

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, August 6, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



“And he was
transfigured
before them;
his face shone
like the sun and
his cloths
became
white as light.”

-Matt 17:2

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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;
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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.

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

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessing be yours on the Feast of the Transfiguration! Today's feast falls on a Sunday and so the whole Church has the opportunity to celebrate this important moment in Jesus' life and that of his disciples. The basic message for us is that to encounter God, we too will have some mountains to climb. The first reading from the prophet, Daniel shows the protective love God has for people of faith. Daniel's dream has the Son of Man on a bright throne with power and glory that is unending. His kingdom will stand against any force this world tries to mount against it. **"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed."** Then in the second reading from 2 Peter we have the testimony of Peter, an eyewitness to the Transfiguration. He urges the faithful to follow the message of the gospel just as they would a guiding lamp in the dark. **"We ourselves heard this voice come down from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable."** And finally, the story of the Transfiguration as told through Matthew's gospel confirms the identity of Jesus as the Son of God. As Jesus is transfigured everything about him becomes brilliantly white. He is being seen from the perspective of his divinity. Moses is there as a symbol of the law and Elijah as a symbol of the prophets. Jesus symbolizes the fulness of divine revelation. Peter, James, and John are understandably afraid of the cloud and the voice, but Jesus reassures them as they make their way back down the mountain. **"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."**

When Jesus was on the mountain, God shone so brightly through him that he was transfigured, revealing God's light. Remember the first mountain experience for Jesus was when he underwent the three temptations from Satan. He rejected the search for things, power, and glory. All worldly things pass away, for God is the only one who is eternal. While people often live in fear of the world as we know it ending, Jesus invites us to see that only God and love are real and enduring. On the Transfiguration mountain, Jesus reveals more of who he is and what God is asking. Never more clearly has God spoken: **"Listen to him."** We are always tempted to stay in the here and now just as Peter wanted to on the mountain with Jesus. But just as Jesus said to Peter, we too have to go into suffering and death to arrive at resurrection life. And Jesus touches the apostles and tells them not to be afraid to move into the future, which will be shown in glory at his Resurrection.

The light that shone through Jesus can also shine through them if they follow him. The future for the apostles and all of us is one of hope. Do not worry, for I am with you, and you can handle what comes, is Jesus' assurance to the apostles and to us. The most important virtue a believer needs is hope. In a dark and fearful world, it is hope that keeps us going. When we act on this virtue, we let the light of God shine through us as we keep climbing our own mountains.

The crunch is on for the **"Backwards Money Drawing"** as we are three weeks from the big day when someone will win **\$10,000** for the last ticket drawn and an additional **\$10,000** will be awarded to various winning tickets as they are also drawn. **But! We still have over 150 tickets to sell by August 27th.** That's about \$15,000 we still need to bring in. **So, the plea is-HELP!** I am asking people at all the Masses this weekend to become a **"ticket agent"** and agree to get one ticket sold within the next two weeks. After each Mass all you have to do is stop by the table in either the altar server sacristy or vestibule by the front doors of the church. You give us your name and phone number and we will give you an envelope with a ticket to get sold within the next two weeks. Now, we've done this before and a lot of people have helped getting at least one ticket sold. We need that help once again. So please consider being a **"ticket agent"** at this time. I'm sure with enough help, we can reach our goal.

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,"** an invitation to the **Parish Picnic** this coming Wednesday, August 9th starting at 6pm on the **"Great Lawn"** behind the rectory, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, 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 and let the light of Jesus shine through you. Plus remember: After all is said and done, usually more is said than done.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 6, 2023-18TH 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

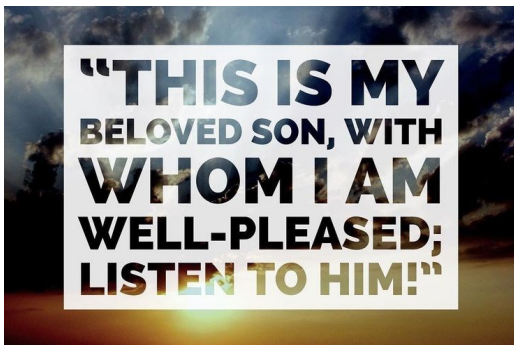
AUGUST 6, 2023-18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened. As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, The one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, justice and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

SECOND READING

2 Pt 1:16-19

Beloved:

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

ALLELUIA

Mt 17:5c

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

“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:** _____



St. Raymond's

Parish Picnic August 9th

6:00pm



At the Great Lawn behind the Church

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



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

**Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Soda and Water
available through the Knights of Columbus**

Complimentary Popcorn, Italian Ices

Music, Games and So Much More!

