

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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*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

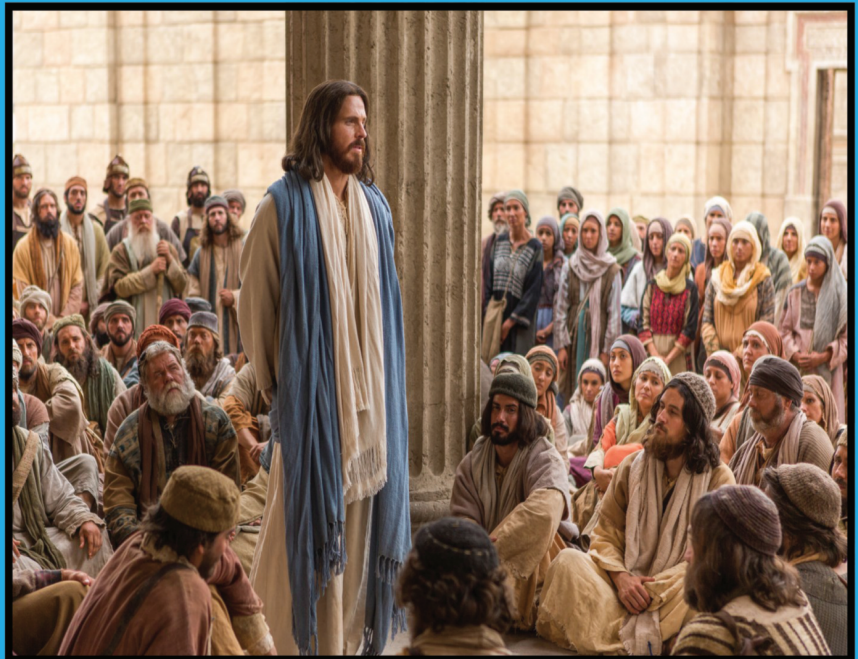
Sunday, July 23, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"Lord, you are good and forgiving"

-Psalm 86:5



July 23, 2023

Sixteenth 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 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

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.

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

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.

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 Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

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 REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL
BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

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

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessing be yours on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Given the thrust of the Eucharistic Revival at this time, today might be a good day to suspend making judgments and simply receive the Sacred Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I believe there is more peace within the lack of understanding and just accepting the mystery. In the first reading from Wisdom, we see God protecting the righteous while also challenging disbelievers to change their ways. **"For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul knows that because of our human weakness we do not always pray as we should. The Holy Spirit will always be available to intercede on our spiritual behalf. **"And the one who searched hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel Jesus continues to teach through parables because they help to reveal what is hidden. The parable of the wheat and weeds is really about community diversity and the mustard seed and yeast parables show the small to large dynamic. It is how the kingdom of God works and if you listen closely this is what happens. **"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."**

Discovering the distinction between the need to judge the value of something and to just open our spirit to receive creates tension. We want to dismiss what we hear and see by disbelief. In times of tragedy, we often just can't understand why this has happened. It's important to know that not everything needs to be explained. In the Old Testament the people were always being challenged to trust in God. They were often reminded of his constant care. They had lots of leeway in coming around, lots of sacred time for repentance and to return. It is the same for us. The gospel connects our waiting in faith for the kingdom to come in full abundance. This transformation is also slow, but certain if believers embrace the pattern of the mustard seed and yeast. You can say the **"kingdom of heaven"** is more of an attitude than a place and this attitude resides in us when we place our trust in Jesus. The ways of Jesus do not require immediate understanding. We get tempted to disbelief. But as our faith and trust grow in Jesus' words, what we embrace without understanding yields the gifts of the kingdom of heaven. Standing in awe of a great mystery without knowing allows us to believe in things unseen. It's not always necessary to have all the answers. Let the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus be an invitation into a wordless mystery of God's love.

At this time, I would like to welcome an old friend, **Father John Peter Arockiasamy** back to St. Raymond Parish. Father John Peter, from India, has been with us several times over the years but not since 2018. May your stay be a restful and enjoyable time. Look for Father John Peter at a Mass near you.

Our **Backwards Money Drawing** is moving along quickly. There are only five weeks left before the drawing on Sunday, August 27th. **While a little over 250 tickets have been sold, there are still almost 250 tickets that need to be sold.** The initial rush has significantly died down this past week. It's time for the momentum to pick up again. Remember that the last ticket drawn will win **\$10,000.00** with an additional **\$10,000.00** awarded to other ticket numbers as drawn. **But you have to be in it to win it!** Use the order form in the bulletin or the one mailed to you a few weeks back or stop in the rectory during office hours. I'd love to give you winning news on August 27th.

