

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, May 26, 2024

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“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

-Matthew 28:20



May 26, 2024
The Most
Holy Trinity

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

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

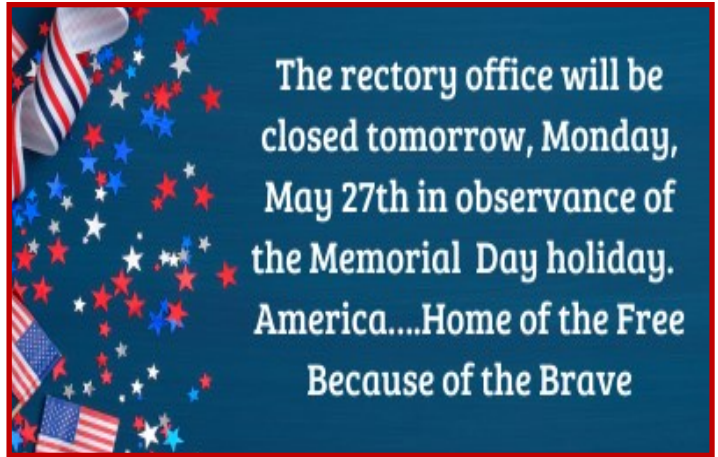
Music Ministries

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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.*

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity! In reality today is simply a celebration of God-the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The readings today are about who God is and how he relates to us. The first reading from Deuteronomy speaks of who God was to the Israelites, from creation through the burning bush and their deliverance from Egypt. **"This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the Lord is God in the heavens and on earth below, and that there is no other."** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul tells the people that if you are led by the Holy Spirit, you are considered children of God and can call God, **"Abba, Father."** **"Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."** And finally, in Matthew's gospel we see Jesus, just before his ascension to heaven, telling the apostles to go forth and spread the **"Good News"** to all nations. **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."**

Today is a rejoicing in the God that in a certain sense, we know. This God is the Father who created all things, the Son who came to save us and the Spirit who dwells within us. This is the God who made himself known to the Jewish people and who rescued them time and time again. It is the God who spoke through their prophets. And it is the God who became one of us, walked among us and showed us what love truly looks like. This is the God who isn't distant, but rather is incredibly close. These are a few of the things we know about God, and this is the God we celebrate today. But there is also the **"unknowable"** God we celebrate today. It is the God we worship, contemplate, give thanks to and sit in awe of, the God who is mystery. This God is far beyond anything we can wrap our minds around. This is the God who can't be explained or put in a box or confined to a few statements of faith. **This God is, well.....God!** As Catholics we have many ways to talk about God. Ours is a rich history filled with deep spiritual truths, heartfelt prayers and holy reflections. And we have the official teachings of the Church, that are Spirit inspired and to which we are called to believe and embrace. Yes, we have been gifted with many insights into our loving God. And yes, we can say much about God. But never mistake what we say as a complete explanation of who God is

Knowing a little is not knowing a lot. Never mistake some insights with having every insight. Some words aren't sufficient to answer the deepest questions. They just aren't. God is always so much more than we can ever imagine, ever explain, or ever understand. Put simply, when it comes to talking about God, thinking about God, or wondering about God, we must always remember to hold on to the mystery. Be aware of what you don't know and let it all play out trusting that it will be well worth it in the end. What a God we have!

Next Sunday, June 2nd, is the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ). As part of our parish's Eucharistic Revival, we will have a special **Corpus Christi Procession** immediately following the 4:30pm Mass on Sunday. The Body of Christ will be carried in solemn procession from the church to the four shrines that adorn our grounds (Padre Pio, the Angel Garden, St. Therese, and the Holy Family). There will be prayers, intercessions, and Benediction at the Holy Family shrine. All are most welcome to come and share in this time-honored tradition for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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 ad about the upcoming **Parish Blood Drive** on Sunday morning, June 2nd in the school cafeteria, an invitation to the **Corpus Christi Procession** next Sunday, June 2nd, immediately following the 4:30pm Mass, an ad for the **Stand-Up Comedy Night**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday evening, June 7th, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back page of the bulletin), 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, live in the mystery of the Blessed Trinity and remember: What's your sign? Mine is Father-Son-Holy Spirit.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MAY 26, 2024-THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

MAY 26, 2024-THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

FIRST READING

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people:

"Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

SECOND READING

Rom 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

GLORY be to the **FATHER,**
and to the **SON,** and to the **HOLY SPIRIT**
as it was in the **BEGINNING,**
is **NOW,** and ever shall be,
world without end. **AMEN**

