

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, September 10, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

-Matthew 18:20



September 10, 2023

Twenty-Third 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;
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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.

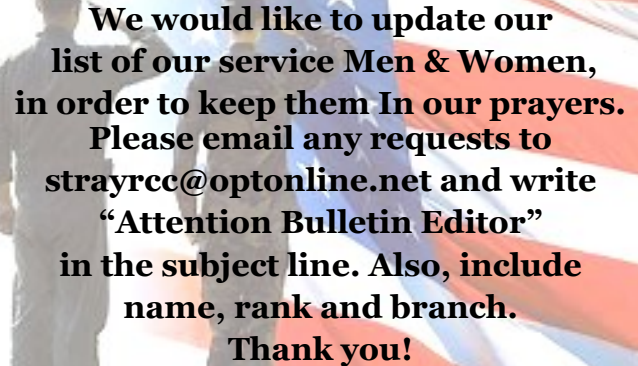
Music Ministries

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!



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 ...

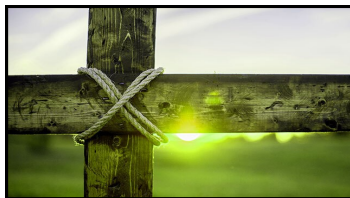
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Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time! The readings this Sunday should move us to reflect on the terrible conflicts that exist in our world. Our response at Mass is to pray and ask for healing for our world. Injustice, pain, and outrage only leads to violence for all involved. In the first reading from the prophet, Ezekiel, we see the prophet warning Israel that danger is coming because they have turned away from God and sought security in earthly powers. Ezekiel continues to guide the people along the way leading to life, yet they don't listen and suffer the collapse of Jerusalem. **"You son of man, I have appointed a watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul affirms the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves you. This is the fulfillment of the law of Moses. **"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."** And finally, Matthew's gospel passage reflects the basic elements of Church order and discipline. The early Christian communities experienced many internal challenges and external conflicts. The Christian approach to these challenges, especially the internal ones, was to deal with them honestly, with compassion and love. This was to be done within the community itself. Don't rush to judgement and always use prayer as the way to connect with the power and authority of Jesus. **"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."**

The best way to ruin your day is to listen to the morning news, which is usually a barrage of bad news. The world is ablaze with violence, natural disasters, warring nations, murder, gangs, drugs, and illness. You wonder have we ever had a peaceful world in which to live as human beings. Has there ever been a time when people lived in humility and mutual love? I would say simply: no! But Jesus gives us insight on how-to live-in peace. Today's readings lead us to consider what we are to do with the violence that pervades our world. We feel real pain at the injustice of violence. Where do we begin? Well first of all Jesus tells us to be patient and always try to reach out with understanding as the initial response. But when this fails then we try collectively to bring justice to the violent situations we face.



We look for our leaders to come together and find pathways to peace that are built upon God's justice and mercy. That is why prayer is our greatest weapon against hatred and division. We can do all that the world offers to end violence and injustice, but if not coupled with prayer, we are doomed to fail over and over again. May the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist we share, renew our desire to truly live in peace.

As I wrote last week, **Sister Ruthanne and Sister Lorraine** have both moved to Scranton, PA to start a new ministry for their IHM Community. Both Sisters, along with CJ will be living and working for a non-profit English language ministry that is sponsored by the IHM's. While we will miss Sister Ruthanne and Sister Lorraine, we wish them all the best in their new service to the Church and also health and well-being for many more years. To honor their many contributions to St. Raymond Parish for so many years we will be having an **IHM Sisters Weekend** on September 23rd-24th. On Saturday evening we will have a final **Bingo Nun Night** starting at 6pm in the school cafeteria. **Then on Sunday, we will honor both Sisters at the 12noon Mass followed by a parish reception in the school cafeteria.** All are most welcome to come to express your personal appreciation and best wishes to Sister Ruthanne and Sister Lorraine.

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**, an invitation to the special **IHM Sisters Weekend**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, an invitation to the **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Tuesday evening, September 12th from 7-8:30pm, info about the **St. Vincent de Paul "Friends of the Poor Walk"** on Saturday, September 30th, a request for **Parishioner Emails**, 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 may we again prayerfully reflect on the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Remember: It's wonderful what God can do with a broken heart if he gets all the pieces.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023-23rd 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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023-23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Ez 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

ALLELUIA

2 Cor 5:19

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.


