## Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,

12 Noon and 4:30 PM

**Daily** 7:15, 8:45 AM **Saturday** 8:45 AM

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

## A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Iove and Friendship

Sunday, September 28, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich,
he became poor, so that by his poverty
you might become rich."
-2 Corinthians 8:9



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

### 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.

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

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Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

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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.

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Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

#### **Prayer Groups**

**Men's Prayer Group**: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

#### **Music Ministries**

**Choir (Adult):** Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

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## Please Pray for Our Sick

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Jodi Neckles
Diane Minucci
Billy (Tri-Cycle)
Jim Marasco
Christine I.
Jeanne Swanson
Nick S.
Gerry Peknic

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Nick S. Eileen I

Rosemarie Lombardo

Loretta Broughal

Herb McIntyre
Anthony Campanile
Baby Cooper Graham
Maureen Condiss
Timothy Murphy
Elizabeth Lacchini
Maureen McCarthy
Maureen Ohlsen
Lauren Greco
Eileen Roberts
Dianna Viglietta
Cara
Betty McHale

Julianne Grennen

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise)



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



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Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY -Cavalry Unit
Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



## Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The theme of this Sunday's readings calls us to be the hands of Jesus' mercy in the world, so that we might live with him for eternity in heaven. In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos, the people of Israel are warned against being complacent in their luxury for in an instant it can all be taken away from them. "Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revely shall be done away with." Then in the second reading from 1 Timothy, the newly converted are encouraged to keep strong in their faith. Keep Jesus' commandments and only pay homage to him as the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords. "To him be honor and eternal power, amen" And finally Luke's gospel tells the parable of the rich man and the poor beggar, Lazarus. It is a story to show how stubborn we can be when trapped in our worldly pleasures so much that we do not see the needs of others. We are so fixed and immovable that the words of Abraham from heaven to the rich man in hell may apply. "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'

That last line of today's gospel is a real zinger from Jesus. It is not really for the rich man, who wants his five brothers to be warned about changing their ways, so they won't also suffer eternal damnation. This abrupt ending to the gospel is for us. Jesus inserts himself into the story in hopes that his listeners that day and most importantly us today, will ask ourselves a most important question. Are we **persuaded?** After all we are the ones who say Jesus rose from the dead, and we believe it in some way or So, the answer seems to be: "Yes, of course, we are persuaded.!" But I am not so sure. If we just mean that Jesus rose from the dead, defeated death and sin for us and the world, it's probably true that we are persuaded. But I think we are supposed to be persuaded to believe more than that. Believing should also mean we accept and embrace all the things Jesus said and stood for. Have we been persuaded to be forgiving people? The kind of people who recognize the need to also be forgiven. Have we been persuaded to be generous people? The kind of people who recognize God's blessings and wants to share with those in need. Are we persuaded to be people of peace?

Are we slow to anger, not seeking retribution and loving our enemies. Put simply, have we been persuaded to be people of love? The kind of people who *ONLY* love as God loves.

So, I ask the question again. Have we truly been persuaded? Or have we fallen into the trap of the rich man, overly focused and preoccupied with wanting to take care of ourselves above all others, trying to get a bit more, get ahead, a bigger slice of the pie? If so, we follow a path where we are all we think about. "Neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." It's a different question than just saying "I believe." Ask it over and over again. "Have I truly been persuaded?"

As the summer turns to fall, many of the parish organizations and societies are back in action with a new year of activities. The **Sodality of Our La**dy resumed meeting with new leadership and have planned a full year of spiritual, social and charitable activities. The Knights of Columbus, this week installed their new slate of officers and is ready to have another great year of service to St. Raymond Parish. Our Religious Education Program will be underway this week as our children begin learning more about their faith and our CYO is also starting up with its basketball program for our youth. All in all, we're underway. So, pray and participate in St. Raymond's mission of faith, love and friendship through these and other activities.

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), the Come and See Centerfold, the Communal Prayer Before Mass (found 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 end to September and an enthusiastic start to October. *Smile, share and remember: Those who limp are still walking.* God bless always.

-Father Chuck



## WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025—26TH 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; vou 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 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 28, 2025—26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp, like David, they devise their own accompaniment. They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph! Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

### SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who gave testimony under Pontius Pilate for the noble confession, to keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ that the blessed and only ruler will make manifest at the proper time, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, and whom no human being has seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal power. Amen.

## ALLELUIA Cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he
became poor, so that by his poverty you
might become rich.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from dead.'"

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION Lucy Ostermann, Director



Religious Education classes begin the week of 9/29/2025 and end the week of 4/20/2026.

