

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, July 19, 2026

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full grown it is the largest of plants.” -Matthew 12:35



July 19, 2026

16th 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

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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

Jodi Neckles

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Christine I.

Rosemarie Lombardo

Nick S.

Rosemarie Salabini

Connie Montesino

Brian McGreevy

Mary Caffrey

Kinley S.

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Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

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Eileen Roberts

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Piper Clements-

Coogan

Sabina Chiaccio

Focarino

(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 blessings be yours on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The lesson we learn from today's readings is that God is the ultimate judge of every human heart. God has a patient desire that everyone can repent and turn to him. This is the message from the first reading in the Book of Wisdom. ***"But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us, for power, whenever you will, attends you."*** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul states how the Holy Spirit aids us so that God will judge our hearts favorably. ***"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."*** And finally, Matthew's gospel is another collection of parables about how one will be judged by God. Wheat symbolizes the good children of God, and the weeds symbolize those who have chosen an evil path in life. Both will be allowed to come to the final judgment before they are separated. ***"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil."***

History is littered with futile and often violent attempts by humanity to create the perfect society. Even those who profess great faith have often ended up using force in their attempts to achieve this goal. Jesus warns against such zealous behavior. In response to how the faithful should respond to the presence of evil, Jesus rejects easy solutions and instead proposes patience to let the weeds and wheat grow side by side, until the harvest. This may seem surprising, allowing good and evil to co-exist. But Jesus is not promoting evil nor giving it equal status with good. He is saying only God can truly judge the human heart. If we set ourselves up as judge or jury, we risk destroying the good with the bad. The kingdom must bear the imprint of God's patient desire that all may repent and return to him. God does not seek to condemn but rather give us time to repent.

The other two parables in the gospel serve as reminders that the kingdom is built on patience, not pushing retribution, and cannot be imposed by force, nor can it be hurried. It must grow slowly and freely, sometimes mysteriously like a mustard seed.

It needs time and has a rhythm all its own because it is trying to transform hearts like yeast that turn dough into bread. Living as a member of God's kingdom requires a receptive heart, open to the voice of the Holy Spirit which allows the seed of God's holy word to grow and ripen. God gives us the necessary time to show by our lives that our hope is ultimately in him. Our lives are a time of grace in which to live, love and hope in God who is kind and patient in all his judgments.

As of July 14th, we have a total of **556 Prayer Hours and 587 Service Hours** for a total of 1143 Hours of Love in Action. While we have passed our goal of 250 for both prayer and service, you can still add to our parish totals. Remember, we are dedicating this effort under the consecration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Follow the St. Raymond Love in action page to join in.

Our 2026 Backwards Money Drawing is underway, and we have already sold about 120 tickets. That's great, but there is still a long way to go. Please check the Backwards Drawing ad for information and also the order form that you can use to purchase a ticket. Don't miss out on a chance to win some big money!

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), an invitation to the next ***Holy Hour*** on Tuesday evening, July 28th, the ***2026 Backwards Money Drawing*** order form, the ***Come and See Centerfold***, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (found on the inside back page) 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, keep cool and remember: Faith is not hoping God can. It is knowing God will.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 19, 2026— 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GLORIA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,

[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.

Amen.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 19, 2026—16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.
You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.
All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.
You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

ALLELUIA Cf. Matthew 11:25

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

HOLY HOUR

DEDICATED TO THE

Kingdom
OF GOD

Let us adore the King
and Creator of all things.
Come and be renewed
in His love and truth.
His Kingdom has no end.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

EXPOSITION

REFLECTION

MUSIC

BENEDICTION

"Backwards Money Drawing!"

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish

This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 30, 2026

Tickets for the Backwards Drawing are \$100 each, with only 500 tickets available.

The grand prize of **\$10,000** will be awarded to the last ticket drawn. There will also be an additional **\$10,000** in prize money spread amongst other tickets as they are drawn. **For us to be successful, we need to sell all 500 tickets!** While \$100 may be high, the price can easily be shared with family, friends, or co-workers. The key is to be in it for a chance at the grand prize of **\$10,000**. Winners need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are available at the rectory during regular office hours and you may also use the tear-off below to order a ticket.

Enter to Win



BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

Ticket #1-\$500
Ticket #50-\$200
Ticket #100-\$200
Ticket #150-\$200
Ticket #200-\$200
Ticket #250-\$200
Ticket #300-\$200
Ticket #350-\$200
Ticket #400-\$200
Ticket #450-\$200
Ticket #491-\$300
Ticket #492-\$400
Ticket #493-\$500
Ticket #494-\$600
Ticket #495-\$700
Ticket #496-\$800
Ticket #497-\$900
Ticket #498-\$1,000
Ticket #499-\$2,500

Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 30, 2026

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Number of Tickets:** _____



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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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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!



