

Masses

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

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

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, February 16, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the
kingdom of God is yours.”

-Luke 6:8



February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Rectory

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

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 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 10:30 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

The Rectory office will be closed
tomorrow, Monday, February 17th
in observance of President's Day.
The office will reopen on Tuesday,
February 18th.



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Fr. Don Hansen

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

Patrick Dunning

Philip Barone

Caroline Saporito

Cara

Billy (Tri-Cycle)

Ginny Honerkamp

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Patrick Malone

Eileen Schreiber

Maureen McCarthy

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Rosario R Giglio

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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 ...

LC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS
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Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY -Cavalry Unit
Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The readings today encourage us to trust that God knows what we yearn for. Every Sunday we are invited to Mass where we bring our needs before God. We come with our fears, anxieties, joys, and thanksgiving, and he welcomes us. He knows that we do not come empty-handed. When we walk into church, we carry with us all the emotions we face in our lives. In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the people are told that it is useless to rely on the things of the world. Rather one should count on God above everyone and anything else. **"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord."** Then in the second reading Paul tells the Corinthians that if they are only concerned about this world, they are missing the whole point of who Jesus is and what he did. It is all about Jesus rising from the dead. **"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."** And finally, the gospel is Luke's version of the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Plain. The words of Jesus are challenging but their overall effect is positive, uplifting and encouraging. **"Blessed are you"** is said over and over again which I would say sounds pretty good. Luke does something different from Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. He then includes a series of statements that bring into focus the flip sides of all the ways we can be blessed. And he uses the dreaded word **"woe"** to get his point across.

Living a life pleasing to God is not easy. Often, it's pretty difficult to know what to do in a given situation. All God asks is that we wrestle with whatever difficulties we are having in coming to clear understanding and then simply make the best choice we can. Now we can't always take this kind of uncertain approach to every choice. Sometimes the choice (from our conscience) is clear. Sometimes we do know what God wants from us in a given situation, yet we still try to talk ourselves into the choice we want. When we hear that voice loud and clear, when right or wrong is in sharp focus, let's be sure to choose **"right,"** to choose what honestly reflects the **"God-choice"** and not the **"me-choice."** As Jeremiah put it: We can trust in the world and be cursed, or we can trust in God and be blessed. Most of us try to do the right thing when it's clear what the right thing is and begin the life God wants for us and from us; nothing less than a life of great meaning, joy and blessedness.

Back to where you are at this Mass. The Eucharist offers us tremendous grace, a grace that invites us to feast in its fullness and be strengthened in our ability to trust in the Lord. So, whatever care you carried in here with, leave with the knowledge that you are not alone. Yearn with confidence in the Lord. Trust and grow in your understanding of God's tremendous love for you as you make the choices you face in life.

As part of our parish's program for the Eucharistic Revival, there will be a special eye-witness presentation of the 10th National Eucharistic Congress that was held last summer in Indianapolis. Several parishioners took part in this wonderful experience of witnessing the power and presence of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. As part of the **"Light of the World"** lecture series there will be a special evening presented by our parishioners who were there last summer. Come and hear their faith-filled experience of the Eucharistic Congress this coming Thursday evening, February 20th at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria.

Please take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. There are 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), the invitation to this week's **Light of the World** presentation on Thursday evening, the next **Holy Hour** which will be on Tuesday evening, February 25th, information about the upcoming **St. Patrick's Celebration**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 22nd, details about the **2025 Sodality of Our Lady Scholarship Exam**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. Enjoy the Presidents Day holiday on Monday the 17th. **Smile, share, make wise choices and remember: God has never made a promise that was too good to be true.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 16, 2025-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gloria

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

Penitential Act

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

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

Nicene Creed

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

Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

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

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

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

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

FEBRUARY 16, 2025-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. He is like a tree planted near running water, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. Not so the wicked, not so; they are like chaff which the wind drives away. For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

ALLELUIA

Luke 6:23ab

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Light of the World Lecture Series



*“You are the Light of the World
A city built on a hill-top
cannot be hidden.”*

Matt 5: 14

The 10th National Eucharistic Congress



The Eucharist: Bread for Life Thursday, February 20th 7:30pm St Raymond's Cafeteria

Doreen Dolan, Alison Ferrara, and Karen Gonyon went to Indianapolis in July and experienced Heaven on Earth at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress along with 60,000 Catholics across the United States. Come experience a taste of what they experienced and hear some of the great speakers.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
PRESIDENT'S WEEK – WEEK OF 2/17/2025. THE OFFICE WILL
RE-OPEN AND CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY 2/24/2025.**

Our 7th grade students made Valentine cards for the residents of Lynbrook Rehabilitation Facility. The residents were thrilled to receive such kind notes from our students. Thank you boys and girls for putting a smile on the faces of people who are going through a hard time.