ALLELUIA

Rv 1:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

**DO THIS
IN
MEMORY
OF ME**

**First Holy
Communion
2024**



Noah Abreu
Giovanni Adrian
Markella Andrianas
Gianni Anselmo
James Ayers
Luciano Bernabe
Darwent Dylan Brown
Brody Bua
Eric Butler
Liam Carpio
McKenna Cash
Anthony Cinque
Vincent Colombo
Emelyn Crenshaw
Amy DeCiantis
Josie DeCiantis
Lily DeCiantis
Nicholas Denk
Valentina DiSanto
William Dombrowski
Abigail Espinoza
Makayla Fasolakis
Alyssa Ferrera
Kai Filomio
Bo Fischer
Thomas Grey
Mailleigh Herzig
Avery Hill
Emma Hughes

Alyssa Isidor
Rhylee Joyce
John Kennedy
Carly Knobloch
Jack Kollbeck
James Kolm
Vince Lancaster
Jhoun Landi
Gia Lee
Kylie Lemus
Cayleigh Lettieri
Samantha Librizzi
Brooke Littlefield
Grace Magee
Claire March
Taylor Marchell
Marco Mastrande
Michael Matton
Evelyn Maxwell
Robert Mazurek
Connor McAssey
Connor McGonigle
Paul McSwiggan
Ellie Miller
Alexa Monteleone
Ethan Moreno
Isabel Morris
Charlotte Mruczek
Alexander Narizzano

Vincent Nestro
Lyla O'Connor
Callum O'Shaughnessy
Benjamin Oliva
James Parsons
Marcus Pattay
Jaxson Pitkiewicz
Alessandra Pizarro
Gabriela Procopio
Lucas Procopio
Michael Raschilla
Scarlett Romano
Braeden Romano-Mooney
Jillian Ruggiero
Madeline Ruggiero
Victoria Saia
Luke Schemmel
Jackson Schenck
Grady Schendlinger
Owen Schendlinger
Alexander Schupbach-Compson
William Scully
Aiden Sherman
Joseph Tlockowski
Louis Vairo
Charlotte Vesce
Ava Vuotto
Julianna Webb
Kailyn Wohlfarth

**“For as often as you eat this bread and drink
this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until
he comes.” -1 Corinthians 11:26**



ST. RAYMOND'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Feast of Corpus Christi

*We are going to have a Eucharistic Procession
around the grounds to the four outdoor shrines:
Padre Pio, the Angel Garden, St. Therese and
The Holy Family.*

*Please join us Sunday June
2nd after the 4:30pm Mass*



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Training in ENGLISH: • Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion –

Part A: Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.

• Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B – presented in conjunction
with Catholic Health. Part B is required for you to be able to bring
Holy Communion to Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm

Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm.

If you are interested in becoming An Extraordinary Minister, please contact me at the
rectory in writing expressing your desire to serve St. Raymond Parish as an Extraordinary
Minister. I will then reserve a place for you at the chosen session. Father Chuck

**To request registration for any of these sessions,
please contact the rectory, 516-593-5000**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Office hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm.

Our 2024/2025 Religious Education program is in need of 8 more catechists for the following grades and days:

4 Catechists for 1st Grade - Sundays 10:30am-1pm - dates 10/20/2024, 12/1/2024, 1/26/2025, 3/2/2025 and 4/6/2025

**3 Catechists for 3rd Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Monday, 1 Wednesday, 1 Thursday
1 Catechist for 6th Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Thursday**

The Religious Education school year goes from September 23rd, 2024 - April 10th, 2025.

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.

