

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 31, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“Do not be amazed!

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here.”

-Mark 16:6



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

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

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

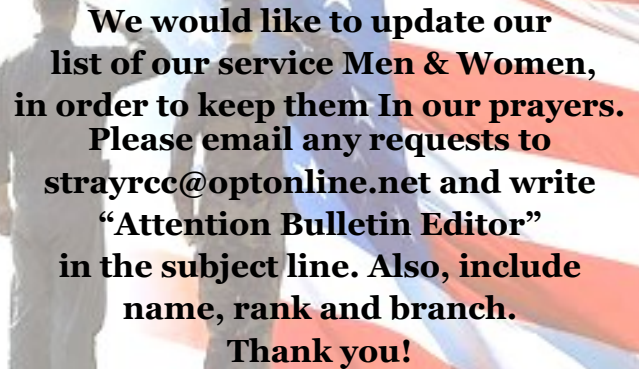
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today! God's special blessings be yours on this Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the start of the great Fifty Day Feast. What a joy it is this day to celebrate our incredible God, a God who loves us more than we could ever imagine. There is truly only one word that can express the hope that fills our hearts. ***Only one word will do—Alleluia!*** In a sense we are gathered here in church because of one thing, one event, one act, one miracle--the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This one profound experience is the totality of the Christian message. This experience has been unfolding for the faithful for over 2000 years as we try to understand more clearly what it meant back then and what it means today. We can see Easter as the day on which we are saved, rescued from the darkness of sin and death. Easter is also seen as the day of redemption when Jesus restored our rightful relationship with the Father, something we could never do on our own. Easter is the day to truly accept God's forgiveness and let go of the burdens we have been carrying around. And may we also see today as a day of overwhelming hope, realizing the possibility of life with God for all eternity. Today, try to discard cynicism and pessimism, and replace them with deep hope, confidence, and trust in God and in each other.

Easter is the day when we can see evidence of God keeping his promises. His is a profound faithfulness that we aspire to but sadly fall short of time and again. Today might be a day to start being there for someone in your life who could really use a true friend. Easter should also be seen as a time we pledge to make the world a better place, more like the world God created. See every single thing, every person as beautiful and worthy of our care. We should also be able to see a holy pattern for each of our lives. This is the Paschal Mystery whereby God brings something good out of something painful or tragic. Today be grateful for the blessings you are aware of and those known only to God. Today there is clear evidence that love always wins, that God always wins. Today teaches us to always choose the loving thing, no matter how difficult. All of these things show us the incredible power of Easter unleashed into the world through the saving acts of one man, one God, one divine person willing to go where we are so often unwilling to go. He remained faithful, no matter the cost. He refused to become anything but his truest self. And he showed us completely and for all time what love can achieve, a love with no conditions and that doesn't count the cost.

Ultimately, Easter is not just a hope for something that comes when our earthly lives end. No, Easter means something for each of our lives right now, in this time and place. Jesus wants to help us live right now the most beautiful, loving, meaningful lives ever. So, let him. ***He is risen! Alleluia!***

The Pot of Gold 50/50 winning ticket (#00069) was pulled at the St. Patrick's Celebration last Saturday night. The winner received \$3000 as their share of the Pot of Gold. Thanks to all who took chances this year and helped make it a success once again.

I want to thank in a special way all those who have helped to make Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter a truly holy and joyful experience for all our parishioners. Many thanks to our ***Decorators and Rosary Altar Society***, for the care and attention given to our church, to our ***Maintenance Staff*** for their tireless efforts in keeping our buildings and grounds attractive, safe and welcoming to all who come, to our ***Rectory Staff*** for being the face of Jesus to all who come and call, to our ***Parish Social Ministry and St. Vincent de Paul Society*** who bring Easter joy and hope to all our neighbors in need, to our ***Religious Education Department*** for teaching our children the lessons of our faith, especially for Lent and Holy Week, Thanks also to all our ***Liturgical Ministers (Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers)*** who prayerfully guide us in worship, and to our ***Music Ministry (Adult Choir, Folk Group and Cantors)*** for their inspiring music of glory and praise now and all throughout the year. Thanks also to our ***Deacons*** and my fellow ***Priests*** who always strive to serve our people with style and grace. And finally, I wish to thank all the many ***Parish Volunteers*** who continue to make parish life at St. Raymond's a thriving community of Faith, Love and Friendship. I always feel blest and humbled to be amongst all of you.

