

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, February 4, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.”

-Mark 1:30



February 4th
2024
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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

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.

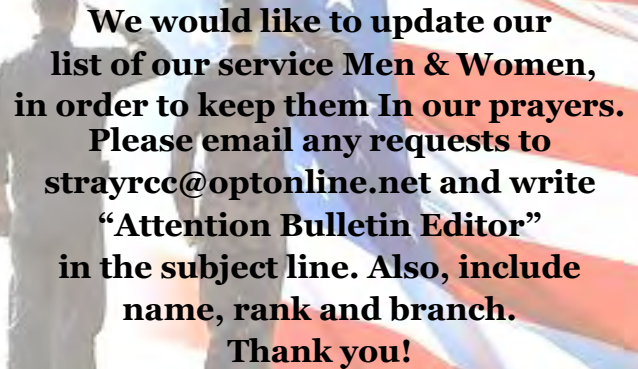
Music Ministries

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



We would like to update our list of our service Men & Women, in order to keep them In our prayers. Please email any requests to strayrcc@optonline.net and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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PFC Hunter Deets, #10 Mountain Division US ARMY
Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today we see Jesus offering us his healing grace. In the first reading from the Book of Job, we see how distraught and depressed Job is because of all that has gone wrong in his life. He wonders if there is any good purpose at all in being alive. **"Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again."** Then in the second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he talks of how he emptied himself completely and freely so that people who hear and follow what he says will be saved. **"All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it."** And finally, Mark's gospel shows Jesus in the early stages of his ministry of healing. First, he heals Peter's mother-in-law and then all those who came to him with various illnesses. This sets the pattern of what Jesus would do and how, with the apostles, they would move from village to village. An important part of his routine would be what he does the next morning. **"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed."**

All of us would like nothing better than to have a clear understanding of the mysteries of God. We like to know much more than we do and have much more power and hear God's voice much more clearly. If we could know why things are the way they are, life would be a lot easier, right? That would make us have the same advantage as Jesus had. Instead, we are stuck being like Job and we don't particularly like it very much. Job is pretty much like us. He suffered a lot, like many of us do. He seemed to lose hope as we sometimes do and he saw life as drudgery, filled with misery. He wondered if he would ever see happiness again. That's rough but real and completely understandable. But Job doesn't stay in that bad place., doesn't complain all the rest of his days. Things changed, initially on the inside. He comes to accept and comes to understand that he won't ever fully understand. I think that's a pretty wise insight. All the "whys" won't have answers for Job to understand. It's impossible. God is God and Job was not. God sees the bigger picture that Job could never see in a hundred lifetimes. God knew things that Job could not possibly know.



But once Job gave in to the fact that he wasn't going to get all the answers he wanted, things changed for him, first on the inside and then on the outside. And that took faith. In fact, that is faith! Not knowing is not a free pass to not trying to live as God want us to. Even though we will never know it all we are still called to follow and imitate Jesus as best we can. To love, and to give, to heal and forgive; all as Jesus did. None of this is easy. Job was a good man and still suffered much. Remember, Jesus was a pretty good man too and he suffered much. I would say, be okay with not knowing it all, while never forgetting God's great love for you. That can make all the difference.

As you know we are in the midst of the Parish Revival phase of the National Eucharistic Revival. Each week the bulletin has the entire centerfold dedicated to the revival with a wealth of teachings and reflections about the Eucharist. I hope that everyone takes the time to read these pages each week. We all need to better reflect on and respond to the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus in our lives. A key indication to how the revival is affecting each of us is that when we receive Holy Communion, we just don't stop there but we actually respond to having received Jesus in the Eucharist. How? By the way we live and let his word and life direct our actions.