It's Time to Get Together Again

Hosted by Faith & Friendship





Summer Concert

Our Lady of Lourdes

Friday, August 11, 2023

7:30pm

Presented by:

Al Barbarino

*Remembering... Our Deceased
Family Members & Friends*

These past few years have been difficult for many of us, perhaps even with the LOSS of LOVED ONES! However, in our FAITH, we MUST REJOICE, in God's Great Promise...



*"The Gift of
Life Eternal"*

Our Lady of Lourdes 65 Wright Ave -Malverne



MEMORY CAFE

Friday, August 11, 2023

10:00am to 1:00pm

Featuring music with
John Walters

Food! Fun! Music!

Lynbrook Restorative will be serving brunch

Please RSVP: Denise Walsh 516-316-2977

Location: Lynbrook Restorative

243 Atlantic Avenue,
Lynbrook, NY 11563



"Taken up to Heaven,
Mary shows us the
way to God, the
way to Heaven, the
way to Life."

— Pope St. John Paul II

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THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Loving Memory of
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NYS Eucharistic Congress

October 20-22, 2023
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY



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

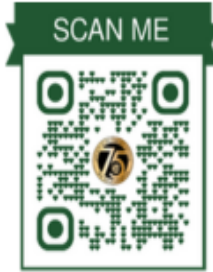
EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Great Speakers!
- Mass with Cardinal Dolan and NY Bishops
- Confessions
- Eucharistic Adoration and Procession

Worship with 10,000 other Catholics in the Shrine's Colosseum, the largest church in North America!



To register and find out more, visit nyseucharisticcongress.org.



SAVE THE DATE!
Sat. Sept 30, 2023
10AM
Cedar Creek Park,
Seaford



15TH ANNUAL SVDPLI
Friends of the Poor 5K Walk

TOGETHER
WE GO FAR
2023

Please register or donate today at <https://svdpli.org/walk/> or by using the QR code. When you select "St. Raymond Conference – East Rockaway" your donation will go directly toward helping neighbors in our community. For more information, please contact Anthony at (516) 220-2521.



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 call Ed at 887-9325 for information on ways you can participate.

STEWARDSHIP

Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

The Transfiguration of the Lord is the 4th Luminous Mystery of the Rosary (which is usually the Mysteries that are prayed on Thursdays). This week, try praying the Rosary. It is a wonderful devotion that will help you deepen your faith.



“THE CUP OF BLESSING THAT WE BLESS, IS IT NOT A PARTICIPATION IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST? THE BREAD THAT WE BREAK, IS IT NOT A PARTICIPATION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST? BECAUSE THE LOAF OF BREAD IS ONE, WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, FOR WE ALL PARTAKE OF THE ONE LOAF.”
1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17

Why do we speak of the "Body of Christ" in more than one sense?

First, the Body of Christ refers to the human body of Jesus Christ, who is the divine Word become man. During the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As human, Jesus Christ has a human body, a resurrected and glorified body that in the Eucharist is offered to us in the form of bread and wine.

Secondly, as St. Paul taught us in his letters, using the analogy of the human body, the Church is the Body of Christ, in which many members are united with Christ their head (1 Cor 10:16-17, 12:12-31; Rom 12:4-8). This reality is frequently referred to as the Mystical Body of Christ. All those united to Christ, the living and the dead, are joined together as one Body in Christ. This union is not one that can be seen by human eyes, for it is a mystical union brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Mystical Body of Christ and the eucharistic Body of Christ are inseparably linked. By Baptism we enter the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and by receiving the eucharistic Body of Christ we are strengthened and built up into the Mystical Body of Christ.

The central act of the Church is the celebration of the Eucharist; the individual believers are sustained as members of the Church, members of the Mystical Body of Christ, through their reception of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. Playing on the two meanings of "Body of Christ," St. Augustine tells those who are to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist: "Be what you see, and receive what you are" (Sermon 272). In another sermon he says, "If you receive worthily, you are what you have received" (Sermon 227).