This coming Wednesday evening, July 26th, in the spirit of the Eucharistic Revival, there will be a special **Holy Hour** from 7-8pm in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, music, reflection, quiet prayer time and Benediction, all meant to bring us closer to God through honoring his Real Presence in the Eucharist. Come and spend this time in prayerful adoration. And bring a friend.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an order form for the **Backwards Money Drawing**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, a request for **Pastoral Council** applications, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (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, spend time in the Real Presence of Jesus. And remember: Well done is better than well said.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

May God bless you today and always!

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 23, 2023-16TH 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.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

JULY 23, 2023-16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjust 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

Ps 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

Rom 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

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

Mt 13:24-43

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' He proposed another parable to them. "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. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.* Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "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. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

“Backwards Money Drawing!”

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for **St. Raymond Parish** This special fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, August 27, 2023**

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 27, 2023

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

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



Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS PRAYER

Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany, friends of Jesus whom he loved. In your time with our Saviour He taught you, wept with you and showed you miracles. Great was your devotion to him. Although we cannot be present with Jesus as you were, pray that we have the faith that you did, so that with Martha we may say "Yes, Lord...I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who has come into the world." Amen





RECENTLY IN THE BACK OF CHURCH A PLAQUE HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON THE WALL IN MEMORY OF

TAYLOR ROSE CLARKE

TAYLOR WAS A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR FOLK GROUP, A LECTOR, AND HER PARENTS.

JACK AND LAURA WERE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH PRE CANA PROGRAM.

Taylor Rose Clarke

At 18, in her freshman year of college, she became ill and it was determined she needed a heart transplant. The parish banded together, in many ways, and lead by prayer, at 20 in 2016, she received a new heart. Things went well at the start, but quickly became difficult, and overwhelming in 2020, and at 25 in 2021 lost her fight and went home to the Lord. 1996-(dash) 2021, one would think a life so short, never got to fulfill the dash between birth and death. But Taylor's life, what she did, who she touched, and how she carried herself gave her dash a very full touch. Taylor never missed a "beat" accepted every roadblock put before her, and never let the hand dealt her overwhelm her. Taylor's dash was full because she never let any days storm cancel a days experience, she never postponed a day, Taylor learned to "dance in the rain" of one day and move to the next. There is not much you can write on a 15" x 12" plaque to capture Taylor, but her picture says "a thousand words. Her smile is for you, for everyone, who has burden's they bring to church each week, and can now stop and talk with Taylor. Taylor is on the wall to greet you on your way out, walk with you thru the next week and help you experience God's love for you as she experienced in her final travels.

To Jack, Laura, and her so special sister Sammy, thank you for sharing Taylor with all of us, she is special to you in your home, and now she is forever at home in St. Raymond's to help anyone who needs a hug. Taylor has completed her dash, but she has a question for you reading this now and in the future?

"What is your dash going to say about you when your number is called?"

You still have time to answer that Everyday you are still here on earth....."



"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given.

-St. James the Apostle

Pastoral Council Members

Jean Chojnacki, Secretary, Linda Daley, Julianne Grennen, Jeanne LaSala, Vice Chairperson, Patricia McCormack, Chairperson, Dave Ohlsen, Linda Ohlsen, Stephen Rochford, Fr. Chuck Romano, Monica Tobin.

OPENING OF THE 2024 MASS BOOK

THE 2024 MASS BOOK WILL BE OPEN MONDAY JULY 31, 2023

COME INTO THE RECTORY AND HAVE A MASS SAID FOR A LOVED ONE!

IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THE WORLD TO SURVIVE WITHOUT THE SUN THAN TO DO SO WITHOUT THE HOLY MASS -PADRE PIO



NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023

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Held at the sacred spot where the North American Martyrs gave their lives for Christ and where St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born.

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- Confessions
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TAG SALE

ST. RAYMOND CONVENT
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AUGUST 4TH AND 5TH
10:00AM TO 4:00PM



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Founded in 1833, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide organization of lay Catholics, following Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived. Our founding activity, still practiced today, is the Home Visit. Through these visits, Vincentian members establish personal relationships with our neighbors in need, not only providing material assistance such as rent, utilities, food, or clothing, but also offering friendship, understanding, and prayer.

