

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, September 3, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

-Matthew 16:25



September 3, 2023

Twenty-second 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

LABOR DAY

The Rectory office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday September 5th as usual. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday!



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



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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 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time! As we enter the month of September and summer slips away, our readings tell us of "good news," yet the cost means taking up one's cross and following Jesus. In the first reading from Jeremiah, we see the prophet complaining about all the humiliation he has endured. He constantly warns the people, and they constantly ignore what he has to say. He decides to be silent, but God's word could not be held in, so he kept at it with the people. Only in this difficult position could he effectively serve God's saving purpose. Jeremiah describes God's word in this statement: "**But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones, I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.**" Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul encourages the faithful to consider any challenges they face as sacrifices to the Lord. And finally, Matthew's gospel contains three passion predictions. First, Jesus predicts his suffering, death, and resurrection. Second, the disciples, with Peter as spokesman, express a failure to understand what Jesus is saying. And third, Jesus offers them a corrective teaching that stresses the meaning of discipleship. "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.**"

All three readings today emphasize that authentic fidelity to one's call from God will inevitably entail struggle and sacrifice. True discipleship, while having peace of soul and sometimes consolation, may also mean facing oppression, rejection, persecution, betrayal, ridicule, humiliation, and in some cases, even death. Why? God's ways are in direct opposition to the world's ways of thinking and acting. Christian discipleship imitates and follows Jesus regardless of circumstances and does not change direction when the inevitable cross appears. Now this may seem all too grim but believe that God in his goodness wishes to give us only what is best for us. Struggle and sacrifice, when united with Jesus, carry eternal rewards. Parents sacrifice so much for their children and activists struggle peacefully for causes greater than their own well-being. Christian discipleship is similar but with much higher stakes. The cross offers divine transformation by means of Jesus' Resurrection. For most of us it is the little daily deaths that can be challenging.



Remember that God's message ultimately cannot be contained. And our worship of God cannot be for just an hour a week in church. If we die with Jesus, we also live with him. Most of us will not be called to martyrdom, but we are all called to "**lose our lives**" by seeking the good of others rather than our own.

Last Sunday we conducted our **2023 Backwards Money Drawing** at which \$20,000 was awarded in multiple prize winnings. The event was held in the cafeteria where the Sodality of Our Lady provided a wonderful breakfast for all who came by to check in on their tickets. Excitement mounted as the last 10 tickets were called which were all winners. When we reached the final two numbers, we called those who had tickets #291 and #463 to see if they wanted to split evenly the last two prizes (**\$2500 and \$10,000**). They both said yes and so each ticket was awarded "**\$6250.00**." Congratulations to all the winners and to St. Raymond Parish which profited **\$33,000+** from the event. Check the bulletin article for the complete list of all the winning numbers.

As you know Sister Ruthanne and Sister Lorraine have moved to the Scranton area in Pennsylvania to begin work in a new ministry with the IHM Sisters. It is a bittersweet time for the sisters and St. Raymond Parish as they had been such a vital part of St. Raymond Parish through St. Raymond School for so many years. While we wish both Sister Ruthanne and Sister Lorraine all the best and Godspeed, we can't let them leave without a fitting tribute and send-off. So, mark the date, Sunday, September 24th. The Sisters will be honored at the 12noon Mass that day with a parish reception following in the school cafeteria. All are most welcome to come and express your personal appreciation and best wishes to the Sisters.

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 for **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), 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.

Have a great first week of September. **Enjoy the Labor Day holiday and remember: In trying times don't quit trying.** God bless always.
-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023-22ND 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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023-22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

ALLELUIA

cf. Eph 1:17-18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Backwards Money Drawing