I just received word from the Cathedral Corporation, who publishes and mails our church contribution envelopes that there will not be any envelopes for the month of July sent to our parishioners.

Unfortunately, a major piece of their machinery broke down, and it has taken longer to get it fixed than anticipated. That is why they can't get July envelopes to their customers. They promise that the envelopes for August will be sent and then we will be back on our regular bi-monthly schedule of September/October and November/December.

Fortunately, there are no extra envelopes for the month of July.

I would suggest you do one of the following.

- Use a check for your contribution and **write your envelope number on the remark line**. You can put it in a regular envelope if you wish but it is not necessary. These checks will be recorded.
- If you prefer to contribute with cash, you need to place the cash in an envelope with **at least your name and address** on it in order for your contribution to be recorded.

The important thing is:

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE!

Once we get through July, we should be back on track for the month of August. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. Thanks for your patience and cooperation. **Father Chuck**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

OUR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF 2 MORE CATECHIST FOR THE FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:

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

7TH GRADE - 1 CATECHISTS NEEDED - MONDAYS 7:00PM-8:00PM

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.



SIXTEENTH 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 for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 13:24-43), Jesus continues His teaching through the parables of the weeds among the wheat, the mustard seed, and the yeast, revealing the quiet yet powerful growth of God's Kingdom. His reassuring promise, *"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father."* reminds us to trust God's patient wisdom, persevere amid the presence of evil, and remain faithful.

This week, Monday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Apollinaris (Bishop and Martyr) who was a disciple of Saint Peter. Tuesday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi (Priest and a Doctor of the Church), a Franciscan priest whose profound knowledge of Sacred Scripture and fearless preaching strengthened the Church during a time of great trial. Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, the first witness to the Resurrection, whose faithful love for Christ led her from the empty tomb to joyful proclamation of the Good News to the Apostles.

Thursday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Bridget of Sweden (Patroness of Europe). Friday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, a Lebanese Maronite monk remembered for his deep devotion to the Eucharist, contemplative prayer, and humble holiness. Saturday is the Feast of Saint James the Greater, the Apostle, the brother of Saint John the Evangelist, who left everything to follow Christ and ultimately gave his life as the first Apostle to be martyred.

The First Readings for Monday through Friday are taken from Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Song of Songs 3:1-4b (or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17); Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; and Jeremiah 3:14-17. Together these readings reveal God's patient justice, boundless mercy, and unfailing love for His people. Through the prophets and the witness of Mary Magdalene, the Lord continually calls us to repentance, covenant fidelity, and a renewed relationship with Him, assuring us that His mercy is always greater than our sins.

On Saturday, the Feast of Saint James, the First Reading (2 Corinthians 4:7-15) reminds us that God chooses to reveal the surpassing power of His grace through those who faithfully proclaim Christ.

This week, the daily Gospel passages lead us from authentic worship and sincere conversion into the mystery of God's Kingdom, inviting us to trust His patient work even when His plans unfold slowly.

In Monday's Gospel (Matthew 12:38-42), Jesus reminds those seeking signs that the greatest sign is His own saving mission, proclaiming, *"An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet."* He invites us to place our trust not in extraordinary wonders but in His death, Resurrection, and abiding presence in our daily lives. In Tuesday's Gospel (Matthew 12:46-50), He teaches that true kinship is found through faithful obedience to God: *"Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."*

In Wednesday's Gospel (John 20:1-2, 11-18), the risen Christ tenderly calls Mary Magdalene by name before sending her to announce His Resurrection, saying, *"Go to my brothers and tell them."* In Thursday's Gospel (Matthew 13:10-17), Jesus explains why the mysteries of the Kingdom are revealed to receptive hearts, proclaiming, *"Blessed are your eyes, because they see."*

In Friday's Gospel (Matthew 13:18-23), Jesus explains the Parable of the Sower, concluding, *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."* In Saturday's Gospel (Matthew 20:20-28), the Feast of Saint James, presents Saint James as one who learned that true greatness is found not in seeking honor but in humble service, as Jesus teaches, *"Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant,"* inviting every disciple to embrace a life of generous self-giving.

In the Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 13:44-52), Jesus invites us to treasure God's Kingdom above all earthly possessions, teaching, *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."*



*"You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you."*

Psalm 86:5



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

Throughout this week, Jesus patiently teaches us to recognize God's Kingdom quietly growing within our hearts and throughout the world. As we listen attentively to His Word, He calls us to sincere conversion, faithful discipleship, humble service, and joyful confidence that His grace is always at work, even when we cannot yet see its full harvest.

