

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, July 26, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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**"We know that all things work for good for
those who love God, who are called
according to his purpose"**

-Romans 8:28



July 26, 2026

17th 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 10 am-5pm. 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

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

Jodi Neckles

Jim Marasco

Christine I.

Rosemarie Lombardo

Nick S.

Rosemarie Salabini

Connie Montesino

Brian McGreevy

Mary Caffrey

Kinley S.

Logan Kaplan

Julianne Grennen

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Lauren Greco

Eileen Roberts

Caroline Saporito

Michael Conconan

Piper Clements-

Coogan

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Focarino

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



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! God's presence and wisdom is something we should rejoice in, even when his invitation to be in relationship with him can be hard to explain. In the first reading from I Kings, God bestows the gift of wisdom upon King Solomon who doesn't ask for riches or fame. He only asks for understanding on how best to serve God. ***"Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"*** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul affirms those who have been chosen by God to be his followers. ***"We know that all things work out for the good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."*** And finally, in Matthew's gospel, Jesus uses three parables to illustrate the mystery of our relationship with God. One is the treasure buried in the field, another is the pearl of great price and also the overflowing fishing net. They teach us that our relationship with God is of such value that one should be willing to give up all for its sake. Once we truly recognize what a difference God's presence makes in our lives, we will not want to be without it even for a short time. The judgment will be as Jesus says. ***"The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."***

As people who seek God's presence through faith we also need to sift through our life's experiences to find out what is of God and what is not. Like Solomon in the first reading, we need the gift of wisdom to be able to discern and understand what God's will is. This is the wisdom, not of this world, but the wisdom that comes from God alone. We need this gift of wisdom and discernment because his ways and presence in our lives are not always obvious. And this is especially true when we are facing challenges. Then we wish that God would reveal himself more clearly. But God wants us to grow, to come freely to an even deeper understanding of our identity and relationship with him. God expects that we work at our relationship with him.

All human growth involves good and bad experiences for us to sift through and so come to see the very hand of God in our lives. Seek from God an understanding heart, one that knows right from wrong. One that doesn't just believe in God but knows him. One that understands what is just and fair and right and decent. One that puts others first and sees the bigger picture. One that has compassion and mercy. And maybe, most importantly, one that knows what is the only thing worth pursuing---a faithful life with God at the center of every thought, every relationship and every decision. Can anything be more important?

This Tuesday evening, July 28th, there will be a special ***Holy Hour*** from 7-8pm in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, reflection, music and Benediction. The theme of this hour will be centered on the Kingdom of God. If you can, set aside this time for prayerful reflection and grace. Come and bring a friend.

As of July 21st, we have a total of 574 Prayer Hours and 595 Service Hours for a total of 1161 Hours of Love in Action. We can still add to this total as we celebrate the consecration of the Sacred Heart for the 250th Anniversary of the United States. To join just follow the St. Raymond Love in Action page in the bulletin.

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 order form for the ***2026 Backwards Money Drawing***, 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 last week of July. ***Smile, share and keep God at the center of your life. Plus remember: No matter what you face in life, don't let go of God's hand.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 26, 2026— 17th 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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 26, 2026—17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119:57, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your commands more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

HOLY HOUR

DEDICATED TO THE

Kingdom
OF GOD

Let us adore the King
and Creator of all things.
Come and be renewed
in His love and truth.
His Kingdom has no end.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

EXPOSITION

REFLECTION

MUSIC

BENEDICTION

"Backwards Money Drawing!"

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

This special fundraiser will be held
on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**

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 30, 2026

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Number of Tickets:** _____



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

250 HOURS OF LOVE IN ACTION

As each one
has received a gift,
use it to serve one
another as good
stewards of God's
varied grace.

— 1 PETER 4:10

As a parish family, let us come together
in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.



250 HOURS OF ADORATION

Be with Him.

Spend time in the real
presence of Jesus in
the Eucharist. Attend a
monthly special Holy Hour
or our regular weekly
adoration.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



250 HOURS OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Be His hands.

Serve those in need through
acts of charity such as donating
food, tutoring children,
sponsoring a family, visiting
the homebound, and more.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



TOGETHER BETWEEN JULY 4TH AND LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the **250th Anniversary** of the United States of America,
let us thank God for our freedom by giving Him our time in prayer and service.