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), especially the **"Sweetheart Valentine's Dance"** on Saturday, February 10th, the **World Marriage Day Celebration** on Sunday, February 11th at the noon Mass, the **Prayer Vigil for the Sick** in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday evening, February 9th, a call for volunteers for the **Ministry of Consolation**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, a request for **Parishioner Emails** to help foster communication from the rectory, 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 first week of February. **Smile, share, keep the faith and remember: Share love and it grows, share sorrow and it lessens.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 4, 2024-FIFTH 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

FEBRUARY 4, 2024-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

(Psalm 147)

PRAISE THE LORD,
WHO HEALS
THE BROKENHEARTED

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ took away our infirmities
and bore our diseases.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

ATTENTION 5TH & 6TH GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS

Today (2/4/2024) is the 5th & 6th Grade Level Mass. All 5th & 6th grade parent(s) and students are asked to go to the auditorium at 11am. There will be a short presentation in the auditorium then the entire group will go to the 12Noon Mass. Students do not need to bring their Religion workbooks.



ATTENTION 4TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

The week of 2/5/2024 (Monday/Wednesday/Thursday) our 4th grade will be presenting a Living Rosary at 3:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

Our 2nd grade students will receive their First Reconciliation on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 in St. Raymond Church Parent(s) are asked to bring their child directly to the church anytime between 3:30pm-5pm – there is no set time for each class. There are no classes in the school that day and the students do not need their books. Please check in with one of the Religious Education staff members upon arrival so you can be checked in. First Reconciliation certificates will be distributed in class the following week.



Saturday, February 10th, 2024 is the Sweetheart Valentine Dance. Parish girls in grades K-8 are attending the 5pm Mass accompanied by their adult escort. After the Mass, tickets will be distributed for admittance to the dance. Attending this Mass is not optional. The party will go from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the cafeteria – there will be dancing, pizza and desserts.



A short time before Christmas, one of our Catechists, Mrs. Cynthia Bocchetti, recommended that students make and send Christmas cards to the retired sisters residing at Sacred Heart Convent. Several of our classes participated – here is what the thank you note from the sisters read:

Dear Liz,

Thank you so much for your very thoughtful gift of cards for the Sisters. The joy on the faces of all was infectious. We wish you and the students every blessing and joy for the New Year!
Gratitude and thanks, The Sisters and Team of Sacred Heart Convent

We have an awesome group of young people who are only too happy to put a smile on the faces of those in need of a little cheering up especially during the Christmas season!



First Grade Mass

World Marriage Day
February 11, 2024 12 Noon Mass
at St. Raymond



We invite you all to join us for our Annual Renewal of Sacramental Wedding Vows here at St. Raymond's on Sunday, February 11 at the 12 noon Mass. If you are celebrating an earmark anniversary this year, that is the year you were married ends in either a 4 or a 9, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 giving your names, year you were married and the Church you were married. After Mass, everyone is invited to a light refreshment reception in the school cafeteria. Look forward to seeing you all!



SODALITY OF OUR LADY SCHOLARSHIP EXAM 2024



WHAT: THREE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY
THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY AT ST. RAYMOND'S CHURCH.
THREE \$150 MARIANNE MALONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

WHO: ANY EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT IN ST. RAYMOND'S PARISH, WHO HAS
BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER, 2024

WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024. TIME 3:30PM

WHERE: ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA
263 ATLANTIC AVENUE
EAST ROCKAWAY, NY 11518

EXAM: 15 MULTIPLE CHOICE AND TWO ESSAYS

HOW: TO REGISTER-CALL OR TEXT JULIANNE GRENNEN (516) 330-8183
BEFORE FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024. YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE
CONFIRMED. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION, PLEASE
CALL AGAIN.

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER
FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024**

*****ABSOLUTELY NO ADD-ONS AFTER THE DEADLINE***
A STUDENT CANNOT SIT FOR THE EXAM WITHOUT FIRST BEING REGISTERED.**

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Harmony of the Gospels

Is anyone else still thinking about having four different Gospels? This question was discussed and pondered by some of the earliest Christians. Some tried to develop a harmonious account of the life, death, and teachings of Jesus, and the result was a kind of one-volume gospel. Although we don't have any historical manuscripts of it, a one-volume harmonization called "The Gospel" is referred to by some early Christian writers, including St. Ignatius of Antioch (writing around 115 AD). There is a manuscript dated 170 AD by a man named Tatian, who was a student of St. Justin Martyr. This manuscript is called the Diatessaron and is subtitled "The Gospel Harmony." Others tried this as well through the ages, including St. Augustine (writing in 405 AD) who wrote a work titled "On the Harmony of the Evangelists."