SUNDAY – TRUSTING GOD'S HARVEST

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father." (Matthew 13:43). As I reflect upon today's Gospel, I am reminded that God alone sees the whole field of my life and patiently nurtures the good He has planted within me. Rather than becoming discouraged by the presence of sin or imperfection, I am invited to trust His mercy, persevere in faith, and cooperate each day with His grace.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me trust Your patient work.

Monday – Seeking the Greater Sign

SAINT APOLLINARIS

"There is something greater than Jonah here." (Matthew 12:41). It is easy to look for extraordinary signs while overlooking the countless ways Christ already speaks through Scripture, the Eucharist, my family, and the ordinary events of daily life. Today He invites me to recognize His presence with grateful eyes and respond with renewed faith.

My Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to recognize Your presence and help me respond generously to You.

TUESDAY – LIVING GOD'S WILL

SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

"Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother." (Matthew 12:50). Jesus reminds me that every act of charity, forgiveness, and obedience draws me more deeply into the communion Christ desires to share with me.

My Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me joyfully embrace Your will and live each day as a faithful member of Your family.

WEDNESDAY – CALLED BY NAME

FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

"Mary!" (John 20:16). When the risen Lord called Mary Magdalene by name, her sorrow was transformed into unshakable hope and joyful witness. Christ knows me personally as well, inviting me to recognize His voice amid the distractions of life and to share the Good News.

My Prayer: Lord, help me recognize Your voice each day and faithfully proclaim the hope of Your Resurrection.

THURSDAY – BLESSED EYES

SAINT BRIDGET

"Blessed are your eyes, because they see." (Matthew 13:16). Faith enables me to recognize God's loving presence where others may see only ordinary events. I pray for the grace to contemplate Christ more deeply and allow His wisdom to shape every decision I make.

My Prayer: Jesus, open the eyes of my heart so that I may recognize Your presence and faithfully follow You

FRIDAY – RICH SOIL

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it." (Matthew 13:23). Saint Sharbel's hidden life reminds me that holiness often grows quietly through faithful prayer, humble obedience, and steadfast trust in God.

My Prayer: Lord, prepare my heart to receive Your Word with generosity so I can bear abundant fruit.

SATURDAY – GREATNESS THROUGH SERVICE

FEAST OF SAINT JAMES THE GREATER, APOSTLE

"Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." (Matthew 20:26). Saint James left everything to follow Christ and ultimately gave his life in loving service to the Gospel. True greatness is always found in faithful service to God and neighbor.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, through the example of Saint James, teach me to serve others with humility, generosity, and joyful

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)

*"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
give thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17*

During the month of June, the Parish Social Ministry helped 96 households with food, personal care and household items and provided some clients with other services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul. The Parish Social Ministry provides food assistance to 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 only source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry office and we can assist you with food.

Pantry items needed this week: Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Fruit, Shampoo, Coffee, Tea, Canned Tomatoes, Pinto and White Beans, Snack, Jello and Pudding.

Donations of food 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.

Thanks to all of you 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 Program



The Rose for Life Program began here at St. Raymond on Mother's Day, May 12, 1985. A rose is placed on the Offertory Table at the 5:00 pm Mass and is presented to the priest at the Offertory. The rose symbolizes the life of the preborn baby who dies from abortion. It remains at the tabernacle for the coming week.

The main purpose of the rose is to remind each of us to pray for babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week.

*For dedications, please call:
Mary Caffrey at #516-887-2458*



THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Loving Memory of Louise Coscia

For Dedications call
Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458

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OF MARY**

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Into The
Rectory And
Support Our
Parish*



**SACRET HEART
OF JESUS**



**As you enjoy the summer
days, be sure to still
remember those in need.
Find time to make a trip
to your parish food pantry
to see if they need any
items or volunteers**

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*The month of July
honors the Precious
Blood of Jesus Christ
"O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth
from the Heart of
Jesus as a fount of
mercy for us,
I trust in You."*

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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 quarter 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