Winning Tickets



2023 BACKWARD DRAWING WINNERS:

Ticket Pull #1- Winning Ticket #423	\$500.00
Ticket Pull #50- Winning Ticket #359	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #100- Winning Ticket #155	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #150- Winning Ticket #264	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #200- Winning Ticket #445	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #250- Winning Ticket #45	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #300- Winning Ticket #345	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #350- Winning Ticket #3	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #400- Winning Ticket #247	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #450- Winning Ticket #278	\$200.00
Ticket Pull #491- Winning Ticket #145	\$300.00
Ticket Pull #492- Winning Ticket #500	\$400.00
Ticket Pull #493- Winning Ticket #453	\$500.00
Ticket Pull #494- Winning Ticket #122	\$600.00
Ticket Pull #495- Winning Ticket #390	\$700.00
Ticket Pull #496- Winning Ticket #383	\$800.00
Ticket Pull #497- Winning Ticket #139	\$900.00
Ticket Pull #498- Winning Ticket #199	\$1000.00

The two remaining ticket holders, #291 and #463 were called and asked if they wanted to share the last two prize amounts which together totaled \$12,500.00. **THEY BOTH SAID YES!**
Each ticket winner received \$6250.00!

On Sunday, August 27th, we celebrated our parish's "2023 Backwards Money Drawing." It was a great day of winning as 20 winning tickets were pulled in the Backwards Money Drawing. These winners shared the combined prize total amount of \$20,000. There was a festive atmosphere with the Sodality of Our Lady hosting a breakfast for all who came by to see how the drawing developed. And the big winner was St. Raymond Parish which netted \$33,000+ from the entire event Special thanks to all who purchased a Backwards Money Drawing ticket, bought raffle tickets for the number #500 ticket, acted as ticket agents, came to the drawing, and especially volunteered time and talent to put the whole event together. So, start saving for next year's drawing. You too may be on the list of winning tickets. Hey, you never know.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

The Religious Education office will be closed Labor Day – Monday, September 4th 2023

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 an 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.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

The following is important information regarding your child's upcoming Confirmation scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, 2023. Please make note of these dates.

YOUR CHILD'S GROUP IS BASED ON THE TEACHER HE/SHE HAD FOR 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS:

Group 1 – 11:00am Ceremony

8-1 Mrs. Patricia Canepa/Mrs. Gina Manos
8-2 Mr. Damien Becker
8-5 Mrs. Denise Rivenburgh
8-6 Mrs. Mary Murphy

Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony

8-3 Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero
8-4 Mrs. Diana Gannascoli
8-7 Mrs. Julianne Grennen
Kellenberg Holy Family

NINTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, ST. RAYMOND SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2023 AUDITORIUM 7:30PM

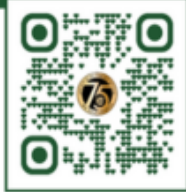
Ninth Grade students along with a parent are asked to attend one of the following Masses:

Saturday, September 9th, 2023 5pm OR Sunday, September 10th, 2023 12Noon

Students are to bring to the Mass of their choice the completed commitment card that will be given to parents at the Ninth Grade parent meeting – Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.



SCAN ME



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



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Friends of the Poor 5K Walk



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WE GO FAR
2023

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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.

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FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.



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a way of life

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith into action. One way we can do that is by helping our brothers and sisters in need by donating to a parish food pantry or donating old clothes to families in need. We can also make a gift to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal



"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
-Mother Teresa

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- Confessions
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THE TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST STATION FOUR

STATION FOUR

THE OLD TEMPLE:

GOD DWELLING AMONG MEN

“THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE HOUSE OF GOD. THEN SOLOMON SAID, ‘THE LORD HAS SAID THAT HE WOULD DWELL IN THICK DARKNESS. I HAVE BUILT THEE AN EXALTED HOUSE, A PLACE FOR THEE TO DWELL IN FOR EVER’ ... ‘BUT WILL GOD DWELL INDEED WITH MAN ON THE EARTH?’”

2 CHRONICLES 5:14; 6:1-2,18

After spending forty years in the desert, the Israelites finally conquered the Promised Land of Canaan. They soon build their kingdom and begin to grow. During this time, they also had the Ark of the Covenant. King David wanted to build a great temple for the Ark as a place for God to dwell with his people. It would be his son, Solomon, who would fulfill this dream. In 2 Chronicles we read:

“Thus, all the work that Solomon did for the house of the Lord was finished...So the priest brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim...” (2 Chron. 5:1a, 7).

