

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, April 5, 2026

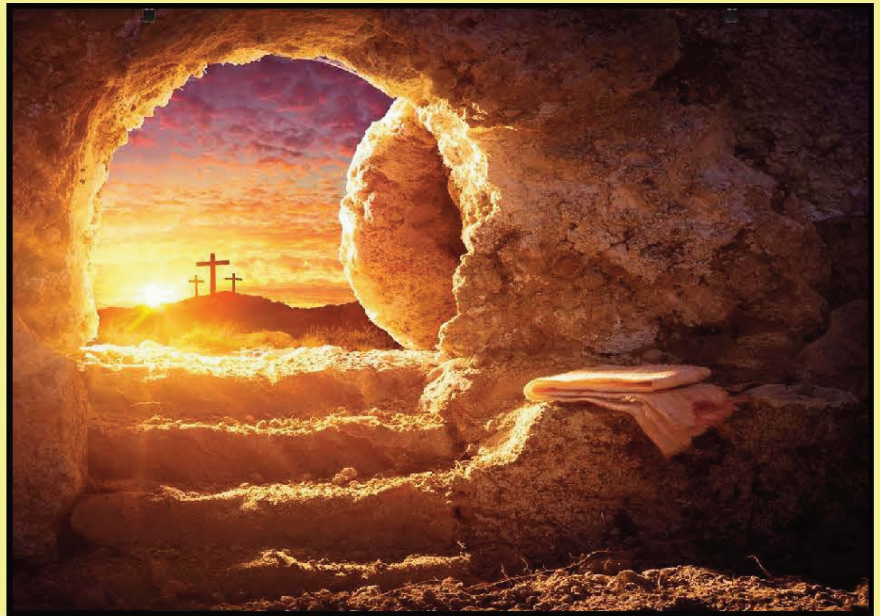
263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be
glory and power for all the ages of eternity,

alleluia, alleluia.

-Luke 24 :34



April 5, 2026
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 10 am-5pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

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

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



Please Pray for Our Sick

Tristan Hollenstein

Julianne Grennen

Baby Faith Madison

Anthony Campanile

Linda Dagostino

Baby Cooper Graham

Jodi Neckles

Maureen Condiss

Jim Marasco

Timothy Murphy

Christine I.

Lauren Greco

Jeanne Swanson

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Betty McHale

Elaine & Eddie

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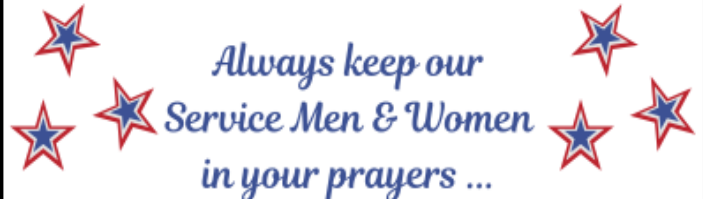
Rosemarie Salabini

Michael Conconan

Connie Montesino

Nicolas Sarnelli

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



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Father Chuck's Corner

Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus Christ is risen today! May God's Easter blessings of joy and new life be yours as we commence the great Fifty Day Feast of Easter. Celebrating this day with everyone at Mass gives us great joy. What a God we have, a God who loves us beyond our wildest imaginations. He is a God who fills every corner of our lives with peace, hope and meaning to life. He is a God who walked our journey as Jesus Christ and knows all there is about how we feel and think. He knows our struggles and triumphs, our ups and downs, the good times and the sad times. Our God became one of us, lived our life and died for us to save us from sin, selfishness, fear, ourselves and even death itself. Nothing else could bring us more joy than Easter! We did nothing to bring about, except that our sins and failings caused its necessity. The victory was Jesus' and belongs to God. This victory over sin and death is one in which hope wins. It is a victory for forgiveness, mercy and compassion. It is a victory in which gentleness, peace and nonviolence wins. Simply understood, it is a victory in which love wins, the love of God which triumphs every time. And guess what? We get to share in this victory.

