

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

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

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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, August 20, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000



“O women,
great is
your faith!
Let it be done
for you as
you wish.”
-Matthew 15:27

August 20th
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule a visit

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

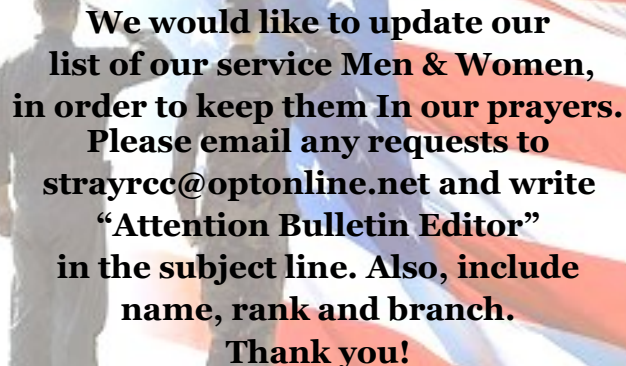
Music Ministries

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

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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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Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time! To celebrate the unknown *"pushy"* and pagan woman who dares to challenge Jesus in today's gospel is also a challenge to dispel any remaining sexism within ourselves. In the first reading from Isaiah, the prophet challenges the people to do what is right and just. All nations will learn the ways of the Lord and faithful people from every nation will be welcome in God's house. **"Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul is hopeful that both Gentile and Jew will come to accept the good news of Jesus Christ. He wants all people to be reconciled through Jesus. **"For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all."** And finally, Matthew's gospel gives us a rather troubling narrative about a Gentile woman who comes to implore help from Jesus for her daughter and seems to get a rather non-caring response. Including this story in the scriptures is probably based on a real historical encounter that Jesus had. Now this woman uses expressions of Jewish faith like: **"Lord, Son of David, have pity on me."** Jesus would ordinarily respond to such a request with care and compassion. However, here he says nothing at first. Finally, he seems to dismiss the woman and her daughter because they are not Jews. Jesus probably saw his mission at first to be primarily for the Israelites, but as time went on he moved to an expansive understanding of his mission. This woman does not give up and even uses the term *"dog"* which was a reference to the Canaanites. **"Even the dogs eat the scraps from the master's table."** That does it. Her great faith wins the confrontation. Jesus intercedes and her daughter is healed. **"O woman, great is your faith."**

In today's gospel a woman breaks all the taboos in approaching Jesus. Just like the Taliban today, a woman in first century Palestine was not to speak in public to any man, not even a male family member. She had two strikes against her, being female and a Gentile. Now we may judge the ancient world more harshly, but it wasn't that long ago that woman in our 20th century society had second class status. Getting married meant quitting a job, woman rarely drove cars. Husbands were suspect if the wife worked outside the house. Even now slogans like *"women's liberation"* and *"you've come a long way baby"* were used in a society that seems to still be male dominated in career opportunities and pay scales.

The ancient world had many sexist customs. Aristotle said the female nature should be regarded as defective. Confucius said that 100 women were not worth a single man. The Greeks debated whether women are fully human. Female newborns were often discarded by Roman fathers and women were given to marriage without consent in Judaism. Even early Christianity placed women in subservient roles. The author of 1 Timothy wrote, **"I do not permit women to teach or exercise authority."** And even St. Augustine wrote: **"I fail to see the use a woman has for a man."** The woman in today's gospel, the woman who touched Jesus' cloak, the woman at the well, the woman who anointed Jesus at his burial: all these and countless others had an impact on the all-encompassing love of Jesus and have aided everyone of us in our growth in faith. Recall the women who have personally helped you form your own faith-probably starting with your mother. Give God thanks for all of them.

The **"Backwards Money Drawing"** is one week away. The drawing will commence at 10am in the school cafeteria next Sunday, August 27th. There are no tickets left for sale. **All "ticket agents" should have returned their tickets by this Sunday, the 20th.** If you haven't as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Now there is still a chance to get in on the winnings. The number #500 ticket has not been sold. A special raffle is taking place right now where you can purchase tickets to be in on a chance to win the number #500 ticket which is a guaranteed winner. Check the bulletin ad about this raffle and don't miss out on this chance to also win next Sunday.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an invitation to a special **Healing Mass** on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:30pm in the church, the **Eucharistic Revival 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 week. **Smile, share, be kind and remember: Today may be a good day to have a face-to-faith talk with God.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 20, 2023-20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.**

