

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, June 21, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“So do not be afraid; you are worth more
than many sparrows”

~ Matthew 10:30



June 21, 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 10 am-5pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
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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

Baby Faith Madison

Linda Dagostino

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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.**



Greetings and God's blessing be yours on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time! And Happy Father's Day to all our Dads, both living here and in heaven. Thank you Dads for all you do for us and especially for loving our Moms. Today's readings are a source of strength and encouragement, especially when afraid. In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the people of Israel are told that God is with them no matter who tries to persecute them. **"But the Lord is with me like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble; they will not triumph."** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Romans, Paul tells the people that even sin is overcome by Jesus. **"For if by the transgression of the one many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one-man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."** And finally in Matthew's gospel, Jesus directly tells his apostles not to be afraid. **"Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."**

There are many things that we can be afraid of. It seems sort of inescapable to be afraid and it can come in many forms. We fear all sorts of people: bullies, neighbors who do suspicious things, spouses with bad tempers, and bosses who fire people without warning. We fear situations of all kinds too: failing a test, first dates, medical test results, speaking in public, flying and maybe even our wedding day. We fear the unknown: an illness that comes out of nowhere, whether we'll find the right person to marry, a random dorm mate, new neighbors next door, a big bill to pay or whether the stock market will go up or down. We may even fear God, thinking he is ready to pounce and punish me when I step out of line. Then there is the biggie: Death. That one is always lurking somewhere in the back of our minds. Yes, I think it is safe to say, we fear all sorts of things.

Yet Jesus spent a lot of time telling us not to be afraid. Can we really force ourselves to not have any fear? I don't think that's possible. Maybe the complete absence of fear is not the goal. Maybe Jesus is making a more profound and essential point. **"So do not be afraid: you are worth more than many sparrows."** He wants us to always be mindful of God's incredible love for us. No one is more powerful or loves us more dearly than God.

No one is in our corner, has our backs, is on our side more than God. No one can do what God can do or give our lives more meaning. No one understands more or shows compassion as completely as God or forgives as God or can save as God. And it is all because God loves so dearly and completely, now and for all time. Fear may never go away, but it doesn't have to get the best of us. Moses marching off to the Promised Land, missionaries heading off to unknown lands, the men who stormed Normandy, firefighters rushing into a burning building, people who marched in Selma, or those who cared for patients with Ebola or Covid 19. **They were all afraid!** But it didn't stop them because fear did not have the final say. Remember God's great love for you, even in the face of your fears, not in their absence. That is where true holiness takes root, blossoms and changes both us and the world around us. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

This coming Tuesday evening, June 23rd there will be a special **Holy Hour** focused on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer, Reflection, Music and Benediction. Come join us in prayer for the Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart. Also, remember to make your pledge to help us reach 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Hours of Love in Action.

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 additional note is, news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), info for the **Father's Day Novena envelopes**, registration info for the upcoming **CYO Basketball Program**, an invitation to the **Parish Picnic** on Wednesday evening, July 1st, the **Come and See 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 Week! **Smile, share and remember: Have no fear, your "Father" is always with you.** God bless always.

Father Chuck

A graphic with the words "Ordinary Time" written in a green, cursive font on a yellow background with a green border.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JUNE 21, 2026— 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;

You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.

Amen

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

JUNE 21, 2026—12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

ALLELUIA

John 15:26b, 27a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face. I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my mother's children, Because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favor, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive! For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!"

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

HOLY HOUR

FEAST OF THE

Sacred
HEART

Let us adore
the Heart of Jesus,
so full of love for us.
Come and be renewed
in His mercy and love.



TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

EXPOSITION

REFLECTION

MUSIC

BENEDICTION



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

250 HOURS

OF LOVE IN ACTION

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

- 1 PETER 4:10

As a parish family, let us come together in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.



250 HOURS OF ADORATION

Be with Him.

Spend time in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Attend a monthly special Holy Hour or our regular weekly adoration.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



250 HOURS OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Be His hands.

Serve those in need through acts of charity such as donating food, tutoring children, sponsoring a family, visiting the homebound, and more.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



TOGETHER BETWEEN JULY 4TH AND LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, let us thank God for our freedom by giving Him our time in prayer and service.

— Pray. Serve. Transform. —

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1776-2026



MY PROMISE TO ST. RAYMOND PARISH

I will help our parish reach our goal of 250 hours of Adoration and 250 hours of Corporal Works of Mercy.

Name (Please Print): _____

I commit to: ADORATION CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

I will contribute approximately: _____ hour(s) (per month / per week / one-time)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TOGETHER IN FAITH AND LOVE

CELEBRATING
**TERRY
LEONETTI'S**
100TH
BIRTHDAY



A CENTURY OF FAITH,
LOVE & BLESSINGS

THANK YOU TO MY ST. RAYMOND FAMILY.