Thanks and gratitude go to our Sweetheart Valentine Dance chairperson, Jennie Saia, for coordinating and arranging the festivities for last Saturday's dance. Jennie was supported by Christina DeCiantis, Kelly DeSola, Kelly Khan, Amanda Lettieri, Kristen Nugent, Jane O'Hanlon and Marie Walsh. Their names are not new to our bulletin column because these women are always willing and ready to do anything for the children of our community. We also thank Annalee Rose Photography for taking photos of the festivities. The girls and their escorts had a wonderful time and the event went off beautifully. It is so heartwarming to gather our parish students and their families at these delightful celebrations.

Our next First Grade Parent/Student meeting will be held on Sunday 3/2/2025 – 10:30am meeting in the auditorium followed by 12Noon Mass.

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

The 2nd Grade First Holy Communion Parent meeting originally scheduled for Thursday 3/6/2025 has been changed to Thursday 3/13/2025 7:30pm in the auditorium.



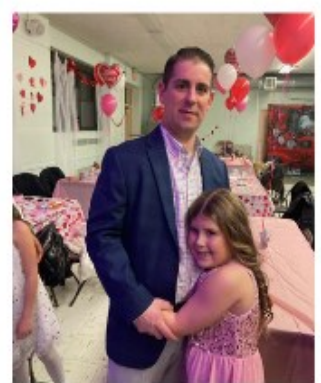


What a wonderful weekend for the children of St. Raymond





Valentine's Day Mass/Dance & Superbowl Mass





Sodality of Our Lady of the Annunciation

February Meeting:

Monday, February 17th

Place: St. Raymond's Cafeteria

Time: 7:30 pm

Doors open at 7:00pm

Join us for a fun filled evening

BINGO NIGHT!

Please join us and bring a friend as we are always looking for and happy to welcome new members.

St. Raymond's Choir



Can you sing?

**Come be part of the
St. Raymond's Choir family!
Practice Wednesday Evenings
7:30-9:00pm in the Church
Mass with the Choir is
@10:30am on Sunday**



**Do you like to sing?
Do you play piano, flute or guitar?
Check out...**

**St. Raymond Folk Group!
We are back...**

We rehearse Sundays at 11:00am

**in the Rectory Lower Level
and sing at the 12 Noon
Sunday Mass**

**If interested please
call Ann Marie Lynch at
516-599-6836**

**7th Grade and higher
are Welcome!**





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,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven. May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our
Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen



Knights of Columbus
Msgr. Walsh
St. Raymond
Council #7220

We are a group of Catholic gentlemen striving to be the best husbands, fathers and leaders we can by serving our parish and community. The Knights of Columbus guiding principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, permeate in all we do. Through our programs, our Knights grow closer to their families, parishes and Christ.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates at
Hewlett Point Yacht Club -
February 20th. Also, SAVE
THE DATE for the
St. Patrick Celebration on
Saturday 3/22
Details to follow!

Grand Knight
Tim Rowland
Email
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Ocean Financial
Federal Credit Union
Supports
St. Raymond!

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

visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.

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



**Showing
the Host
Part 2**

Last week, we began our discussion of the part of the Mass that is referred to as the “Showing of the Host” or the “Elevation.” The “Showing of the Host” is a moment when the priest elevates the consecrated bread, which is the Body of Christ, for the congregation to see.

This occurs after the consecration, during the Eucharistic Prayer. The act serves as a visual reminder of Christ’s sacrifice and invites the faithful to reflect on the sacred mystery of the Eucharist. It is followed by a period of reverence, with the congregation either kneeling or standing in silent prayer or song, acknowledging the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. At this point, the priest raises the chalice with the host and proclaims these words of St. John the Baptist:

*“Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper
of the Lamb.” -John 1:29*

Our Response and Reception

As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “We respond to this invitation of the priest to receive the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist with humility. Like the centurion servant who recognized himself unworthy to have the Lord ‘under his roof’ to heal his child, it calls to mind our humility—and the Lord’s divine majesty that He can do this work despite our weaknesses” (A Study of the Mass, p. 19). As Edward Sri, the author of A Biblical Walk

Through the Mass notes, these words of the centurion are also a prayer that “expresses a great faith that surpasses many others in the gospels and amazes even Jesus: he believes Jesus can heal from afar, simply by speaking his word... Jesus praises this man for his faith. Just like the centurion, we recognize our unworthiness to have Jesus come under the ‘roof’ of our souls in holy communion. Yet just as the centurion believed Jesus was able to heal his servant, so do we trust that Jesus can heal us as he becomes the most intimate guest of our soul in the Eucharist” (p. 142).