— Pray. Serve. Transform. —

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1776-2026



MY PROMISE TO ST. RAYMOND PARISH

I will help our parish reach our goal of 250 hours of Adoration
and 250 hours of Corporal Works of Mercy.

Name (Please Print): _____

I commit to: ☐ ADORATION ☐ CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

I will contribute approximately: _____ hour(s) (per month / per week / one-time)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TOGETHER IN
FAITH AND LOVE

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House
"The Heart of the Parish"
12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook
NY 11563 516-887-9197



FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF
OPERATION MONDAY THROUGH
WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM
(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return and your reward will be great." - Luke 6:35

During the month of June, the Parish Social Ministry helped 96 households with food, personal care and household items and provided some clients with other services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul. The Parish Social Ministry provides food assistance to 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 only source of income, please contact the Parish Social Ministry office and we can assist you with food.

Pantry items needed this week: Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Razors, Cooking Oil (Small Bottles), Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Dish Detergent and Laundry Detergent.

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

Thanks to all of you 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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



OUR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF 2 MORE CATECHIST FOR THE FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:

5TH GRADE - 1 CATECHISTS NEEDED - WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM-4:30PM

7TH GRADE - 1 CATECHISTS NEEDED - MONDAYS 7:00PM-8:00PM

The Religious Education school year goes from September 28th, 2026 - April 21st, 2027. Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months.

Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists.

The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers.

Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come. Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision.

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. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. The forms can also be dropped off at the Rectory - simply put your paperwork in an envelope along with payment and drop it in the mail slot. The mail slot goes into a locked box so payment will be secure.

The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026.



SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 13:44-52), Jesus reveals the incomparable value of God's Kingdom through the parables of the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price, and the fishing net. His invitation, *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,"* reminds us that nothing in this world compares with the joy of knowing Christ and following Him with an undivided heart.

This week, Wednesday is the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, faithful friends of Jesus whose home in Bethany became a place of hospitality, contemplation, and unwavering trust in the Lord. Thursday is the Optional Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, known for his remarkable gift for preaching the Gospel with clarity, wisdom, and pastoral charity. Friday is the Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), whose profound conversion led him to dedicate his life to helping others discover and follow God's will through prayer, discernment, and generous service.

Saturday is the First Saturday of August and it is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, inviting the us to honor her unwavering faith, especially on Holy Saturday, when she alone remained steadfast in hope as she awaited her Son's Resurrection. Saturday is also the Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, renowned for his compassionate pastoral ministry.

The First Readings for Monday through Saturday are taken from Jeremiah 13:1-11; Jeremiah 14:17-22; Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Jeremiah 18:1-6; Jeremiah 26:1-9; and Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24. Through Jeremiah's prophetic ministry, the Lord lovingly calls His people to repentance, warns against relying upon empty religious practices, and patiently forms hearts that are willing to trust His providence. Like the potter shaping clay, God continually molds His people with mercy, inviting each of us to surrender ourselves more completely to His saving plan.

This week, the daily Gospel passages invite us to discover the priceless treasure of God's Kingdom, to become fertile soil for His Word, and to welcome Christ with generous hearts that are eager to serve. As we journey with Jesus through these passages, we learn that authentic discipleship is found not merely in hearing His Word but in allowing it to transform every aspect of our lives.

In Monday's Gospel (Matthew 13:31-35), Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to the mustard seed and the yeast, quietly transforming the world from within, proclaiming, *"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."* In Tuesday's Gospel (Matthew 13:36-43), He explains the Parable of the Weeds, assuring His disciples that God's final justice will ultimately triumph as *"The righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father."*

In Wednesday's Gospel (John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42), the Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus reminds us that both loving service and attentive listening are essential expressions of faithful discipleship, while Jesus proclaims to Martha, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* In Thursday's Gospel (Matthew 13:47-53), Jesus compares the Kingdom to a net gathering fish of every kind, teaching that God's patient mercy will one day give way to His perfect justice.