The work of the Holy Spirit in the celebration of the Eucharist is twofold in a way that corresponds to the twofold meaning of "Body of Christ." On the one hand, it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the risen Christ and his act of sacrifice become present. In the eucharistic prayer, the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the gifts of bread and wine to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ (a prayer known as the epiclesis or "invocation upon"). On the other hand, at the same time the priest also asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the

whole assembly so that "those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit" (Catechism, no. 1353). It is through the Holy Spirit that the gift of the eucharistic Body of Christ comes to us and through the Holy Spirit that we are joined to Christ and each other as the Mystical Body of Christ. By this we can see that the celebration of the Eucharist does not just unite us to God as individuals who are isolated from one another. Rather, we are united to Christ together with all the other members of the Mystical Body. The celebration of the Eucharist should thus increase our love for one another and remind us of our responsibilities toward one another. Furthermore, as members of the Mystical Body, we have a duty to represent Christ and to bring Christ to the world. We have a responsibility to share the Good News of Christ not only by our words but also by how we live our lives.

We also have a responsibility to work against all the forces in our world that oppose the Gospel, including all forms of injustice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (no. 1397).

Conclusion

By his Real Presence in the Eucharist Christ fulfills his promise to be with us "always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, "It is the law of friendship that friends should live together - Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage, but he joins us to himself in this sacrament in the reality of his body and blood" (Summa Theologiae, III q. 75, a. 1). With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst, the Church is truly blessed. As Jesus told his disciples, referring to his presence among them, "Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it" (Mt 13:17). In the Eucharist the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine Christ gives us the gift of eternal life

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



“IF WE HAD ONE FAVOR TO ASK OF OUR LORD, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT ... TO ASK GOD FOR HIS OWN SON, ... TO HAVE HIS SON DIE FOR US, TO GIVE US HIS BODY TO EAT, HIS BLOOD TO DRINK. BUT WHAT MAN COULDN'T SAY OR CONCEIVE, WHAT HE NEVER WOULD HAVE DARED DESIRE, GOD IN HIS LOVE HAS SAID, CONCEIVED AND ACTED ON.”

St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney's Pastoral Plan for Eucharistic Revival By Father Roger Landry,

Excerpts from National Catholic Register Blog, August 4, 2022

As Catholics in the United States enter more deeply into the three-year Eucharistic Revival inaugurated by the bishops last month on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, there are many lessons and much hope to be gained by successful Eucharistic renewals that have taken place in Church history. One of the most important was led by the patron saint of parish priests, St. John Vianney (Feast August 4th), in his parish of Ars, France, in the 19th century. His pastoral strategy to get his people to return to their Eucharistic Lord is a model of practical wisdom that can guide the Church today. It involved four essential steps.

The first was to help his people recover a sense of importance of sanctifying the Lord's Day. From the earliest days of the Church, Sunday has been treated as a "little Easter," and if people don't recognize the importance of celebrating Easter or prioritize other activities over it, they do not really grasp the basics of the Christian faith.

The second step was to teach them what the Mass really is. "Attending Mass is the greatest action we can do," he repeated, until they grasped the profound truth of those words. "All the good works taken together do not equal the sacrifice of the Mass, because they are the works of men and the Holy Mass is the work of God."

Once he had restored a sense of holy awe at what happens in the Mass, he was able to pass to a third stage: to help them grow in practical appreciation of the Lord's real presence in the Eucharist. "He is there!" By his own reverence in the celebration of the Mass and his own example of prayer before the tabernacle, he helped them to see that Jesus in the Eucharist "awaits us night and day," "waiting for us to go to him to say our needs and to receive him," accommodating "himself to our weakness: if he appeared in glory before us, we would never have dared approach." He urged them to make more time for prayerful adoration of the Lord's wondrous self-gift, visiting him like we would a beloved friend.

The last step was to help them make frequent holy Communion. His 31 years of famous 12-to-18-hour days spent hearing confessions was all to help his parishioners to be able to receive Jesus with clean souls. He tried to help his people prepare inwardly to receive Jesus worthily not just every Sunday, but as frequently as possible, even every day.

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Bishop († 1903)

Feast: August 1

“You must also be aware, that in a quarter of an hour's prayer spent in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, you will perhaps gain more than in all the other spiritual exercises of the day.”