The Lord, pleased by these efforts, manifested His Presence among them:

“The house of the Lord was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. Then Solomon...said...But will God indeed dwell with

Man on the earth?” (2 Chron. 5:13b-14, 6:18).
What is the connection with Jesus?

Jesus is the new and eternal temple:

“The Jews then said to Him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking about the temple of his body.” (Jn. 2:18-21).

Jesus identifies the temple of Jerusalem with his own body, and by so doing refers to one of the most profound truths about himself--the Incarnation. After the Ascension of the Lord into heaven this real and very special presence of God among men is continued in the sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist.

Mary is also called the Ark of the New Covenant. This reference is taken from Revelation 12:2 where Saint John sees a “woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...” In the preceding verse (Rev. 11:19) Saint John says, “Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple...”

Each week, we will present another of the twelve stations for your meditation for the week.

Week 4 Thought: By building the great Temple, the Israelites showed great respect to the Ark of the Covenant. When I am in Mass or Eucharistic Adoration, does my respect indicate that I am in the presence of Our Lord?



St. Raymond Church

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition

Each day the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00 PM
Each Thursday - Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

Reflection

We all need a revival. The root word itself—revive—means “to live again.” After the past four years, don’t you feel like you need to live again? The Eucharist is the privileged place where we go to be revived, the source and summit of life itself. Jesus Christ—who called people back to life (both physically and spiritually)—desires our revival and is making it happen. True revival is always the work of God. We can’t fake or manufacture it. But we can choose how we respond. Jesus is doing something new. Do you desire it?

We don’t get to choose revival—we can only be open to it. Revival isn’t our work; it’s the work of the Holy Spirit, and it is happening constantly. Let that sink in. We stand on the brink of a significant moment for the Catholic Church in the United States. The Eucharistic Revival is a uniting movement, gathering up sparks and fanning them into flame throughout our country. You are a part of that moment.

But revival is not just for this moment. It’s for every moment. Revival has been happening since Pentecost when the disciples waited for the next step. It is true, revival is a corporate work—but it begins personally. If you are reading this, it most likely means you desire revival for more than just you. You desire it for everyone. That’s how this becomes a movement and a wildfire that transforms our world.

When we embody that renewal as it has taken place in us, and bring it to other people, we become missionaries. We want to use this Year of Parish Revival to pray for the courage to invite others to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist so they can experience new life as well.

Just as the Holy Spirit brought revival at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is here now. Spend 10–15 minutes in silence today, asking the Holy Spirit to bring revival to you. It may be as simple as repeating, “Come, Holy Spirit.” Be open to how the Spirit may show up during this time.

**LORD JESUS CHRIST, I BELIEVE THAT
REVIVAL BEGINS IN ME.**

**I GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO REVEAL THE PLACE
IN MY HEART AND IN MY LIFE WHERE I AM DEAD
SO THAT I CAN OFFER THEM TO YOU FOR
HEALING. GIVE ME A HEART THAT DESIRES
REVIVAL FOR OTHERS AND THE COURAGE
TO SHARE WHO YOU ARE.**

**Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion
Blessed Frédéric Ozanam
Layman († 1853)**

Feast: September 9

**“The best way to economize time, is to ‘lose’
half-an-hour each day, attending Holy Mass.”**

Frédéric, born in 1813 in France, was the fifth of Jean and Marie Ozanam’s 14 children, one of only three to reach adulthood. As a teenager he began having doubts about his religion but the influence of his teacher, Father Noirot, at Lyons College, reignited his faith. Frédéric began to attend daily Mass whenever possible and receive Holy Communion frequently, even though that was very unusual during that time. Each day he would make a short visit to the Blessed Sacrament in one of the churches in Paris.

In college, Frédéric began to write religious articles for the school paper and helped to organize a student discussion group that frequently looked at the social teachings of the Gospel. At one meeting, Frédéric and his friends tried to prove that from historical evidence alone that the Catholic Church was the one founded by Christ. Their debate opponents declared that, though at one time the Church was a source of good, it no longer was. One opponent issued the challenge, “What is your church doing now? What is She doing for the poor of Paris? Show us your works and we will believe you!” Taking up the challenge, Frédéric and a group of other young men later founded the charitable Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in May 1833 for the sanctification of its members by personal service of the poor. The Society took St. Vincent de Paul as its patron under the influence of Blessed Sister Rosalie Rendu, a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, known for her work with people in the slums of Paris. She guided Frédéric and his companions in their approach towards those in need.

