

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, October 13, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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"For human beings it is impossible,
but not for God. All things are
possible for God."
-Mark 10:23



October 13, 2024

28th 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 9:30am 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 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 Rectory office will be
closed tomorrow,
Monday, October 14th
in observance of
Columbus Day.
The office will reopen on
Tuesday October 15th.
Best wishes for a safe and
happy holiday!



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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Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

*Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.*

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The readings today remind us that this life is not the end to which we are called. To be a follower of Jesus means keeping one's eyes fixed on the ultimate good of eternal life with God. In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we are told that wisdom far outshines all else and is more valuable than any riches or gems. **"Yet all good things together come to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands."** Then in the second reading from Hebrews, the Word of God is by far more important and penetrating, able to know the deepest thoughts in one's heart. And finally, in Mark's gospel, Jesus shocks the apostles when he says how hard it is for the rich to enter God's kingdom. To the Jewish mind, wealth and possessions were seen as signs of God's favor. The apostles now wonder about who can be saved at all. The further answer of Jesus leaves them even more befuddled. **"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."**

The rich man in the gospel knew the commandments and he followed them religiously. However, he was not willing to take the next step and give up all his riches to follow Jesus. Is following God's commandments enough? That's the question placed before us today. I think we all want to know, **"How do I get in?"** meaning into heaven. It makes sense, doesn't it. It's the carrot at the end of the stick, the finish line. We are all going to die someday, and we don't want it to end there. We want there to be more. We trust and hope that there is more, so we need to know what is enough to get there? **How do I get in?** Hopefully, we don't ask that question to know the minimum for entry into the kingdom. Jesus' answer to the rich man terribly disappointed him because it demanded so much more than what he had hoped for. And maybe it disappoints us too. Most of us want to live our lives however we want, doing just enough so that we don't find ourselves on the outside looking in. We often live like we are making God just a part of our lives. The answer Jesus gave the rich man implied that God wanted to be the entirety of his life, his whole purpose and driving force. The rich man walked away because he wanted a **"have to"** an **"enough"** kind of relationship with God. Enough should never be our desire.

We want the best, heaven, so shouldn't we also want to be the best? Remember that God doesn't need anything from us. The things he asks of us are because they are the best things for us. That's how we are made. Being in love with God means doing right by each other, without counting the cost. How much do you really want heaven? How much are you willing to do for God?

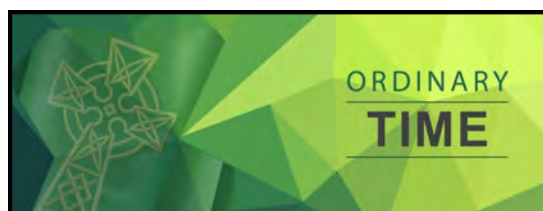
There were 78 pints of blood donated last Sunday at our Parish Blood Drive. Thanks to all who donated blood at the drive. Your gift of life is most appreciated by the New York Blood Center. Thanks also to our Parish Blood Drive Committees for coordinating this event. Look for our next Blood Drive sometime next spring.

This weekend we are having a special **Food Collection for Parish Social Ministry.** Everybody was asked to bring some non-perishable food when you came to Mass. Bins were placed on the pew shelves at the rear of the church, by the side door and in the Altar Server Sacristy. The need is greater to help feed more people more often in recent months. Your food donations will be a big help in feeding our neighbors. Thanks to those who came to Mass today with some food. You can also always donate food directly at Parish Social Ministry anytime Monday-Wednesday from 10am till 3pm. Please always try to bring the items asked for in the Sunday bulletin.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and information, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share, enjoy the holiday for Columbus Day and remember: You can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 13, 2024-28th 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

OCTOBER 13, 2024-28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

ALLELUIA

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 10:17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

SECOND READING

Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



**THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
COLUMBUS DAY MONDAY 10/14/2024**

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

Your child's Confirmation date is Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 in St. Raymond Church. The Most Reverend John O. Barres will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students. There will be two ceremonies that day - one at 11am and one at 2pm. The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

Group 1 - 11am Ceremony – Mrs. Joanne Casucci, Mrs. Caitlin Perez/ Mrs. Nicole Berke,
Mrs. Stephanie Paul

Group 2 – 2:00pm Ceremony – Mr. Damien Becker, Mrs. Melissa Abuin, Mrs. Theresa Gaffney,
Kellenberg, St. Joseph

Please note these important dates in your calendar:

Group 1 Rehearsal - Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

Group 2 Rehearsal - Thursday, October 17th, 2024 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

Confirmation Rehearsal and Gown Distribution - Child and Sponsor are to attend their designated rehearsal. If the Sponsor is not able to attend the rehearsal, then we ask that a parent attend in his/her place.



