### Masses

Saturday Eve Sunday

5:00PM 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily Saturday 7:15, 8:45 AM 8:45 AM

# Pastoral Team

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# A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Jove and Friendship

Sunday, May 18, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

"We are the people whom God has chosen as his own, so that we may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness." -Pope Leo XIV

516-593-5000

### Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

<b>Rectory</b>		
Office Hours	are Monday-Friday from 9	am-4pm;
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**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.

### <u>Baptisms</u>

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.

### <u>Marriages</u>

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.

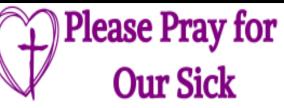
### **Music Ministries**

**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 10:30 in the Rectory Basement

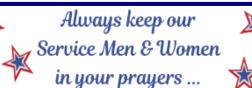
### **<u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)</u>**

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



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



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

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### Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Fifth Sunday of Easter! Today's gospel finds us one again at the Last Supper as Jesus gives the apostles a new commandment; to love one another as he has loved them. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles covers the missionary work of Paul and Barnabas, all the way from Lystra to Iconium and then to Antioch. They emulated the love Jesus had for all people; a love so immense that he would die for us. This love was also shown in how Jesus expanded his mission to include all people. "And when they arrived, they called the Church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." Then in the second reading from the Book of Revelation, John reports that he saw a new heaven and a new earth. This was all conditioned-on God coming into the world for our sakes. "He will dwell with them, and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." Finally, we have part of the last discourse of Jesus to his apostles at the Last Supper. He is preparing them for his eventual death and resurrection by teaching them about his new commandment of loving one another. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

We may wonder at what is so new about this commandment of Jesus. Aren't we supposed to be doing this already? What's so new about it now? First of all, simply following the 600+ Jewish laws was not always motivated by love. Just being faithful to the laws was not true love. What Jesus is telling his disciples about loving one another is an invitation to love as God loves. They aren't to pick and choose who they are going to love, but simply do it day after day, person after person. And it can't be done as a chore or begrudgingly. No, Jesus wants us to love in an extreme kind of way that is visible to all, in a way that shows that our faith actually makes a difference in how we live our lives. It's really amazing that as Jesus neared the end of his life, this is what he wanted to make sure his disciples understood. Love is what's on his mind. And he wants to make sure it stays on the minds of his followers too. Is it on ours? Not a diluted kind of love that makes things look nice. It needs to be God-love, the only love that can be called true love. That's what we should be known for above anything else.

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Thanks to everyone who has donated to the newly created Maintenance Fund. To date we have received *\$53,310* in response to this request. Going forward this fund will be a great help in meeting the ever-increasing maintenance costs, especially the emergency ones that pop up each year. If you haven't as yet and would still like to donate, simply use the yellow card that was mailed to all parishioners or send a check with *"Maintenance Fund"* written on the memo line. Again, thanks to all who have given.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from Parish Social Ministry, info from Religious Education (Faith Formation), the Fatima Prayer Vigil this Tuesday evening, May 20th, starting at 7pm in the church, the Eucharistic Revival Centerfold, the Communal Prayer Before Mass (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join FORMED (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great Fifth Week of Easter as we welcome with joy the news of "Habemus Papam" (We have a Pope) our new Vicar of Christ, Pope Leo XIV! May God bless him with many years of faithful and fruitful service to Holy Mother Church. In his name, God bless always.

-Father Chuck



### WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

### MAY 18, 2025-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless vou, 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 MAY 18, 2025-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### FIRST READING Acts 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13**

R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

**R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.** 

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

### **R** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and your dominion endures through all generations.

**R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.** 

### SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-5a

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

### ALLELUIA John 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia. I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. R. Alleluia, alleluia.



### GOSPEL

### John 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION Lucy Ostermann, Director



### REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR HAVE BEEN E-MAILED HOME TO PARENTS AND ARE AVAILABLE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE.

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR

Please consider signing up to be a Catechist for our Religious Education program for the 2025/2026 school year. If you have children in our program, there is no Registration fee. Our books are user friendly and the staff is available for any questions. Training is offered throughout the year. All catechists must attend a Virtus session or show proof of previously attending before starting as a Catechist. For more information, please contact the Religious Education office at 516-593-9075 or strayfaithformation@aol.com.