**You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.**

Amen

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,**

**[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.**

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

AUGUST 20, 2023-20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants— all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Mt 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

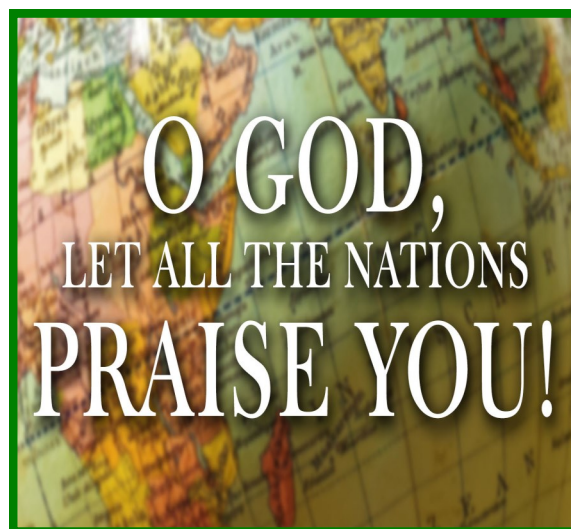
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you! May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you! May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you! May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!



SECOND READING

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

GOSPEL

Mt 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Special Backwards Money Drawing Raffles

BACKWARD DRAWING PRIZES:

- Ticket #491-\$300
- Ticket #492-\$400
- Ticket #493-\$500
- Ticket #494-\$600
- Ticket #495-\$700
- Ticket #496-\$800
- Ticket #497-\$900
- Ticket #498-\$1,000
- Ticket #499-\$2,500
- Ticket #500-\$10,000
Grand Prize

Enter to Win

Next Sunday, August 27th, is the Backwards Money Drawing!
The drawing starts at 10am in the school cafeteria.

There will be a special hospitality sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady during the drawing. Everyone is invited to come, enjoy some refreshments and friendship and hopefully see your ticket(s) pulled for a winning money prize. All the tickets have been sold except the ticket numbered #500. Why? Because this ticket is being raffled off that day. When there are only 9 tickets left in the drum, the winner from a separate drum is pulled and that person gets the ticket numbered #500, which is then filled out and put in the big drum with the remaining 9 Backwards Money Tickets. It becomes one of the last 10 tickets pulled and is a guaranteed winner! You could win anywhere from \$300 to \$10,000 depending on when it is pulled. Special raffle tickets for the numbered #500 ticket are available for sale at the rectory. They are only \$10 each and will be sold continuously right up to the drawing on Sunday. Stop by the rectory and get in on this chance to be a definite winner and maybe even the grand prize winner.

You never know!



SCAN ME



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



15TH ANNUAL SVDPLI
Friends of the Poor 5K Walk
TOGETHER
WE GO FAR
2023

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



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FOUNDED IN 1833, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION OF LAY CATHOLICS, FOLLOWING CHRIST'S CALL TO SERVE THE POOR, THE SUFFERING, AND THE DEPRIVED. OUR FOUNDING ACTIVITY, STILL PRACTICED TODAY, IS THE HOME VISIT. THROUGH THESE VISITS, VICENTIAN MEMBERS ESTABLISH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED. NOT ONLY PROVIDING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS RENT, UTILITIES, FOOD, OR CLOTHING, BUT ALSO OFFERING FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING, AND PRAYER.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

HAS HAD AN ACTIVE CHAPTER (KNOWN AS A "CONFERENCE") OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR DECADES AND INVITES ALL WHO WISH TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

PLEASE CALL ED AT 887-9325

FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.



Healing Mass

St. Raymond Church

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

Rosary: 7:00pm

Mass: 7:30pm

**Adoration / Healing Service
and Benediction**

**Fr. Giordano (Gio) Belanich
(Croatian & Medjugorje)**

We all need healing...

Our Lord is the All Powerful Healer!



WE HAVE AN AWESOME GOD WHO LOVES US, CARES FOR US AND HELPS US. WE CAN NEVER FULLY GRASP AN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW MUCH HE LOVES US. LET US GIVE GLORY TO HIM BY SHOWING LOVE AND COMPASSION TO ALL THOSE AROUND US. EVERYONE- EVEN THE PERSON WHO CUT YOU OFF WHILE DRIVING, THE NEIGHBOR WHO IS RUDE AND EVEN THE FAMILY MEMBER WHO YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO IN YEARS.

