

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 21, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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"For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all." -1 Timothy: 5



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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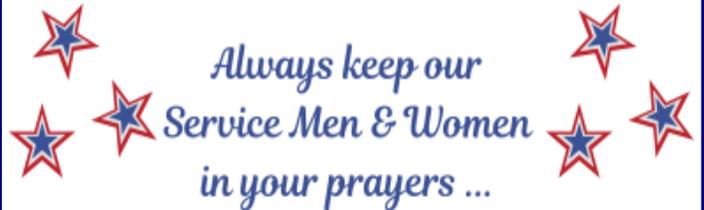
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time! This Sunday's readings challenge us to serve God daily. In the first reading from the prophet Amos, those who exploit and mistreat the poor and needy will not get away with their injustices before God. Amos tells them: **"The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done."** Then in the First Letter to Timothy, Paul is exhorting all the newly baptized to pray constantly and live in peace. God want them all to be saved through his Son, Jesus. St. Paul says: **"There is one God. There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all."** And finally, Luke's gospel shows Jesus telling the story of the rich man and his less than stellar steward. The steward, knowing he is about to be fired, is slick in trying to gain favor with some of his master's debtors. He reduces their debts so that when fired they will have pity on him. His master actually commends him for his cunning but then questions where one's loyalty really lies. Is it in man or in God? **"He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."**

The truth Jesus seems to be pointing out to us that we must make a choice. We can't juggle both. Clearly our choice should be to serve God. Choosing God demands that we submit control of our life to God, that we trust God completely with our lives. And our lives include our family, our loved ones, our livelihood, our safety, our health. It calls us to trust God no matter what happens. When things are going well, that can be fairly easy to do. But when bad things happen, we might start questioning whether that trust is well placed and might start looking around for alternatives. Also, choosing to serve God is not a onetime choice. It is a choice we make daily. The choices we make when the stakes are small will shape the kind of person we become and will set us up either to succeed or fail as disciples of the Lord.

All this choosing can be exhausting and very complex. Many smaller tests to act un-Christian come our way where we have to listen to our conscience, being enticed to stray or stay strong in virtue. Forgiving and praying for the person who hurt us is also a way we choose daily to serve God.

Choose we must because we will be tempted to straddle the fence-serve both God and our earthly interests. This is a strong temptation because our physical needs are deep-seated. But Jesus warns us that trying to pursue both won't work. A default choice may often not be the right one. Fortunately, God knows our weaknesses and is always present to help us. When we make wrong choices we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation for forgiveness, healing and a new beginning. And in the Eucharist, we have spiritual food to strengthen us to choose to serve God today and every day.

Thanks to all who donated blood last Sunday at our semi-annual **Parish Blood Drive**. Your generosity added **63 pints** of life saving blood for those in need. Thanks to our Parish Blood Drive Committee for sponsoring this drive. Look for our next Parish Blood Drive in the spring of 2026.

This Tuesday, September 23rd, there will be a special **Holy Hour** from 7-8pm in our church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, reflection, music and Benediction. Come and spend some time with Jesus. He would love to see you. And by all means bring a friend.

Remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the **Holy Hour** invitation for Tuesday evening, September 23rd, an ad for the upcoming **"Friends of the Poor Walk"** next Saturday, September 27th, sponsored by the society of St. Vincent de Paul, the **Come and See Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), and 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 last week of September. **Smile, share, choose wisely and remember: Setbacks pave the way for comebacks.**

God bless always. **Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025—25TH 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 21, 2025—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forever.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

High above all nations is the LORD; above the heavens is his glory. Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people.

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle — I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —, teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

ALLELUIA

Cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

Religious Education classes begin the week of 9/29/2025 and end the week of 4/20/2026.

Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Classes are already filled to capacity.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN AFTER 9/22/2025 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

WE WILL ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS THE WEEK OF 10/5/2025.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. Please note that the Registration fee is \$250 for the first child in the family – each additional child is \$100.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

9th grade Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, 2025 in St. Raymond Church. The Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students. There will be two ceremonies that day - one at 11am and one at 2:30pm.

This information was e-mailed to parents in May.

The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.



