

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 17, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“There is a baptism with which I must be
baptized, and how great is my anguish until it
is accomplished!” -Luke 12:50



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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

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

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



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings speak of an uncomfortable aspect of discipleship. It is that following Jesus and living the Gospel can bring about hardship, division and opposition. We need to keep hearing this message because it helps us to understand and give meaning to our trials and suffering. And it offers hope that there is redemption in our suffering. In the first reading from the Book of Jeremiah, the prophet's preaching runs counter to the values of his society. The result was that Jeremiah was lowered into a cistern where: **"There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud."** Then in the second reading from Hebrews, Paul reminds the people that Jesus endured the cross and all the opposition it represented in order to take his seat at the right hand of the Father. Paul then tells the people: **"In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."** And finally in Luke's Gospel, Jesus explicitly says that he has to really turn the tables on everyone. Conflict and division are going to occur, not just politically, but much deeper among family members. **"Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."**

So how do we navigate this joyous path of discipleship when it brings conflict and division? It is confusing. Is it peace that Jesus is all about? He says: **"Blessed are the peacemakers and Peace be with you."** Which is it? I believe this question lies at the heart of every spiritual journey, at the heart of what a faithful life is all about. It becomes, for people of faith, all about the choices we make. How can we withstand the tumult and difficulties of this life? You see, in nearly each moment of each day, in nearly each and every circumstance, we can either choose the God-like thing, or we can choose something else. And by choosing one or the other we are also saying no to something else, something that might be important to those who don't agree with us or think like us or embrace the same sorts of things we have pledged to embrace. As a result, conflicts can arise, which can lead to division and a situation in which peace seems to be absent. Jesus recognized this and used some really strong examples to make this point to his disciples. There is help especially those who went before us, people we loved who can still encourage us by prayer in addition to the graces of the sacraments.

So, which is it? Will you strive to choose the good thing, the holy thing, the God like thing? And if so, can you face conflicts that are sure to follow, not with anger or malice or hatred, but with love? And will you let the Holy Spirit be your guide, the **"fire"** of the living God that has the power to transform absolutely everything? If we could collectively say yes to this question, who knows what a beautiful, peaceful, kind world we might help to re-create? Remember, this is what Jesus laid down his life for.

Next Sunday, August 24th the **Backwards Money Drawing** will be held starting at 10am in the school cafeteria. A special Hospitality Sunday will accompany the drawing sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady. All ticket agents should have their tickets in to the rectory by this Sunday, August 17th. If you haven't returned your ticket(s) yet please do so as soon as possible. There are only a handful of tickets left for sale, so don't wait too much longer. Stop by the rectory office ASAP! You don't want to miss out on a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000!

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 the special **Prayer Vigil** on Tuesday evening, August 19th, the **Come and See Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share, let the Holy Spirit guide you to make good and holy choices. Plus remember: Faith makes things possible, not easy.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 17, 2025—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 17, 2025—20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

ALLELUIA

John 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!

R. Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



*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
Tuesday, August 19th
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)



*"Never be afraid of
loving the Blessed
Virgin too much.
You can never love her
more than Jesus did."
St. John Vianney
Assumption of Mary,
August 15th
Queenship of Mary,
August 22nd*

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**Like we hear in today's
Second Reading, do not give
up-- continue to run the
race, keep Jesus in your
sights. When you fall, go to
confession. Strengthen
yourself with prayer and
the Eucharist.**

Backwards Money Drawing!

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish

This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2025

Tickets for the Backwards Drawing are \$100 each, with only 500 tickets available.

The grand prize of **\$10,000** will be awarded to the last ticket drawn. There will also be an additional **\$10,000** in prize money spread amongst other tickets as they are drawn. **For us to be successful, we need to sell all 500 tickets!** While \$100 may be high, the price can easily be shared with family, friends, or co-workers. The key is to be in it for a chance at the grand prize of **\$10,000**. Winners need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are available at the rectory during regular office hours and you may also use the tear-off below to order a ticket.

Enter to Win



BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

- Ticket #1-\$500
- Ticket #50-\$200
- Ticket #100-\$200
- Ticket #150-\$200
- Ticket #200-\$200
- Ticket #250-\$200
- Ticket #300-\$200
- Ticket #350-\$200
- Ticket #400-\$200
- Ticket #450-\$200
- 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

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 24, 2025

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Number of Tickets: _____



**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 24-26, 2025

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

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.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION**

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation



Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer. You can e-mail us at strayfaithformation@aol.com for more information. Our Religious Education school year goes from 9/29/2025-4/22/2026.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF LONG ISLAND



23RD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Monday, October 6th 2025
The Muttontown Club
East Norwich, NY