### HERE ARE THE GRADES/CLASSES THAT NEED CATECHISTS:

Grade 2 - 2 teachers Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm Grade 3 - 1 teacher Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm Grade 3 - 2 teachers Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm Grade 5 - 1 teacher Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm Grade 8 - 1 teacher Mondays 7pm-8pm Grade 8 - 1 teacher Tuesdays 5pm-6pm





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# First Holy Communion 2025

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"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corithians 11:26





# ST. RAYMOND'S

























# FIRST HOLY COMMUNION









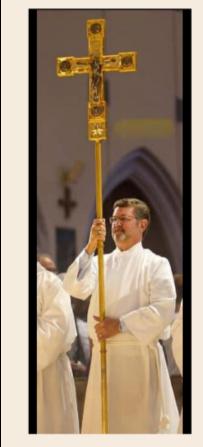








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# Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

Sodality's May Crowning and Induction of New Members May 19, 2025 St. Raymond's Church at 7pm Mass

Sodalists are requested to meet in the church at 6:45pm & the Past Prefects Procession will begin at 7pm

May Meeting will follow immediately after Mass in the School Cafeteria

Please join us and bring a friend as we are always looking for and happy to welcome new members.



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

# Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & THE ROSARY

Please Join Us in Praying For: The United States of America & World Peace

> 108th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

> > Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Date:

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

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

# The Message of Fatima

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



### Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy



August 18—26, 2025 \$4,999 per person from New York (JFK) All prices

based on double occupancy.

Pricing available from any airport Registration link:https://www.206tours.com/cms/fronyegu/

Spiritual Director: Fr. Lawrence Onyegu





Join us from August 18-26, 2025, on another nine day pilgrimage to Italy. The pilgrimage will include passage through the holy doors, visits to significant religious sites, spiritual activities, and opportunities for personal reflection.

For more information contact Blessed Sacrament Church, Valley Stream (516) 568-1027



### Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Supports St. Raymond!

We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial **Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing** Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of \$20,986! The amount we receive each guarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave.in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100

visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.

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





### Purification of the Sacred Vessels

While you are praying after Holy Communion, you have probably noticed that there is still visible action at the altar. This is called the Purification of the Sacred Vessels. The purpose of Purification is to show reverence for the sacred Body and Precious Blood by ensuring that no fragments of the Host or Precious Blood are left in the vessels.

As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, "After communion, there may be a song of thanksgiving or a moment of silence. Often during this time the priest or deacon purifies the sacred vessels used for Mass, although this is sometimes done after Mass, especially in places that use a large number of vessels for the distribution of Holy Communion. Even this aspect of the Mass is ritualized, as nothing in the Mass is insignificant.

The sacred vessels used for the Mass are carefully purified to ensure that any particles of the Hosts are collected into the chalice so as to be consumed. While the priest purifies the Chalice he says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

As we believe in the real presence in the smallest particle of the Host or in even a drop of the precious Blood, this period of purification ensures the proper reverence to the Blessed Sacrament" (A Study of the Mass, p. 20).

For me as a priest, purifying the vessels is a very special time of prayer. Of course, I am thinking about how we believe Jesus is truly present in even the smallest particle or even in the smallest drop of remaining Precious Blood. I am thankful for the Lord's generosity and his humility-that he would come to us in such a gentle and veiled way. I will often pray for specific people at the Mass and for everyone there to be strengthened as they get ready to go forth. **Reverencing the Most Precious Gift** 

In order to show proper reverence for our Lord's presence under the species of bread and wine, the priest is obliged to do what he reasonably can to gather up any fragments of the host and any drops of the Precious Blood and consume them himself.

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal: "Whenever a fragment of the host adheres to his fingers, especially after the fraction or after the Communion of the faithful, the Priest should wipe his fingers over the paten or, if necessary, wash them. Likewise, he should also gather any fragments that may have fallen outside the paten" (GIRM, 278).

After the priest has drunk from the chalice any remaining Precious Blood, he empties the fragments from the paten into the chalice, which is purified with water. The priest then empties the chalice by drinking the water, which contains the fragments of the consecrated host from the paten and any drops of the Precious Blood remaining in the chalice.

