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12Noon and 4:30PM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, June 16, 2024

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“The seed is the
word of God,
Christ is the
sower. All who
come to him will
live for ever. “
—Mark 4

June 16, 2024

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Happy Father's Day!

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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call the rectory to schedule a visit

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

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

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Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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Prayer Groups

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

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

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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

**We would like to update our
list of our service Men & Women,
in order to keep them In our prayers.
Please email any requests to
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Thank you!**



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

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***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! And Happy Father's Day to all our Dads. Thank you for all you do for us and especially for loving our Mothers. Our readings today talk about the kingdom of God, how it is established, how it grows and how it will reach fulfillment. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet uses the image of a cedar tree to prophesy that God will restore Israel under a new king from the line of David. **"And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the Lord, bring low the high tree, and make the withered tree bloom."** Then in the second reading from 2 Corinthians, Paul encourages the people in their faith to keep steadfast with their sight set on the kingdom and being with God in eternity. **"We are always courageous, although we know that while home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight."** And finally in Mark's gospel, Jesus tells two parables about the kingdom of God. In both parables there is a contrast between small or humble beginnings and great conclusions. There is also an element of mystery. There is planting and harvesting with slow and often unseen growth taking place in between. The mustard seed graphically shows how the kingdom starts and comes to be. **"But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."**

All of us probably want the best things in our life to grow. We like the number of our friends to grow, and we like it when the bottom line of our bank accounts and investments grows. We like it when we exercise and eat smartly, and our health gets better as our looks grow healthier in the mirror as a result. And we like it when relationships we are in grow deeper and more lasting. Yes, we like it when the best sort of things grow into something more than they were before. It seems to be the same for Jesus with the kingdom. He describes how the kingdom will develop and grow from something the size of a mustard seed into something much larger and grander. It seems that the point Jesus makes is that from almost nothing something wonderful can blossom. From little can come much; from the invisible can come something visible and beautiful, helpful and necessary.



Now it sure seems that God will do everything, making sure the seed is sown and watered, the ground nourished, the sun shining so that the kingdom will then grow in great and wondrous ways. Seems pretty fine to me, right? I get to sit on the sidelines and watch God do his thing. But not really. Everything doesn't seem to happen as God wants it. He doesn't stop us from hurting one another. We poison the planet and God doesn't heal it. People who are starving aren't fed by God. Justice doesn't come to everyone treated unfairly. It seems obvious to me that God doesn't want his kingdom to grow on its own. He ushered it in, yes, and the seeds were planted by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The world has been made new, but it can be made better if we cooperate in all its growth. God wants us to be co-creators of this beautiful world, the beautiful kingdom he wants for all of us. This is how God shows how much he loves and respects us. And there are no limits to what is possible. The little we have can make real differences in the lives of others. What can we grow in? How about kindness, compassion, forgiveness and generosity for starters. The seeds are there, and God's help is always there for us to tap. But he wants our openness and willingness to also grow into much more than we would ever expect.

At the recent Parish Blood Drive, 64 pints of blood were donated by parishioners. While not as many pints as usual were donated, whatever is donated is most necessary and appreciated. Thanks to all who donated blood and thanks to our Parish Blood Drive Committee for sponsoring this event once again. Look forward to our next Parish Blood drive in October.

Please 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 Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover of the bulletin), 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: You can always look up to your father no matter how tall you get. God bless always.**

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JUNE 16, 2024-11TH 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.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

JUNE 16, 2024-11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

GOSPEL

Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.

All who come to him will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Our office will close for the summer on Thursday 6/13/2024. We will continue to come to the office every week but on limited hours. The Registration process will continue, phone messages and e-mails will be responded to.

Our 2024/2025 Religious Education program is in need of 2 more catechists for the following grades and days:

1 Catechists for 3rd Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Wednesday

1 Catechist for 6th Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Thursday

The Religious Education school year goes from September 23rd, 2024 - April 10th, 2025.

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, 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.

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, NY 11518.

Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation



Our June Meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th

in St. Raymond's School Cafeteria

beginning with a brief meeting at 7:30 pm and dinner to follow.

Doors open at 6:45 pm.

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

Please note that we will NOT gather together on June 16th at the 10:30 am Mass for Corporate Communion as it is "Father's Day"!