Please register your child(ren) as soon as possible. Classes are already filled to capacity.

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE TAKEN AFTER 9/22/2025 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

WE WILL ACCEPT REGISTRATIONS THE WEEK OF 10/5/2025.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. Please note that the Registration fee is \$250 for the first child in the

family – each additional child is \$100.

#### ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

9th grade Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th, 2025 in St. Raymond Church. The Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students. There will be two ceremonies that day - one at 11am and one at 2:30pm.

This information was e-mailed to parents in May.

The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

#### GROUP 1-11AM CEREMONY

Mrs. Maria Lopez, Mrs. Danielle Peknic, Mrs. Petra Schoen

#### GROUP 2 - 2:30PM CEREMONY

Mrs. Nancy Mott, Ms. Denise Rivenburgh, Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero, Kellenberg, St. Mary, Chaminade, Home The 9<sup>th</sup> grade Sponsor/Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday 9/27/2025 5pm. Sponsors and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students are to attend this Mass. If the sponsor is not available, we ask that a parent stand in.

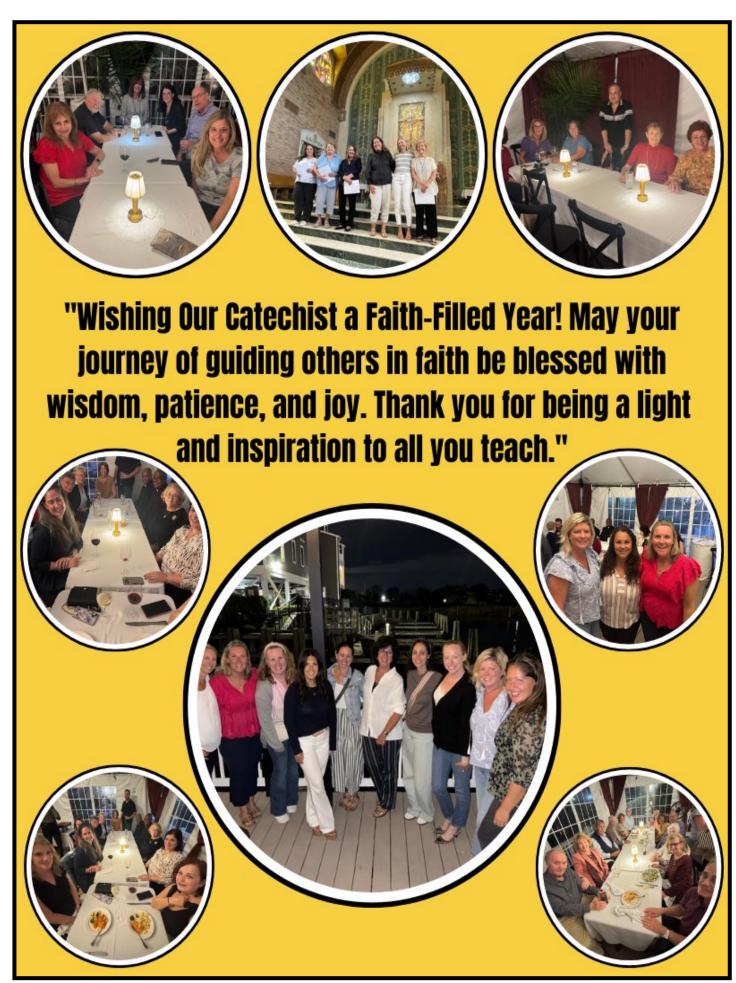
Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Sunday 9/28/2025 in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Confirmation students in Group 1 will attend 10am-12:30pm and students in Group 2 will attend 1:30pm-4pm. Confirmation Retreat is a Diocesan mandatory requirement for all Confirmation students throughout the Diocese.

Confirmation Rehearsal and Gown Distribution - Child and Sponsor are to attend their designated rehearsal. If the Sponsor is not able to attend the rehearsal, then we ask that a parent attend in his/her place.

Group 1 Rehearsal – Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 7:30pm St. Raymond Church Group 2 Rehearsal – Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

#### ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

There will be a 1st grade parent meeting on Tuesday 9/30/2025 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium.



## Ministry of Consolation



Offer the precious gift of your time, presence and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Work one week a month with a team to assist families in preparing and celebrating the Funeral Mass for recently deceased loved ones.