St. Raymond Parish

has had an active chapter (known as a "conference")

of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for decades and invites all who wish to help neighbors in need. Please

email svdpstray@gmail.com for information on ways that you can participate.

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

Practice praying to the Holy Spirit.
Ask the Spirit for guidance in your life.



**“I AM THE LIVING BREAD THAT
CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN;
WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL
LIVE FOREVER; AND THE BREAD
THAT I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR
THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.”
JOHN 6:51**

What are appropriate signs of reverence with respect to the Body and Blood of Christ?

The Body and Blood of Christ present under the appearances of bread and wine are treated with the greatest reverence both during and after the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. St. Pope Paul VI, *Mysterium Fidei*, Encyclical on the Holy Eucharist, nos. 56-61). For example, the tabernacle in which the consecrated bread is reserved is placed "in some part of the church or oratory which is distinguished, conspicuous, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer" (Code of Canon Law, Can. 938, §2).

According to the tradition of the Latin Church, one should genuflect in the presence of the tabernacle containing the reserved sacrament. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, the traditional practice is to make the sign of the cross and to bow profoundly. The liturgical gestures from both traditions reflect reverence, respect, and adoration.

It is appropriate for the members of the assembly to greet each other in the gathering space of the church (that is, the vestibule or narthex), but it is not appropriate to speak in loud or boisterous tones in the body of the church (that is, the nave) because of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle.

Also, the Church requires everyone to fast before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ as a sign of reverence and recollection (unless illness prevents one from doing so). In the Latin Church, one must generally fast for at least one hour; members of Eastern Catholic Churches must follow the practice established by their own Church.

If someone without faith eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

Yes. The attitude or disposition of the recipient cannot change what the consecrated bread and wine are. The question here is thus not primarily about the nature of the Real Presence, but about how sin affects the relationship between an individual and the Lord.

Before one steps forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion, one needs to be

in a right relationship with the Lord and his Mystical Body, the Church - that is, in a state of grace, free of all mortal sin. While sin damages, and can even destroy, that relationship, the sacrament of Penance can restore it. St. Paul tells us that "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup." (1 Cor 11:27-28).

Anyone who is conscious of having committed a mortal sin should be reconciled through the sacrament of Penance before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ unless a grave reason exists for doing so and there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, that is, an act of sorrow for sins that "arises from a love by which God is loved above all else" (Catechism, no. 1452). The act of perfect contrition must be accompanied by the firm intention of making a sacramental confession as soon as possible.

“THE WHOLE CHRIST IS CONTAINED UNDER EACH SPECIES AND UNDER EACH PART OF EITHER SPECIES WHEN SEPARATED” COUNCIL OF TRENT (1551)

Does one receive the whole Christ if one receives Holy Communion under a single form?

Yes. Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist. Furthermore, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of the consecrated Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood. Nevertheless, it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist.

This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (cf. Congregation of Rites, *Eucharisticum Mysterium*, Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharist, no. 32)

Excerpts from "The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers" Committee on Doctrine of the USCCB June 2001 General Meeting



“THE CHURCH HAS RECEIVED THE EUCHARIST FROM CHRIST HER LORD NOT AS ONE GIFT ... AMONG SO MANY OTHERS, BUT AS THE GIFT PAR EXCELLENCE, FOR IT IS THE GIFT OF HIMSELF, OF HIS PERSON IN HIS SCARED HUMANITY, AS WELL AS THE GIFT OF HIS SAVING WORK.”

**ST. JOHN PAUL II
ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTA, 11**

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

“I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament.” Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration is the traditional Catholic practice of placing the consecrated host in a sub shaped vessel called a Monstrance for the faithful to look upon Our Lord and pray to him. However, even when the consecrated host is not exposed in the Monstrance, the Church encourages everyone to spend time with our Lord in the Tabernacle.

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion

**St. Gemma Galgani
Laywoman († 1903)**

Feast: May 16

*“If I am with Jesus Crucified, I suffer;
if I am with Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament, I love.”*

The Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Jesus

By Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, S.J.

