

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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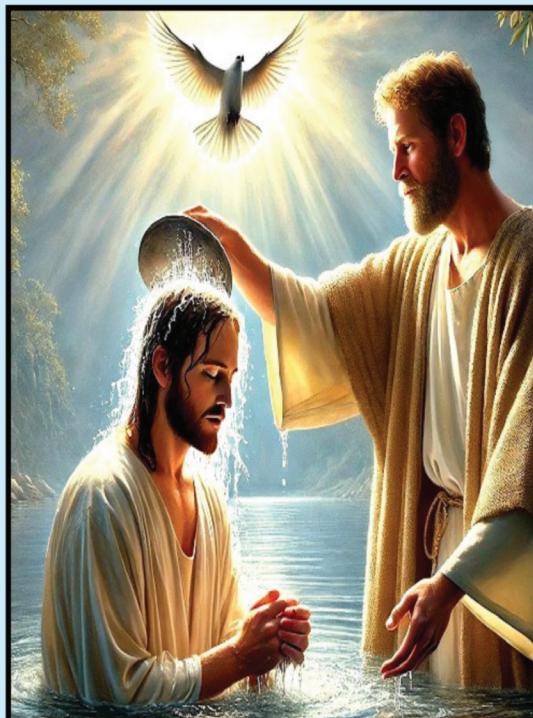
The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, January 11, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



And a voice
came from the
heavens, saying,
“This is my
beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased”
-Matthew 3:17

January 11, 2026
The Baptism 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;
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 7:30pm-8:30pm
Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

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

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.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Julianne Grennen

Mary Lynch

Herb McIntyre

Linda Dagostino

Anthony Campanile

Karen Pagnotta

Baby Cooper Graham

Jodi Neckles

Maureen Condiss

Jim Marasco

Timothy Murphy

Christine I.

Lauren Greco

Jeanne Swanson

Eileen Roberts

Nick S.

Betty McHale

Gerry Peknic

Fran Halas

Rosemarie Lombardo

Eileen Appel

Elaine & Eddie

Dianna Viglieta

Corrado

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

Always keep our

Service Men & Women

in your prayers ...

Cpl. Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS

Cpl. Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS

Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY

Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY

Sgt. Thomas Stanley Golebiewski USMC

Staff Sgt. Emily Golebiewski US AIRFORCE

Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY

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Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit

Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

TSGT Curt Abdoool US AIRFORCE

2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Carinci US AIRFORCE

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**



Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's final Christmas blessings be yours on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord! The Christmas season comes to an official end as we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet speaks words similar to what is spoken about Jesus at his baptism. **"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased..."** Then in the second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter speaks about what Jesus will do as a result of his baptism. **"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel we see Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist. When he came up from the water the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven saying, **"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."**

One of the blessings or perks of being Catholic is all the stuff we can get. This stuff comes in all shapes and sizes. We get crosses and crucifixes, and prayer cards. We get thousands of Saints to imitate and ask for intercession from. We get palms and statues, scapulars and ashes. We get candles and incense and religious schools to attend. We get all kinds of devotions, medals and manger scenes. As Catholics we have the opportunity to get a lot of different stuff and have a lot of different experiences not everyone gets to have. Now the one thing with the greatest meaning, far above all these others, are the sacraments. Nowhere do we get more. We call this great gift **"grace,"** God's very life poured out for us and into us. Sacraments offer us special moments to experience this grace of God presence. There is sacred food in the Eucharist, words of reconciliation, oil that heals, promises made between spouses. All are powerful in their own way. **But it is one sacrament that makes all the others possible, and that is Baptism.** Today we remember when Jesus submitted to the ritual washing John the Baptist provided. But this one was different in that it came with an affirmation and declaration from almighty God. Afterwards, Jesus **"went about doing Good...for God was with him."** Would people say that about us?

Baptism isn't some kind of spiritual **"life insurance"** in case this God thing is true. It is actually a holy bonding, a uniting, a communing with our God, tethering ourselves to Jesus in an intimate way.

In doing so we step through a doorway into a new way of seeing, thinking and acting. In a sense we embrace, accept and are willing to buy what Jesus is selling. And that's when Baptism isn't about how much we get but about how much we are willing to give. Are we truly willing to show our unity with Jesus by also emptying ourselves, dying to self, on behalf of others so we can also rise with Jesus, becoming something new and beautiful; something we were meant to be from the very beginning. Today, reflect on your own baptism, the date, how well you are responding to the grace given to you then. Recommit yourself as a faithful follower and use all the other stuff you get as a Catholic to lead you in the ways of Jesus.