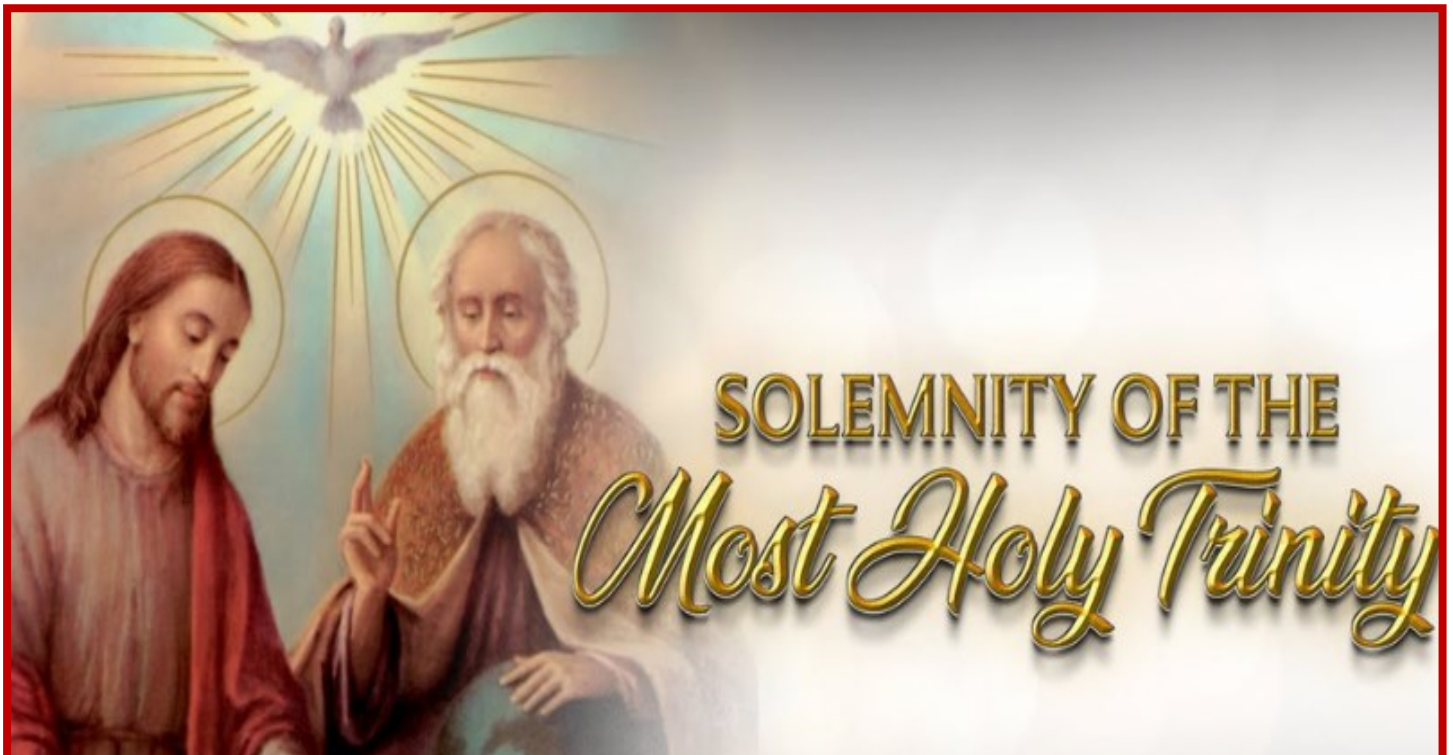
Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing.

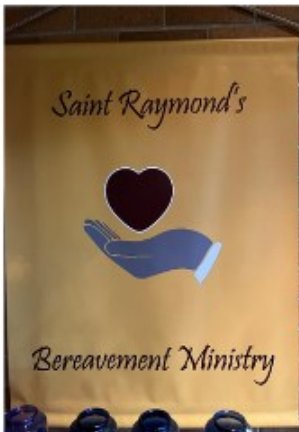
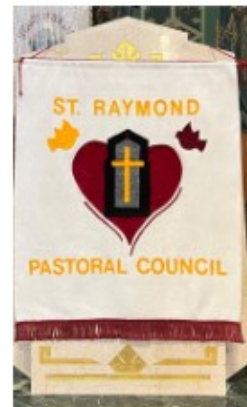
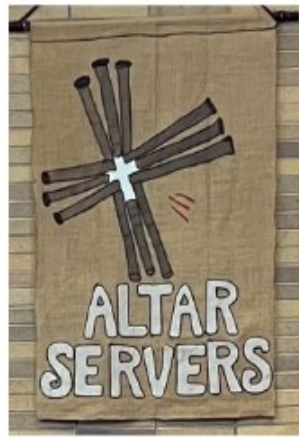
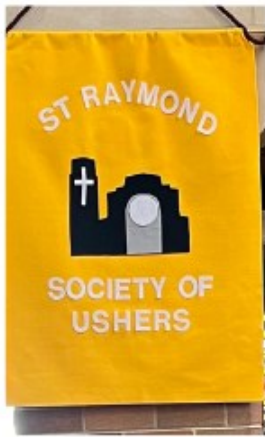
There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers.