Have a great Easter Sunday with your family and friends. Welcome to all our visitors who are worshipping with us today. Know that you are always welcome at St. Raymond's. Thanks to everyone for your generosity in the Easter collection. ***Now please, everybody, come back again next Sunday!*** We'd love to see you, and so would Jesus. Happy Easter, Alleluia and God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 31, 2024-EASTER SUNDAY

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 31, 2024-EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:
If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. 1 Cor 5:7b-8a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

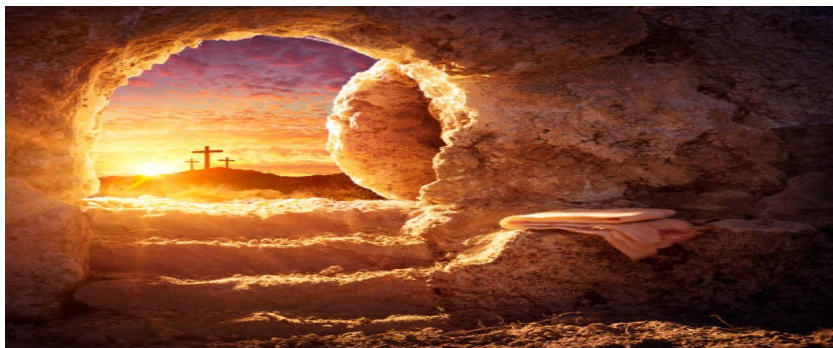
Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed; let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.





There are no Religious Education classes and the Religious Education office will be closed for Easter break on Monday 4/1/2024. Classes will resume and the office will re-open on Tuesday 4/2/2024.

The last day of Religion classes is Thursday 4/18/2024. All Mass reflections are due on or before that date for students in grades 2-8. 7th & 8th grade students in addition to Mass reflections are to hand in their Confirmation Service Hours form and Stations of the Cross by Teens reflection paper (originally due 3/25 or 3/26).

*"This is the Day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad." Psalm 118:24
May the joy of Easter fill your heart with renewed faith and hope!
Happy and blessed Easter!! Lucy, Nancy & Stephanie*



7th & 8th Grade Present The Stations of the Cross





*Palm
Sunday*



*Palm
Sunday*







PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



At this time I am accepting requests for the Sacrament of Confirmation from any adult Catholics of college age and older. The appropriate date each year for the conferring of Confirmation to adults is at a Pentecost Mass which signals the end of the Easter season.

I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 5:00pm. Pentecost Eve Mass.

There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 by Friday, April 26th, and ask to be placed on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

-Father Chuck



ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.



-Pope Francis I



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Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register of for more information:

1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

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Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.



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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

"I shall not pass this way again, and any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now".

Once again you, the faithful friends of mothers and their babies, have shown kindness and goodness to those in need by giving so generously to our annual "mini-baby shower". Because of you, we were able to donate an abundance of baby clothing, beautifully hand-made blankets, disposable diapers, formula, and strollers to "Women First" pregnancy center in Hempstead. In addition, a check was sent to Birthright, a pregnancy center in Wantagh, for \$1,000.00! May God richly bless you for your continued caring for His little ones and their mothers. "The cross was heavy, the blood was real, and the price was extravagant. It would have bankrupted you or me, so He paid the price for us. Call it simple. Call it a gift. But don't call it easy. Call it what it is. Call it Grace". (Max Lucado)

We wish all a very Blessed and Grace-filled Easter!



**EASTER
MASSES OF
REMEMBRANCE**

Many people like to request the intention for a Mass on Easter Sunday. Since there are a limited number of Masses for Easter, all requests are not able to be fulfilled. Therefore, there will be a special Novena of Masses for Easter: the Easter Masses of Remembrance. Those who you mention will be remembered at all the Masses during the Easter season. Special envelopes have been mailed with the regular envelope packet and in the Easter mailing to all parishioners. They are also available on the front side pews and the back pews by the doors of the church. Simply fill out the intentions you wish to have remembered on the front of the envelope, include your donation and either mail it back, drop it in the Sunday Mass collection or place it in one of the wooded boxes marked "Easter Masses." Please do so by Sunday March 31st. Thank you!