Yes, today is a holy day of great rejoicing. It is a day to give deep and sincere thanks, a day to be filled with hope and optimism. It is a day to gather with family and friends and eat great food, hunt for Easter eggs and eat a lot of candy. But there is also a challenge to Easter. It is a day to reflect on the ways we will choose to respond to what we believe in faith, choose to respond to or not in love to our God who has loved us first and loved us the best. Will we reach out to others the way God reached out to us? Will we find ways to **"lay down our lives"** as Jesus did? Will we love continually and unconditionally, or will we love only when it is easy? Will we forgive the things that seem unforgivable? Will we refuse to pursue revenge, retribution or making people pay? Will we refuse to answer violence with violence? Will we be truly generous, or will we simply give from our leftovers? Will we put the well-being of others ahead of our own? **Simply put—will we love?**

Jesus did all that for us and he did it to show us how to live. The challenge of Easter is to not let the death and resurrection of Jesus not mean very much.

It is up to all of us to give thanks the only way that truly matters, by being more than we were on Ash Wednesday, by being the loving person God wants us to be, knows we can be and died and rose so we could be. Alleluia! He is risen! Let's rise with Jesus and make ourselves and the world a whole lot better than we both were before.

I would like to thank all who have helped make Lent, Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday a truly grace-filled, holy and joyous time for all our parishioners. Many thanks to our **Decorators and Altar Rosary Society** for the care and attention given to the cleanliness and flower arrangement of our church sanctuary, to our **Maintenance Staff** for their tireless efforts in keeping our building and grounds attractive, safe and welcoming to all who come to our parish. Thanks to our **Rectory Staff** for being the face of Jesus to all who come by or 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 **Consolation and Bereavement Ministries** who gently guide people during times of grief and loss, to our **Religious Education Department** (Faith Formation) for teaching our children the lessons of faith throughout the whole year. Thanks to our **CYO and Scouting** for guiding our youth in wholesome and formative activities. Thanks also to all our **Liturgical Ministers** (**Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers**) who prayerfully help us in worship, and to our **Music Ministry** (**Adult Choir, Folk Group and Cantors**) for their inspiring and uplifting songs of praise. Thanks to all our **Deacons and Priests** who always strive to serve our people with style and grace. And finally, I wish to thank the many **Parish Volunteers**, especially the members of the **Sodality of Our Lady and the Knights of Columbus** who continue to make St. Raymond Parish a thriving community of Faith, Love and Friendship. I am so blessed and humbled to be amongst you all.

Have a great Easter Sunday with your family and friends. Welcome to our visitors who worship with us today. You are always welcome at St. Raymond's. Thanks to everyone for your generosity in the Easter collection. Please, come back next Sunday! **Happy Easter, Alleluia and God bless everyone.**

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 5, 2026—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

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.

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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 5, 2026—EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING

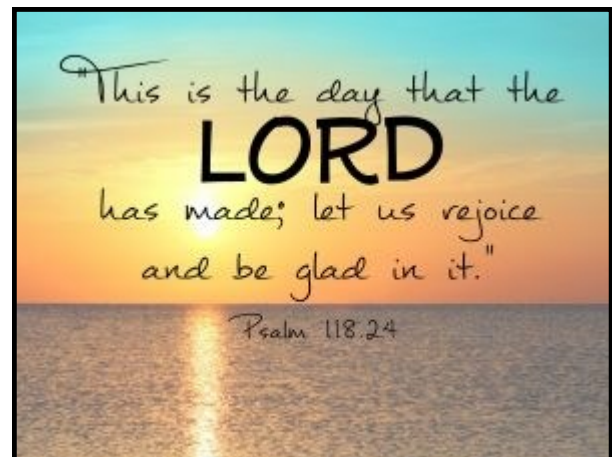
Acts 10:34a, 37-43

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."

SECOND READING

Colossians 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.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 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.

GOSPEL

John 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.



EASTER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE



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

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

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

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



"Easter Masses."



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

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

Thank you! Father Chuck



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 Sunday, May 24, 2026 - Pentecost 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 Monday, May 4th 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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

THERE ARE NO CLASSES AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER WEEK 4/6/2026. CLASSES WILL RESUME AND THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN MONDAY 4/13/2026.

LAST DAY OF RELIGION CLASSES – 4/22/2026.

*"May the blessing of the risen Christ bring you peace, joy,
and new life this Easter"*

Happy and Blessed Easter!!