This week the Church begins the first segment of Ordinary Time. This segment of Ordinary Time will take us to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, which is followed by the Easter Season and then the second segment of Ordinary Time resumes for the rest of the liturgical year. All of these seasons aim to highlight Sunday as the important communal celebration each week. How we live on Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about being redeemed now and forever. And there is nothing ordinary about that.

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), a reservation form for the upcoming **Valentine's Day Dance** on Saturday, February 7th for parish girls first grade through eighth, 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.

Have great First Week in Ordinary Time. Smile, share **celebrate your baptismal date and remember: Pray on it. Pray over it. But most of all, pray through it.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 11, 2026—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

JANUARY 11, 2026—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

(Psalm 29)

THE LORD WILL BLESS
HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.
The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Mark 9:7

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Parish Girls in Grades 1-8
join us for our annual St. Raymond's

SWEETHEART Valentine's Day Dance

Scan me to
register and pay
by Venmo



Payment is
Non-Refundable

Saturday
7
February

From 6:00p-8:00p
St. Raymond's
School Cafeteria

\$20 per person
Dinner, drinks
dancing,
desserts, & more

Tickets to be distributed at the 5p Mass on 2/7/26.

Must have a ticket for admittance.

Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is limited.
Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.

RSVP By January 31st, 2026. Cash or check made
out to St. Raymond's Religious Education or scan
the QR code above and Venmo @Jennifer-Saia

Girl(s) Name (s) _____ Grade _____

Escort's Name _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Please wear pink,
red, or white

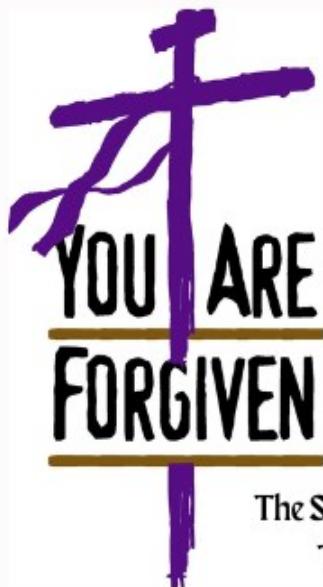
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Early planning – there will be an 8th grade parent/ student meeting on Tuesday 1/13/2026 at 7:30pm in the auditorium. At this meeting the following are to be handed in: Confirmation Information sheet, Confirmation Name report, Confirmation Sponsor report (Kellenberg students as well).



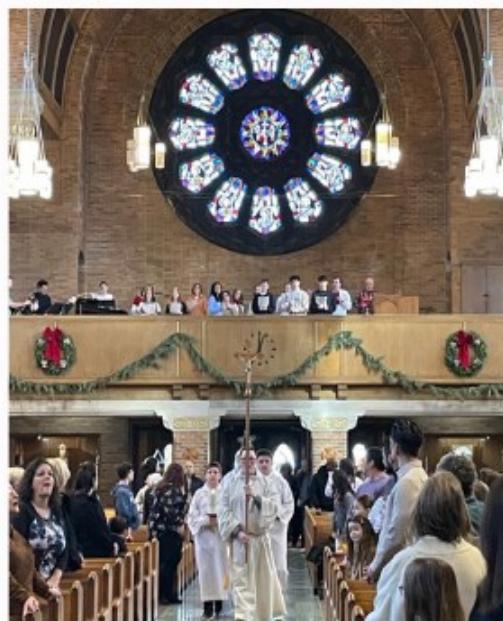
ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

2nd grade students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 2/3/2026. There are no 2nd grade Religious Education classes that day. Parents are to bring their child directly to the Church between the hours of 3:30pm-5pm – they do not need their books that day. First Reconciliation certificates will be given to the students in class.

The Sweetheart Valentine Dance is scheduled for Saturday 2/7/2026.

The revised flyer for the dance can be found in this bulletin.

Please use this flyer to respond to the party.



T H E S T A R T E P H A N Y







ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

"At every stage & in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God's Love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in Love. Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops is encouraging all Catholics to participate on the 9 Days Novena for Life. The Novena consists of praying an Our Father, 3 Hail Marys and a Glory Be for a specific intention for each day along with an act of reparation of one's own choosing. We know the power of prayer is great!"

Please consider participating in this prayerful prayer program.