R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.



IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.

SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

GOSPEL

Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

The following are the 2023/2024 Religious Education school year start dates:

- Grades 2 Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Grades 3-6 week of October 2nd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Grades 7 & 8 Monday/Tuesday October 2nd & October 3rd, 2023 7pm-8pm
- Grade 1 is an at-home program.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – www.saintraymonds.org. Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment.

The Registration fee is now \$225.00.

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

REMINDER TO CATECHISTS

There is a Catechist meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond auditorium. Please make every effort to attend.

Sunday, September 17th, 2023 is Catechetical Sunday. At the 12Noon Mass we will recognize our wonderful and giving catechists. We will also be recognizing ten of our catechists who have been teaching for our program for 5 years. Please make every effort to attend this most special Mass.



Faith Formation



St. Raymond Families Victims of 9/11

James Barbella

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William Gardner

James Haran

Michael Horn

Timothy McSweeney

Patrick O'Keefe, Jr.

Glenn Wall

Paul Lois

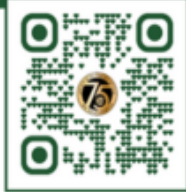


IHM WEEKEND AT ST. RAYMOND PARISH

IHM sisters

As everyone knows, it is a sad time for our parish with both Sister Ruthane and Sister Lorraine leaving us and moving to Scranton, PA to assume a special Ministry for the IHM Community. While we will miss the Sisters, we also wish them all the best as they begin a new service to the Church. Now we can't just say goodbye, so we have a special weekend planned for Sisters Ruthane and Lorraine on Saturday/ Sunday, September 23-24. On Saturday evening we will have a last Nuns on the Run Bingo starting at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Then on Sunday, the 24th, we will honor both Sister Ruthane and Sister Lorraine at the 12noon Mass which will be followed by a parish reception in the school cafeteria. All are most welcome to join in these events to wish your own personal thanks and best wishes to the Sisters.

SCAN ME



SAVE THE DATE!
Sat. Sept 30, 2023
10AM
Cedar Creek Park,
Seaford



15TH ANNUAL SVDPLI

Friends of the Poor 5K Walk



**TOGETHER
WE GO FAR
2023**

Please register or donate today at
<https://svdpli.org/walk/> or by using
the QR code. When you select
“St. Raymond Conference – East Rockaway”
your donation will go directly toward helping
neighbors in our community.
For more information, please contact
Anthony at (516) 220-2521.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FOUNDED IN 1833, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS A
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CALL TO SERVE THE POOR, THE SUFFERING, AND THE DEPRIVED.
OUR FOUNDING ACTIVITY, STILL PRACTICED TODAY, IS THE HOME VISIT.
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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.

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WHO WISH TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

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FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.



THE ROSE FOR LIFE

Prayers for the work of the
Human Life Committee

Donated by
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“Not all of us can do
great things. But we
can do small things
with great love.”
-Mother Teresa

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Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin.

There would be no need for sermons if our lives were shining; there would be no need for words if we bore witness with our deeds; there would be no more pagans if we were true Christians

St John Chrysostom



When was the last time you prayed together as a family?
Or when was the last time you prayed with a friend?
This week make time to pray with others—perhaps a family Rosary or a Bible study with friends.



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.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!



THE TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST
STATION FIVE



STATION FOUR

**ELIJAH AND THE HEARTH CAKE:
 FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY**

“AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD CAME AGAIN A SECOND TIME, AND TOUCHED HIM, AND SAID, ‘ARISE AND EAT, ELSE THE JOURNEY WILL BE TOO GREAT FOR YOU.’ AND HE AROSE, AND ATE AND DRANK, AND WENT IN THE STRENGTH OF THAT FOOD FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS TO HOREB THE MOUNT OF GOD.”

1 KINGS 19:7-8

Soon after the death of Solomon comes the great divide and split of the Kingdom of Israel. King Ahab takes the infamous Jezebel, who is a pagan, as his wife. He soon begins to worship her gods and persecutes all those who believe in the one true God. This leaves only Elijah to flee for his life.

