraged to remember those who have died, acknowledge the impact of grief, and move forward with understanding and support from the community.

We meet in the fall and spring, on Thursday evenings for six consecutive weeks in our parish school cafeteria.

All who are grieving are welcome.

*"Grief is the price we pay for love."*

*"Those we love do not leave us; they live on in our hearts and memories."*

## St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry

We are offering  
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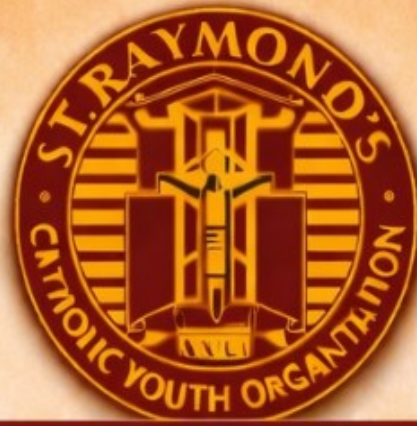
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**Coaches are required for a successful season!**





**Dear Friends:**

**Thank you so much for your ongoing financial contributions and prayers for our many ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. I am writing today to ask you to help us once again to serve the Long Island community by making a gift to the 2026 CMA.**

**As we approach the holiest season of Easter, we focus on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, preparing through reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to embrace the hope and new life signified by Christ's victory over death.**

**Easter represents hope, redemption, and eternal life, a reminder that darkness gives way to new beginnings, a core message for daily living, not just a single day. As Pope Leo reminds us, the Risen One is found in "small daily acts of compassion and love toward others."**

**One simple but beautiful way of living Jesus' command to love is by participating in the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which invites us to share in the Church's mission. Just last year, because of the funding received through the Appeal, ministries here on Long Island were able to: sustain Catholic Charities in its mandate to lift up the needy and the poor; help our young people to grow in their faith through education, campus ministry, and youth ministry; support those shackled by addiction at rehabilitation facilities like Talbot House; help pay tuition for our future priests and deacons; further the life-affirming work of the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics, particularly in their commitment to the unborn.**

**Please join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, so that we can continue to perform daily acts of compassion and love through our vital diocesan ministries.**

**My prayers and best wishes to you and your family for this Holy Season of Lent and Easter.**

**Sincerely in Christ,**

**Most Reverend John O. Barres  
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## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, March 23rd

7:15am St. Raymond Parish  
8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
12:15pm Constantino Buccino

### Tuesday, March 24th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish  
8:45am Mary Lynch  
12:15pm Guiseppe Buccino

### Wednesday, March 25th

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:45am Anne Gallagher  
12:15pm Grace Spears

### Thursday, March 26th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish  
8:45am Patrick Michael McManus  
12:15pm Frank Minerva

### Friday, March 27th

7:15am Violet McHale  
8:45am Joan DelGiorno  
12:15pm Vincent & Geraldine Malone

### Saturday, March 28th

8:45am Kristina Dillard, Margaret Gallagher,  
Marie C. Dempsey, Rose Thies  
5:00pm Frances Carrano

### Sunday, March 29th

#### **Palm Sunday**

7:30am Claire Ackerina  
9:00am Anne Gallagher  
10:30am Marie C. Dempsey  
12:00pm Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke  
John Stender, Sr.  
Robert & Diane Mounier  
Sean Ledwith  
Mary Stigliano  
Bob Duffy  
Patrick Michael McManus  
Kathy Thompson  
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



# REST IN PEACE

## Denise

## Sandberg

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



### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### **Monday**

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
John 8:1-11

#### **Tuesday**

Numbers 21:4-9/John 8:21-30

#### **Wednesday**

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10/Luke 1:26-38

#### **Thursday**

Genesis 17:3-9/John 8:51-59

#### **Friday**

Jeremiah 20:10-13/John 10:31-42

#### **Saturday**

Ezekiel 37:21-28/John 11:45-56

#### **Sunday**

Matthew 21:1-11/Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14—27:66

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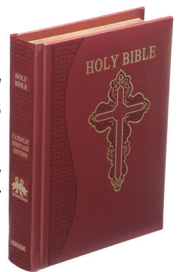
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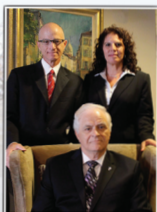
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