Uniquely Harmonious

Remarkably, what each person found was that the four Gospels could not be squeezed into one without losing something important. As we have reviewed previously, every detail of each of the Gospels is written for a specific purpose. To miss one of these details is to miss an important part of the life of Jesus and his message of salvation to the world. Each of the four Gospel writers gives us a special understanding of Jesus, something we would miss if we forced them into just one Gospel. As the early Church moved forward toward the finalizing of the Canon of Scripture (the official list of the books included in the Bible), we see that the four Gospels are consistently included and honored.

The Canon of Scripture

The Canon of the Bible is the official list of texts discerned and compiled by the Roman Catholic Church over time and confirmed by Church Councils, first completed around the time of the Council of Hippo in 390 AD. This list was reiterated by the Council of Trent in the 1500s and again at the First Vatican Council in the 1800s. We believe that certain books are inspired by the Holy Spirit and therefore are included in the canon. No known inspired book is outside the canon and no non-inspired book is inside it. Since the Church is entrusted with Sacred Scripture, the Church declares what is included in the canon.

A couple of other definitions are helpful here: **Inspiration:** The Holy Spirit was present and inspired the human writers of the Bible so what God intended—and only those things—were not only understood correctly, but following from this understanding, the Gospel writers wrote them down, expressed in appropriate and meaningful language. (See *Providentissimus Deus*, 1, 4, and 14). **Inerrancy:** The Bible is free from errors, not just in faith and morals, but in all parts that pertain to and which God wished to teach for our salvation. (See *Dei Verbum*, 6 and 11).

These definitions help us know with confidence that what we are reading is God's Word to us, and they can also help us understand what we read. We come to see the unity of all of Scripture and that all the books are important. We read through the lens of our lived faith and tradition. We value how Scripture has been understood and prayed with over the last 2000 years. We recognize that the Church Fathers and saints have much to tell us about Scripture and how it helps us live life in Christ today.



A Synopsis of the Gospels

An interesting alternative to the idea of a Gospel harmony is called a Synopsis of the Gospels. A synopsis keeps all four Gospels intact as they were written and arranges the passages in four columns so that all four Gospels are side-by-side. The passages are arranged and spaced out so that one can compare the details of each Gospel account. Doing this really helps one see how each of the four writers gives a special flavor to the life and ministry of Jesus. A synopsis is like having each of the Gospel writers with us, sitting in his own armchair, telling us about Jesus.

For Reflection:

1. Do you know which Gospel(s) feature your favorite Gospel passages? Take some time to find some of your "favorites" and develop your relationship with particular Gospel authors.
2. Our Catholic liturgies and traditions celebrating the birth of Jesus and his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension draw from different Gospel accounts. Choose either Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2 or the Passion narratives in the four Gospels for deeper study to see how each Gospel contributes to our understanding of these events in our salvation.
3. Next Week: The "Fifth" Gospels

St. Raymond Church
Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition

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



February 9th (Friday) Prayer Vigil
honoring the Anniversary of
Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day
of the Sick Eucharistic
Exposition 7-8:30 PM



Christ's Way of Assuring How Much He Loves Us
By Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

Even if we are steeped in the guilt and shame of sin, the love of Jesus will not abandon us. Nowhere in the Gospels does Jesus speak the words "I love you" until he is seated at the Last Supper. But never are we in doubt about the overwhelming love radiating from this man in attention to every need, in his preaching, his healing, his miracles, his mercy toward sinners, his tenderness to the poor, his compassion for the afflicted.

The Eucharist is Christ's way of assuring us how much he loves us. This love will not let us forget that *"it was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you"* (Jn 15:16). Jesus wants us to be with him – his guest at the Last Supper table. It is there that he calls us friends. Jesus' love is constant invitation. As we accept, we instinctively move to the lowest place, pained by our unworthiness. He sees and beckons, Come up higher. Come here and sit beside me. Come with all the weariness that weighs you down, and lay your head on my breast. *"We rest against his breast and are lulled by the heartbeats of God"* (Catherine de Hueck Doherty). Love that is merely lip service, a sentiment, can never satisfy the need we experience as a hunger. Christ gives his love to us as food, as the Bread of Life ... the Bread of Love. The Host that we consume consumes us. Through the Eucharist, the love of Jesus is inside us. His is a love that constantly nourishes us.