In Friday's Gospel (Matthew 13:54-58), the people of Nazareth fail to recognize the Messiah because of their familiarity with Him, prompting Jesus to observe, *"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place."* In Saturday's Gospel (Matthew 14:1-12), the martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist reminds us that courageous fidelity to God's truth often demands perseverance and sacrifice, even in the face of suffering.

In the Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 14:13-21), Jesus reveals His compassionate heart as He feeds the multitude, inviting us to trust completely in His providence through the reassuring words, *"They all ate and were satisfied."*



"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

Matthew 13:46



St. Raymond Church

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

Throughout this week, Jesus invites us to discover that nothing is more valuable than life in His Kingdom. As we welcome His Word with open hearts, He forms us into faithful disciples who recognize His presence, trust His providence, and joyfully choose His will above every earthly treasure.

SUNDAY – THE GREATEST TREASURE

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." (Matthew 13:44). Today's Gospel reminds me that every sacrifice made for Christ is small compared with the joy of knowing Him. When I place God's Kingdom first, I discover a peace and happiness that no earthly possession can ever provide.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me seek Your Kingdom above all else and rejoice in the priceless gift of Your love.

MONDAY – QUIET GROWTH

"The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." (Matthew 13:31). God's work in my life often begins in small and hidden ways that I may scarcely notice. As I faithfully pray, serve, and love each day, the Lord quietly brings forth a harvest far greater than I can imagine.

My Prayer: Heavenly Father, give me patience to trust the quiet work of Your grace within my heart.

TUESDAY – TRUSTING GOD'S JUSTICE

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father." (Matthew 13:43). Although evil and suffering may seem to flourish for a time, Christ assures me that goodness will ultimately triumph through His perfect justice. I am called to remain faithful, confident that the Lord never forgets those who place their hope in Him.

My Prayer: Lord, strengthen my faith and help me persevere with hope as I await the fulfillment of Your promises.

WEDNESDAY – WELCOMING THE LORD

MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25). The loving friendship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus reminds me that Christ desires to dwell within every home and every heart. Like them, I am invited to welcome Jesus through prayer, hospitality, and steadfast faith, trusting that His presence brings hope, peace, and new life.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, make my heart a welcoming home where You are always received with faith and love.

THURSDAY – LISTENING WITH AN OPEN HEART

MEMORIAL OF SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

"The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous." (Matthew 13:49). Jesus teaches me that every day is an opportunity to respond to God's Word with sincerity and conversion. By listening attentively today, I allow Christ to shape my heart for His Kingdom.

My Prayer: Lord, give me ears to hear Your Word and the courage to live it with faithful obedience.

FRIDAY – FAITH BEYOND FAMILIARITY

MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place." (Matthew 13:57). The people of Nazareth failed to recognize Jesus because they believed they already knew Him. May I never allow familiarity to diminish my wonder before the Lord or my willingness to follow wherever He leads.

My Prayer: Jesus, renew my heart each day so that I may always recognize You and follow you.

SATURDAY – FAITHFUL TO THE END

HONORING THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"Herod sent and had John beheaded in the prison." (Matthew 14:10). Saint John the Baptist and our Blessed Mother witness encourages me to remain faithful to Christ with courage, trusting that God never abandons those who place their hope in Him.

My Prayer: Blessed Mother, lead me always to your Son, and help me remain faithful to Him with courage, perseverance, and joyful hope.



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Spotlight on the Life Center of Long Island

For more than three decades, the Life Center of Long Island has been a beacon of hope for women, men, and families facing unexpected pregnancies. Through its community pregnancy care centers operating under the Women First Pregnancy Options brand, the Life Center offers compassionate, confidential, and practical support, helping every person make informed decisions while affirming the dignity of every human life. Today, Women First serves Long Island through four welcoming locations in Hempstead (474 Fulton Avenue), Massapequa (35 East Willow Street), Deer Park (1767 Deer Park Avenue), and Smithtown (91 Maple Avenue), where all services are provided free of charge. Women First offers free pregnancy testing, pregnancy options consultations, parenting education, material assistance, community referrals, post-abortion healing support, and information on pregnancy, adoption, and sexual health in a caring, respectful environment. Every client is welcomed with compassion and receives accurate information without financial interest in any pregnancy decision, allowing women and families to move forward with confidence and hope. Need help?