He goes into to the desert and falls under a broom tree: He prayed for death: “This is enough, O Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the Lord came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, “Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!” He got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb (1 Kings 19:4-8).

What is the connection to Jesus?

Elijah was much like the first Israelites in that he was wandering in the desert and was given food for the Journey. Elijah in some way repeats the experience of the chosen people as they fled from Egypt pursued by the pharaoh. The food that the angel gives him has been seen in Christian tradition as a figure of the Eucharist, given that by the grace of this Sacrament men enjoy the

greatest peace and tranquility of conscience during the present life; and when the hour of departing from this world shall have arrived, like Elijah, who is the strength of the bread baked on the hearth, walked to Horeb the mount of God, they [are] invigorated by the strengthening ...of this (heavenly food). Like the manna, this food is seen as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, giving strength to the faithful.

*Food for Our Journey ...
 The Gift of the Eucharist*

Viaticum comes from three Latin words: Viaticum, which means traveling provisions. Viaticus, which means of a road or journey. Via, which means way or road. Viaticum is the reception of Holy Communion when there is probable danger of death. Viaticum should not be deferred too long in sickness lest the dying lose consciousness. It can be given as often as such danger exists and is required of all the faithful who have reached the age of discretion. No laws of fasting persist either for the recipient or for the priest who must consecrate in order to supply the Host in an emergency.

The Eucharist is the food for our journey to heaven. For every journey you must have a beginning, an end, and the means to get from beginning to end. If a person travels from New York to Los Angeles, they have the beginning and end set, but need the means to get from point A to point B. The Eucharist is the food for our journey, the means of salvation. This fact is expressed in the Order of the Mass when the Priest, facing the altar, says quietly: “May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.” Then he reverently consumes the Body of Christ, after which he takes the chalice and says quietly: “May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.”

In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite of the Mass, the priest gives Communion, first making with the host the sign of the cross over each communicant, while saying: “May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul for eternal life. Amen.”

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

Week 5 Thought: How has the Eucharist strengthened me in my spiritual journey and in my daily life?



"WE SHOULD GLORY IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, FOR HE IS OUR SALVATION, OUR LIFE AND OUR RESURRECTION: THROUGH HIM WE ARE SAVED AND MADE FREE."

Entrance Antiphon

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14th**

St. Raymond Church

**Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition**

Each day the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00 PM
Each Thursday - Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion

Saint John Chrysostom

Bishop and Doctor of the Church († 407)

Feast: September 13

"We need to understand the marvel of the Eucharist— what it is, why it was given, and what is the profit of its celebration: we become one Body, and members of His flesh and of His bones."

Step By Step walk through the Mass

By Father Luke Spannagel
National Eucharist Revival Blog

Do This in Remembrance of Me

Why is the Mass so important? Why do we stand, sit, and kneel at specific times during the Mass? Where did the prayers we say at Mass come from? When does Jesus actually become present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity? How do I pray better at Mass? These are just some of the many questions parishioners have asked me through the years. They're really great questions! The goal of this series is to explore the most common things Catholics want to know about the Mass.

What is the Mass?

The first question that we need to talk about, the one that underlies all the other questions you might have regarding the Mass, and the question you probably haven't asked yourself, is this: What is the Mass? This is a really important question, and we'll be deepening the answer to this throughout the series. However, as we begin, I want to give you for starters a way you can think about the Mass:

- The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
- The Mass is our participation in true communion with God and one another.
- And the Mass is our taste on this earth of the full perfection we will experience in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Mass is the perfect worship of the Father in heaven, and it is an inestimable source of gifts and blessings for us as well. In this series, we will be exploring each of the parts of the Mass, beginning from that first moment when we walk through the church doors.

Next week: Holy Water and Sacramentals

John was born in Antioch (modern-day Antakya, Turkey) in 347. His father was a high-ranking military officer. John's father died soon after his birth and he was raised by his mother. As a result of his mother's influential connections in the city, John began his education under a pagan preacher from whom he learned the skills in rhetoric. Eventually, he became a lawyer.