Lucy, Nancy, Colleen, Mary Ann



**Joaquin Casimir, Thiago Pinedo Valdiviezo &
Mila Villagran
Make their First Holy Communion**



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

2026







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

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

**We thank all who gave so
generously to both the Lenten
"Giving...Not Giving Up"**

Sunday and the "Baby Shower", celebrating the birth of our spiritually adopted preborn babies. The financial gifts, diapers, wipes, baby toiletries, and clothing filled two carloads and were donated to the Hempstead Life Center, known as "Women First" where the need is great. The volunteers at the center were so grateful for the many gifts. May God bless all abundantly for your faithfulness and generosity in caring for the preborn babies and their mothers. You are an important part in saving the lives of the preborn from abortion by providing for their mothers who are in need of assistance.

**CHRIST HAS RISEN
ALLELUIA!!!**

*We wish all a very Blessed
and Happy Easter!*



**THE ROSE
FOR LIFE**

In Memory of

Jean Vito

**Loving Wife, Mom,
Grandma & Sister**

**Donated by the
Family**

**For Dedications call
Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458**



**Give thanks and glory to God
for the Resurrection. This
week, spread that Paschal joy
to all you come across. Let
your joy radiate to others
and invite them to come to
know Christ deeply.**



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 THROUGH
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM
(Suggested to call for an
appointment)

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" Psalm 118:24

Happy Easter from the Parish Social Ministry. We are so thankful for your continuous support and we hope this holiday brings all of you moments of joy, love and peace.

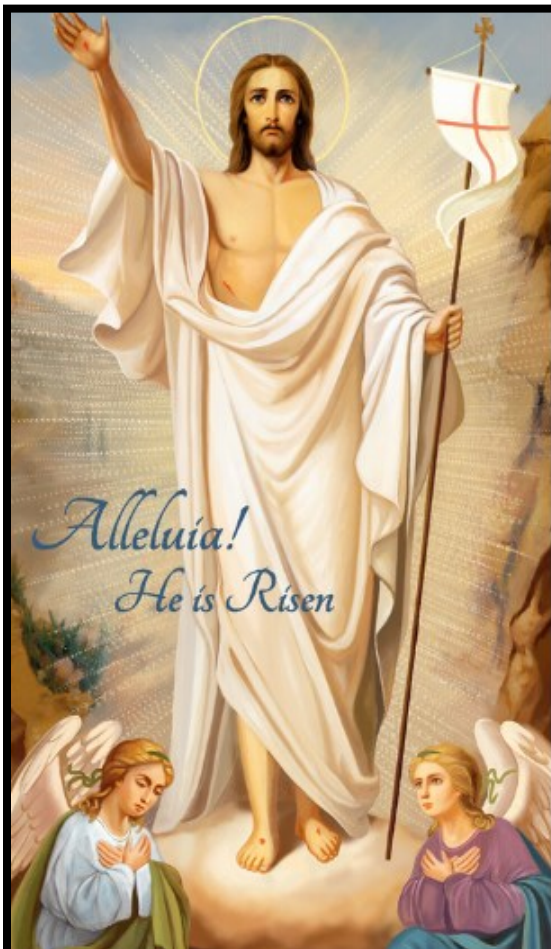
Together we make a difference!

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

Food items needed at this time: Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Pasta Sauce, Chef Boyardee Pasta, Pinto, White and Baked Beans, Canned Beets, Carrots and Peas, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Snacks and Cold Cereal.

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for your continued support and you are always in our prayers!



An Easter Prayer

On this day, loving and gracious God, we once again sing Alleluia. We praise You and bless You for raising Your Son, Jesus, up from the dead. We Praise You for all the times You have raised us up through Your loving grace.

When we are weak and unable to make good decisions, when we are stubborn and refuse to forgive others, when we are afraid or uncertain and forget that it is You who strengthens us, raise us up, loving God, raise us up.

Thank you for giving us new life in Your Son and for His presence among us this Eastertime and always.

Amen



EASTER SUNDAY GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER DURING THE OCTAVE OF EASTER



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know



SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Gospel for the Resurrection of the Lord, is taken from John 20:1–9 and tells of Mary Magdalene discovering the empty tomb and then running to tell Peter and the beloved disciple, who see and begin to believe in the Resurrection, though they do not yet fully understand. *“He saw and believed”* (John 20:8) captures the quiet but profound awakening of faith, inviting us to trust in God’s victory over death even when His plan is not yet fully clear.