Frédéric discovered that, to live the Eucharist, one must give the same gift of love that Jesus did on the cross by practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Every time a poor person is helped, the gift of love that Jesus gave in the Eucharist is given ... a practice called Eucharistic solidarity. That’s what the St. Vincent de Paul Society mission continues to be ... to serve those in need by living the Eucharist. “It is our vocation to set people’s hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love.”



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**During the month of July, our Parish Social Ministry
assisted 71 households with food, personal care
and household items. We also welcomed 3 new
clients into the Outreach Program**

and helped them with food and other services they
needed. 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: Pancake Mix,
Pancake Syrup, Non-cream Soup, Canned Beets,
Canned Corn, Canned Meat, Peanut Butter, Grape
Jelly, Jello, Snacks, Cold Cereal – No Bran, Tea,
Dish Detergent and Laundry Detergent.**

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
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Abortion Pill Reversal

As has been previously stated in the parish bulletin,
almost half the abortions today are chemical
abortions. It is a two pill regimen. The first pill is RU-
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misoprostol. Many girls/women who have taken the
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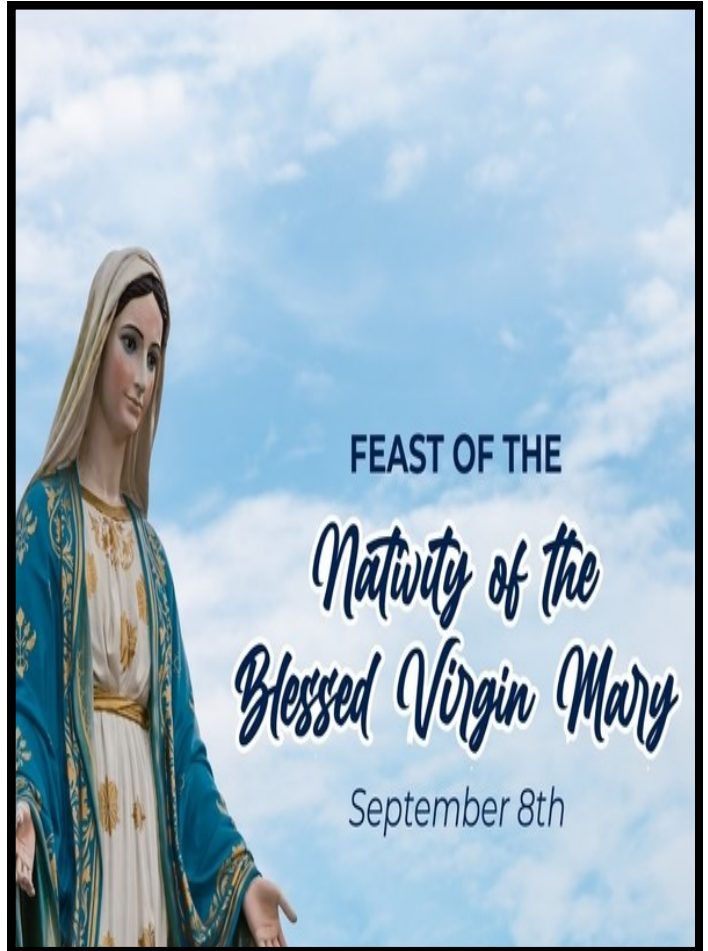
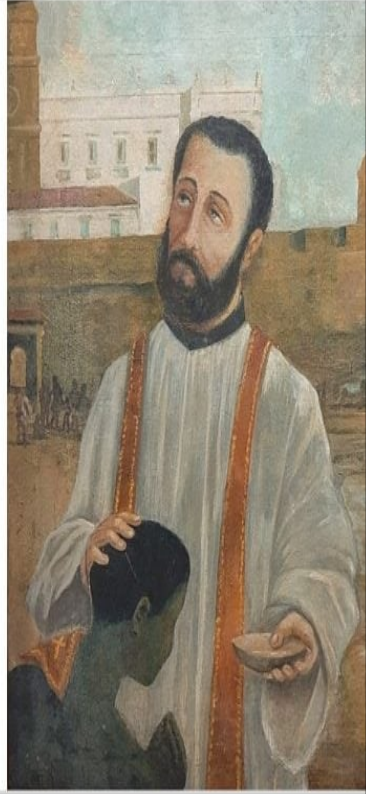
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*"Let the little children come to Me; do
not prevent them, for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these".
(Mark 10:14)*