The Diocese of Peoria reminds us: “it is for this reason that Jesus came into the world, as ‘people who are well do not need doctors, sick people do!’



‘I have come to seek out those who are lost!’ In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus seeks us out! He comes to our doors and He knocks. Our reception of Communion is an opportunity to allow Him into our hearts...” (A Study of the Mass, p. 19).

The Lord Jesus, of course, knows our failings. That he wants us anyway is what makes his love so powerful and so amazing. That he would offer his very Body to us is even more amazing. It is natural for us to desire to repay a kindness, but what do we do when the kindness is the greatest gift in the history of the world? Thankfully, the rest of the Mass will help us to know what to do!

For Reflection: Reflect on what may be blocking the door of your heart or obstructing the Lord Jesus’ entrance. Make it a point to receive the Sacrament of Penance to prepare yourself to welcome Jesus more freely and fully in Holy Communion..

Next Week: Holy Communion



St. Raymond Church Opportunities for a Holy Hour

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



*"Blessed are you when people
hate ... exclude ... insult you ...
on account of the Son of Man.
Behold, your reward will be
great in heaven."*

Luke 6:22,23

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission July 21, 2024 - Pentecost (June 8th) 2025

PILLAR 3 – EUCHARISTIC LIFE

Encouraging missionary disciples to be strengthened and renewed in their Christian identity through the Eucharist, realizing that, as we love Christ more, our lives are configured to His.

Falling in Love with a Whom, Not Just a What *Adam LaCrosse, Eucharistic Revival Blog*

As it happened, I had been going through a dry spell in my faith, seeing Catholicism as just a set of things to believe, without any bearing on the real struggles and questions that are so prevalent today, especially, "Where does my dignity come from, and can it ever be taken away?"

Turning to the Gospels for comfort, I read with a new intention. I wanted to get to know Christ as a human person, not just as a God whose commands had to be rightly followed. Surprisingly, something clicked. When Christ spoke the words of institution at the Last Supper, he kept referring to the word "this." "This is my body; this is my blood." It was in that moment of re-reading those words, that I had heard so often at Mass, that the words finally went from my head to my heart.

Here he was, Jesus, the great man both fully human and fully divine. He was inviting me to get out of my head, stop treating my faith as just an intellectual exercise, and connect on a heart level. That weekend at Mass, I experienced the Eucharist in a whole new light.

It was one thing to constantly be told that I truly was receiving Jesus's body and blood, but it was another thing entirely to accept that in my heart. Here I was, a sinner just like everyone else, grateful to receive Jesus not just as a great teacher, but as the God-man who lived, died, and rose, for me. I could taste the one who poured out every drop of blood he had for me. I became his tabernacle, and his Presence filled every part of me.

*"The Eucharist is the most powerful, most intense,
and most intimate encounter with God that can
be experienced by a human being."*

-Saint Louis de Montfort

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026

Embrace Hope in Your Daily Life

There is a popular anecdote about a factory during the Great Depression that posted a sign saying something like: "There is a depression going on, but we aren't going to participate." In the many seasons of life, here are some suggestions to find



and sustain a spirit of hope in God in your daily life:

- **Celebrate God's Faithfulness:** Start the day by practicing gratitude by acknowledging God's love, and thanking him for what you have now, can give you a deep sense of hope for the future.
- **Live with a Focus on the Future Glory:** The hope of eternal life with God in heaven is the ultimate hope. Keeping that focus, you can find joy and strength in the promise of what is to come, even as you face difficult circumstances in the present.
- **Participate in the Sacraments:** In the Sacraments, we are reminded of God's promises of forgiveness, renewal, and eternal life. The Eucharist is spiritual nourishment and a reminder of the hope of eternal life.
- **Share Hope with Others:** As pilgrims, we are not alone on life's journey. Jesus has sent us into the world to support and encourage those we meet each day to see the light of hope in Jesus and discover the joy of the Gospel in all seasons of life.
- **Seek Hope in Times of Suffering:** Life's challenges, whether health struggles, family difficulties, or personal loss are difficult, but we can choose to see these moments as part of our pilgrimage. The cross is central to the Christian story, and when we embrace suffering and challenges with faith, it can be transformative.

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." 1 Peter 3:15

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world... Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek."

-Saint John Paul II



HOLY HOUR

**Tuesday,
February 25th
7:00pm - 8:00pm
ST. RAYMOND
CHURCH**

**To pray for the success of the
EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

Exposition-Reflection Music-Benediction

HERE'S YOUR INVITATION TO THE
**ST. PATRICK'S
CELEBRATION**

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Come enjoy the rich Irish traditions,
complete dinner, Irish music
(by The McSwitch),
Irish Dancing, bagpipes, Guinness,
Irish Coffee and sweets—
all included, so get a table
of friends to enjoy.