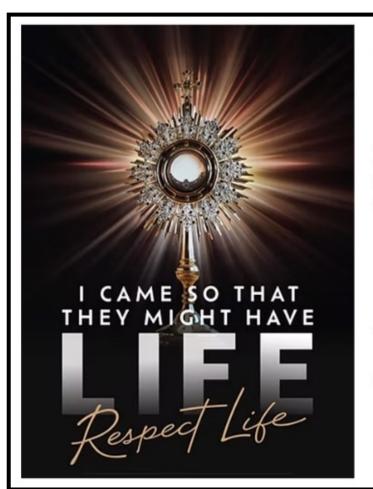
If Interested Call Doreen Dolan 516-593-5000

## St. Joseph, Defender of Life Prayer

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!



## A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—
and have it in abundance. Together with the
Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our
mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all
eternity. As your most precious gift of human
life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your
Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the
darkness of the culture of death, for you are
the light that shines in the darkness, and the
darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of
your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend
the life of every human person at every stage.
Transform our hearts to protect and cherish
all whose lives are most vulnerable.
For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



The Parish Social Ministry needs volunteer drivers to assist our parishioners who have no one to take them to their medical appointments in the area.

Please contact the Parish Social Ministry, Monday thru
Wednesday, from 10am to 3pm, at 516-887-9197 if you have
some free time to volunteer to help us and your fellow
parishioners. Thank you and God Bless You!

## Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima



"I am the Lady of the Rosary... Pray the Rosary every day."

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & THE ROSARY

Please Join Us in Praying For: The United States of America & World Peace

108th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: St. Raymond Church 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518

## 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.

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House
"The Heart of the Parish"
12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197



FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."

Matthew 5:42

On September 14, the Parish Social Ministry sponsored the semi-annual Parish Blood Drive. Thank you to all the Blood Drive Committee volunteers who worked hard organizing the drive and assisted on the day of the Blood Drive and a special thank you to all those who donated blood on that day. Your generosity added 63 pints of life saving blood for those in need. We hope to see you at the Spring 2026 Blood Drive.

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

PANTRY ITEMS STILL NEEDED

PASTA AND RICE SIDE DISHES, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED TOMATOES, WHITE RICE, PINTO, WHITE, BLACK AND BAKED BEANS, CANNED CARROTS, CORN, BEETS AND PEAS, CANNED FRUIT, GRAPE JELLY, RAMEN NOODLES, TUNA, COFFEE, KETCHUP, MAYONNAISE, COFFEE AND COOKING OIL.

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch and in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Thank you all for always helping us serve the people in need in our community. You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!



Who is Lazarus in your life?
Be at service to those in need.



In Loving Memory of

## Peter Tauckus

You Are Always In Our Hearts
Love Pat and Family

For Dedications call Mary Healy 887-4062



First Saturday
Novena
Our Lady of
Fatima
Rosary

## October 4, 2025 8:10am

St. Raymond Church
Near the Blessed Mother Statue
Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary



Nocturnal adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, October 3rd from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!

## 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME WEEKLY GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER CREIGHTON ONLINE MINISTRIES



## Come & See

Until you do, you will never know

#### **Summary of the Readings for the Week**



For the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the first reading is from the prophet Amos who warns us about the dangers of complacency, especially in the form of indifference to the suffering of others. This passage calls us to examine how we respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable. The Gospel passage from Luke is the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, which highlights the stark consequences of ignoring the cries of the poor.

We have several wonderful feasts and memorials this week. Monday is the Memorial of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Archangels). Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The first readings for this week are taken from the Old Testament books: Amos, Daniel, Zechariah, Nehemiah, Exodus, and Baruch. The readings collectively address themes of judgment, restoration, humility, divine protection, and the importance of righteousness. They emphasize God's sovereignty and faithfulness, urging believers to live in accordance with His justice and mercy.

In Amos 6:1a and 4-7, the prophet delivers a stern rebuke to the complacent and self-indulgent people of Israel. The people live in luxury, indulging in their wealth and comfort while ignoring the suffering of the poor and needy. The passage from Daniel points to the coming of Christ, who will reign forever, and is a powerful affirmation of divine justice and the promise of eternal reign.

In Zechariah 8:1-8, God promises to restore Jerusalem and His people, bringing peace and prosperity after a time of desolation. He reassures the Israelites that they will return from exile and live in safety, a reminder of God's faithfulness. The passage from the book of Exodus emphasizes God's covenantal promise of protection and victory for His people, as well as the importance of obedience to His commands. God's presence and guidance are crucial to the Israelites' success and fulfillment of His promises.

The Gospel passages for the week are drawn from Luke and Matthew. Luke 1:47-51 presents the Magnificat, Mary's song of praise in response to the announcement that she will bear the Messiah. She rejoices in God's salvation, declaring, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."