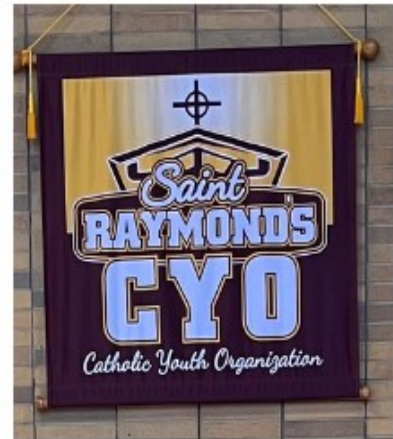
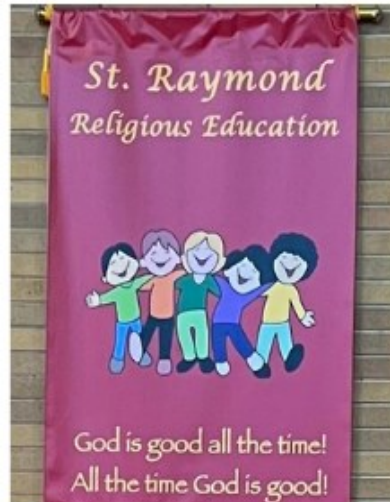
Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

2024/2025 Registration forms have been e-mailed this month to parents and are also found on the parish website.

In honor of the brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May their courage inspire us to live with purpose and gratitude. We express gratitude for the bravery of the fallen American soldiers. Wishing everyone a Memorial Day filled with reflection and appreciation for our heroes.







**YOUR PARISH
NEEDS YOU!!**

If you are interested
in giving of your time
and talent to any of
these ministries,
please call the rectory
for more information



516-593-5000



STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL
NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



Incense

As we continue through the Offertory of the Mass, we now come to the point where incense can be used. Some of us may like the incense, and others may not. Do you know what incense is made of and why we use it?

What is incense, and where does it come from?

According to the Catholic Source Book, "Frankincense... is the main ingredient in the incense used in today's liturgies. A resin produced by a family of desert trees that grow in southern Arabia, it is derived from a sap that dries, forming crystalline lumps of an amber/gold color. For Christians, it has a rich prayer and purification symbolism. From the earliest Christian days, it has been associated with Christ, beginning with the Magi's gift (Matthew 2:10-11). Even before that, the Jews regarded its rich spicy scent as a pure offering, pleasing to God" (p. 307). The author of *Understanding the Mass*, Charles Belmonte, adds, "Incense is a resinous substance which, when placed upon glowing charcoal, gives off a balsamic odor as it burns. It had a place in Israelite worship; in fact, the psalmist compares our prayers to the smoke of incense, rising up to heaven. In the Book of Revelation, it is seen as a symbol of the prayers of the saints" (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 50).

Where is incense mentioned in the Bible?

Besides the Book of Revelation, incense is mentioned in the Book of Numbers 7:14 as part of an offering for the dedication of the altar. Deuteronomy 33:10 makes reference to "the smoke of sacrifice." Exodus 30:34-38 describes blending aromatic substances with pure frankincense in equal parts, even describing how it should be ground into fine dust. In Revelation 5:8, St. John tells us the elders had "gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones." In another reference, Revelation 8:3-4 describes an angel with a gold censer: "He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones... The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God..." Hopefully, it is clear from these passages that there is a connection between incense and prayer and sacrifice. When incense is used in the Mass, there are

times when it is clearly used to reverence people and things, which is especially clear when incense is used during the Offertory of the Mass. Referring to this part of the Mass, The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, after the bread and wine are placed on the altar, "the Priest may incense the gifts placed on the altar and then incense the cross and the altar itself, so as to signify the Church's offering and prayer rising like incense in the sight of God. Next, the Priest, because of his sacred ministry, and the people, by reason of their baptismal dignity, may be incensed by the Deacon or by another minister" (GIRM, 75). As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, "this particular incense shows a connectedness between the altar of sacrifice, those offering the sacrifice, and those uniting themselves to the sacrifice. Before being incensed we bow not only as a sign of reverence but as a sign of affirmation that, like the incense, we offer our lives to God and pray they be lifted up and transformed" (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12).

Why is incense used at Mass?