9 Days Novena for Life (January 16th - January 24th)

Daily Intentions:

- Day 1: May the tragic practice of abortion end.**
- Day 2: May each person suffering from participating in abortion find forgiveness, hope, and healing in Christ.**
- Day 3: May every pregnant mother receive compassionate care & support as she nurtures the life in her womb.**
- Day 4: May every father of a preborn child lovingly support the mother of his child in welcoming new life.**
- Day 5: May every pregnant mother choosing adoption receive grace & support in embracing this option.**
- Day 6: May all who support or participate in abortion experience a conversion of heart to seek & receive God's abundant Mercy.**
- Day 7: May all preborn children be protected in law & welcomed in Love.**
- Day 8: May civic leaders work for the protection of all human life, every stage & circumstance.**
- Day 9: May all who defend life find strength & renewal in the Holy Spirit."**

(USCCB)

"For the sake of Your Name, O Lord, give me Life." (Psalm 143:11)

*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 THROUGH
WEDNESDAY
FROM 10AM TO 3PM**
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others as faithful
stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

1 Peter 4:10

The Parish Social Ministry would like to express their sincere thanks to St. Raymond's Religious Education Ministry for organizing a personal care collection for the food pantry. Thank you to all the students and parents who donated an abundant amount of toiletries that are needed by our clients. This collection has filled our shelves once again and our clients sincerely thank all those who generously donated.

Also, we would like to thank the coaches and team players of the St. Raymond's Basketball Clinic for collecting non-perishable food items and for donating this food collection to the Parish food pantry. On behalf of our clients, we greatly appreciate all your continued generosity and support.

Pantry items still needed:

**Laundry Detergent, Coffee, Tea, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Grape Jelly, Canned Fruit,
Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup and Chef Boyardee Pasta.**

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 or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

Recycled Christmas Cards - Please help us. We need your Christmas cards - the front cover only - to recycle and use for the 2026 Giving Tree tags. Every year we put over 300 tags on the tree and that is a lot of cards we need to gather. You can either drop the cards off at the Ryan House when it is open or place them in a plastic bag and put them in the bin on the porch. Every card makes a difference and thank you, as always, for all your support.

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WEEKLY GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



Come & See

Until you do, you will never know



Summary of the Readings for the Week

This Sunday is the Baptism of the Lord. In the Gospel according to Matthew, we hear how “Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him” and, after his baptism, “the heavens were opened,” revealing the Spirit of God descending upon Jesus like a dove in a moment that affirms his identity and mission as God’s beloved Son called to fulfill all righteousness.

On Tuesday of this week, the Church honors Saint Hilary of Poitiers (Optional Memorial; bishop and Doctor of the Church), who is known for his courageous theological defense of the Trinity against Arianism and for his writings that guided the faithful in understanding the unity of Father and Son. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot, who is revered as the father of Christian monasticism and whose life of desert solitude and ascetic devotion inspired generations to seek Christ through prayer and simplicity.

The First Readings for this week come from the First Book of Samuel (chapters 1-4, 8-10) and trace God’s quiet, yet decisive, action in Israel’s history, beginning with Hannah’s trusting prayer, the birth and call of Samuel, and the sobering reminder that God’s presence cannot be manipulated or taken for granted. As Israel demands a king and Saul is unexpectedly chosen, the readings underscore the central theme that true leadership and blessing flow from listening to the Lord, summed up in Samuel’s faithful response, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”

The Gospels this week are from Mark 1-2 and reveal Jesus inaugurating his public ministry with divine authority and compassion, calling disciples, healing the sick, casting out demons, forgiving sins, and inviting sinners into a life transformed by God’s mercy and the nearness of the Kingdom.

On Monday, the Gospel (Mark 1:14-20) shows Jesus beginning his public ministry in Galilee proclaiming that “the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel,” and immediately



calling Simon, Andrew, James, and John to leave their nets and follow him, a powerful invitation to radical discipleship rooted in trust and response to Christ’s word.

On Tuesday (Mark 1:21-28), Jesus teaches with authority in the Capernaum synagogue and commands an unclean spirit to come out of a man, revealing both his teaching authority and his power over evil, prompting the crowd to marvel that “even unclean spirits obey him.”

Wednesday’s Gospel (Mark 1:29-39) recounts how Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law and many others, casting out demons and then rising early to pray, emphasizing his mission of healing and preaching throughout Galilee while showing the priority of communion with the Father in solitude.

The Gospels for Thursday through Saturday continue in Mark (Mark 1:40-45; 2:1-12; 2:13-17), where Jesus heals a man with leprosy, restores a paralytic lowered through a roof, and calls Levi the tax collector, each episode underscoring his merciful authority to forgive sins and his call to sinners to “follow me,” illustrating that the coming of God’s kingdom brings cleansing, forgiveness, and a transformed life.



Sunday, January 18th, is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. In the Gospel of John, Saint John the Baptist bears witness to Jesus, proclaiming, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” a declaration that reveals Jesus’ identity and the heart of his redemptive mission.



"Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations."