GROUP 1 - 11AM CEREMONY

Mrs. Maria Lopez, Mrs. Danielle Peknic, Mrs. Petra Schoen

GROUP 2 – 2:30PM CEREMONY

Mrs. Nancy Mott, Ms. Denise Rivenburgh, Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero, Kellenberg, St. Mary, Chaminade, Home



REMINDER TO OUR 9TH GRADE

**THE CONFIRMATION SPONSOR MASS HAS BEEN MOVED TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2025
AT 5PM. SPONSORS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND WITH THE STUDENT –
IF THE SPONSOR IS NOT AVAILABLE, A PARENT CAN STAND IN FOR HIM/HER.**

Confirmation retreat is scheduled for Sunday 9/28/2025 in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Confirmation students in Group 1 will attend 10am-12:30pm and students in Group 2 will attend 1:30pm-4pm. Confirmation Retreat is a Diocesan mandatory requirement for all Confirmation students throughout the Diocese.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Next Sunday 9/21/2025 is Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday is a day the Catholic Church celebrates the mission of handing on the faith and recognizes those who teach it, known as catechists. Catechetical Sunday involves recognizing catechists with a blessing and rededicating all Catholics to their role as witnesses to the Gospel. Please join us at the 10:30am Mass as we celebrate and recognize the catechists of St. Raymond Parish. At this Mass, we will present Catechetical Service Awards to our catechists who have been teaching our children for 5 years. Our awardees are: Melissa Abuin, Joanna Agnello, Jane Breuer, Michelle DeLuca, John Giannotti, Jean Hughes, Marie Pizzarro and Denise Rivenburgh. We thank God for the gift of these and all of our catechists – they are the cornerstone of our Religious Education program.



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, Oct. 4th

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kellenberg Memorial High School

<https://www.kellenberg.org/>

Saturday, Oct. 4th

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Chaminade High School

<https://www.chaminade-hs.org/>

Saturday, Oct. 4th

10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Academy

<https://www.sacredheartacademyli.org/>



*"... and you yourself a sword
will pierce ..."*

Luke 2:29

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, September 8th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross,

September 14th

Feast of Our Lady of

Sorrows, September 15th

Pastoral Council Members

Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley, Julianne

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For details: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org



**The Sisters of St. Dominic
of Amityville Host
Autumn Evening Event**

The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their Autumn Evening Event on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 6pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

This year we are delighted to honor four of our Sisters with the St. Catherine of Siena Award who have served as Treasurer for our Congregation: S. Theresa Gallagher, S. Patricia Koehler, S. Kathleen McGinn and S. Judy Olsen.

Proceeds from this event benefit The Congregation's Ministry Support Fund, which was established to assist many of the Sisters' ministries in need of additional funding.

For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Office of Advancement at (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit: www.sistersofstdominic.org/2025autumnevening.

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St. Joseph, Defender of Life Prayer

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

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Sat. Sept 27, 2025 – 10AM

**Heckscher State Park
East Islip**



**The St. Vincent de Paul
Society's...**



Please join us at our annual walk to raise funds for our neighbors in need. You can register today or donate at:

<https://svdpli.org/walk17/> 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.



Sodality Celebrates Our Lady's Birthday Month!

The Sodality of Our Lady will join for Corporate Communion this weekend at the 10:30 am Mass. All members and friends are invited to sit with us! Then join us on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 7:30 PM for Our Lady's Tea! Bring a friend, and help us honor Mary during her Birthday Month.

Once again, we are adding a
*"Baby Shower" for
"Women First Life Center"*

All donations of Baby items, as well as gifts cards (\$25) to Target, Walmart, and Kohls which are given to the women clients there.



The Parish Social Ministry needs volunteer drivers to assist our parishioners who have no one to take them to their medical appointments in the area.

Please contact the Parish Social Ministry, Monday thru Wednesday, from 10am to 3pm, at 516-887-9197 if you have some free time to volunteer to help us and your fellow parishioners. Thank you and God Bless You!

**25TH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME WEEKLY GUIDE FOR
PERSONAL PRAYER
CREIGHTON ONLINE MINISTRIES**



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

Summary of the Readings for the Week

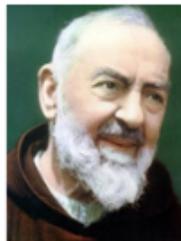


On the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward who finds out he's been caught squandering his master's property and goes out and makes deals to make friends for the future.