This week is the Octave of Easter and the First Readings are from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings reveal how the Apostles, transformed by the Resurrection, boldly proclaim Jesus as Lord, perform signs in His name, and remain steadfast in the face of opposition. The Apostles’ excitement to share the Good News of Jesus’ Resurrection, shows that the risen Christ continues His saving work through the faith and witness of His Church.

For Monday through Wednesday, the First Readings are taken from Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:14, 22–33; 2:36–41; 3:1–10), where Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaims that Jesus, crucified and raised by God, is both Lord and Christ, calling the people to repentance and baptism. This proclamation bears immediate fruit as many are converted, and through the healing of the crippled man, the power of the risen Jesus is made visible, showing that faith in His name brings restoration, hope, and new life.

For Thursday through Saturday, the First Readings continue from Acts of the Apostles (Acts 3:11–26; 4:1–12; 4:13–21), as Peter and the apostles courageously witness before the people and authorities, proclaiming that Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises and the source of salvation for all. Despite opposition and threats, they remain steadfast, declaring, “There is no salvation through anyone else” (Acts 4:12).

In the Gospels this week during the Octave of Easter, the risen Christ reveals Himself in personal encounters, in Scripture, and in mission, inviting us to move from fear and doubt to faith, trust, and joyful witness.

For Monday and Tuesday, the Gospels are taken from Matthew 28:8–15 and John 20:11–18, respectively. On Monday, the risen Jesus meets the women and reassures them, saying, *“Do not be afraid”* (Matthew 28:10), while the guards are bribed to spread disbelief, contrasting truth and falsehood. On Tuesday, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and calls her by name, *“Mary!”* (John 20:16), revealing that the risen Lord is personally present and invites each of us into intimate relationship.

For Wednesday and Thursday, the Gospels are taken from Luke 24:13–35 and Luke 24:35–48, respectively. On Wednesday, the disciples on the road to Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, reflecting, *“Were not our hearts burning within us?”* (Luke 24:32), showing how Christ is revealed through Scripture and Eucharist. On Thursday, Jesus appears to the disciples and opens their minds to understand the Scriptures, declaring, *“Peace be with you”* (Luke 24:36), grounding their mission in His presence and fulfillment of God’s plan.

For Friday and Saturday, the Gospels are taken from John 21:1–14 and Mark 16:9–15, respectively. On Friday, the risen Jesus appears at the Sea of Tiberias and provides a miraculous catch of fish, reminding them, *“It is the Lord”* (John 21:7), calling them back to trust and mission. On Saturday, Jesus rebukes disbelief and commissions the disciples, commanding, *“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel”* (Mark 16:15), sending them forth as witnesses of the Resurrection.

In the Gospel from John 20:19–31 for Divine Mercy Sunday, the risen Jesus appears to the disciples and offers peace and mercy, inviting Thomas from doubt to faith with the words, *“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed”* (John 20:29).



“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”
John 1:29



St. Raymond Church
 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 Gospels of the Octave of Easter reveal that the risen Christ meets me personally, nourishes me through His Word, and sends me on mission, transforming every aspect of my life. By embracing His presence in both quiet prayer and daily responsibilities, I am called to live as a witness to His Resurrection in my family, my work, and the world.

Easter Sunday – New Life

“He saw and believed” (John 20:8). The empty tomb invites me to trust that even in moments of uncertainty at home or work, God is bringing forth new life beyond what I can yet understand. My faith is strengthened when I choose to believe in His promises even before I see their fulfillment

My Prayer: Lord, deepen my faith in Your Resurrection so I may live with hope and confidence in Your promises.

Monday – Faith Over Fear

“Do not be afraid” (Matthew 28:10). As I begin the week, I am reminded that the risen Christ meets my anxieties with reassurance, calling me to trust Him amid the uncertainties and pressures of work and family life. His victory over death invites me to move forward with courage, knowing He goes before me in all things.

My Prayer: Lord, calm my fears and strengthen my trust in Your presence guiding me each day.

Tuesday – Personal Encounter

“Mary!” (John 20:16). Facing the daily responsibilities and distractions, Jesus calls me personally, inviting me to recognize His presence in ordinary moments and relationships. When I pause to listen, I discover that He knows me intimately and walks with me in every task and concern.

My Prayer: Lord, help me to hear Your voice calling me by name and to respond with love and attentiveness

Wednesday – Burning Hearts

“Were not our hearts burning within us?” (Luke 24:32). As I encounter Scripture and reflect on God’s Word, Christ kindles within me a deeper understanding that renews my perspective and strengthens my faith. Even amid a busy schedule, I am invited to let His truth shape my thoughts, decisions, and interactions.