-Isaiah 42:1



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

This week, in the Gospel journey from the Baptism of the Lord through the first days of Jesus' public ministry, I am invited to rediscover my identity as God's beloved child and to follow Christ with trust, repentance, and mercy amid the daily demands of family and work.

Beloved and Sent

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

In the Baptism of the Lord, I am reminded that before I do anything, I am first loved by the Father, and my identity rests in being His child. Carrying this truth into family and work helps me act not from pressure or fear, but from the quiet confidence of being sent by God each day.

My Prayer: Lord, help me live today rooted in Your love.

Repent and Believe

"The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mark 1:15)

Jesus' opening proclamation calls me to continual conversion, inviting me to re-center my priorities amid busy schedules and competing demands. In prayer and daily choices, I am asked to let go of habits that dull my faith and to trust that God is already at work in my ordinary life.

My Prayer: Jesus, turn my heart back to You.

Follow Me

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

The call of the first disciples reminds me that following Christ requires availability and courage, even when responsibilities at home and work feel overwhelming. By responding generously in small, concrete ways, I witness to Christ through patience, integrity, and love.

My Prayer: Lord, give me a willing and generous heart.

Authority to Heal

"He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." (Mark 1:27)

Jesus' authority over sickness and evil reassures me that no anxiety, conflict, or burden in my life is beyond His healing power. Bringing my struggles to Him in prayer allows His peace to restore balance and hope where stress and fatigue often take over.

Prayer: Lord, speak Your healing peace into my life.

Mercy for Sinners

"I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." (Mark 2:17)

In healing the paralytic and calling Levi, Jesus teaches me to approach others with mercy rather than judgment, especially in moments of tension at home or work. Remembering my own need for forgiveness helps me create spaces of compassion, reconciliation, and renewed trust.

Prayer: Merciful Jesus, teach me to love as You love.

The Baptism of the Lord



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or Theophany, is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.



“...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... ” Philippians 2:10

Pastoral Council Members

**Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley,
Julianne Gennen, Kimberly Moran,
Mary Murphy, Dave Ohlsen,
Linda Ohlsen, Secretary,
Stephen Rochford, Chairperson,
Fr. Chuck Romano,
Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson**

JOIN THE FOLK GROUP!

A MINISTRY OF MUSIC, FAITH & COMMUNITY

Do you love music and want to be part of something joyful and meaningful?

The Folk Group offers a fun, modern take on traditional church music,

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU WITH US!

We're a welcoming group of people who come together to share music, faith, and friendship. While some of us play instruments or have formal training, it's not required. What connects us is our shared love of music, community, and worship. Whether you sing, play, or just want to be part of a faith-filled musical group,

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN!

Open to anyone from 7th grade and up—no upper age limit!

 **Rehearsals: Sundays at 11:00 AM**

 **Location: Rectory Lower Level**

 **We sing at the 12 Noon Sunday Mass**

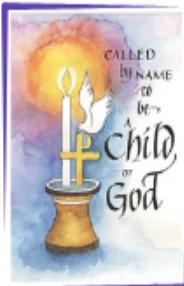
Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

 **Call Nadine Robinson at 516-784-6775**

 **Or email: straymondsfolkgroup@gmail.com**

Come make a joyful noise with us!





God Bless Our Newly Baptized

Christopher Giovanni Calderone
Alyssa Marie Vallarella
Noah Oscar Rosario
Emily Ann Goulston
McKenna Grace Torre
Kane Michael Callanan
Kenna Trelynn Callanan
Emily Ann Milillo
Conall Christopher Prizeman
Ronan Thomas Stewart
Kendall Winifred McGlone
Mariella Nicole Kenny
Brooke Maria Kanellopoulos
Charlotte Rose Masi
Adriana Nicolette Casazza
Mia Justine Carney
Logan Robert Martorana
Olivia Rose Bellusci
Owen Alexander Rivera
Isabelle Lea Conroy
Maya Renee DeCatus
Matthew Ryan Modaffer
Tristan Patrick Murua

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island

Including widows, widowers and singles
A social organization for single persons

New Member Orientation Meeting
Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 7:00PM
Hibernian Hall 85 Grand Avenue
Massapequa, NY 11758
Non-denominational.

All are Welcome

Bring proof of single status to join.
Annual dues \$40.

Refreshments following the meeting.