It is impossible to identify the Holy Eucharist too closely with Jesus Christ. We should remember He is in the Holy Eucharist not merely with His substance. I have corrected many of my students over the years who tell me, “Transubstantiation means that the substance of bread and wine become the substance of Jesus Christ.” I reply, “No, transubstantiation means the substance of bread and wine are no longer there. The substance of bread and wine is replaced not only by the substance of Christ’s Body and Blood. What replaces the substance of bread and wine is Jesus Christ!” Everything that makes Christ, Christ replaces what had been the substance of bread and wine. The substance of bread and wine become the whole Christ. Therefore, Christ in the Holy Eucharist is here with His human heart. Is it a living heart? Yes! That is why the revelations our Lord made to St. Margaret Mary about promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart were all made from the Holy Eucharist.

Why do we equate the Sacred Heart with the Holy Eucharist? Because the Holy Eucharist is the whole Christ with His human heart. According to St. Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart is the Holy Eucharist. So, it follows that devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to the Holy Eucharist. It is infinite Love Incarnate living in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament.

Gemma Galgani was born in 1878. As a little child she acquired a great devotion to the Mass from her mother and a devotion to the Passion from the nuns who educated her after her mother’s death. When she made her First Communion, she prayed fervently for the grace “to know perfectly the Life and Passion of Jesus.”

The Eucharist and the Passion were one in her heart and Gemma hoped to join the Passionist nuns, but she was considered too sickly. She took religious vows privately and lived a quiet life with family and friends until her death at age twenty-five.

Though her life was hidden, her writings are a fountain of beautiful insights about the Eucharist, which she called “a school of paradise where one learns to love.” In her eager love, she suffered each day as she waited to receive Communion. And yet, aware of her unworthiness, she would at times become red-faced with embarrassment before the Lord.

*“Jesus gives me all of himself, though I
give him nothing worthy in return.
I always ask him for so many things,
and to tell the truth, I am afraid of
wearying him, but he says no and not to
worry. Blessed be Jesus!”*



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*"Before I formed you in
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(Jeremiah 1:5)*

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Food Pantry Hours of Operation
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(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"Carry each other's burdens and in this way
you will fulfill the law of Christ."*

Galatians 6:2

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of June, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 67 households with food, personal care and household items. We also welcomed 2 new clients into the Outreach Program and helped them with food and other services they needed. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please call the Parish Social Ministry and we can assist you with food.

**Pantry items needed this week: Rice Side Dishes,
Chef Boyardee Pasta, Peanut Butter, Grape
Jelly, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Tea, Pasta,
Snacks, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent,
Shampoo, and Bar Soap.**

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 or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*Thank you for your continued
support and generosity.
You are always in our prayers.*

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world... Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek."

-Saint John Paul II



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At this time, I am looking for three new applications to be accepted for three-year terms beginning September 2023 and ending June 2026.

The St. Raymond Pastoral Council operates in an advisory capacity to the pastor and as a forum of consultation between the pastor and parishioners. The council is charged with maintaining the integrity of the parish's mission in regard to long-range planning that strengthens the Catholic Christian identity of our parish. All registered parishioners who are 18 years and older are eligible to apply for one of these current three openings for the Pastoral Council. If you are interested, I ask you to pick up a Pastoral Council Application packet at the rectory. All applications for consideration must be returned to me by Friday, August 4th. After reviewing then and interviewing all the applicants I will then appoint the new members. I urge you to prayerfully think about the possibility of serving St. Raymond Parish in this ministry. Thanks for your interest.

- Father Chuck

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE SETTING UP THROUGH OUR PARISH ROSTER A WAY TO SEND EMAILS FROM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH STRAIGHT TO ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OR EVEN SELECTED GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE IN THE PARISH. IT IS A FEATURE THAT OUR PDS PROGRAM OFFERS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS CAPABILITIES GOING FORWARD. WE CAN SEND OUR REMINDERS, SCHEDULES, EMERGENCY NEWS AND OTHER TIMELY BITS OF INFORMATION. BUT, IN ORDER TO REACH THE LARGEST GROUP OF PARISHIONERS AS POSSIBLE, WE NEED TO GROW OUR PARISHIONER E-MAIL LIST. CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 500 EMAILS OUT OF 3800 REGISTERED PARISHIONER FAMILIES. SO, IN ORDER TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE MESSAGES WE NEED MORE EMAILS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS LISTING FOR PARISH MESSAGES, PLEASE EITHER CALL THE RECTORY TO GIVE US YOUR EMAIL, SEND IT IN TO THE PARISH EMAIL (STRAYRCC@OPTONLINE.NET), OR FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE RECTORY. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION GOES NO FURTHER THAN BEING A PART OF YOUR REGISTRATION PROFILE FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE.