My Prayer: Lord, set my heart on fire with Your Word so I may recognize You more clearly in my daily life.

Thursday – Peace in Mission

“Peace be with you” (Luke 24:36). Jesus enters into the midst of His disciples and offers peace, reminding me that His presence brings calm and clarity even in moments of stress or uncertainty.



Grounded in His peace, I am called to carry His message into my daily responsibilities with confidence and purpose.

My Prayer: Lord, fill me with Your peace so I may bring Your presence into every situation I encounter.

Friday – Trust and Recognition

“It is the Lord” (John 21:7). In moments when my efforts seem unproductive or uncertain, I am reminded to trust that Christ is present and at work, often in ways I do not immediately see. Recognizing Him in the ordinary renews my strength and redirects my efforts with faith and humility.



My Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to recognize You in the ordinary moments of my life and to trust in Your guidance.



*St. Raymond
Parish
The Sodality of
Our Lady
of the Annunciation
2026 Spring Dinner*

**St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
78 Hempstead Avenue
Lynbrook, NY
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
6:00pm-10:00pm**

**\$60pp cash/check-made out to:
Sodality of Our Lady
Includes full hot buffet, salad, rolls,
beer/wine/soda
coffee, tea & dessert
Deadline for reservations is
4/10/26-seating is limited!
Please return your payment with
the bottom of the flyer to the
rectory no later than 4/10/26**

Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail _____
Cash or Check amount: _____
List who you want to sit with - Max 10 per table



MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

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

Losing a loved one is a difficult experience. To assist during this time, our Ministry of Consolation provides compassionate support on behalf of the parish community. We are a ministry of service dedicated to helping families navigate the funeral process.

Our volunteers work on a revolving schedule to ensure consistent availability. We meet directly with families to help organize the details of the Funeral Mass, including the selection of readings and music. On the day of the funeral Mass, our team is present to assist the family. We coordinate with the priest to relay any personal information or specific details the family might wish to share, ensuring the service is personalized for their loved one. Our goal is to handle the logistics and provide a helpful presence so the family can focus on the service.

If you feel called to be part of this tender and vital work, please call our parish office or contact a minister of consolation. Training and guidance are provided - what matters most is a compassionate heart and willingness to listen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026

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 - Father Joseph Rwamwenge

3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20pm: Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