Women seeking confidential pregnancy support may contact the center nearest them:

Hempstead (516) 408-6300

Massapequa (516) 798-9100

Deer Park (631) 243-0066

Smithtown (631) 656-0441or

You can help build a culture of life by volunteering your time, donating baby items needed, supporting the Life Center financially, or praying for the families they serve. To learn more about volunteer opportunities or other ways to become involved, visit Life Center of Long Island or contact the organization through its website.



**Saint Raymond
CYO Swim
registration will be
open online on
July 31st -
September 15th**

<http://www.straymondscyo.com>



THE ROSE FOR LIFE

**In Loving
Memory of
Marianne Malone
Donated by
Deacon Tommy**

**For Dedications call
Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458**

ST. RAYMOND
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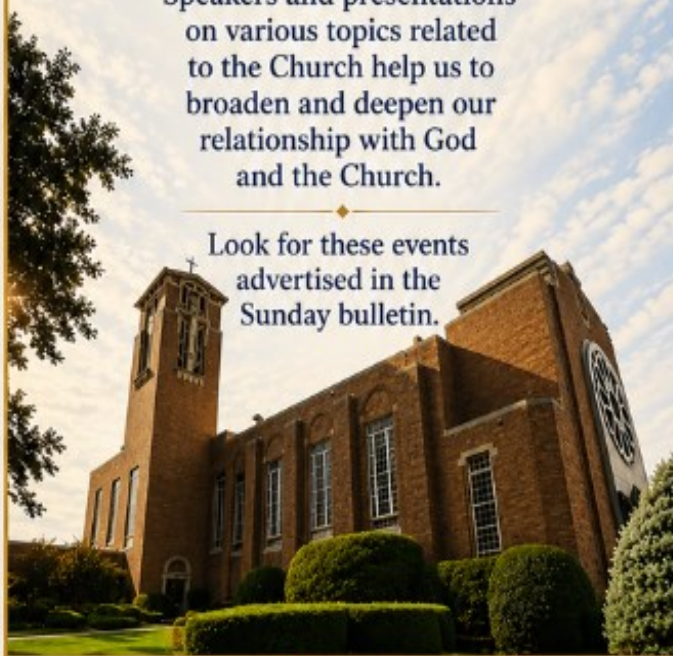
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

ADULT LECTURE SERIES

This committee formulates programs of education and spiritual enrichment opportunities for our parishioners.

Speakers and presentations on various topics related to the Church help us to broaden and deepen our relationship with God and the Church.

Look for these events advertised in the Sunday bulletin.



*"you are the **Light** of the World
A city built on a hill-top
cannot be hidden."*

—MATTHEW 5:14—



Altar Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
Peter Tauckus
10th Anniversary in Heaven
Love Always,
Pat & Family*



Nocturnal Adoration

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

Come spend some time with Jesus!

23rd Annual
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First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

**August 1, 2026
8:10am**

**St. Raymond Church
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Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OF
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI DECLARED BY POPE LEO XIV:
An Instrument of Peace
St. Francis in Italian Pre/Renaissance Art**

St. Francis & St. Dominic

The two saints met in Rome in 1215. They revolutionized monasticism in the Middle Ages. Instead of being isolated, friars were encouraged to preach and to live among the people.

**St. Francis and St. Dominic Meeting,
Fra Angelico, c. 1427**

Fine Arts Museum in San Francisco

About the artist: Fra Giovanni da Fiesole (born Guido di Pietro, c.1395-1455), known posthumously as Fra Angelico, was an Italian Dominican friar and painter active during the early Florentine Renaissance. He created a series of frescoes for the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence, where he received the patronage of Cosimo de' Medici.