As he grew older, however, John became more deeply committed to Christianity and went on to study theology, becoming a deacon in 381. Serving as a priest in Antioch, John became known for his extraordinary preaching abilities and his insightful explanations of Bible passages and moral teaching. The most valuable of his works were his straightforward, practical homilies on the various books of the Bible.

In 398, John, against his wishes, was named bishop of Constantinople, the capital of the new Roman empire. As bishop, he scandalized the elite of the city through his Spartan lifestyle. In his sermons, he emphasized the "Eucharist of the Poor," encouraging charitable giving and a focus on the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor. He spoke against abuse of wealth and personal property. John provided for the poor and supported the relatively new invention of urban public hospitals.

John particularly encouraged a Eucharistic devotion among his people, urging them to receive Communion as often as they could. He highlighted the Eucharist as the banquet of the heavenly city where rich and poor could meet as equals in Christ. He was known for being able to speak to the hearts of people who felt stuck in sin—"If you have fallen a second time, or even a thousand times into sin," he said, "come to me, and you shall be healed." John converted many with his intuitive compassion for others, and his firm calls to repentance. John spent his last years in exile for speaking out once too often against the sumptuous lifestyle of the royal family.

"If you do not find Christ in the beggar at the church door, neither will you find him in the Chalice."



*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 oppresses a poor man insults
his Maker, but he who is generous
to the needy honors Him."*

Proverbs 14:31

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: Package Mashed Potatoes, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Soup, no creamed, Canned Beets, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Dish Detergent and Laundry Detergent.

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.



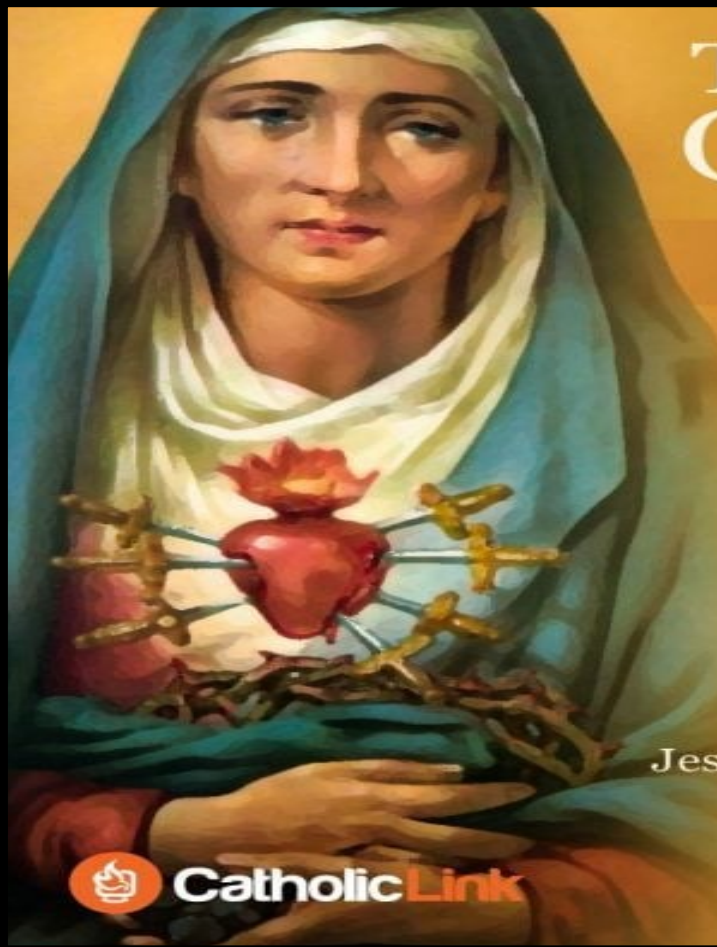
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HUMAN LIFE
COMMITTEE**

"The first and most fundamental right is the right to life. All other rights assume life...Without life there is nothing to protect, respect or cherish. All other issues work to enhance life. Because of this intrinsic incompatibility, when abortion comes to a nation, it makes that country schizophrenic...In the U.S., the miracle of modern medicine performs surgery on babies in the womb. Think about that. The baby has no rights according to the abortion industry, but if we want the baby to have a better life, she can get top notch medical care and even have surgery to enhance her life. .." (To the Heart of the Matter, Shawn D. Carney, co-founder of 40 Days for Life)