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PARISH (ON YOUR ENVELOPES) #_____

**Please update our
Parish Email List**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

The Religious Education office is closed for the summer. We will be coming into the office once a week to check e-mails, phone messages and to continue to process Registration forms throughout the summer.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – www.saintraymonds.org. Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment.

We are in need of a 3rd grade Religion teacher for either Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm or Thursdays 3:30pm-4:30pm. Our classes begin the week of October 2nd, 2023 and will end on April 18th, 2024.

If you would like to join our most important ministry, please call the Religious Education office 516-593-9075.



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Masses for this week

Monday, July 24th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Dennis Keane

Tuesday, July 25th *St. James*

7:15am Agnes & Fred Villacci

8:45am Michael Caraher

Wednesday, July 26th *Sts. Joachim and Anne*

7:15am Christopher Bayiokas

8:45am Anna L. Campbell

Thursday, July 27th

7:15am David Ohlsen, Sr.

8:45am Bob Murray

Friday, July 28th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Jane McElroy Gilhooly

Saturday, July 29th

St. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:45am Frances Rinaldi, Mario Rinaldi

5:00pm Patricia Workman

Sunday, July 30th

7:30am Jennie Gaeta

9:00am Kathleen Venis

10:30am Nocturnal Adoration

12:00pm Gregory J. Baumgarten, Sheila N. Pelan,

Donna Matzen, Hector Pagain

Mario Rinaldi, Zenaida Faustino

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

Friday

Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

Ex 24:3-8/Jn 11:19-27

Sunday

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Jodi Neckles, Mike L, Dawn,
Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,
John Lynch, Nick S, Connie Polik,
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,
Michael McPike, Christine I., Joseph Petraro
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,
Theresa DeCuzzi, Helen DelPezzo,
Linda D'Agostino, Benay Mugmon,
Michelle Cirillo, Bennett William Chevalier,
Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito,
Marie Gay Oddo, Baby Grayson
*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the
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Rest in Peace

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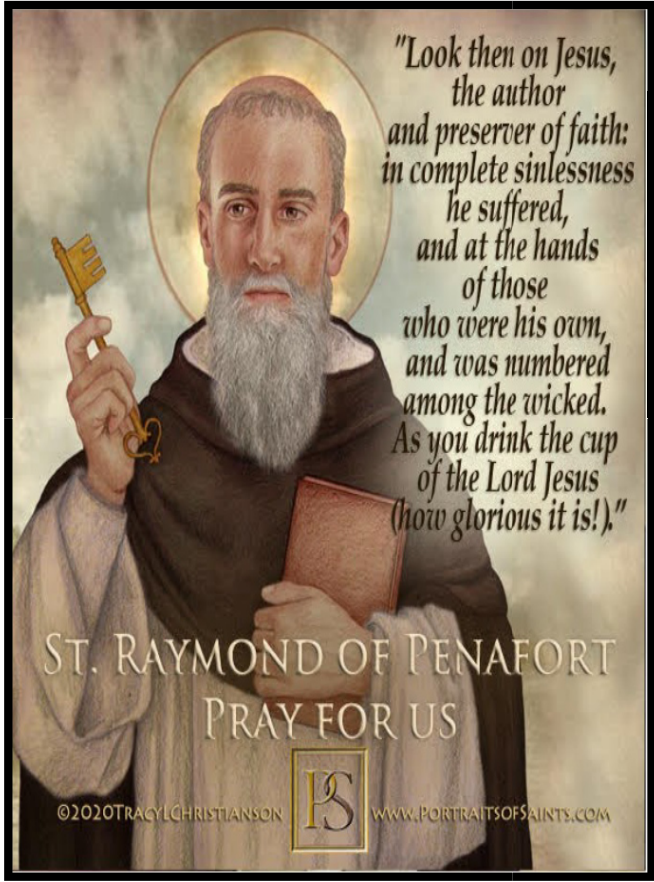
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and preserver of faith:
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he suffered,
and at the hands
of those
who were his own,
and was numbered
among the wicked.
As you drink the cup
of the Lord Jesus
(how glorious it is!)."*

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Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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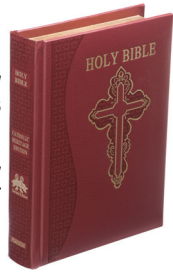
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