I was always thankful for my long-ago choice to become part of the wonderful and caring parish community of St. Raymonds; but never as much as this year! Thank you all for celebrating with me, you each hold a special place in my heart.

Many people don't live long enough to fully grasp the impact that they may have had while here on earth; I am blessed and humbled that each of you gave me that most special gift on June 14th for my 100th birthday. I'm sorry I can't thank everyone personally but hope you all know you are forever in my prayers.

May our good Lord keep you all in good health and
Bless you as He has blessed me.

Thank you with love,
Terry Leonetti

100 YEARS OF LOVE. FAITH. FAMILY.

ST. RAYMOND
— PARISH —

OPENING OF THE
2027
Mass Book



The 2027 Mass Book Opens

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

9:00 AM

Parishioners wishing to reserve Mass intentions for 2027
are invited to visit the Parish Office
beginning at **9:00 AM**.

Please plan accordingly,
as requests will be accepted
on a first-come, first-served basis.

In Memory of
Loved Ones

In Thanksgiving

For Special
Intentions

For Healing
and Prayer

St. Raymond Parish

263 Atlantic Avenue
East Rockaway, New York

"Pray for
one another."
— James 5:16



ST. RAYMOND

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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

<http://straymondscyo.com>

St. Raymond's

Parish Picnic

July 1st at 6:00pm

At the Great Lawn behind the Church

It Starts with a Great Evening of Fun,
Friends, Food and....



Friendship



Bring Your Friends, Family, Lawn Chairs,
Picnic Food & Beverages!

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soda, Water,
Popcorn, Italian Ices provided by

Msgr. Walsh/St. Raymond's Knight of Columbus
Music, Games and So Much More!
It's Time to Get Together Again

*Hosted by
Faith & Friendship*





**TWELFTH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME
GUIDE FOR
PERSONAL PRAYER**



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

**SUMMARY OF THE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**

In the Gospel (Matthew 10:26-33) for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus encourages His disciples to trust completely in the Father's loving care and to witness to their faith without fear, assuring them, ***"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."*** Christ reminds us that



God's providence accompanies us in every circumstance and calls us to remain faithful even amid opposition, uncertainty, and suffering.

Monday of this week is the Optional Memorial of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, both English martyrs. Saint John Fisher was a bishop known for his defense of Catholic doctrine and fidelity to the Pope, while Saint Thomas More was a husband, father, lawyer, and statesman remembered for placing his conscience and faithfulness to Christ above his allegiance to King Henry VIII.

Wednesday is the **Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**, who prepared the way for Christ through his preaching of repentance and his courageous witness to the truth.

Saturday is the Optional Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Unless there is another Solemnity, each Saturday throughout the year, the Church honors Mary's interior life of faith, love, and obedience, and recalls how she remained steadfast in hope on Holy Saturday while awaiting the fulfillment of Christ's promise of resurrection.

The First Readings this week move from the prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13 to the historical accounts of 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; 24:8-17; 25:1-12, and conclude with Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19. Together these passages reveal the consequences of Israel's infidelity, the destruction and exile that followed, and the enduring hope that God hears the

cries of His people even amid suffering and loss.

For the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, the First Reading (Isaiah 49:1-6) presents God's servant chosen before birth for a unique mission, while the Second Reading (Acts 13:22-26) identifies John as the forerunner who prepared the people for the coming of Christ. Together these readings highlight God's providential plan and John's essential role in salvation history.

This week, the daily Gospel passages teach that Christian discipleship flourishes through humility, obedience, perseverance, trust, and faith in the saving power of Christ.

In Monday's Gospel (Matthew 7:1-5), Jesus teaches humility and self-examination, warning, ***"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first."*** In Tuesday's Gospel (Matthew 7:6, 12-14), Jesus presents the Golden Rule and calls His disciples to perseverance, declaring, ***"Enter through the narrow gate."***

In Wednesday's Gospel (Luke 1:57-66, 80), the birth of John the Baptist reveals God's providential plan as the people wonder, ***"What, then, will this child be?"*** In Thursday's Gospel (Matthew 7:21-29), Jesus teaches that true discipleship requires action, reminding His followers that those who hear and act upon His words build their house upon rock.

In Friday's Gospel (Matthew 8:1-4), Jesus heals the leper who approaches Him in faith, saying, ***"I will do it. Be made clean."*** In Saturday's Gospel (Matthew 8:5-17), He praises the centurion's extraordinary trust, proclaiming, ***"In no one in Israel have I found such faith,"*** revealing that God's saving grace is available to all who believe.