Will you answer him?





*Jesus I trust
in You*

Come celebrate...
**St. Faustina Kowalska's
Birthday**

**Please join us in praying for
our great nation.
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Praises of the Divine Mercy
The Rosary
St. Raymond Church
Thursday, August 24th
7:00pm - 8:30pm
Please join us in prayer!**



**St. Faustina Kowalska
1905-1930**

I asked Him,
"Do You have among our
students any who are a
comfort to Your Heart?"
The Lord answered that
He has, but their love is
weak, and so I put them
in your special care...
pray for them (288)



"Taken up to Heaven,
Mary shows us the
way to God, the
way to Heaven, the
way to Life."
— Pope St. John Paul II

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THE ROSE FOR LIFE

**In Loving
Memory of
Lou & Eleanor
Perri**

**For Dedications call
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HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille
 A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**Because no marriage is beyond hope...
 A marriage-saving program her in the
 New York/Metropolitan Area.**

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

**Retrouvaille can help.
 Our Next Weekend is September 8-10, 2023
 Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington
 To register of for more information:
 1-800-470-2230**

**HelpOurMarriage.org Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.
 Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.
 Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.**



NYS Eucharistic Congress

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



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

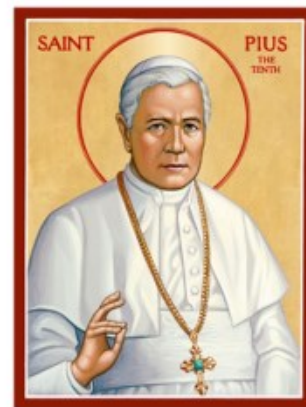
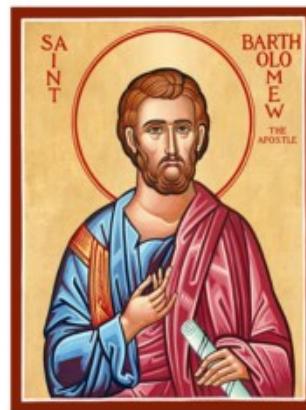
EVENTS INCLUDE:

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

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



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





THE TWELVE STATIONS OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST STATION TWO



STATION TWO THE JEWISH PASSOVER: THE PASCHAL LAMB, PREFIGUREMENT OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

“THEN THEY SHALL TAKE SOME OF THE BLOOD AND PUT IT ON THE TWO DOORPOSTS AND THE LINTEL OF THE HOUSES IN WHICH THEY EAT THEM. ... IT IS THE LORD’S PASSOVER. ... AND WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU, AND NO PLAGUE SHALL FALL UPON YOU AND DESTROY YOU, WHEN I SMITE THE LAND OF EGYPT.”

EXODUS 12:7,11,13

The story of the Passover is important for both Jews and Christians. In the Book of Exodus, we see the foreshadowing of Christ as the Paschal Lamb:

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old...Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat them.

They shall eat the flesh that night...And you shall let none of it remain until morning...In this manner you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet. And your staff in your hand: and you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover (Ex 12:5,7,8,10,11).

During the time of their enslavement by the Egyptians, the Israelites were commanded by God to give a special sacrifice. This sacrifice freed them from the slavery that they had been in for over four hundred years. That sacrifice and meal did not take place that one time but is and has been commemorated every year by the Jewish people to remember their deliverance from slavery.

What is the connection with Jesus?

In the New Testament, Saint John the Baptist declares “Behold the Lamb of God. Who takes away the sin of the world!” (Jn. 1:29). Jesus is the fulfillment of the Jewish Passover that took place a thousand years before Him. We read in the Catechism:

By celebrating the Last Supper with his Apostles during the Passover meal, Jesus gave the Jewish Passover its definitive meaning. Jesus’ passing over to his father by his death and Resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the Church in the glory of the kingdom.

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

Week 2 Thought: Am I willing to follow the commands of God, like the Israelites did at the Passover?



“OUR WISH, OUR OBJECT, OUR CHIEF PREOCCUPATION MUST BE TO FORM JESUS IN OURSELVES, TO MAKE HIS SPIRIT, HIS DEVOTION, HIS AFFECTIONS, HIS DESIRES AND HIS DISPOSITION, LIVE AND REIGN THERE.”