Pickleball Tournament

9:00 am Registration & Breakfast
10:30 am Instruction & Workshop
12:00 pm Lunch at Clubhouse
1:00 pm Tournament Play
4:30 pm Cocktail Hour
5:30 pm Reception

Golf Classic

9:00 am Registration
& Breakfast
11:00 am Golf Shotgun Start
4:30 pm Cocktail Hour
5:30 pm Reception

Contact Maren Henderson at
henderson.maren@catholiccharities.cc
or visit Catholiccharities.cc/golf to register



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

The Life Center is in need of volunteers, male and female, in all four of its pregnancy care centers located in Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park and Smithtown, to help with the following: **Male Volunteers Are Urgently Needed** Maintaining the property and building maintenance Management of baby item donations (ensuring items are in good, working conditions) Small handyman tasks as needed. For more information or to volunteer, please call Lauren at #516-798-8746. **Bilingual Staff Is Needed** The Life Center is also hiring full-time and part-time bilingual staff positions in all four of the above mentioned center locations. For any questions, please call Gloria at #516-798-8746. **Qualified candidates should send resume to: Gloria Schreiber at gschreiber@lifecenterli.org** Throughout the years, the Life Center has helped mothers bring their babies to birth and spared them from experiencing the painful after-effects of the abortion procedure. Thanks to people volunteering their services at the centers, the Life Center has been able to offer meaningful help to the mothers experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and thousands of babies have been saved from abortion and now live! If you feel you are being called to be more active in the pro-life mission, perhaps this is your opportunity. **Why not make a call to either Lauren or Gloria and find out.**

The next Human Life Committee Meeting:

**Thursday, August 21st, 7:00 - 8:00 pm,
in the Parish Social Ministry Office.
Join with us in being a voice for the
vulnerable unborn babies.**

**TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY
TIME WEEKLY GUIDE FOR
PERSONAL PRAYER
CREIGHTON ONLINE MINISTRIES**



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

Summary of the Readings for the Week



Sunday is the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire." He warns us that the divisions we see, even in our own families, are too often caused by the choices people make about his mission.

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint John Eudes. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Pius X.

Friday the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

In the first part of the week, we have readings from the Book of Judges. We read of how Israel worshiped other gods and fell into the power of their enemies;

how God called Gideon to be a leader of his tribe; of Gideon's son Abimelech who was unfairly made king and his brother Jotham's response; and of Jephtha's promise to God to sacrifice the first person he saw if only he was victorious in battle. After his victory, Jephtha's only child ran to greet him, and he sacrificed her. The Psalm reading for that day reminds us that "Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but ears open to obedience." Two days of readings from the Book of Ruth tell the moving story of Naomi and her loving daughter-in-law Ruth. Ruth leaves her own homeland to return with Naomi to Bethlehem, where Ruth remarries and has a child, Obed, who will become the grandfather of the great king, David.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes some favorite parables, like the rich young man. Jesus says "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God," and we know he is introducing the counter-cultural idea that riches may make it more difficult to be saved.



Those are followed by stories of the Master of the vineyard who leaves us with the phrase "The last will be first and the first, last." Jesus tells the parable of the landowner who hires workers throughout the day, including the last hours. When he pays them all the same, those who worked all day grumbled. "Are you envious because I am generous?" He offers the parable of the guests who are too busy to attend the wedding feast of the king's son. Friday, Jesus tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Saturday, Jesus says, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

On the Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time Jesus cautions us about the difficulty of the Christian life, saying many will be unable to "enter through the narrow gate." Jesus indicates it is those we do not expect who will be the first in the Kingdom: "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



“... let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus ...”

Hebrews 12:4



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 we can be moved by the powerful fidelity of a woman like Ruth. And the familiar gospel stories will guide us through the week most with practical advice and challenging ideas.



It is good to begin by recognizing our own issues with God. For many of us, the graces with which we will be asking God to bless us have to do with our freedom from being so independent.

For some of us, it will be to ask to keep our priorities straight this week. It may mean that we let this be a week when we ask what “success” really means for us. It could be a week to try to name more clearly what our purpose, our mission in life is: what the Lord calling us to do with our lives.

Grace

The real grace of finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy everyday lives is that it helps keep us focused. When we get really busy, it can be like being on a tread mill. We begin our day in the morning, go where the day takes us and jump off at night. Our desire here is to live with more choice, more freedom. We want to live each day more reflectively.

So, if I know the gospel is going to ask me to ponder how the lure of having more and more money can become an impediment to my salvation, or how generous and merciful God is, or how my busyness

leads me to forget or lose my priorities, then I can choose to let those reflections shape my week.



The way I can do that is by beginning each day with focus. What gives focus is recognizing and naming a desire, a grace or gift I ask of God, for that day, conscious of what I will be experiencing, what will challenge me, what opportunities will be offered me.