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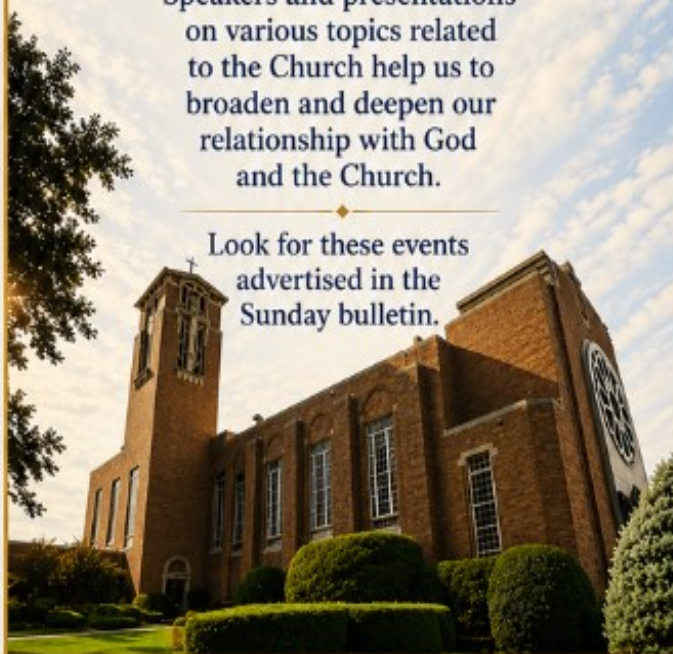
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

ADULT LECTURE SERIES

This committee formulates programs of education and spiritual enrichment opportunities for our parishioners.

Speakers and presentations on various topics related to the Church help us to broaden and deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

Look for these events advertised in the Sunday bulletin.



*"you are the **Light** of the World
A city built on a hill-top
cannot be hidden."*

—MATTHEW 5:14—



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

**Spiritual Adoption Program
MONTH 1**

DEVELOPING BABY

"My heart is beating!"

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's.

Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all...

**THE
GIFT
OF LIFE**

*Spiritual Adoption
Of An Unborn Child*



*Jesus. Mary and Joseph. I
love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of
the unborn baby that I have
spiritually adopted who is in
danger of abortion.
-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OF
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI DECLARED BY POPE LEO XIV:
An Instrument of Peace
St. Francis in Italian Pre/Renaissance Art**

St. Francis & St. Dominic

The two saints met in Rome in 1215. They revolutionized monasticism in the Middle Ages. Instead of being isolated, friars were encouraged to preach and to live among the people.

**St. Francis and St. Dominic Meeting,
Fra Angelico, c. 1427**

Fine Arts Museum in San Francisco

About the artist: Fra Giovanni da Fiesole (born Guido di Pietro, c.1395-1455), known posthumously as Fra Angelico, was an Italian Dominican friar and painter active during the early Florentine Renaissance. He created a series of frescoes for the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence, where he received the patronage of Cosimo de' Medici.



**Vision of St. Dominic and Meeting of
St. Francis and St. Dominic,
Benozzo Gozzoli, 1452**

Apsidal Chapel of the San Francesco Monastery Church in Montefalco, Italy.
It is part of a larger cycle of frescoes detailing the life of St. Francis.

About the artist: Benozzo Gozzoli (1420-1497), was an Italian Renaissance painter from Florence and a pupil of Fra Angelico.

FORMED

This week on **FORMED...**



Dive deep into the biblical roots and theological themes of House of David, the acclaimed series produced by The WONDER Project. In this exclusive Catholic Commentary series, renowned theologians Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers guide viewers through a faithful, Catholic lens to explore how House of David aligns with, and diverges from, the Scriptural narrative and teachings of the Catholic Church.



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MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 20th

7:15am Joseph M. DeLuca

8:45am John Slattery

Tuesday, July 21st

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Susan Ledwith

Wednesday, July 22nd

St. Mary Magdalene

7:15am Carol Bonner

8:45am Patrick Michael McManus

Thursday, July 23rd

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Gerald McKeon

Friday, July 24th

7:15am Robert Rubino

8:45am Marylou Culkin

Saturday, July 25th

St. James

8:45am St. Raymond Parish

5:00pm Peter Tauckus

Sunday, July 26th

7:30am John K. McCotter

9:00am Thomas Matthew O'Shaughnessy

10:30am Donna Marie Wolfe

12:00pm Anna L. Campbell

William & Dorothy Riehl

Hector Pagan

Elaine Corrado

Ramiro Antequera

Patrick Michael McManus

Terry Leonetti

Peter Tauckus

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Micah 6:1-4, 6-8/Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday

Song of Songs 3:1-4b/John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

Matthew 13:10-17

Friday

Jeremiah 3:14-17/Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday

2 Corinthians 4:7-15/Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12/Matthew 13:44-52

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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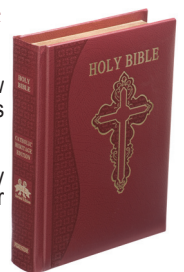
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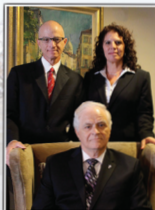
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