Saint Peter Claver, Pray For Us!

O God, who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience as he came to their help, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ, we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (The Roman Missal)



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

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Pray the Rosary every day."

The Message of Fatima

The message of Fatima consists of a number of precise predictions, requests, warnings and promises concerning the faith and the world, which were conveyed by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in a series of apparitions at Fatima, Portugal from May through October 1917.

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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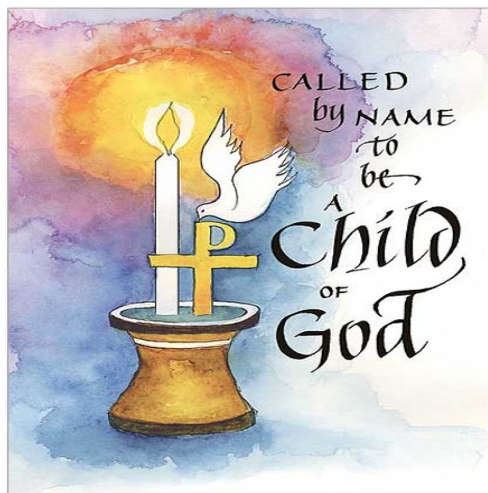
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*God Bless Our
Newly Baptized*

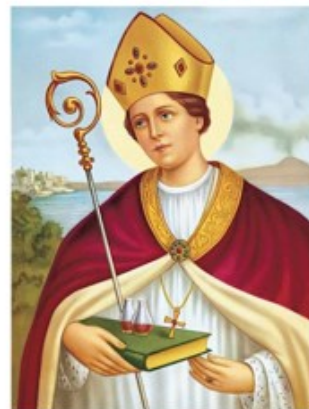
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This Labor Day, the economic facts are stark, and the human costs are real, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or under-employed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

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Masses for this week

Monday, September 4th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Jason David Frank

Tuesday, September 5th

7:15am William B. Renz

8:45am Stephen Genova

Wednesday, September 6th

7:15am Louis Miranda

8:45am Charles Horn

Thursday, September 7th

7:15am George Moseman

8:45am Mario Rinaldi

Friday, September 8th

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15am Agnes & Fred Villacci

8:45am Stanley Ligarzewski

Saturday, September 9th *St. Peter Claver*

8:45am Endzo Rodriquez

5:00pm Gina Furno

Sunday, September 10th

7:30am David Ohlsen, Sr.

9:00am Paul Hickey

10:30am James & Fran Forster

12:00pm Paul Morroni, Charles Horn,
Linda Moran, Mary Ellen Nerod -living,
John Wright, Mark Dejak

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Jodi Neckles, Mike L,
Dawn, Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,
Baby Cooper Graham, Kevin O'Sullivan
Michael McPike, Christine I., John Lynch
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri
Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito, Linda D'Agostino
Mary Lou Hart, Marie Gay Oddo, Baby Grayson,
Barbara, Nick S., Joseph Petrarro, Nicole Brack
*(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the
rectory is notified otherwise.)*



Rest in Peace

Edgar Martinez

Mark Charles

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Michelangelo Sapienza

Maryanne Driscoll

Richard Steven Merli



The Bread & Wine

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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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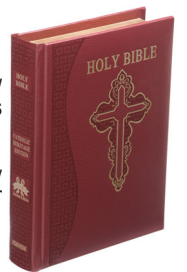


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