In the Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42) for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus calls His followers to place Him above every earthly attachment, teaching, ***"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."***



*“Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”
Matthew 10:32*



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 Gospel readings this week invite us to follow Christ with humility, perseverance, obedience, trust, and faith. Through everyday experiences at home, at work, and in our relationships, Jesus teaches us to rely upon God's providence, put His word into practice, and remain faithful to our Christian calling.

SUNDAY – COURAGEOUS WITNESS

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:31). Jesus reminds me that God knows and loves me personally, giving me the courage to profess my faith confidently even when doing so may be difficult or unpopular.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me trust in Your loving care and witness to my faith without fear.

MONDAY – HUMBLE SELF-REFLECTION

“Remove the wooden beam from your eye first” (Matthew 7:5). Christ invites me to recognize my own faults before criticizing others so that I may grow in humility, patience, and compassion.

My Prayer: Lord, help me see my weaknesses honestly and treat others with mercy.

TUESDAY – FAITHFUL PERSEVERANCE

“Enter through the narrow gate” (Matthew 7:13). Jesus calls me to choose the path that leads to life, remaining faithful even when discipleship requires sacrifice or perseverance.

My Prayer: Lord, strengthen me to choose Your way over the easier path.

WEDNESDAY

**NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN
THE BAPTIST**

GOD'S PURPOSE

“What, then, will this child be?” (Luke 1:66). The birth of John the Baptist reminds me that God calls every person to a unique mission and provides the grace needed to fulfill it.



My Prayer: Lord, help me discover and faithfully live the vocation You have given me.

THURSDAY – LIVING THE WORD

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them” (Matthew 7:24). Jesus teaches me that faith becomes strong and enduring when I put His teachings into action in daily life.

My Prayer: Lord, help me build my life firmly upon Your word.

FRIDAY – TRUSTING MERCY

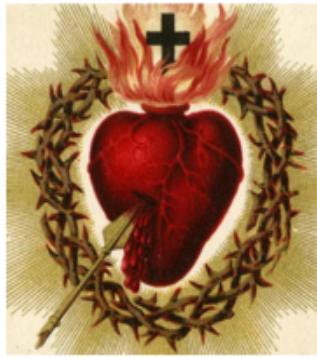
“I will do it. Be made clean” (Matthew 8:3). The leper's faith encourages me to bring my wounds, weaknesses, and struggles to Christ with confidence in His healing love.

My Prayer: Lord, cleanse my heart and strengthen my trust in Your mercy.

SATURDAY – GREAT FAITH

“In no one in Israel have I found such faith” (Matthew 8:10). The centurion's trust challenges me to rely completely upon Christ's power and goodness, even when I cannot see how He will answer my prayers.

My Prayer: Lord, increase my faith and help me trust Your providence in every circumstance.



*“Sacred Heart
of Jesus,
I place my
trust in you.”*

*Corpus Christ Sunday - June 7th
Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - June 12th
Consecration of America to the Sacred Heart - June 12th*

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**THE ROSE
FOR LIFE**

**In Honor of
All Fathers
Happy Father's
Day!**

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



MINISTRY
SPOTLIGHT

**NOCTURNAL
ADORATION
SOCIETY**

*Spend an Hour
with the Lord
in Prayer*

The Nocturnal Adoration Society
meets on the
FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
from 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
in the church.

Our Holy Hour of prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament is fashioned
after the **Liturgy of the Hours**,
the official prayer of the Church.

This sacred hour provides an
opportunity for a blend of
communal and private prayer, as well
as praying for global, community
and personal needs.

The Holy Hour concludes
with **Benediction**.

All are welcome!

For additional details,
please see the Sunday Bulletin.

*Come spend an hour in the
presence of Our Lord.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION**

Lucy Ostermann, Director



OUR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF 1 MORE CATECHIST FOR THE FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:

5TH GRADE - 1 CATECHISTS NEEDED – WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM-4:30PM

The Religious Education school year goes from September 28th, 2026 - April 21st, 2027. Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months. Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come. Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. The forms can also be dropped off at the Rectory – simply put your paperwork in an envelope along with payment and drop it in the mail slot. The mail slot goes into a locked box so payment will be secure. The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer. **LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026.**



ST. RAYMOND'S
FATHER'S DAY
NOVENA

As we celebrate Father's Day on June 21st, there will once again be the parish's Novena of Masses prayed for nine consecutive days starting on that Sunday. *It is very fitting to remember our fathers in prayer during this novena.*

Envelopes for this novena were mailed to those who receive the weekly envelope mailing. They are also available near the doors of the church. If you wish to participate in this novena simply fill out one of these envelopes, include your donation and place it in one of the boxes marked "Father's Day" which are located on the pew shelves by the doors of the Church.



Please do so by 5:30pm
SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST
Thank you!