An older priest once said to me that he loves using incense to honor holy people and holy things. As he sees the smoke rising, he is mindful that we are gathered together as God's people in the Mass, joining Jesus in offering the perfect sacrifice to the Father. In the Mass, our prayers are joined together, and the incense gives us a visual reminder of those prayers being offered to God. He also mentioned he places one, two, or three spoons of incense (from the little container called an incense boat) onto the burning charcoal in the censer (sometimes called a thurible). For him, one spoonful calls to mind the Oneness of God; two spoonfuls point to the two natures of Christ (human and divine); and three indicate the three persons of the Trinity. For that priest, this is a simple way to recall core truths about God as we pray together in the Mass.

For Reflection: Read and pray with the Old Testament uses of incense. As you reflect on what you read, allow the historical uses of incense to enrich your understanding of the role of incense in the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Next Week: Incense – A Vision of Heaven

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration and Eucharistic Exposition

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



*“Go, therefore, and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit ...”*

Matthew 28:16

Why do we call Mary our Blessed Mother?

Have you ever wondered why we call her the Blessed Mother? In Sacred Scripture, after the angel Gabriel visits Mary in her home to tell her that she will bear the Savior of the world at the Annunciation, Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who calls Mary “the mother of my Lord” (Luke 1:43).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that because Mary is the mother of Jesus—and Jesus is God—she has the beautiful privilege of being called “the Mother of God.” She is not just the mother of His human nature; she is the mother of the whole Person of Christ, and Christ has two natures: human and divine. The Catechism explains:

“In fact, the One whom [Mary] conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly the ‘Mother of God’ (Theotokos)” (CCC 495).

We call Mary the Blessed Mother because of Sacred Scripture. When Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and cried out, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!” (Luke 1:42). And in her Song of Praise, popularly known as the Magnificat, Mary replied, “Behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed” (Luke 1:48).

And why do we call Mary our Mother, even though she is not our biological mother?

Since Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is the Head of the Mystical Body of Christ, and we are all members of His Body, she therefore brought us spiritually into being as sons and daughters of God. This fundamental truth is also why we have high regard for Mary. Before she said “yes” to God, we were not able to enter heaven. Her role in salvation history is crucial.

Mothers guide, nurture, and teach their children. The Blessed Mother guides, nurtures, and teaches us to become faithful followers of her Son, Jesus Christ.

Eucharistic Witness

*“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses
than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers,
it is because they are witnesses.” St. Paul VI*

Father John Riccardo

Active Religious (+Living)

Fr. John Riccardo was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1996. In 2019, after 23 years in parish ministry, he founded a ministry called Acts XXIX to reflect that the Holy Spirit is writing the next chapter in the Acts of the Apostles at this moment through all of us. The Acts XXIX team conducts parish missions entitled “The Rescue Project” in order to proclaim the Gospel in a compelling way and to equip clergy and lay leaders for the age in which God has chosen us to live. What can we learn from Fr. John’s Eucharistic witness:

Belief Intensifies Love: “I grew up in the seventies, so Eucharistic adoration and exposition was something that I was absolutely unfamiliar with, even having gone Catholic schools. After I had been ordained about a year and a half, I got involved teaching RCIA. I organized a retreat and each night, I would expose the Eucharist for hours and saw God was acting incredibly powerfully in peoples’ lives. As I meditated during Eucharistic adoration, I heard Jesus say “John, don’t you see how easy this is? You just have to put Me out and I’ll work.”

Feeding and Being Fed by Love: “Daily Eucharistic Adoration changed my life as a priest. From that moment on, everywhere I’ve gone, we’ve built an Adoration chapel. I’ve started doing Exposition every morning and inviting people to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. And encounter after encounter has happened because God wants this more than we do. We need to be in the daily habit of wasting time in a positive way with Him, of listening to His voice in silence and in Scripture, of praising Him, thanking Him, saying we’re sorry, asking for help, asking for vision, and so much more.”

Made for Love: “Often, during the Mass, at the moment of consecration, when I lift the bread and wine and it becomes the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I often lose my breath and feel as if my heart is being squeezed. It is a reminder to me of the day God barged into my life and brought me to the joy of the priesthood.”



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Pantry items needed this week: Canned Potatoes and Yams, Chick Peas and Cannelloni Beans, Canned Beets, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix, Grape Jelly, Mustard, Pasta Sauce, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Conditioner, and Deodorant.

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. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*May God's blessings shower
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Amen.