All are Welcomed!
Raffles, Food,
Music, Beer, Wine
and more...

March 22, 2025 at 7:00pm
St. Raymond's School Auditorium
"Green Room"

Tickets are only \$60pp

SENIOR DISCOUNT \$50 pp (65+ yrs)

Tables of 10 Welcome!

Charles Peknic at 516-732-0691

Tickets on Sale Now...Limited Seating



*Jesus, Mary, and
Joseph, help our
families to grow in
faith, hope, love,
and unity.
Month of the Holy
Family*

Pastoral Council Members

**Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley,
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Mary Murphy, Dave Ohlsen,
Linda Ohlsen, Secretary,
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Fr. Chuck Romano,
Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson**

TRULY PRESENT



*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Truly present
in the Holy Eucharist
I place My Trust in You.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



JOIN US IN SHARING KINDNESS TO OTHERS!!

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help stock shelves, pack groceries, make appointments, greet clients, and assist with food pickup.

The food pantry is currently open from Monday through Wednesday from 10am to 3pm.

We are considering adding an additional day to accommodate our increasing clientele. As a volunteer, you would work two and half hours either in the morning or in the afternoon.

For more information
Please call 516-887-9197
during hours of operation.
We would love to have you become
part of our TEAM!



SODALITY OF OUR LADY SCHOLARSHIP EXAM 2025



WHAT: THREE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY
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MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM
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(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

Thank you to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society for organizing the "Souper Bowl Collection" of food to help stock the St. Raymond's Food Pantry. The collection was a tremendous success and the staff of the Parish Social Ministry and their clients truly appreciate the generosity of all those who donated. Thank you again to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society members for their continued support throughout the year.

During the month of January 2025, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 83 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. One new client was also welcomed into the Outreach Program and the client received food assistance and information on organizations that might be able to assist them with other services, such as DSS, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent DePaul.

Pantry items still needed: Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Baked Beans, Jarred Pasta Sauce, White Rice, Beets, Canned Meat, Snacks, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup and Laundry Detergent.

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 or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

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South Carolina's governor issued an executive order to disqualify abortion facilities from receiving taxpayer funds through Medicaid. Planned Parenthood and an individual plaintiff quickly sued in federal court, challenging the state's decision. Both the district court and the Fourth Circuit ruled against South Carolina. The state appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and the Court agreed to hear the case (*Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*). This case could determine whether pro-life states can redirect taxpayer funds away from abortion providers like Planned Parenthood. A reminder: Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in our country, kills more 370,000 preborn babies, and receives approximately \$700 Million dollars of our tax money each year. "A victory here could set a crucial precedent for other states, essentially signaling an end to Planned Parenthood's reign over the blood thirsty abortion industry". (Jordan Sekulow, Exec. Dir. of American Center for Law & Justice) Please pray for a successful outcome of this case.

**Next Human Life
Committee meeting:
Thursday, February 20th, 7pm - 8pm,
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Please join us in being a voice for the
vulnerable babies in the womb**

Spiritual Adoption Of An Unborn Child



*Jesus. Mary and Joseph. I
love you very much.
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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 17th

7:15am Fr. Cine (L)

8:45am Mary Guiliano

Tuesday, February 18th

7:15am Filomena Cibellis

8:45am Grace Pulcini

Wednesday, February 19th

7:15am Richard Appiarus

8:45am Gennaro Giannotti

Thursday, February 20th

7:15am Linda Schegola

8:45am Theresa Mullen

Friday, February 21st

7:15am Holy Souls

8:45am Terese L. Campbell

Saturday, February 22nd Saint Peter

8:45am St. Raymond

5:00pm Richard Schneider

Sunday, February 23rd

7:30am Daniel Carrano

9:00am Marcella & Joseph Geraghty

10:30am Anne Marie McInerny Scully

12:00pm Dorothy & William Riehl,
Danielle Kirrane, Elizabeth P.
Kilkelly, Janet B. Schaetzle,

Douglas Kastner, Pola

Cifuentes, Ducelina Luiz,

Manuela Santamaria

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

Ellen M. Schreiber

Margaret McGreen

Edward Montesano

Jacqueline Paiano

David J. Walsh

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Genesis 4:1-15, 25/Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22/Mark 8:22-26

Thursday

Genesis 9:1-13/Mark 8:27-33

Friday

Genesis 11:1-9/Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday

1 Peter 5:1-4/Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49/Luke 6:27-38

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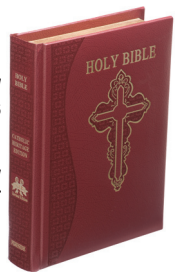
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