-Father Chuck

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

FROM	IN MEMORY OF...	FROM	IN MEMORY OF...
M/M J. Ackerina Mrs. J St. Amand	Ackerina & Facella Family Joey, Vincent, John, Mom & Dad	Mrs. F. Gallagher	Francis Gallagher Violet McHale, Sr. Violet McHale, Jr.
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M/M A. Barbarino M/M R. Barnek	Barbarino & Leporati Families Fay & Frank Cuomo John Cuomo	Gangi Family	Henshaw Family Nina Gangi Vincent Gangi
M/M J. Caffrey	Deceased Members of Caffrey & Mooney Families Joan Vidal	Giannotti Family	Amelia Giannotti Pasquale Giannotti
M/M M. Carney	Hannah M. Sullivan Maryellen Sullivan Chiarell	Gilhooly Family M/M G. Gonyon	John & Jane Gilhooly Tom & Muriel Henry Bill & Eileen Gonyon
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M/M D. Digirolamo M/M M. Divella	Aurora Crevani M/M Ralph Perone Dominick Perone	Miss Marie Jones M/M B. Kasulke M/M M. Klang	M/M E. Jones & Sons Alma & Raymond Bisi Tina Mauro-Spinnato Viola & Phil Klang Mildred & Fred Weber Janet Molnar
M/M P. Dixon	Deceased Members of the Dixon, Lee & Kivlan Families	M/M J. Lamot	Hector Pagan Louis Arleo Nancy Chas Gladly Chas
Miss C. Duggan	Beverly Behreut George Knipfing		
M/M G. Felix M/M J. Fiorentino	Lucia Touseall, Eugene Touseall M/M L. Fiorentino M/M L. Mastrandrea Nicolette Ray Pasquale Mastrandrea		
Mr. R. Flaherty M/M T. Flood M/M J. Gallo	Regina A. Flaherty Brian Flood Helen Gallo, Stella Mentel		

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL
NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



Intercessions

We likely recognize the phrases “We pray to the Lord” and “Lord hear our prayer” from the General Intercessions at Mass. After the Creed, as a conclusion to the Liturgy of the Word, the community prays together, asking God for various needs. This part of the Mass has several names, including the Prayer of the Faithful, General Intercessions, Universal Prayer, or Petitions.

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal teaches, “In the Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful, the people respond in some sense to the Word of God which they have received in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all. It is desirable that there usually be such a form of prayer in Masses celebrated with the people, so that petitions may be offered for holy Church, for those who govern with authority over us, for those weighed down by various needs, for all humanity, and for the salvation of the whole world” (GIRM, 69).

Of course, praying together as Christians has been part of our life from the beginning. As the author Charles Belmonte notes, “To pray for the needs of the Church and of the world is an early Christian custom. St. Paul admonishes Timothy, one of his disciples: ‘First of all, then, 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.’ (1 Tim 2:1–2)” (Understanding the Mass, p. 104). Thus, it shouldn’t surprise us that this part of the Mass stretches all the way back to those earliest descriptions of the Mass, including the one by St. Justin Martyr (+165 AD).

The Church United in Prayer

The names “General Intercessions” and “Universal Prayer” instruct us on the composition of these prayers. They are prayed in a general way for wide-ranging needs, typically following a pattern of praying for the needs of the Church, for public authorities and the salvation of the world, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty, and for



the local community. Often, the final intercession will include prayers for the deceased. While these prayers

are envisioned to be “general,” the General Instruction of the Roman Missal does note that for a particular celebration like a Confirmation or a wedding, “the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion” (GIRM, 70). After the series of petitions, the Prayer of the Faithful ends with the concluding prayer said by the priest, asking God to accept our petitions.

As the name “Prayer of the Faithful” indicates, from the earliest times the baptized members of the congregation (the faithful) took part in this prayer (those who weren’t yet baptized were dismissed after the readings and homily so that they could further study and prepare to be received into the Church). In a wonderful way, the Prayer of the Faithful highlights one of the great privileges we have as God’s people: being able to join together in asking God for what we need. Having just listened to God’s Word and professed together our Faith through the Creed, we are then standing united together in faith as we ask God for what we need. Jesus has told us that our prayers are powerful when even two agree on what to pray for (Matthew 18:19). Just imagine how powerful our prayer is when the whole Church is joined together in union. It is amazing to think about!

For Reflection:

- Take time to reflect on Matthew 18:19, which Father Luke alludes to above: “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.” Consider your experience of praying with others for particular needs, and bring these insights to your next participation in Mass.
- Prepare your heart to enter fully into the Prayer of the Faithful, or Universal Prayer, by considering how you desire to pray for the world at this time. Listen attentively to the prayers of the congregation and unite your heart to this universal prayer.

Next Week: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration and Eucharistic Exposition

The Church is open daily for personal prayer until 5:00
Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM



"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be
a refuge and a shelter for all souls,
and especially for poor sinners."

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th 2:50-4:00
Eucharistic Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary & Benediction



Easter and the Holy Eucharist

by *Servant of God*
Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

We do not usually associate Easter and the Holy Eucharist. But we should. Our faith tells us that God became man in order that, by His death on the Cross, He might redeem the world. But this same faith tells us that, when Christ died on Calvary, the Church came into existence. We may therefore say that we were delivered from sin by the Savior's death, and receive the blessings of His grace through the Mystical Body which came into being the moment Jesus expired on Good Friday.