St John Eudes

Feast Day: August 19th

St. Raymond Church

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration

Each day the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00 PM

Each Thursday - Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM

Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM

August 22nd–Healing Mass/Adoration/Benediction 7:30 PM

August 24th-Adoration/Benediction/Divine Mercy Vigil 7-8:30 PM

Saints Who Promoted Eucharistic Devotion

Saint Clare of Assisi

Foundress († 1255)

Feast: August 11

“Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him, as you desire to imitate him.”

The Hour That Makes My Day

Excerpts from

A Treasure in Clay, the Autobiography of Archbishop Sheen

On the day of my Ordination, I made two resolutions: First, I would offer the Holy Eucharist every Saturday in honor of the Blessed Mother to solicit her protection on my priesthood. Second, I resolved also to spend a continuous Holy Hour every day in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Briefly, here are some reasons why I have kept up this practice, and why I have encouraged it in others:

First, the Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption. Our Lord asked: "Could you not watch one hour with Me?". Jesus asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil; an hour of union with the Cross to overcome the anti-love of sin.

Secondly, the only time Our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night he went into his agony. Not for an hour of activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship.

The third reason I keep up the Holy Hour is to grow more and more into his likeness. We become like that which we gaze upon.

The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him.

Chiara Offreduccio was born on July 16, 1194, to a wealthy noble family. Her mother named her Clare (Chiara) which means "light" in Italian. Even as a young girl, Clare was unusually devout and was deeply prayerful, and practiced a life of very real, but hidden, mortification.

After hearing St. Francis preach the Lenten service at San Giorgio Church in Assisi, Clare sought him out to learn how she might live the Gospel as he had preached it. Eventually, Clare was helped by Francis to establish a community of women who also desired to leave everything for Christ and live out the Gospel in a profound way. They were first called the Poor Ladies, but were later re-named the "Poor Clares," in honor of their foundress.

Most images of St. Clare depict her with a monstrance in her hands. This comes from an event that took place in 1244. Although she was very sick, St Clare prostrated herself before the ciborium containing the Eucharist, which she had placed in front of the convent door that Emperor Frederick II's troops were about to storm. Clare lived on that pure Bread which, according to the custom of the time, she could receive only seven times a year. Begging the Lord she said, "Lord, look upon these servants of yours, because I cannot protect them." A voice was heard coming from the Blessed Sacrament, "I will always defend you". Her sisters and the city were spared.

This event, her writings, and her long hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament reveal a woman in love with Jesus Christ and to whom Christ was a real person physically present.



*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 - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"Do not close your hand to
someone in need."*

- Deuteronomy 15:7

Food assistance is available for those in need who
live within our Parish boundaries.

During the month of July, our Parish Social Ministry
assisted 71 households with food, personal care
and household items. We also welcomed 3 new
clients into the Outreach Program
and helped them with food and other services they
needed. If you are a senior citizen, living within Parish
boundaries, and depend on your Social Security
benefit as your sole source of income, please call the
Parish Social Ministry and we can assist you with food.

**Pantry items needed this week: Ketchup,
Mayonnaise, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned
Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Plain Pasta, Jarred Tomato
Sauce, Canned Soup (No Creamed), Coffee,
Toothpaste 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.

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Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say "yes" and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen.



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We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of \$20,986! The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave. in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100

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A Message from the IHM

Sisters of St. Raymond's...

On September 8, 1926, four IHM Sisters arrived at St. Raymond Parish in response to a request from the pastor to found an elementary school. They opened the school on September 14, 1926, with 180 children in the first four grades. And so the story begins. After a few moves, the Sisters happily arrived in the present day Convent in 1937. There the Sisters (different ones over the years) remained for the next 86 years! Now, after almost 100 years, the school has closed and the Sisters are moving back to Scranton.

Sister Lorraine and I would like to thank all our Parish Family for your loving support over the years. You have trusted us with the care of your children and opened your families to us in friendship. We have enjoyed sharing many events and activities with you and will take many happy memories with us. We would ask for your continued prayers as we begin the next chapter in our lives. I will be serving as the Director of the Everyday English for Adults program in Scranton and Sister Lorraine will be working with me and the other volunteers. We will be living at 2210 Kirst Court, Scranton, PA 18505 – just in case you're ever in the area. For now, we will be here until August 28th , but we will return the weekend of September 23-24 to host a final BINGO and to officially bid all adieu.

Meanwhile, thanks to all who supported our recent Tag Sale. Your generosity was amazing! Of course it's again the time of year to sell our IHM SILVER CIRCLES. We'll have them available – even after we're gone! Again, thanks for everything. God bless.