In Luke 9:46-50, the disciples argue over who is the greatest, but Jesus teaches them that true greatness lies in humility and service, saying, "Whoever is least among you all—he is the greatest." Jesus calls people to follow Him, but emphasizes the cost of discipleship, urging them to leave behind worldly attachments.

Matthew 18:1-5 presents Jesus' teaching on humility, as He places a child in the midst of the disciples to illustrate that "unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." True greatness, according to Jesus, is found in humility and childlike faith. Jesus warns against causing others, particularly children, to stumble, emphasizing the value and protection of the vulnerable and the importance of treating others with care and respect.

We read from Luke's Gospel on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time about the apostles asking Jesus, "Increase our faith." Jesus assures them they only need faith the size of a mustard seed. Then, Jesus makes it clear that as disciples our role is that of servants.



## "Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry." -Psalm 146:7



St. Raymond Church
Kindle The Fire Within
Each Day, the Church is open
for personal prayer until 5:00pm
Each Thursday - Eucharistic
Exposition from 1-4:00pm
Each First Friday
Nocturnal Adoration
7:30pm-8:30pm

#### **Daily Prayer This Week**

We can be inspired this week by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, the beloved Little Flower and her "Little Way" of finding a path to God in the smallest of ways. An extraordinary young woman who lived close to our own times (not many saints have had their photographs taken); she is an example of a humble life of simplicity and humility.



"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

In a season when many are preparing for fall activities, such as sports, family gatherings, and home or work projects, we are reminded to reflect on how our actions, even amidst busyness, contribute to justice and the well-being of others. As we plan for the week, this is an invitation to prayerfully reflect on how we can serve others in both big and small ways and ask God to make us more attuned to the needs around us, whether through acts of charity or simply a compassionate attitude.

The first readings for this week offer profound themes that speak directly to the heart of our daily life, urging us to reflect on justice, humility, hope, protection, and repentance. The reading from Daniel presents a powerful reminder that, no matter how busy our lives become, God remains sovereign over all things. In morning prayer, if we reflect on this divine image to center ourselves, we can trust that God guides all the details of our life and feel more at peace knowing He will always be with us. We can pray for the strength to make space for God in our daily routines.

As each day ends, we can reflect on the passage from the prophet Zechariah which offers hope, proclaiming that it is God's intention to restore His people and bring them peace. Life may be busy, but God's promises of peace and restoration can serve as an anchor amidst the rush.

We can ask God for the grace to trust in His restorative power, especially if we are feeling worn down by life's demands. Whether dealing with the pressures of work, family obligations, or personal challenges, the passage from Zechariah invites us to hold onto the hope that God will restore what has been broken.

The Gospel passage from Luke 10:13-16 highlights the rejection of Jesus' message by certain cities, serving as a warning to remain open to God's Word, even in a busy season.

This can remind us to examine our hearts, to acknowledge where we may have fallen short in staying open to God's call and seeking forgiveness and to ask for the grace to turn away from distractions and return to God with humility and repentance. The Gospel of Matthew emphasizes the importance of humility, calling us to become like children in our trust in God. At evening prayer, we can give thanks for God's protection throughout the day, acknowledging His constant presence and care, and asking for a heart that continues to trust Him more deeply.

"What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." Saint Thérèse of Lisieux







## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Oct. 4th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Kellenberg Memorial High School https://www.kellenberg.org/

Saturday, Oct. 4th 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Chaminade High School https://www.chaminade-hs.org/

Saturday, Oct. 4th
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Academy
https://www.sacredheartacademyli.org/



"... and you yourself a sword will pierce ..." Luke 2:29 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8th Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14th Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, September 15th

## **Pastoral Council Members**

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### The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Host Autumn Evening Event

The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their Autumn Evening Event on Friday, October 24, 2025 at 6pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

This year we are delighted to honor four of our Sisters with the St. Catherine of Siena Award who have served as Treasurer for our Congregation: S. Theresa Gallagher, S. Patricia Koehler, S. Kathleen McGinn and S. Judy Olsen.

Proceeds from this event benefit The Congregation's Ministry Support Fund, which was established to assist many of the Sisters' ministries in need of additional funding.

For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Office of Advancement at (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit: www.sistersofstdominic.org/2025autumnevening.