The rite of purification might seem like a trivial detail, but it is actually a great way of bolstering our faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. To see priests and deacons carefully consuming leftover particles reminds us just how precious the gift of Holy Communion is, as well as reminding us



to always treat this gift respectfully-before, during, and after we have received our Lord in Communion.

After Mass, the chalice, paten, and ciboria are purified and cleaned in the sacrarium, a special sink in the sacristy. The water in the sacrarium drains directly into the ground, not into the sewer system, to ensure the proper reverence for the Eucharist.

For Reflection: If you have not already done so, devote some of your time of prayer after Communion to observing the purification of the sacred vessels. Unite yourself spiritually with this act of reverence for Christ's presence.

Next Week: Prayer after Communion



St. Raymond Church Opportunities for a Holy Hour Each Day, the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00 PM Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM

### Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission July 21, 2024 - Pentecost (June 8th) 2025 PILLAR 3 – EUCHARISTIC LIFE

The Paschal Way of the Light - "Via Lucis"

The Via Lucis includes fourteen stations for reflection on Christ's Paschal victory, which include events from his Resurrection to Pentecost.



Eighth Station: Jesus Confirms Thomas in Faith "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?" (John 20:29)

With Jesus and Thomas we see mercy in action. Thomas was not originally gathered with the other apostles. Where was he? When his friends tell him they have seen Jesus, he doesn't believe them! He has no reason to doubt his friends' unified witness. His stubbornness and willfulness is unreasonable. Yet Jesus comes and gives him what he asks for, along with a gentle and fatherly reprimand. Blessed are those who have not seen and believed. Blessed would the people of India be. Those people who would meet Jesus through the life they saw in Thomas. A life generated, no doubt, by the love and mercy he had seen and touched in Jesus..

Lord Jesus, may I never look back on my betrayals, but always go forth in the life toward which your love and mercy propel me.

### Ninth Station: Jesus Appears at the Lake Galilee "Have you caught anything to eat?" (John 21:5)

Jesus appeared as a stranger on the shore. He begins with a question which perhaps anybody may have yelled out to the fishing boat. From there he recommends they cast to the other side, and what unfolds is the rehappening of an event in their life with Jesus. They recognize Jesus not by his face, but by the way he looks at the circumstance, judges it, and invests it with his presence. The discovery of Jesus never would have happened had they not been open to recognizing something familiar about this stranger. This encounter with Jesus is possible because the apostles follow the signs by which Jesus progressively reveals himself.



"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35 Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026



HABEMUS PAPAM Pope Leo XIV A New Papacy and the Fire of Pentecost

As we draw near to the Feast of Pentecost-the birthday of the Church-we find ourselves standing at the crossroads of tradition and renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. This year, that sense of fresh direction is deepened by the dawn of a new papacy.

Just as the Apostles once gathered in the Upper Room, uncertain yet prayerful, waiting for the Spirit to lead them, we too await new guidance. As Pope Leo XIV steps into the shoes of the fisherman-not as a king, but as a servant-entrusted with shepherding a global Church through the storms and hopes of our time.

Pentecost reminds us: the Church is not driven by human strength, but by the wind and fire of God. The same Spirit who emboldened Peter to preach to thousands now animates the new successor of Peter. The Holy Spirit does not make all things easy-but makes all things possible.

As Catholics, we are not just observers of this new moment—we are part of it. The Spirit poured out at Pentecost flows through us too. It calls us to listen, to pray for Pope Leo XIV, to renew our commitment to the Gospel, and to carry that message to the ends of the earth.

A new papacy is not simply about a new face in Rome. It is an invitation to deeper communion, bold mission, and living hope.



i In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, eternal shepherd and guide, in your providence you never cease to care for your Church;

> we give you heartfelt thanks and praise for the gift of our new Holy Father,

whom you have set among us as a successor to Peter and a servant of your Gospel.

Grant, we pray, that he may lead your people with wisdom and courage,

in holiness of life and fervent charity, ever attentive to the promptings of your Holy Spirit. May he be a sign of unity, a herald of your truth, and a faithful guardian of the faith entrusted to the Apostles.

> Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, for ever and ever.