2024-2025 Sodality Board

Co-Prefects: Doreen Dolan and Monica Tobin, Vice-Prefect: Maureen Rogone,
Treasurer: Melissa Albuin, Recording Secretary: Donna David, Corresponding Secretary:
Jean Chojnacki, Sacristan: Irene Villacci. Congratulations to all.

We are blessed to have these wonderful women to lead us next year!

"Sodality is a women's organization devoted to prayer and service to the Blessed Mother. The membership is active in many ways doing what we call "Mary Work," helping those in need in any way we can."



FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

As we celebrate **Father's Day on June 16th**, 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 16th.
Thank you!**



**Saint Joseph,
pray for us.**



*We are responsible for our
actions and decisions.*

*God has given us the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
so that we can come to Him
through His priests and be
forgiven for the sins we have
committed.*



**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 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

visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM PLEDGE WEEK-END

Sadly, with the increased use of chemical abortions, the killing of the unborn has increased. With that in mind, we are asking our parishioners to seriously consider participating in our annual "Spiritual Adoption Prayer Program", which begins this week-end. This is a powerful program - a commitment to pray "The Prayer of Life" daily, at the time of your choosing, for nine months for a baby who is in danger of being aborted. If you would like to participate, simply sign the pledge card, located in the pews of the Church, detach it from the side of the card containing the prayer, place the signed pledge card in one of the plastic boxes located in the Church's vestibules, and keep the card with "The Prayer of Life" for yourself. The signed pledge cards will be placed on St. Joseph's altar and remain there for the entire nine months. Please consider making this daily prayer commitment which will help the baby and his or her mother and father.

Pro-life Holy Hour

Date: Monday, June 24th

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

There will be a Holy Hour offered in thanksgiving for the overturning of Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court's Dobbs Decision and prayers of petition for an end to abortion throughout our country and the return to the respect, dignity and protection for all God's children from conception until natural death. "He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers". (Malachi 4:6)

*We wish all fathers a very Blessed
and Happy Father's Day!*

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



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)

*"My command is this: Love each other as I
have loved you. Greater love has no one than
this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

John 15:12-13

During the month of May, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 87 households with food, personal care and household items and other services they needed. We also welcomed 1 new client, who is in need of our services, into the Outreach Program. Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including seniors who depend on their Social Security benefit as their only source of income and need help with food assistance.

Pantry items needed this week: Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Cold Cereal, Canned Peas, Beets and Corn, Canned White Potatoes and Yams, Jello/Pudding, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Coffee, Laundry Detergent, and Deodorant.

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*May God's blessings shower
upon all of you!*



**THE ROSE
FOR LIFE**

**In Honor of
All Fathers**

**For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062**



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



The Prayer over the Offerings

Our next "stop" in this journey through the Mass is the Prayer over the Offerings. Similar to what we saw with the Collect at the beginning of Mass, the Prayer over the Offerings gives us a summary of our offering and points our minds and hearts to the coming Eucharistic Prayer. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, "Once the offerings have been placed on the altar and the accompanying rites completed, by means of the invitation to pray with the Priest and by means of The Prayer over the Offerings, the Preparation of the Gifts is concluded and preparation made for the Eucharistic Prayer. At Mass, a single Prayer over the Offerings is said, and it ends with the shorter conclusion, that is: Through Christ our Lord. If, however, the Son is mentioned at the end of this prayer, the conclusion is: Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation Amen" (GIRM, 77).

Offering Prayers, Receiving Graces

What are we praying about at this point in the Mass? Generally speaking, if we look through these prayers, we find the following familiar words: prayers, gifts, offerings, sacrifices, and oblations. We also ask God to sanctify, accept, and transform these gifts. Fleshing out the content of these Prayers over the Offerings, Charles Belmonte, author of *Understanding the Mass*, writes, "we usually acknowledge our incapacity to offer to God gifts adequate to his goodness and power. We ask God to accept what we offer with sincerity. We ask some grace in connection with the mystery celebrated on that particular day, in return for the material gifts. We notice an ascending or upward-striving rhythm in the progress of the liturgical action. If we contrast this prayer with the Collect, we can perceive an increase in fervor and assurance. We know that our gifts to God will be returned to us multiplied a hundredfold" (p. 116).