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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director

We are in need of a 2nd grade Religion teacher. The hours are Tuesdays 3:30pm- 4:30pm.

Please call the Religious Education office if interested.

The Religious Education office is closed for the summer. We will be coming into the office once a week to check e-mails, phone messages and to continue to process Registration forms throughout the summer.

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

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

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

Registration forms can be found on the parish website – www.saintraymonds.org. Please fill them out in their entirety and return to the Religious Education office with full payment.

The Registration fee is now \$225.00.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS

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

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

Group 1 – 11:00am Ceremony

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

Group 2 – 2:30pm Ceremony

- 8-3 Mrs. Jennifer Ruggiero
- 8-4 Mrs. Diana Gannascoli
- 8-7 Mrs. Julianne Grennen
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NINTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, ST. RAYMOND

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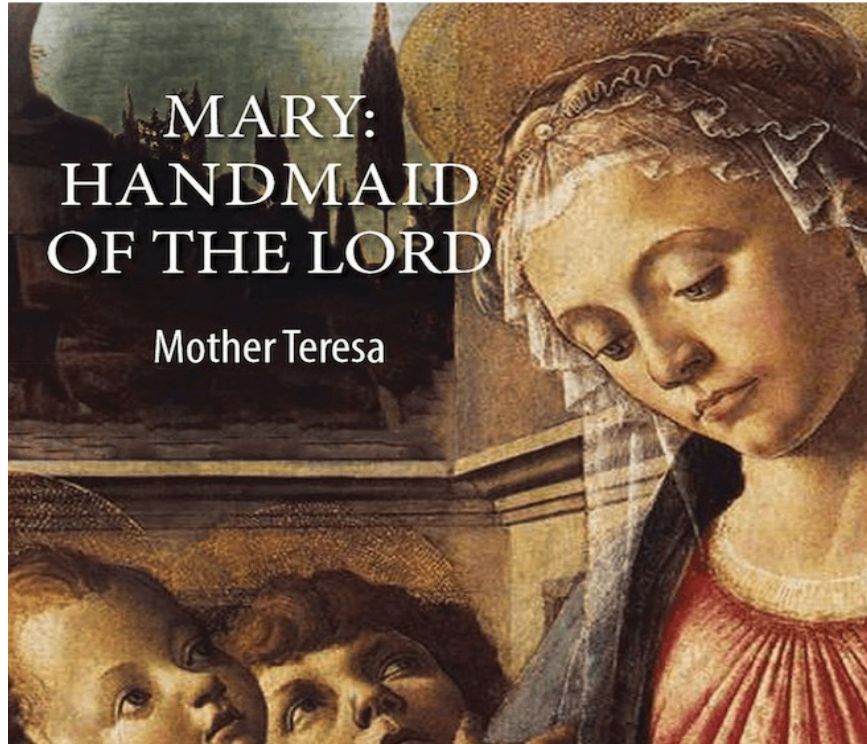
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Masses for this week

Monday, August 21st *St. Pius X*

7:15am Jack Lindes

8:45am Jane & John Gilhouly

Tuesday, August 22nd

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15am Josephine Perri

8:45am Francis Gallagher

Wednesday, August 23rd

7:15am Mildred Hinshaw

8:45am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 24th *St. Bartholomew*

7:15am Richard Raia

8:45am Peter Broughal

Friday, August 25th

7:15am Vincent & Helen Morrone

8:45am Francis Caraher

Saturday, August 26th

8:45am Irene McHugh, Helen Howe

5:00pm Kathleen Venis

Sunday, August 27th

7:30am Nicholas A. VanAmburg

9:00am Gregory Baumgarten

10:30am Nocturnal Adoration

12:00pm Mary Pat Dorney, Santo Barbarino,
Francis Gallagher, Geraldine Colangeli,
Catherine McCarthy, Theresa Mure

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

Friday

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Jodi Neckles, Mike L,
Dawn, Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,
Baby Cooper Graham, Diane Minucci,
Michael McPike, Christine I., John Lynch
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri
Samir, Leo B., Caroline Saporito,
Marie Gay Oddo, Baby Grayson, Barbara
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Rest in Peace

Catherine A. Puder

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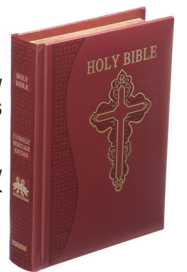
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