How is it that on one floor of a medical facility or hospital there is a neonatal unit administering the best medical care to a baby born prematurely, and on another floor, a baby of the same gestational age as the previously mentioned baby, is being killed through the abortion surgery and then discarded as medical waste? What makes one baby deserving of a chance to live and another baby expendable? How could we have blindly accepted the rhetoric of those who pushed for abortion? How can we continue to justify this wanton and intentional killing of the innocent, vulnerable, babies in the womb? Try as we might, we know in our hearts, that we can't justify this massive killing of the babies in the womb. We know the intentional killing of innocent babies in the womb is not a good, not a right but a wrong, an injustice....a grave evil. The question is,


"What will I do to rectify this evil?"

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord. the fruit of the womb is a reward." Psalm 127:3



The 7 Sorrows OF MARY

- The prophecy of Simeon
(Luke 2:34-35)
- The flight into Egypt
(Matthew 2:13-21)
- The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple
(Luke 2:41-50)
- The carrying of the Cross
(John 19:17)
- The Crucifixion of Jesus
(John 19:18-30)
- Jesus taken down from the Cross
(John 19:39-40)
- Jesus laid in the tomb
(John 19:39-42)

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Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima

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The United States of America & World Peace

106th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FATIMA APPARITIONS

Date: Tuesday, September 12th, 2023

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: St. Raymond Church
263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518

"I am the Lady of the Rosary...
Pray the Rosary every day."

The Message of Fatima

The message of Fatima consists of a number of precise predictions, requests, warnings and promises concerning the faith and the world, which were conveyed by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in a series of apparitions at Fatima, Portugal from May through October 1917.

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_____

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PARISH (ON YOUR ENVELOPES) #_____

**Please update our
Parish Email List**





Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

**September Meeting: Monday,
September 18, 2023**

Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria

Time: 7:30

**(Table set-ups will be available
beginning at 7 pm)**

Our Lady's Tea and "Baby Shower"

Benefitting "Women First" in Hempstead

Please join us, and if you would like to contribute

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The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible! Thank You! www.drvc.org/st-pius-x-residence/

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This week on **FORMED...**



When we pray, we don't always know how to articulate the fear and anxiety that is gripping us. Yet when we bring our fears out of the shadows and into the light, they lose their power. May these prayers inspire you with hope and trust, lighten your burden, and give you confidence in God's love for you personally. Join us in taking the time to step away from the trials of life to focus on Christ as Redeemer and Mary as Mother.

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Masses for this week

Monday, September 11th

7:15am Brandon Velasquez

8:45am James Barbella, Dennis Buckley,
William Gardner, James Haran,
Michael Horn, Timothy McSweeney,
Patrick O'Keefe, Jr., Glen Wall, Paul Zois

Tuesday, September 12th

7:15am Eileen Henshaw

8:45am Frank Leonardo

Wednesday, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Roula Papamakariou

Thursday, September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Rose Marie Simeti

Friday, September 15th *Our Lady of Sorrows*

7:15am Romulo Rafael Rivas

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Saturday, September 16th

Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

8:45am St. Raymond's Parish

5:00pm Jennie Gaeta

Sunday, September 17th

7:30am Helen Howe

9:00am Paul & Joanne Petraro

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Frances Rinaldi, Taylor Belviso-living,

Maryann Mulroy, Joseph Frigenti,

Diane Marie Anderson, Pola CiFuentes

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Nm 21:4b-9/Jn 3:13-17

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Jn 19:25-27

Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Jodi Neckles, Mike L,
Dawn, Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,
Baby Cooper Graham, Kevin O'Sullivan
Michael McPike, Christine I., John Lynch
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri
Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito, Linda D'Agostino
Mary Lou Hart, Marie Gay Oddo, Baby Grayson,
Barbara, Nick S., Joseph Petraro, Nicole Brack
*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the
rectory is notified otherwise.)*



Rest in Peace

Mary Lou Hart



The Bread & Wine

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Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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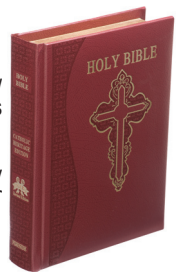


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