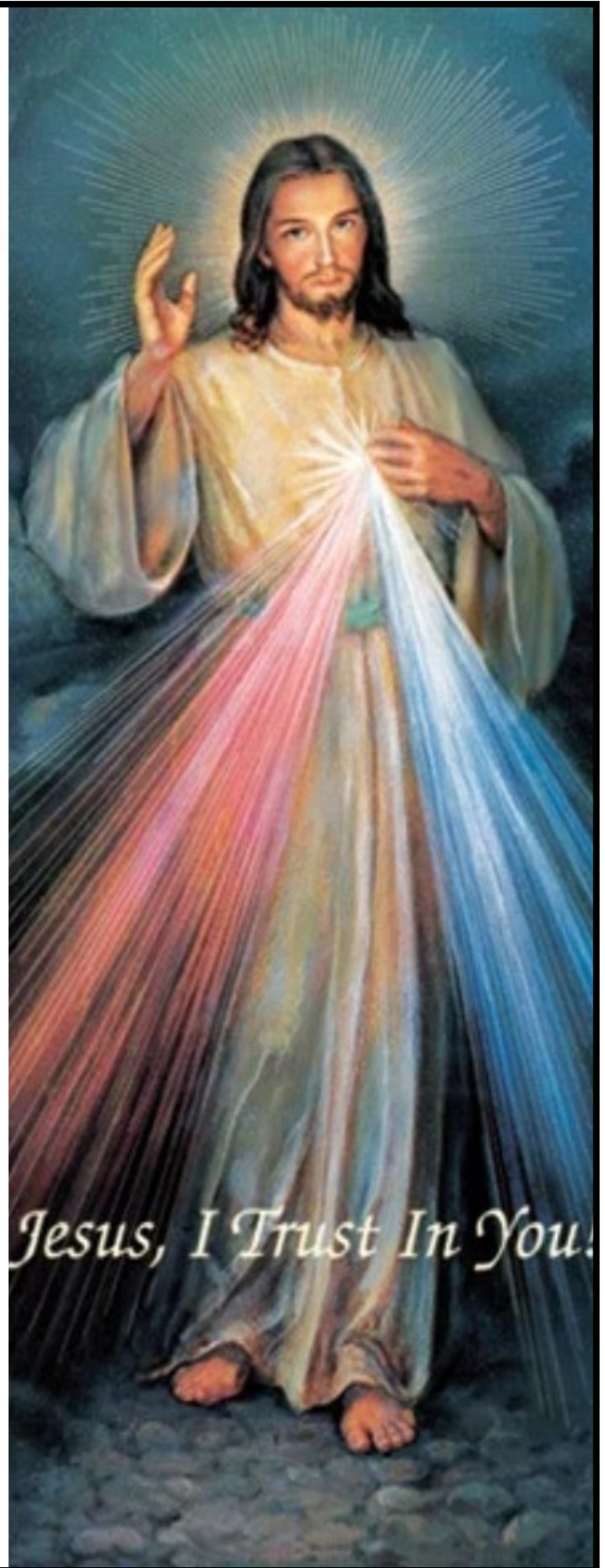
3:50pm: Benediction

Speaker Fr. Joseph will give reflection

Nine-Day Novena

Jesus requested that St. Faustina make a special novena before Divine Mercy Sunday. The Divine Mercy Nine-Day Novena begins on Good Friday, April 3rd after the 9am morning prayer and continues through Saturday, April 11th

“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





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Alleluia! Christ is risen; truly, He is risen! That Easter greeting offers all of us hope, encouragement and perseverance.

At this special time of year, let us witness Christ's Resurrection by bringing hope and encouragement to others.

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Happy Easter to you and your families!

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In his Cycle of Catechesis on the Resurrection of Christ, Pope Leo writes: "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is an event that one never finishes contemplating and meditating on, and the more one explores it, the more one is filled with wonder, drawn in as if by an overwhelming yet fascinating light. It was an explosion of life and joy that changed the meaning of reality itself, from negative to positive; yet it did not happen in a striking way, much less a violent one, but gently, hidden, one might say humbly." (October 22, 2025 Audience)

Pope Leo recognizes that there is much sadness in the world – "a feeling of precariousness, at times profound desperation." We think especially of the daily crosses and trials of those from war-torn and violence-ridden areas of the world.

The Holy Father then reflects on the despair of the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus. Their hearts burn and their joy is restored as the Risen Lord explains the Scriptures to them and they recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. In this way, the Paschal Mystery gives us hope and strength in every trial and circumstance.

Pope Leo concludes: "May the unexpected joy of the disciples of Emmaus be a gentle reminder to us when the going gets tough. It is the Risen One who radically changes our perspective, instilling the hope that fills the void of sadness. On the paths of the heart, the Risen One walks with us and for us. He bears witness to the defeat of death and affirms the victory of life, despite the darkness of Calvary... He alone makes the impossible possible!"

May the Light of the Risen Christ illumine our path to holiness on earth and our path to eternal life and happiness with God in Heaven.

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Monday, April 6th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 7th

7:15am James Gallagher

8:45am John & Jennie Gaeta

Wednesday, April 8th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Frank Fazekas

Thursday, April 9th

7:15am Nicholas Sarnelli

8:45am Veronica Ostermann

Friday, April 10th

7:15am Anita Feliciano

8:45am Mary Lynch

Saturday, April 11th

8:45am Sean Ledwith

Antonia Saglimbeni

Joe Buckley

5:00pm Catherine Hawkins

Sunday, April 12th

Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30am Gerard Malone

9:00am Stephen & Josephine Genova

10:30am Palma & Tony Parulo

12:00pm Julius Goldenberg

Jean Vito

Eileen Mahoney

Anne Gallagher

Paul Denaël

Juan Manuel Fernandez, Sr.

Vincent Madonna

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

Acts 2:42-47/1 Peter 1:3-9/
John 20:19-31

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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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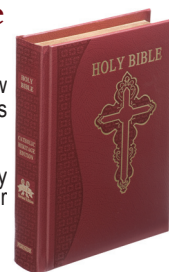
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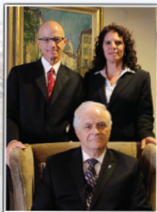
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