Christ's love in the Eucharist is his Body given, his Blood poured out for us. It is a sacrificial love. And sacrifice, wrote Pope Benedict XVI, *"consists in becoming totally receptive towards God and letting ourselves be completely taken over by him."* We receive Jesus' sacrificial love in the Eucharist by participating personally in his sacrifice. The truest sacrifice is to recognize a Presence, affirming this Presence instead of ourselves with all our preoccupations. And even if we are steeped in the guilt and shame of sin, the love of Jesus will not abandon us. He promises that the sacrificial offering of himself in the Eucharist is *"for the forgiveness of sins."*

The Eucharist reveals the truest, most ineradicable fact of our life: We are a relationship with God. We are part of a holy belonging. The intimacy we cannot live without is ours in Holy Communion. The repeated command of Jesus before his Passion – *Remain in me. Remain in me – is possible because of the Holy Eucharist.*

Eucharistic Witness

St. Gertrude of the Blessed Sacrament
Religious (+1903) Feast: February 18th



Gertrude Comensoli was born in Bienno, Italy in 1847, one of only three children from a family of 10 to survive infancy. As a young girl, she dream of honoring Jesus in the Eucharist through a religious order. Due to poor health, she was released as a novice from the Sisters of Charity. Undaunted, Gertrude continued to listen to God's call for her life. She managed to win Pope Leo XIII's approval to establish a religious order devoted to the adoration of the Eucharist. Together with two of her friends, she founded the Congregation of the Sacramentine Sisters of Bergamo in 1882, focusing on adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the education of young women working in factories. Her life of prayer before Jesus nourished her life of virtue as she accepted persecutions, served the poor, and practiced mortifications. Above all she sought to obey and practice humility perfectly for love of Jesus Christ. She loved Jesus in adoration, but she also loved Him in the poor and needy.



*"I am the
Immaculate
Conception"*

Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Sick

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament Rosary**

**Please Join Us In Praying For:
Those Who Are Sick In Mind, Body and Spirit
The 166th Anniversary of The Apparitions
At Lourdes, France**

Date: Friday, February 9, 2024

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: St. Raymond Church

Our Lady of Lourdes

Novena Dates February 2-10, Feast Day February 11

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort to the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests.

Through gratitude for favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen.

SAINTS FUN FACTS



Saint Agatha is one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of Christian antiquity. She was put to death during the persecution of Decius, in Sicily, for her unwavering belief in God.

Ministry of Consolation

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



The Gospel of Life
is not for believers
alone. it is for
everyone
-St. John Paul II

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ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Recently a college-age sophomore was talking to one of our members. She shared that a friend of hers just group-texted her with the following: "Hey, everyone. I'm going today to get birth-control pills". She shared that she was upset because her friend was going to be putting a chemical into her body, every day and that her friend was acting as though that was something to celebrate. The student asked our member, "Why would she do that to her body? It's not natural." The discussion about contraception led to a discussion about abortion. She shared that in her group, it was hard to have a discussion about abortion. When they did, she found out that almost all were for a woman's reproductive rights. One said, "It's not a baby; it's a fetus." The student told her friend that fetus is just the name given at that stage of the baby's life. She also told her that the baby feels pain during the abortion. The friend said, "I don't believe that." The student told her friend that before she was born, she had to have several blood transfusions and before each transfusion, she was anesthetized to prevent her feeling pain. Her friend had no response. Our member shared with the student the free help available to girls/women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and the help available for those who have had abortions to have the opportunity for healing and peace. Before the student left, she stated, "I'm pro-life." There are wonderful videos showing the actual development of a baby in utero from conception until birth. Please check them out and pass it on to others, so that all can see the beauty and humanity of the baby growing within his or hers mother's womb.