Hearing mention of sacrifice, we recall one of the great truths about the Mass: it truly is the one sacrifice of Christ. In the Mass, the perfect sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is re-presented to us. In the traditional understanding of a

sacrifice, we need a priest, a victim/offering, and an altar. For Christ's perfect sacrifice, Jesus is both the priest and victim/offering; that is, he offers himself in sacrifice on the altar of the cross. The Mass is our access to that sacrifice and its many fruits. How amazing: the sacrifice of Jesus is right there before us. No wonder the Mass is such a powerful prayer!

Uniting Our Offerings with Christ's Sacrifice

Of course, we are not just spectators at the Mass; we don't just sit back and watch what Jesus does. We have been invited to take part and to unite with Christ in offering our own sacrifices. As we have been reflecting on this part of the Mass, we are able to join our prayers and offerings to the perfect offering of Jesus. As Charles Belmonte says, "St. Paul exhorted the first Christians to offer every action to God. 'Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God' (1 Cor. 10:31), and never say or do anything except 'in the name of the Lord Jesus' (Col 3:17). The Second Vatican Council [in the Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, 34] encourages ordinary Christians to make their daily offering united to the [E]ucharistic sacrifice: For all their works, prayers and apostolic endeavors, their ordinary married and family life, if patiently borne—all these become 'spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Pet. 2:5). Together with the offering of the Lord's body, they are most fittingly offered in the celebration of the Eucharist" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 116–117). Belmonte goes on to suggest that we make offerings to God each day as an anticipation of joining in this Prayer over the Offerings. If you are up for it, I invite you to consider his challenge. Resolve to make offerings each day this coming week, and then bring those offerings to be spiritually joined to the sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday. Hopefully, you will experience deeper union with Jesus, especially the next time you are at the Mass!

For Reflection:

During the Prayer over the Offerings, unite your sacrifices of the past day(s) with Christ's sacrifice on the altar.

Next Week: The Eucharistic Prayer

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition

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



*"The seed is the word of
God, Christ is the sower.
All who come to him will
live forever."
Gospel Acclamation*



St. Joseph's Example for Fathers for Adoration *Excerpts from National Catholic Register*

Indisputably, St. Joseph is the epitome of Eucharistic devotion. Being the quintessential example of devotion to Our Lord, St. Joseph naturally becomes the perfect model of Eucharistic devotion for fathers today to follow, especially during the National Eucharistic Revival. St. Joseph's name is remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass, and he has long been closely tied to the Eucharist.

Theologian Scott Hahn explains the foundation this way: "St. Joseph was, with Mary, the first to take up the practice of perpetual adoration. He was with Jesus, loving him, all the time – at home, in the workshop, in the synagogue, on the road. He teaches us to live in the presence of God at all times, and he shows us how to pray when we are in the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord."

St. Joseph models and teaches us Eucharistic adoration in many ways, expounded Father Jeffrey Kirby, the pastor of Our Lady of Grace parish in Indian Land, SC. "Joseph was the first to see the Christ Child when he was born from his mother. As he held the Christ Child in his arms, he made the first Holy Hour. As he showed the Christ Child to Our Lady, he was the first to announce the Eucharistic Lord to the world.

Theologian Scott Hahn offered advice on how to apply St. Joseph's model to our lives: "Especially for men who are husbands and fathers, like Joseph, we should allow the grace of adoration to fill our hearts and our homes. We can learn all those things just from a close reading of the early chapters of Matthew and Luke. Joseph is a model adorer."

Michael Ferarro, a student at Franciscan University employs St. Joseph as a model for his life. He has learned how St. Joseph "prioritized his life and understood that what was most important was to be with Our Lord. St. Joseph taught me so much about the importance of remaining in the presence of [Jesus in] the Eucharist."

"Joseph was a man of action. We are called to do the same. Our Eucharistic devotion begins at the altar and is then played out in the duties of our state in life."

Eucharistic Witness

"Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." St. Paul VI
Adoration Leads to Witness
Parish Volunteer

Mary Beth Schmidhamer of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Altoona, PA is a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, an association of Catholics who commit to spending one hour once a month in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the night. She also serves as conference member, for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an organization that donates proceeds from thrift stores to those in need, in central Pennsylvania. What can we learn from her Eucharistic witness?

Belief Intensifies Love: Mary Beth said Eucharistic adoration helps to strengthen her relationship with Jesus, which gives her the desire to serve and bring others closer to him. "You can't be a doer all the time," she added. "Sometimes you just have to be."