For further information, please call also to
verify there will be a meeting

Terry 516-650-5528 or
Maryanne 516-205-2590



*When we were baptized,
we were born again in
Christ. Live your life as a
baptized Christian
should- spreading the
Gospel and bringing
others to Christ.*



St. Anthony, Abbot

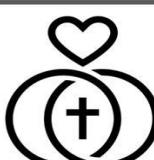
St. Anthony Abbot also known as Anthony of Egypt or Anthony the Great, was an Egyptian Christian monk and a leading figure among the Desert Fathers. St. Anthony the Abbot is the patron saint of many, most famously animals (especially domestic ones and pigs), farmers, basket weavers, and monks, also protecting against skin diseases like "St. Anthony's Fire," epilepsy, and fire



St. Hilary

St. Hilary of Poitiers

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

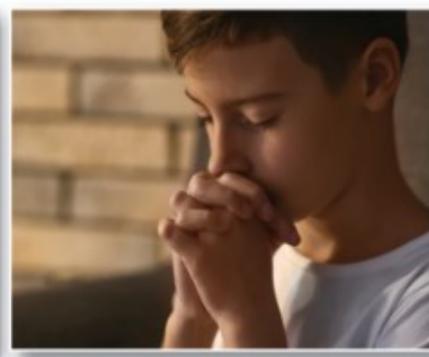
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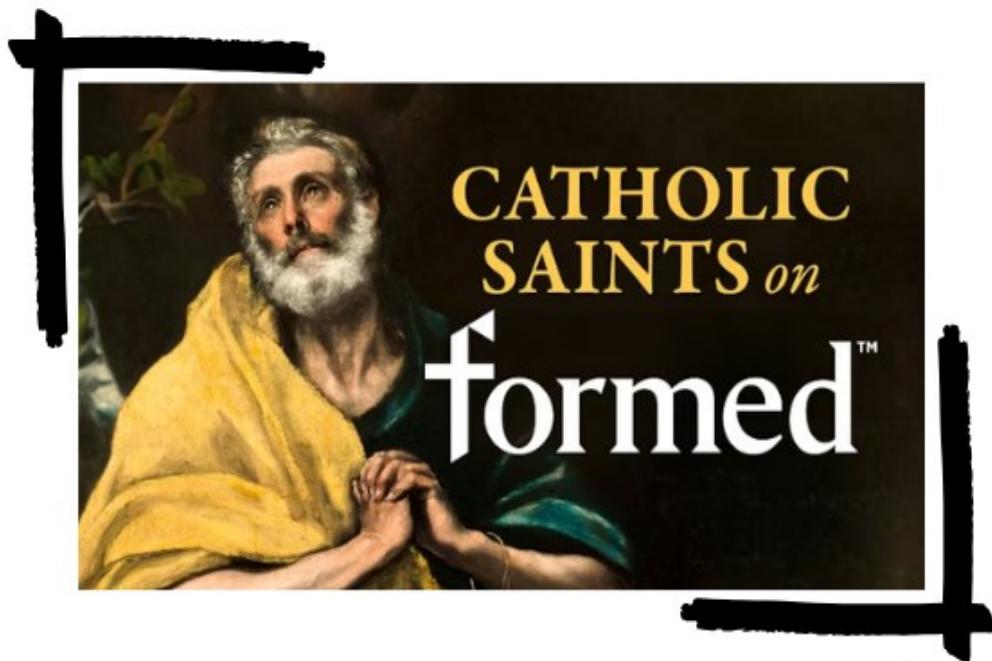
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Monday, January 12th

7:15am Nicholson Family

8:45am The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 13th

St. Hilary

7:15am Anne & Frank Gallagher

8:45am Kevin Ledwith (L)

Wednesday, January 14th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Thursday, January 15th

7:15am William & Patricia Rochford

8:45am Anthony & Rose Marie Simeti

Friday, January 16th

7:15am Rita Dombrowski

8:45am Stephen DelGiorno

Saturday, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbot

8:45am Donna Marie Wolfe

Anthony Santino

5:00pm Michael Sloan, Jr.

Sunday, January 18th

7:30am Jimmie Braggs - 20yrs.

9:00am Theresa Asaro

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Erica Shorette

Mary Ann DeVirgilio

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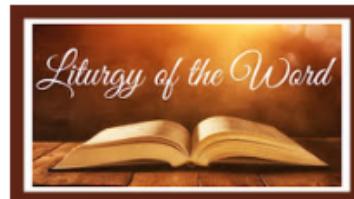
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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*Mary "Dolly" Becker
Carol Fitzgerald*

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Samuel 1:1-8/Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Samuel 1:9-20/Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20/Mark 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Samuel 4:1-11/Mark 1:40-45

Friday

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mark 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mark 2:13-17

Sunday

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6/1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

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**Spirit please quiet our minds from the
busyness and distractions of our day, so that
we will have hearts and minds attentive to
the words of Jesus and ready to receive his
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