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Pantry items needed this week: Grape Jelly, Peanut Butter, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned Beets, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Canned Meat, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cold Cereal, Jello, Tuna Fish, Juice, Tea, Snacks 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 as always for helping. May God's blessings shower upon all of you!



As Catholics, we should remember that we are Christ's hands here on Earth. We are called to help those in need and protect the vulnerable (the unborn, the poor, etc.). Talk to your pastor or contact the parish/diocese to see if there any ways you can volunteer your time and practice the pillar of hospitality.



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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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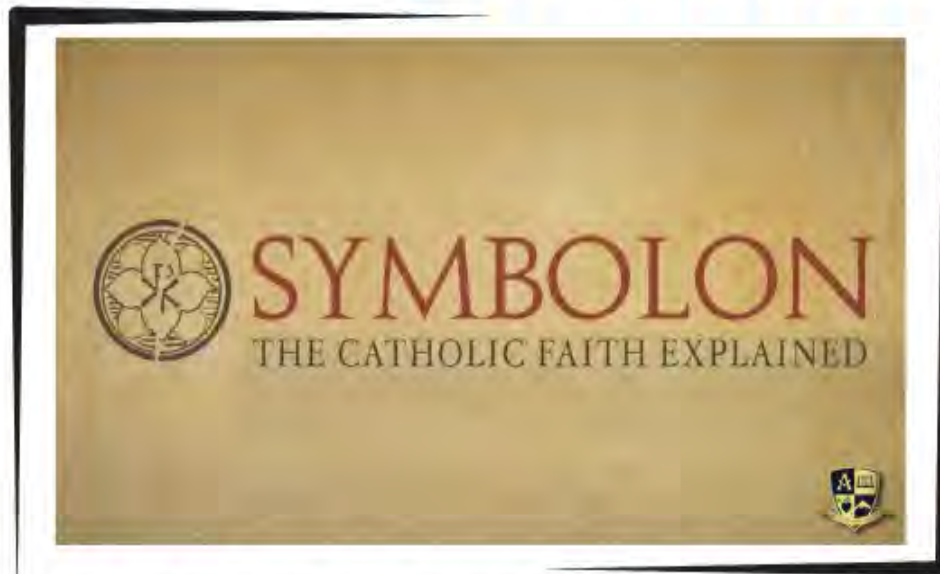
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Masses for this week

Monday, February 5th St. Agatha

7:15am Loretta Collins

8:45am Patrick Collins

Tuesday, February 6th St. Paul Miki

7:15am In Thanksgiving

8:45am Donald Laux

Wednesday, February 7th

7:15am Margaret Ardezzone

8:45am Barbara-Jean Roderka

Thursday, February 8th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Angeline Raia

Friday, February 9th

7:15am St. Raymond

8:45am Alfonso Aleman

Saturday, February 10th

St. Scholastica

8:45am Pola Cifuentes

5:00pm John Stender

Sunday, February 11th

7:30am Phyllis Leavey

9:00am Betty Moseman

10:30am Ann D'Agostino

12:00pm Daisy Helen O'Neill,
Frank Barbella, Joseph Cordes,

Alessandro Treglia,

Allen Napolitano

4:30pm St. Raymond

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Mike L.,
Jodi Neckles, Baby Faith Madison,
Baby Cooper Graham, Michael McPike,
Christine L., Samir. Leo B., Maureen
Condiss, Bennett William Chevalier,
Mary Lynch, Maureen McCarthy,
Fr. Don Hansen, Nick S., Dawn,
Jay Witemeyer, Christine Gillidan,
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Rory Romano, Timothy Murphy

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Parish Bulletin Board

Dear Lord,

Please help me to accept myself for who I am. Help me to see and appreciate the wonderful person You have created.

Let me recognize the importance of my birthright as Your child and realize my significance in the universe. Help me to understand that the opportunities

I possess are limitless...

For You have given me the chance to achieve all things for my own good and that of the whole world.

Make my life, starting today, starting now, a worthy testament of Your wondrous glory and infinite love. For with You all things are possible.

Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy

Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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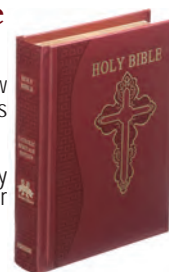
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