# Amen.

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

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9 During the month of April, the Parish Social Ministry Assisted 90 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services the needed. Also, one new client was welcomed into the Outreach Program and the client received food assistance and information on organizations that might be able to assist them with other services, such as Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul.

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, contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

Pantry items still needed: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Cold Cereal, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Mac and Cheese, Pinto, White, Black and Baked Beans, Juice, Cooking Oil and Dish Detergent.

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.

> Thank you all for always helping us serve the people in need in our community. You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!

# THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Loving Memory of Patricia Rochford Donated by The Rochford Family

> For Dedications call Mary Healy 887-4062



This week, think of ways you can show love to others. Perhaps reach out to someone who could use some company and spend some time with them.



### ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

"Fear not I Am with you; be not dismayed I Am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with My right Hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

If your are pregnant and worried that delivering a baby is more than you can handle at this time, or if you know of anyone who feels that way about their pregnancy, please call the following number for free, caring, and confidential assistance. Women First (aka The Life Center) - #516-798-9100

For any woman or man suffering the effects from a past abortion, please call the following number for free, loving, confidential help. Joanne: #516-647-5353 Rob : #516-353-5765 Come begin your healing journey! God's Mercy and Peace are waiting for you!

### **Memorial Day**

Each year, the Human Life Committee participates in East Rockaway's Memorial Day Parade. We invite all to join with us in honoring the men and women who gave the ultimate gift of their lives for us. By marching under the banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we give dignity and respect to all human life, born and those in the womb waiting to be brought to birth. If you would like to join us, we assemble:

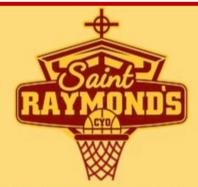
> Monday, May 26th, 9:45 am, at the corner of Waldo Avenue and Main Street



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Truly present in the Holy Eucharist I place My Trust in You.



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Basketball registration will be open June 1st - June 30th

Last day to register will be June 30th No exceptions.

Please use the link below for registration when registration opens up.

http:// straymondscyo.com/

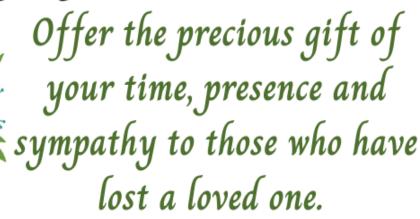


We are looking for people to join our Saint Raymond CYO Board.

Also looking for a volunteer to help run our boys basketball clinic: Kindergarten/1st grade 9am-10am Saturday mornings November - February.

If you are interested please reach out to Jim Mulroy at jmulroy33@gmail.com





Work one week a month with a team to assist families in preparing and celebrating the Funeral Mass for recently deceased loved ones. If Interested Call Doreen Dolan 516-593-5000



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has had an active chapter (known as a "conference") of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need.

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### Jubilee 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

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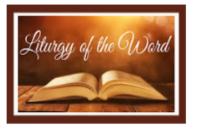
### **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday, May 19th 7:15am Jeanne Marie Mulroy 8:45am Maria Rosa Artusa Tuesday, May 20th 7:15am Irene Scotti 8:45am Lefki Spalas Wednesday, May 21st 7:15am Marianne Altobelli 8:45am Nicholas Medoro Thursday, May 22nd 7:15am Joyce Sellitti 8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory Friday, May 23rd 7:15am Katie Lynch 8:45am Special Intention Saturday, May 24th 8:45am Anthony Pustovino, Jane Murrell 5:00pm Joan & Bob Crockett Sunday, May 25th 7:30am Louise Coscia 9:00am Harry O. Zarb 10:30am Susan Perillo 12:00pm Thorne & Drugan Families, Maeve Smith, Sarah Ann Smith, Anthony F.X.Generosa, Anthony Generosa, Francesco Surdo, Kevin McGreevy, Cindy A. Donald (1 year), Martha Elizabeth Almanca 4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



Jane Krull

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



Scripture Readings for the Week Monday Acts 14:5-18/John 14:21-26 **Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28/John 14:27-31a **Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6/John 15:1-8 **Thursday** Acts 15:7-21/John 15:1-8 **Friday** Acts 15:22-31/John 15:12-17 **Saturday** Acts 16:1-10/John 15:18-21

**Sunday** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

### **Parish Bulletin Board**



### 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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