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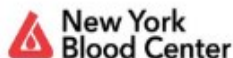
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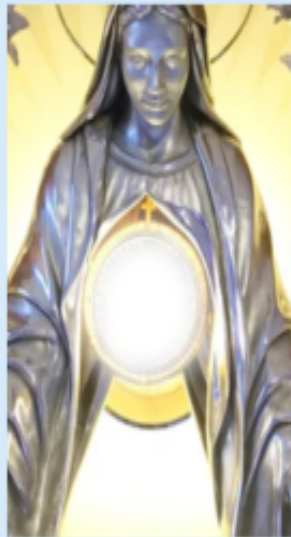


**ST. RAYMOND'S
HUMAN LIFE
COMMITTEE**

MEMORIAL DAY

This Monday, May 27th, the Human Life Committee will be participating in E.R. Village's Memorial Day, remembering and honoring those veterans who gave the supreme sacrifice of their lives for our country and for us. If anyone would like to join with us in the parade, marching under the banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please meet with us on Monday, May 27th, at 9:45 a.m. at the corner of Main Street and Waldo Avenue. We pray that all those veterans who gave their lives for freedom and liberty, rest in the Peace of our Loving God. We remember you and thank you for your sacrifice.

Please join with us each Thursday during Adoration from 3p.m.-3:30 p.m. as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the intention of an end to abortion and to the return of respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception until natural death. The power of prayer is great!



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2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News to all those we meet. Jesus says to His Apostles (and all of us), “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20).

How are you answering this call in your life? As members of the Catholic Church on Long Island, we can answer this call and help spread the Faith to our youth and young adults, as well as to many others who depend on us, by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal

Your gifts help to fund formation programs that bring people closer to Christ. One such program is Camp Quo Vadis for our youth. This camp is so vital to the mission of the Church because it quenches the spiritual thirst that so many young people on Long Island experience. The more our young people seek out Christ and the more the Church helps them to navigate their journey—the better our future will be.



“The camp revitalizes the faith by helping young people understand who God is and develops their relationship with Him. It keeps young people close to God by learning more through the sacraments by offering Mass and time for Eucharistic Adoration. Seeing their faith grow and seeing faith through the eyes of our youth strengthens my faith.”

There are many other ministries funded by the CMA that support the education of youth and young adults in addition to seminarians and those preparing for the Diaconate. I invite you to visit the website for the CMA to learn more about what the CMA does: <https://www.catholicministriesappeal.org/>.

Let us come together to spread the Good News to the people of God on Long Island so that we can build a solid foundation for the future of our Catholic Community.

Please know that I thank you for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. I remind you that no gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference in the lives of our young people - the now and the future of our Catholic Church.

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Masses for this week

Monday, May 27th

7:15am Monsignor Richard Ahlemeyer

8:45am William Mansfield

Tuesday, May 28th

7:15am Monsignor John Heinlein

8:45am Elfriede Bennett

Wednesday, May 29th

7:15am Patricia Margulies

8:45am Edward & Loretta O'Connell

Thursday, May 30th

7:15am Endzo Rodriguez

8:45am Cathy Gallagher

Friday, May 31st

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Richard Straub

Saturday, June 1st St. Justin

8:45am Katie Lynch, Angela McMorrow,

Michael Higgins, Brooke Jones,

Frank Bsales

5:00pm Margaret Thornton

Sunday, June 2nd Corpus Christi

7:30am Frank & Veronica Ostermann

9:00am Deceased Members of the

Martovana Family

10:30am Louise Coscia

12:00pm Carmela & Michael Pirozzi, Sean

Kelly, Marie Dempsey, Mario Perri

Joseph Carnella, Linda Daly,

Fr. Theodore Iloh (L), Eileen Mahoney

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52

Friday

Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday

Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33

Sunday

Ex 24:3-8/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Please Pray for Our Sick

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Baby Faith Madison, Michael McPike,

Baby Cooper Graham, Christine I.,

Samir. Leo B., Maureen Condiss,

John F., Mary Lynch,

Maureen McCarthy, Fr. Don Hansen,

Nick S., Dawn, Jay Witemeyer,

Christine Gillidan, Linda Dagostino,

Joseph DelGiorno, Rory Romano,

Timothy Murphy, Karen Pagnotta

Karen Pagnotta, Colleen Popp,

Michael Malone, Elizabeth Lacchini

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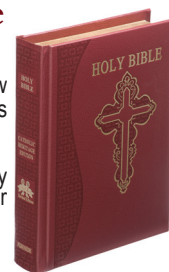


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