Jesus acknowledges the steward's prudence and calls us to have at the very least, prudence about our future. "If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" "You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), priest and stigmatist.

*"Pray, hope, and don't worry.
Worry is useless. God is merciful and
will hear your prayer."*



Friday is the Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, martyrs and medical doctors.

Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, priest and founder of the order of the Daughters of Charity.

*"Go to the poor:
you will find God."*



The first reading this week comes from the Book of Ezra, one of the first chroniclers of the post-exile period of Judaism. He is responsible for helping hold the restored people together. We finish the week with brief selections from the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, who were prophets during this period.

The Gospel passages for the week are from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus urges us to use our gifts: "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light." When his family comes looking for him, Jesus uses the occasion to tell us that we are family to him, if we hear his Word and act on it. "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."

Jesus encourages his Apostles to freedom, sending them out to teach and heal and to proclaim the Kingdom of God while taking nothing with them.



Jesus asks his disciples who do the crowds say he is. At this point, the crowds were confused about who Jesus was as many thought He was a prophet or a reincarnated figure. Jesus wanted to distinguish public opinion from personal conviction. He was drawing a line between hearsay and revelation.

Jesus then asks the disciples, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." By asking the question and then predicting His suffering, Jesus was explaining the role of the Messiah, not as a military king, but as a suffering Savior. Up until now, the focus of Luke's Gospel has been on Jesus' public ministry and miracles. From this point forward, the focus begins to shift toward Jerusalem, the cross, and what it means to follow Him.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is the focus of the Luke's Gospel on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. This is a classic story of how the tables are turned. The rich man has it good in this life and ignores the plight of poor Lazarus. In the afterlife, it is the rich man who is in torment and Lazarus is the one who is enjoying heaven. The double irony comes when the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers. Jesus responds: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Will we listen to the one who has risen from the dead?



*“Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.”
Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 8:9*



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

The first reading each day this week are from the Old Testament passages from Amos, Ezra, and Haggai, which offer to us an opportunity to think about justice and restoration in our lives.

The prophet Amos condemns the exploitation of the poor and the manipulation of justice for selfish gain. In our prayer each day, we can examine our actions and attitudes toward the marginalized and ask God for the courage to act justly. The call is clear: God does not tolerate exploitation, and we are called to stand in solidarity with those who suffer. We can ask for the grace to be advocates for justice, to seek fair treatment for all, and to live with a heart that reflects God's compassion.

The passages for the week from the prophets Ezra and Haggai both speak to the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. In these texts, God moves the hearts of rulers and people alike to restore what had been lost and to renew their covenant relationship.

These readings invite us to consider the ways in which God might be calling us to rebuild and restore aspects of our spiritual life. We face seasons of spiritual desolation, but we are reminded that God is ever faithful to renew us. A prayerful meditation could center on seeking God's help in rebuilding personal faith or restoring areas of life that have been neglected, such as relationships with God, family, or community. It's a call to rebuild ourselves both spiritually and physically with the purpose of glorifying God and serving His people.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because he saw in us something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.

The passages from the Gospel of Luke offer deep insights into the relationship between faith, discipleship, and the mission of sharing God's love. Jesus emphasizes the importance of living out the light of faith openly and with a clear purpose.



The image of a lamp being placed on a stand encourages us to reflect on how we share the light of Christ in their daily lives. Are we hiding their faith, or allowing it to shine forth for others to see? The invitation is clear: to let our actions and words reflect God's presence in our lives, and to remember that the more we invest in this light, the more we will receive understanding from God.

In meditating on the passage of Jesus' sending out of His disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God, we can reflect on our own role as disciples, considering how we might be called to share the Good News in our everyday lives.

Contemplating Jesus' question to the disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" we can ask ourselves are we truly following Him as the Messiah in both faith and action. We can pray for the grace to deepen our faith in Christ's mission and identity, seeking the courage and humility to live as faithful disciples, just as the apostles were sent out to bring healing and hope. Meditation on these passages can lead to renewing our sense of purpose in sharing the love of Christ with others, trusting that He equips His followers with all they need to fulfill His mission.

St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Pius X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's Word to those in prison.

Please support our beloved priests in their retirement years.