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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, we will begin our Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program this weekend. Members of our parish family will have the opportunity to spiritually adopt a child who is newly conceived this month and is danger of being aborted. You may adopt a baby individually, or as a family, by signing a pledge card (which is located in the pews of the Church) and praying "The Prayer of Life" (which is attached to the pledge card) each day for the next nine months. The signed pledge card may be deposited in one of the boxes located at each of the Church's entrances. The pledge cards will be placed on St. Joseph's altar and remain there for the entire nine months of this program. Each month, in the bulletin, there will be information about the growth and development of the baby. In addition, on the parish bulletin boards, there will a picture of the baby each month showing his or her development. Our hope is that this will bring a heightened awareness of the humanity of the babies in the womb and the need for all of us to be a voice for them. Before Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's death, he was told by Our Lord, that those who pray "The Prayer of Life" for nine consecutive months, would intercede for the baby and his or her life would be spared. Each year, in our country, over 3,000 pre-born babies are killed through abortion. We can help, through this prayer program to save the babies, one baby at a time. Please consider sharing the gift of life and love and participate in this simple but powerful prayer program. Thank you!

May all fathers know, through our prayers and the intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of fathers, the crucial and irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children and the responsibility they share in welcoming the gift of new life We wish all fathers a very Blessed and Happy Father's Day!



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Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation



Reminder to all members! We are not having Corporate Communion on Sunday, June 21st, Father's Day! We wish all of the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and godfathers in your family a most blessed day! Please join us on Monday evening, June 22nd, at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria for our end-of-year meeting, induction of the 2026-27 Board, and our "America" celebration! Doors open at 6:45 pm. As discussed, we are doing a much needed supplies collection for Parish Social Ministry that evening. If you are able to donate, PSM is in need of the following items: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, deodorant, coffee (no K cups), small size laundry detergent, cooking oil (small bottles), jarred pasta sauce, mayonnaise, peanut butter, cold cereal, \$25 gifts cards to Stop & Shop, Lidl, or other local grocery stores. We look forward to seeing everyone there before we break for the summer!

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"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food. During the month of May, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 92 households with food, personal care and household items. We also provided clients with information on services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent De Paul.

Pantry items needed this week: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup and Canned Fruit.

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.

**Happy
Father's
Day**

*Wishing a very Happy Father's Day to all of the men in our community.
To the world you may just be one person but to your family, you are the world.
Thank you all for your continued support and you are always in our prayers!*

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St. Francis in Italian Pre/Renaissance Art**



About the artist: Cimabue (c.1240-1304) was an Italian painter and designer of mosaics from Florence. He was Giotto's teacher.

The most famous and familiar painting of St. Francis is by Cimabue seen in the fresco titled *Maesta di Assisi* (Madonna Enthroned with the Child, Four Angels and St. Francis), painted around 1285–1288. It is located in the Lower Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. It features one of the earliest and most realistic portraits of the saint, reputedly based on descriptions from those who knew him.



However, In the Chapel of San Gregorio within the Holy Cave (Sacro Speco) at the Benedictine Monastery at Subiaco, Italy, is the earliest known representation of Saint Francis of Assisi. It is a fresco painted around 1223-1224 while St. Francis was still alive. St. Francis was relatively unknown before 1224 when he received the stigmata. Therefore, this painting shows no stigmata nor halo.

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This week on **FORMED...**



Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.



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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, June 22nd

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Maria Tavella

Tuesday, June 23rd

7:15am Gerard Malone

8:45am Stefan & Stefania Wilk

Wednesday, June 24th

St. John the Baptist

7:15am Patricia O'Sullivan

8:45am John Kenny

Thursday, June 25th

7:15am Christina McGrory

8:45am Anne Ledwith

Friday, June 26th

7:15am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

8:45am Vito Simeti

Saturday, June 27th

8:45am Peter K. Ledwith

Paul Dengel

5:00pm Kathleen Venis

Sunday, June 28th

7:30am Louise Coscia

9:00am Michael John Betzag

10:30am John & Francis Santino

12:00pm Edward McGreevy

Carl Kehrer

Dan Graham

Elaine Corrado

Dennis J. McGuire

Kevin Harrington (L)

Patrick Michael McManus

Collin Ahrens

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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Ordinary Time

Be still, and know that I am God.

PSALM 46:10

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Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday

2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

Isaiah 49:1-6/Luke 1:57-66, 80

Thursday

2 Kings 24:8-17/Matthew 7:21-29

Friday

2 Kings 25:1-12/Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19
Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a/Romans 6:3-4
Matthew 10:37-42

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

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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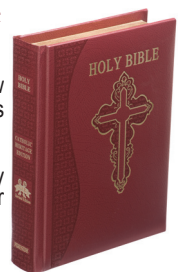
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