The Eucharist is the Risen Christ

At the Last Supper, when Christ pronounced the words, "This is my Body" this is the chalice of my Blood," the Body and Blood that were to be nailed to the Cross and shed on Calvary. As some of the Church's earliest commentators explain, on Easter Sunday night when Jesus sat down with the disciples at Emmaus, they recognized Him in the "breaking of bread," which was the Eucharist. Since the Resurrection of Christ, the Holy Eucharist is indeed the true, living Body and Blood of Christ. But it is now the Risen Christ in His glorified humanity. What are we saying? We are affirming an article of the Catholic faith. In the late eleventh century, when the monk Berengarius denied the Real Presence, he was told to profess what has since come to be known as the Eucharistic Creed:

I believe in my heart and openly profess that the bread and wine placed upon the altar are, by the mystery of the prayer and words of the Redeemer, substantially changed into the true and life-giving flesh and blood of Jesus Christ the Lord, and that after the consecration, there is present the true Body of Christ which was born of the Virgin and offered up for the salvation of the world, hung on the cross and now sits at the right hand of the Father, and that there is present the true blood of Christ which flowed from His side. They are present not only by means of a sign and of the efficacy of the Sacrament, but also in the very reality and truth of their nature and substance (Gregory VII, 1079).

Words cannot be clearer. Christ in the Eucharist is now the Risen Savior who is seated at the right hand of His heavenly Father and will come on the last day to judge the living and the dead.

Eucharist: The Presence of Mercy

By *Fr. Seraphim*
Michalenko, MIC

In His great love for us, the Lord Jesus gave us a great miracle of mercy: the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

God did not only become man in the Incarnation to give His life for us on the cross and to rise again in glory. The Incarnation

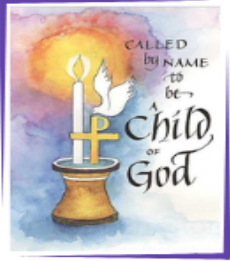
also looked forward to Jesus remaining with us to the end of time in the Eucharist. By this great miracle of Our Lord's love, the Real Presence of Jesus remains with us under the form of bread and wine.

The Eucharist is central to devotion to The Divine Mercy, and many of the elements of the devotion are essentially Eucharistic - especially the Image, the Chaplet, and the Feast of Mercy. The Image, with its red and pale rays, represents the Eucharistic Lord Jesus, whose Heart has been pierced and now pours forth blood and water as a fountain of mercy for us. It is the Image of God's sacrificial gift of mercy made present in every Mass.

Several times in her Diary, St. Faustina writes of seeing the red and pale rays coming, not from the Image, but from the Sacred Host; and once, as the priest exposed the Blessed Sacrament, she saw the rays from the Image pierce the Host and spread out from it all over the world (see 441). So too, with the eyes of faith, we should see in every Host the merciful Savior pouring Himself out as a fountain of mercy for us.

"Oh what awesome mysteries take place during Mass! ... One day we will know what God is doing for us in each Mass, and what sort of gift He is preparing in it for us."
St. Faustina's Diary 914





God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Charlotte MacKenzie Devita
Leo James Kusek
Antonio Rafael Puccio
Mason Cruz Melikian
Jacob Arturo Melikian
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and
Travis Kakareko
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Ryan Kenny
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St. Raymond's Church
in April 2024



Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.





**First Saturday
Novena
Our Lady of
Fatima
Rosary**

April 6, 2024

8:10am

**St. Raymond Church
Near the Blessed Mother Statue
Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Nocturnal Adoration



THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY WILL MEET
FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH FROM 7:30-8:30PM
IN THE CHURCH FOR ITS MONTHLY HOUR OF ADORATION.
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*Now that we have
completed our Lenten and
Holy Week journeys, be
sure to take what you have
learned and what you have
practiced and make them
part of a holy life. Be at
service to God and others.*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Part A: Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

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· Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health. Part B is required for you to be able to bring Holy Communion to Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm.

If you are interested in becoming An Extraordinary Minister, please contact me at the rectory in writing expressing your desire to serve St. Raymond Parish as an Extraordinary Minister. I will then reserve a place for you at the chosen session. Father Chuck

**To request registration for any of these sessions,
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Ministry of Consolation

Work one week a month with a team to assist families in preparing and celebrating the Funeral Mass for recently deceased loved ones.