Alphonsus was born in 1696 in Naples, Italy, the oldest of seven children. He was soon known as a child prodigy—earning a doctorate in law by the age of 16. At 21 he had his own legal practice and soon became a leading lawyer in Naples. While visiting people suffering from terminal illnesses, he felt a distinct call to give himself to God.

In 1726, he was ordained a priest and he quickly became known for his preaching. Fr. Liguori became a sought-after theologian and writer and founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in 1750. He was appointed bishop of an area near Naples, and he worked tirelessly to educate the laity and reform seminaries.

St. Alphonsus Liguori died in 1787, was canonized in 1839, and in 1871 he was named a doctor of the church by Pope Pius IX.

St. Alphonsus Prayer of Spiritual Communion

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”



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*"Each one should use whatever gift he has
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1 Peter 4:10

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: Cold Cereal (No Bran), Snacks, Rice Side Dishes, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Plain Pasta, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Canned Corn, Canned Carrots, Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, and Shampoo.

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.



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HUMAN LIFE
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"A popular myth from the abortion industry is that abortion is medically necessary and women are hurt by abortion bans. But former abortionist and practicing OB/GYN, Dr. Anthony Levantino says, 'You never need a late-term abortion to save a woman's life. I was faculty at the hospital for nine years and saw hundreds of cases of really severe pregnancy complications - cancers, heart disease, intractable diabetes out of control, toxemia of pregnancy out of control. And I saved in those nine years hundreds of women from life-threatening pregnancies - by delivery, either induction of labor or cesarean section - delivering the baby. And I always tell people in all those years, the number of babies that I had to - that I was obligated to deliberately kill in the process - was zero. None!' "Approximately 12,000 - 13,000 late-term abortions (20 + weeks gestation) take place in the U.S. each year. Research shows that the late-term abortions are performed for the same reason as early abortions - nearly all are for elective reasons. None are necessary to save a woman's life." (Human Life Alliance)

Each Thursday, during Adoration, between 3:00 - 3:30 pm, we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the intention of an end to abortion and the return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children - born and preborn babies. We invite all to join with us.

The power of prayer is great!





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.



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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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and Living Rosary at
St. Raymond's Church to celebrate
the Feast of the Assumption
Monday, August 14, 2023
7:00pm
Mass will follow at 7:30pm

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 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.

Our office will re-open on Monday, August 28th, 2023 – 10am-4pm.

The following are the 2023/2024 Religious Education school year start dates:

- Grades 2 Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
 - Grades 3-6 week of October 2nd, 2023 3:30pm-4:30pm
 - Grades 7 & 8 Monday/Tuesday October 2nd & October 3rd, 2023 7pm-8pm
- Grade 1 is at at-home program

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. The Registration fee is now \$225.00.