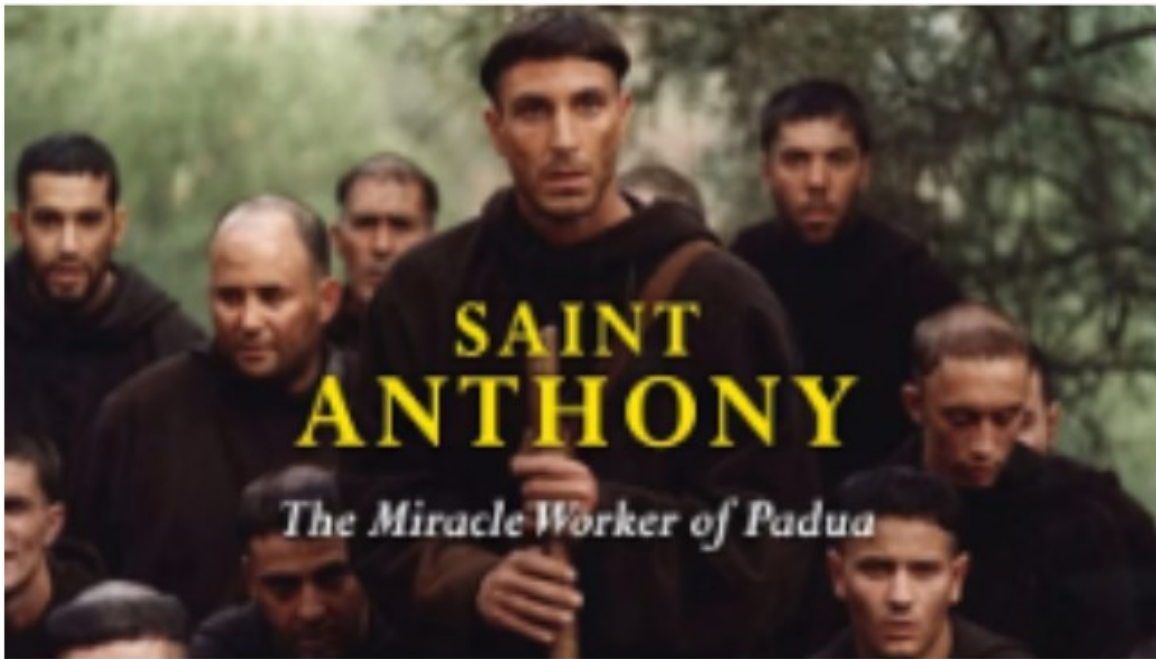
**Vision of St. Dominic and Meeting of
St. Francis and St. Dominic,
Benozzo Gozzoli, 1452**

Apsidal Chapel of the San Francesco Monastery Church in Montefalco, Italy.
It is part of a larger cycle of frescoes detailing the life of St. Francis.

About the artist: Benozzo Gozzoli (1420-1497), was an Italian Renaissance painter from Florence and a pupil of Fra Angelico.

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MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 27th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

Tuesday, July 28th

7:15am Jane McElroy Gilhooly

8:45am Jennie Gaeta

Wednesday, July 29th

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7:15am Patrick Michael McManus

8:45am Joseph Ferrara, Sr.

Thursday, July 30th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Susan Ledwith

Friday, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:15am Gina Suslino (L)

8:45am Thomas Risorto

Saturday, August 1st

St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:45am Angela McMorrow

John "Sean" Donnelly

Carol Coffaro

5:00pm Kathleen Venis

Sunday, August 2nd

7:30am Mary Lynch

9:00am Catherine &

Sr. Catherine Thornton, O.P.

10:30am John & Francis Santino

12:00pm Denise Sandberg

Angela McMorrow

Therese Auguste

John Slattery

Carmella Giarriputo

Erica Shorette

Zachary Cohan

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

Marie Theresa
Navarra

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



Scripture Readings for the Week Monday

Jeremiah 13:1-11/Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday

Jeremiah 14:17-22/Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21/John 11:19-27

Thursday

Jeremiah 18:1-6/Matthew 13:47-53

Friday

Jeremiah 26:1-9/Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24/Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-3/Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

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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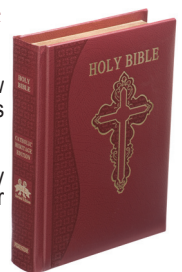
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