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**DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY
APRIL 7, 2024**



The Divine Mercy Message

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world.

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Plenary Indulgence prayers at all Masses

2:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:10pm: Speaker - Al Barbarino

3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20pm: Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

3:50pm: Benediction

Speaker Al Barbarino will give reflections on Divine Mercy, Eucharistic Miracles and Eucharistic Revival

“On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment”

- Diary of St. Faustina, 699

**The Chaplet
of the Divine Mercy**

*Eternal Father, I offer You
the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity
of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*



*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion
have mercy on us
and on the whole world.*



*Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world.*



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*"Do not close your hand to someone in need."
Deuteronomy 15:7*

During the month of February, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 75 households with food, personal care and household items and other services they needed. We also welcomed 4 new clients, who are in need of our services, into the Outreach Program. Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including seniors who depend on their Social Security benefit as their only source of income and need help with food assistance.

Pantry items needed this week: Dish Detergent, Sugar, Deodorant, Canned White Potatoes and Yams, Stuffing, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Peanut Butter, Garbanzo and Pinto Beans, Tuna Fish, Jello and Pudding, Juice, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Pasta, Razors and Shaving Cream.

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. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

You are always in our prayers and may the miracle of Easter bring you peace and joy!

**St. Raymond's
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**We are offering
a Program for
those grieving
the death of a
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Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! Thank you for your love for the inspired Word of God. Thank you for your love for the Resurrection appearances of our Lord in this Easter season and the way your lives are set on fire in your meditation and contemplation of these mysteries.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Eucharist and the Sunday Mass and your Catholic spirit of evangelization. Thank you for being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

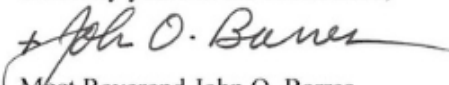
In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states: “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power.” (276)

We continue to live through “the storms of history” and we rely on the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and so many other troubled areas of the world.¹ We ask the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds experienced in our own country.

In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton captured the power of our Lord’s Resurrection experienced in the cycles of history. He wrote: “Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.”

This Easter and every Easter we celebrate this Everlasting Man who knew his way out of the grave and who invites us and the Catholic Church on Long Island to a great Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Diocese of Rockville Centre

¹ See Pope Francis’ December 25, 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* Message.

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- Pope Francis

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- Amanda, Client of St. John the Evangelist's Parish Outreach



The Director of the Parish Outreach, Katie Spellman, shared how her work allows her to grow in her faith. "Working in Parish Social Ministry has taken my faith outside of the Church. It's an opportunity for me to dig deeper into faith and think of the humble servant. It's a gift for me to work here – it feeds my soul."

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Masses for this week

Monday, April 1st

7:15am Xavier Lazar (living)
8:45am Anne Sheehy

Tuesday, April 2nd

7:15am St. Raymond Parish
8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Wednesday, April 3rd

7:15am Harry Daley
8:45am Nora Lynch

Thursday, April 4th

7:15am Betty Grande
8:45pm Richard McInerney

Friday, April 5th

7:15am Roger Pettit
8:45pm Louise Coscia

Saturday, April 6th

8:45am Jane Donlon, Katherine Castro
5:00pm Frankie Crapanzano

Sunday, April 7th

7:30am Catherine Hawkins
9:00am John & Frances Santino
10:30am James Gallagher
12:00pm Stephen & Josephine Genova, Carmela
& Michael Pirozzi, Michael O'Rourke,
Estebana Moreno Deras, Daisy Helen
O'Neil, James A. Glenister, Jr., Lois,
Thomas Helmstadt, Peter Albano,
Vincent Gualtiere
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

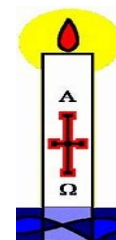
Sunday

Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

**Please Pray for Our Sick**
James R., Baby Brady, Mike L.,
Jodi Neckles, Baby Faith Madison,
Baby Cooper Graham, Michael
McPike, Christine I., Samir. Leo B.,
Maureen Condiss, Marie Dempsey,
Bennett William Chevalier,
Mary Lynch, Maureen McCarthy,
Fr. Don Hansen, Nick S., Dawn,
Jay Witemeyer, Christine Gillidan,
Linda Dagostino, Joseph DelGiorno,
Rory Romano, Timothy Murphy,
Karen Pagnotta, Colleen Popp,
Michael Malone,
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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.

Amen.

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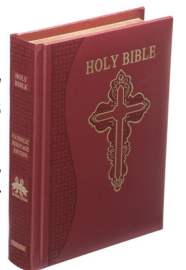
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