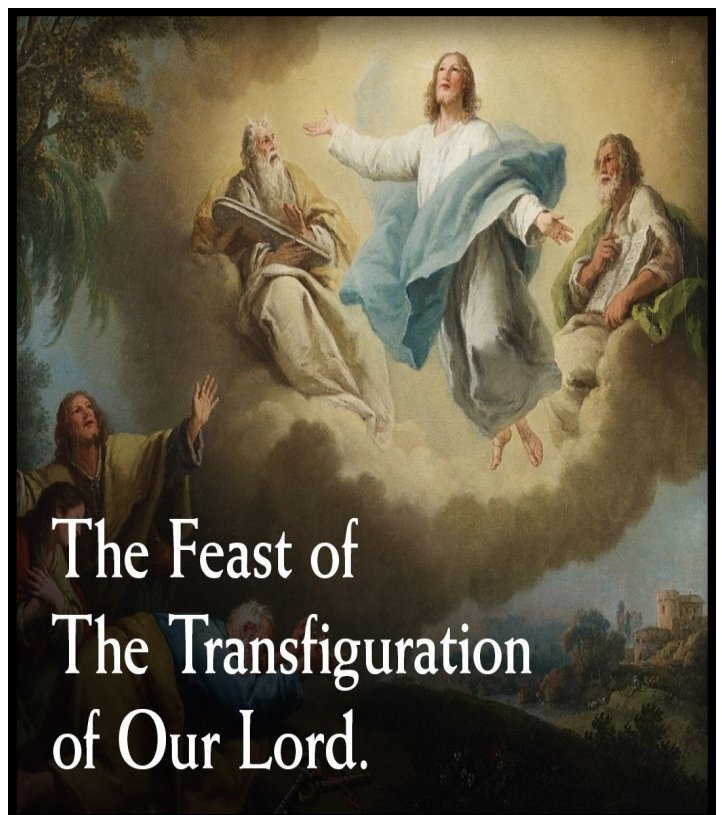
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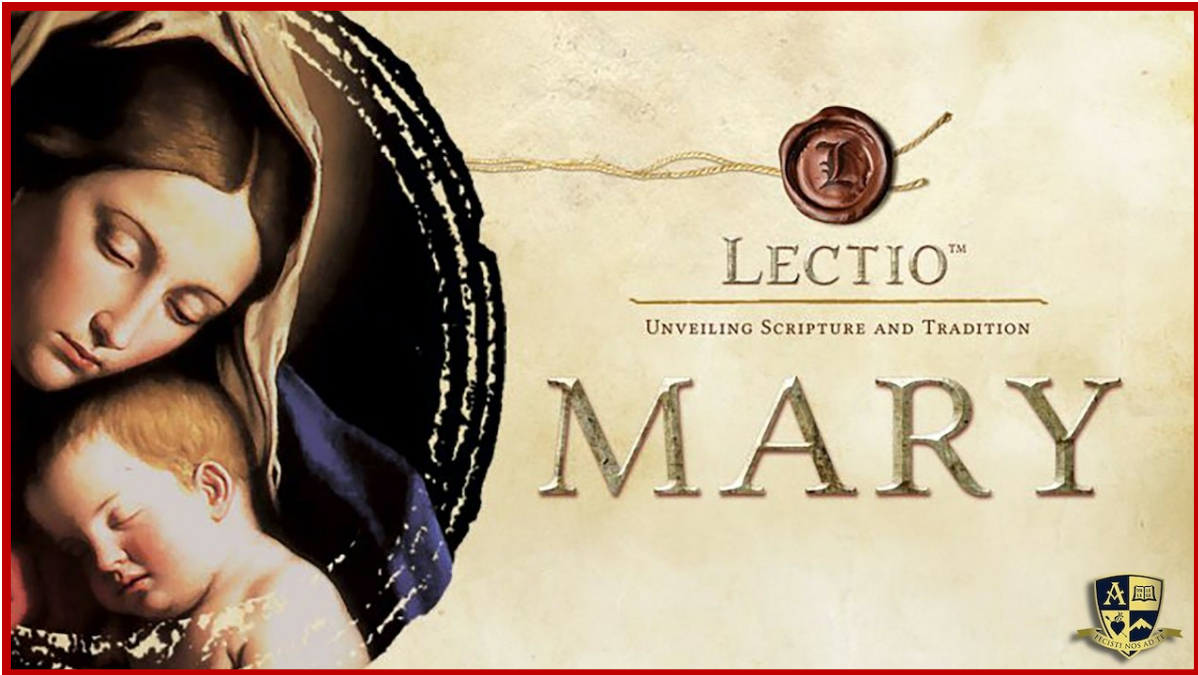
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Masses for this week

Monday, August 7th

7:15am Rose Thier

8:45am Anne Sheehy

Tuesday, August 8th *Saint Dominic*

7:15am Josef Turski

8:45am Walter Convery

Wednesday, August 9th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Elizabeth McCormack

Thursday, August 10th *Saint Lawrence*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Robert Rivera

Friday, August 11th *Saint Clare*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Edward W. Goodhue

Saturday, August 12th

8:45am Frank Rosalie, Sr.

5:00pm Anne & Thomas Sheehy

Sunday, August 13th

7:30am Vincent Carella

9:00am Mario Rinaldi

10:30am Jennie & Anthony Cascia

12:00pm Harriet Goldenberg, Bernard McGrory,
Louie & Louise Cennamo, Yvonne Jones,
Mary & Richard Dorney, Charlie Horn,
Leo Sammartano

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a/Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

Friday

Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

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, Michelle Cirillo,
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri
Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito,
Marie Gay Oddo, Baby Grayson
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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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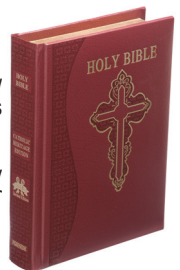
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