Feeding and Being Fed by Love: Mary Beth recalled the Gospel story of Mary and Martha, where Martha was busy preparing the home for Jesus, while Mary simply sat and listened. "You need to have both [prayer and service]; it can't be one or the other," she said. "Between the two, they build on each other."

Made for Love: "I think that the Eucharist and service to the poor go hand in hand. Jesus didn't say, 'Just pray' to me; he said, 'Pray and serve,' so I think you really have to have both of those things," Mary Beth said.

***"I know I would not be able to work
one week if it were not for that
continual force coming from Jesus in
the Blessed Sacrament (during my
Holy Hour of Adoration)."
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta***







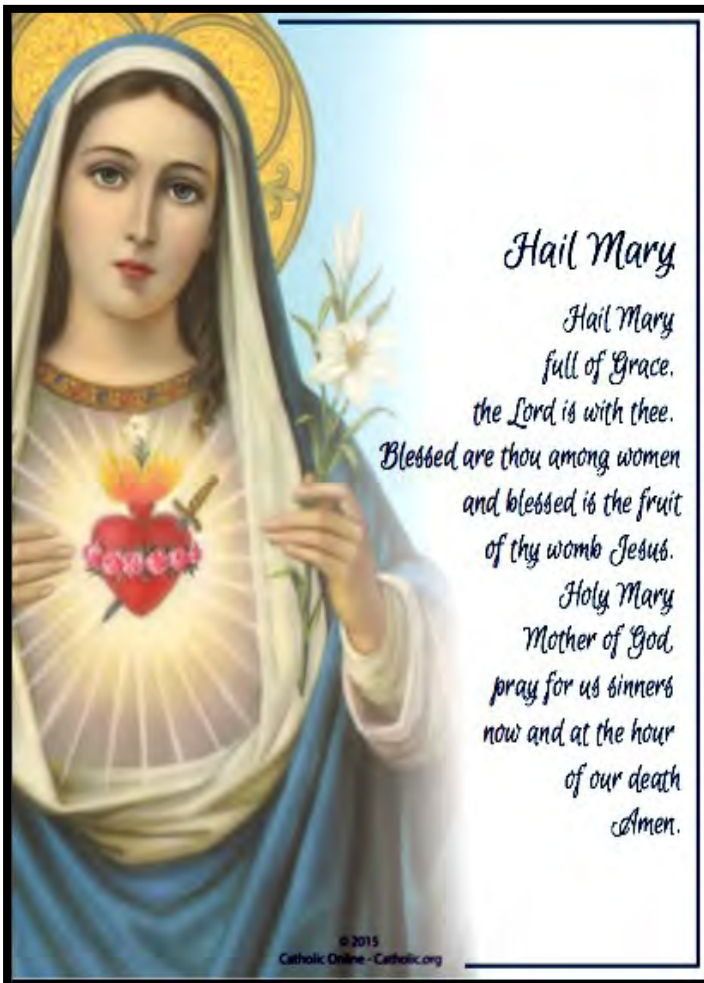

**BIG TIME
BASKETBALL CAMP
ST. ANTHONY'S
OCEANSIDE**
7 WEEKLY SESSIONS:
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Monday, June 17th

7:15am Brian Fahey

8:45am Elaine Colon

Tuesday, June 18th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Marie C. Dempsey

Wednesday, June 19th

7:15am Rory Polley

8:45am Marcella Mitchell

Thursday, June 20th

7:15am Joseph Chiulli

8:45am Helen Delpezzo

Friday, June 21st St. Aloysius Gonzaga

7:15am Christine McGrory

8:45am Charles Pipia

Saturday, June 22nd

8:45am Maria Tavella, May Fee,

Yvonne & Burt O'Reilly

5:00pm Nocturnal Adoration Society

Sunday, June 23rd

7:30am Lenore Calabrese

9:00am Anna Simeti

10:30am Michelangelo Sapienza

12:00pm Jane Donlon, Theresa Maselli,

Sheryl A. Lonergran, Marie

Dempsey, Frank Fazekas.

Jeanine Rempe Thornton,

Kenny & Shannon Meyer

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

SIR 48:1-14/MT 6:7-15

Friday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



Please Pray for Our Sick



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Communal Prayer

Before Mass

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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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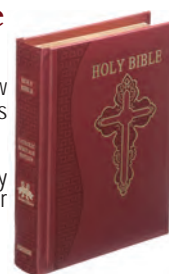
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