FR. STEVE PIETROWSKI, RECTOR

"I am so proud to be able to serve all the wonderful priests residing at St Pius. This house provides a place for our priests who have a need for care and help for daily activities. It's a safe place to age gracefully. Here at St. Pius, we provide for one another. We call this place home," shared Fr. Pietrowski



MSGR. RON RICHARDSON:

"When I was living on my own for a number of years, I felt a sense of isolation, especially during Covid but here I am with many of my fellow priests who I served with at times throughout the years. I've always been a walker, most of my life I've walked and jogged. I love the outdoors and I am so grateful to be here at this gorgeous campus."

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! <https://www.stpiusresidence.org/>

"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



HOLY HOUR

**Tuesday,
September 23, 2025
7:00pm - 8:00pm
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CHURCH**

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FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM
10AM TO 3PM
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

Hebrews 13:16

During the month of August, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 87 households with food, personal care and household items and advised them regarding other services offered through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul. We also welcomed two new clients and provided them with food and we advised them of other services available to them.

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

PANTRY ITEMS STILL NEEDED TO RESTOCK SHELVES

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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 and in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

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For anyone experiencing an untimely pregnancy, please call the following number for free, caring, confidential assistance: The Life Center - #516-798-9100.

"We pray to You, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in Your Image and beloved by You, with worth and dignity. Amen." (USCCB)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY!!

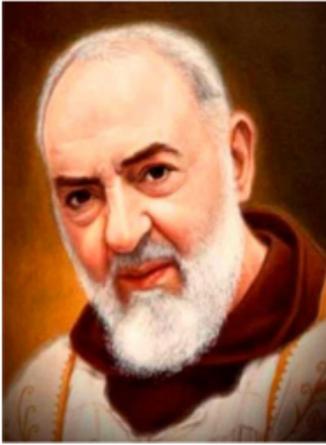


JOIN US IN SHARING KINDNESS TO OTHERS!!

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help stock shelves, pack groceries, make appointments, greet clients and assist them with food pickup.

The food pantry is open from Monday through Wednesday from 10am to 3pm. As a volunteer, you would work two and half hours, either morning or afternoon, one day a week.

For more information -
Please call 516-887-9197



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Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (1887–1968), more commonly known as Padre Pio, was an Italian Capuchin friar, priest, mystic, and stigmatist. He became one of the most popular and revered Catholic saints of the 20th century. Padre Pio is the patron saint of adolescents, civil defense volunteers, January blues, stress relief, pain and suffering, and healing.

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 22nd

7:15am Mae Carnevale

8:45am Mary Gallo

Tuesday, September 23rd

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:15am Paul Colontino

8:45am Paul VonWerne

Wednesday, September 24th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Michael S. Sloan

Thursday, September 25th

7:15am Holy Souls

8:45am Barry Lederman

Friday, September 26th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Joe Beggie

Saturday, September 27th

St. Vincent de Paul

8:45am John Keanna, Jr.

Bennie McGrory and Family

5:00pm Joan C. Liggera

Sunday, September 28th

7:30am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

9:00am Bridie Gallagher

10:30am Joseph A. Vito

12:00pm Gilbert Helmstadt, Joan Casey,

Peter Tauckus, Arnold Gercken

Kathleen Ribauda,

Christian Martyrs of Africa

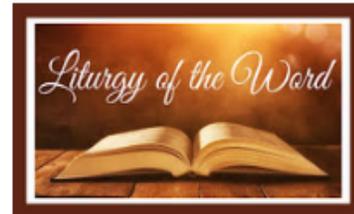
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

Michael Joseph Farrell

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Ezra 1:1-6/Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday

Ezra 9:5-9/Luke 9:1-6

Thursday

Haggai 1:1-8/Luke 9:7-9

Friday

Haggai 2:1-9/Luke 9:18-22

Saturday

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a/Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday

Amos 6:1a, 4-7/1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

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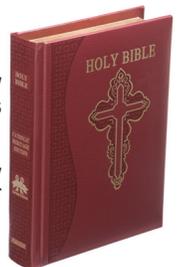
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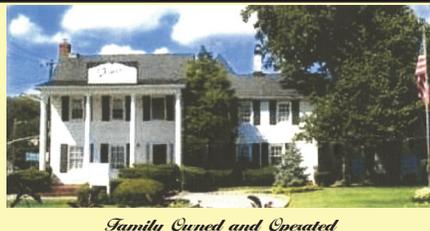
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