Lord, give me the grace today to seek you above all things of this created world. When I am lonely, give me the grace to turn to you for love. When I am hopeless, give me the grace to turn to you for my hope. When I am guilty and ashamed, give me the grace to turn to you for mercy. When I am restless, give me the grace to turn to you for peace.

What really makes this effective, is to keep talking with Jesus about those desires in the small, quiet moments that are tucked into each day, the “in between times” of the day.

The effect is that more and more of the details of our lives are interacting with the Word of God and the desires which God is inspiring in our hearts.

As we move toward the weekend, we can prepare to hear Jesus ask us who we say he is - who he is for us.



Connecting with Jesus in our daily lives allow him to become my Savior and the intimate friend who knows me through and through and is helping me come to know myself with great honesty, integrity, freedom and peace.

Associated Vincentian
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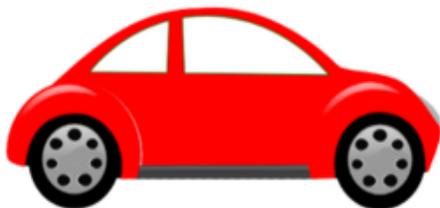
Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

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If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525

For details: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org



**THE ROSE
FOR LIFE**

**In Loving
Memory of
Louise Coscia**

**For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062**

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

"The Heart of the Parish"

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

516-887-9197



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

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"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.*

During the month of July, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 109 households with food, personal care and household items and assisted them with other services through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul. Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry and we can help you with food.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED AS OUR SHELVES AS SADLY LOW

**LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH DETERGENT, PEANUT BUTTER, GRAPE JELLY, PANCAKE MIX,
PANCAKE SYRUP, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, MAYONNAISE,
COOKING OIL, COLD CEREAL, SNACKS, CANNED TOMATOES AND CANNED FRUIT.**

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

Thank you all for always helping us serve the people in need in our community.

You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!



Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in
your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel. May those seeds
transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new
heaven and a new earth, when, with
the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
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Amen*



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Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 22nd each year. This memorial day highlights Mary's special role as the Mother of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ, and, in a unique way, as the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth



St. Bernard Abbot

Bernard of Clairvaux, venerated as Saint Bernard, was an abbot, mystic, co-founder of the Knights Templar, and a major leader in the reform of the Benedictines through the nascent Cistercian Order. Bernard was sent to found Clairvaux Abbey only a few years after becoming a monk at Cîteaux. He is the patron saint of beekeepers, candlemakers

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**Nationwide Invitation to Prayer
Announcement
Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio
President, U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities**

History was recently made when Planned Parenthood and other big abortion businesses were banned from receiving federal Medicaid dollars for one year. Planned Parenthood immediately sued in a federal court and the judge swiftly granted part of a preliminary injunction, requiring the abortion giant's taxpayer funding to continue. Otherwise, children's lives could be saved every day.

Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer.

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

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

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Monday, August 18th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Donald Player

Tuesday, August 19th

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8:45am Mary Ann Mulroy

Wednesday, August 20th

St. Bernard

7:15am Michael Colletta

8:45am Anthony P. Hoeffner

Thursday, August 21st

St. Pius X

7:15am Felix Monaco

8:45am Giacinto Anastasio

Friday, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15am Anthony Pinnisi

8:45am Francis Gallagher

Saturday, August 23rd

8:45am Donald Player

5:00pm Thorne & Drugan Families

Sunday, August 24th

7:30am Robert J. Suhr

9:00am Richard Raia

10:30am Robert Mannino

12:00pm Vincent & Helen Morrone

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Marie Gallagher

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Joseph DelGiorno

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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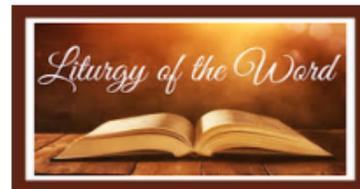
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*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen*



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*For Ed Malone & Tony Lynch
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Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Judges 2:11-19/Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday

Judges 6:11-24a/Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday

Judges 9:6-15/Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday

Judges 11:29-39a/Matthew 22:1-14

Friday

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday

Isaiah 66:18-21/Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30

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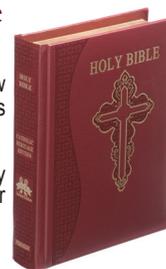
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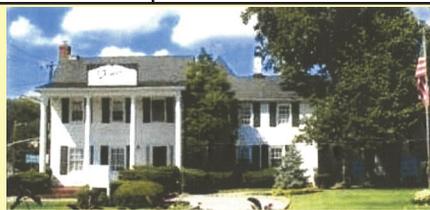
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