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## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

"According to their most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood performed more abortions last year than ever before in their history Even when the Supreme Court ruled against them, even when states pass prolife laws, and even when Congress targets their funding. Planned Parenthood just continues deadly expand their business....They have created an app so women can easily find а nearby abortionist...and have an army of well-paid lawyers who file suits to strike down pro-life laws and expand abortion access. Most alarmingly, the abortion industry is using websites to send chemical abortion pills through the mail (even across state lines) to pregnant women with or without them even seeing a medical professional in person!" (Care Net) The chemical abortion pills are sold as "safe, convenient, private, less stigmatizing abortions". than surgical However, "the FDΑ has documented thousands of adverse events related to the 'safe and easy' chemical abortion regimen, including severe hemorrhaging, sepsis, and dozens of confirmed deaths....A recent report from the Ethics and Public Policy Center revealed that adverse events are under-reported due to relaxed reporting requirements and lack of post-abortion medical oversight that obscure the full scale harm to women." (The Life Legal Defense Foundation)

#### STAND UP for LIFE

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Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
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Holy Guardian Angels

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom His love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.



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Married at St. Raymond's Church in October 2025



During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have life. Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe. or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus-body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."1

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our preeminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."2

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. …we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." 3

## "I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

In the face of challenges such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is "the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.

Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound

experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life-and has it in abundance.

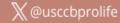
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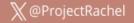
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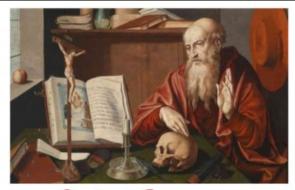


## Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi (c. 1181–1226) was an Italian friar who renounced a life of luxury to embrace poverty, charity, and devotion to God. He is one of the most venerated figures in Christianity and the founder of the Franciscan orders. He is the patron saint of animals, the environment, and Italy. He is also considered the patron saint of ecology and is known for his love of nature and care for the poor and all of God's creatures



Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are three archangels mentioned by name in Sacred Scripture and honored together on a feast day on September 29th. Michael is known as a protector, Gabriel as a messenger of good news, and Raphael as the healing angel. They serve God by protecting people from evil, delivering divine messages, and bringing healing, and they offer intercessory prayers and divine guidance to believers.



## Saint Jerome

Saint Jerome was an early Christian priest, theologian, and historian best known for translating the Bible into Latin. This translation, known as the Vulgate, became the authoritative Latin version of the Bible for the Catholic Church for over a thousand years. He is recognized as a Doctor of the Church and is the patron saint of translators and librarians



## Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, also known as Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and "the Little Flower," was a French Carmelite nun who lived in the 19th century. Her path to holiness, which she called the "Little Way" of spiritual childhood, has made her one of the most popular saints of modern times. She was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II. She is the patron saint of missionaries, florists, and pilots

## **FORMED**

## This week on FORMED...



This is the acclaimed dramatic feature film made in France in 1960 that tells the story of St. Therese of Lisieux from childhood to her death as a Carmelite nun at age 24. Film critics have called it "an excellent, reverent biopic" on St. Therese that accurately portrays the saint's story and her unique spirituality in a very appealing performance by French actress France Descaut. The movie offers numerous glimpses into Therese's "little way" of spiritual childhood, which was her particular charism that helped make her a Doctor of the Church, including situations of conflict between Therese and her mother prioress regarding her conviction of striving for perfection with confidence and trust in the mercy and love of God.



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## **MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

Monday, September 29th

Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:15am Michael Sloan

8:45am Marie Gallagher

Tuesday, September 30th

St. Jerome

7:15am Peter Swanson

8:45am Marie Abbott

Wednesday, October 1st

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:15am John Gagliardo

8:45am Louise Coscia

Thursday, October 2nd

**The Holy Guardian Angels** 

7:15am Donna Belulovich

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Friday, October 3rd

7:15am Andrzej Stafinski

8:45am Dorothy Colella

Saturday, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi

8:45am Jane D. Krull

5:00pm James & Jane Donlon

Sunday, October 5th

7:30am Julie Carrano

9:00am Agnes Chan

10:30am Salvatore Simeti

12:00pm Harry Schwagerl,

Antonette McGreevy,

Barry Lederman, Sal Gallo,

Anthony F.X Generosa,

Christian Martyrs of Africa,

Geraldine King,

Kathleen & James Ryder

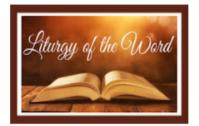
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



## REST IN PEACE

Thomas G. Cea

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



## Scripture Readings for the Week Monday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/John 1:47-51

Tuesday

Zechariah 8:20-23/Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday

Nehemiah 2:1-8/Luke 9:57-62

Thursday

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6/Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Friday

Baruch 1:15-22/Luke 10:13-16

Saturday

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29/Luke 10:17-24

Sunday

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

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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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