Attention First Grade Parents

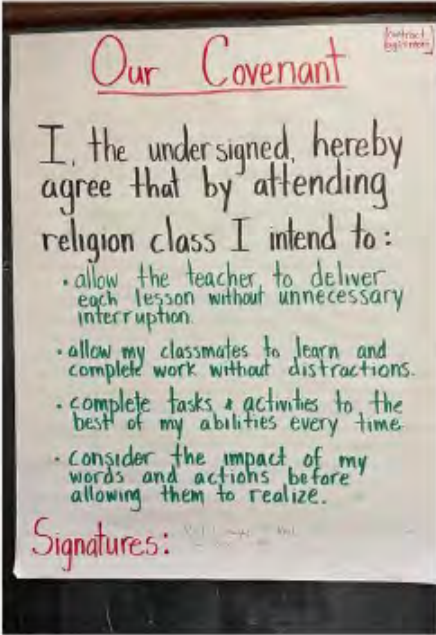
The First Grade Parent/Student class is scheduled for Sunday 10/20/2024.

Here is the schedule for the morning:

- 10:30am Parents and child meet in the auditorium.
- Students go to their respective classrooms with their catechist for instruction.
- Catechist will cover the first session in each unit of the book with the children.
- 10:30am – 11:30am – Master Catechist will introduce each unit and instruct parents on how to teach their child the remaining sessions in the unit.
- 11:30am – children will be brought back to the auditorium – here is an opportunity to have children stretch their legs, have a snack (provided by parent), use the bathroom, etc. before attending Mass.
- 12Noon- all parents and children attend the 12Noon Mass



THE CHILDREN OF ST. RAYMOND SHARE THEIR ARTWORK



**EVERYTHING
MUST GO**

**CONVENT
ESTATE SALE**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Friday, October 25th

12noon till 5pm

Saturday, October 26th

10am till 5pm

Where: St. Raymond Convent

20 Carman Avenue, ER

Some items Priced!

Some for Best Offer!

St. Raymond Convent has been without Sisters for the past two years. This large building which housed Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters for almost nine decades has a rich history connected with St. Raymond School. While the Sisters are gone, there is a lot of "stuff" in the convent. So, we will be having a Covent Estate Sale on the above designated dates. There is a wide variety of "stuff" for sale. Included are the following items which is not an exhaustive list. There is plenty more! So come browse and buy! I'm sure you will find a unique treasure to take home from this holy place.

Appliances: 2 refrigerator/freezers, 1 freezer

air conditioners, patio furniture,

1 gas stove, 1 dishwasher, 2 washing machines, 1 dryer.

Furniture: dressers, twin bed frames, mattresses, box springs

assorted tables and chairs

10 chapel pews, 1 organ, 1 piano

Assorted Artwork; both religious and secular

And So Much More!

"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,

October 22nd

7:00pm - 8:00pm

**ST. RAYMOND
CHURCH**

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

**Exposition-Reflection
Music-Benediction**



Communion Brunch

When: Sunday, October 20th

Where: St Raymond's Cafeteria

Cost: \$35.00

Communion Brunch

immediately following

Corporate Mass at 10:30am

Speaker: Very Reverend

James Kuroly

"Friendship with Christ"

Please bring your reservations

to the rectory attention

Grace Irwin before

October 15th

Come Join Us

Sunday, October 20, 2024

6 PM – Ends When Food Runs Out

October Food Fest of Island Park

***SAMPLE* the many foods
our community restaurants & food establishments
have to offer.**

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

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**We are inviting all men of our Parish to join our
Order We meet at the Hewlett Point Yacht Club
Next meeting October 24th 7 PM**

**Grand Knight – Tim Rowland
Email – tjdr360@gmail.com**

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



**ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 5TH**

Equality Amendment - Proposition 1 on the Ballot this Election Day in New York State. This dangerous proposition, if approved by the voters, will create a state constitutional right to "Reproductive Healthcare and Autonomy for Persons". There is no mention of the words "Minor", "Parents", "Conscience", "Late Term". This Amendment, if passed, will empower state judges and bureaucrats to:

- 1. Allow and endorse the killing of the unborn throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy.**
- 2. Allow infanticide through INTENTIONAL NEGLECT if the baby is born ALIVE after an attempted abortion.**
- 3. Discriminate against parents by denying the right of consent to "health care" for their minor children, including so-called "gender affirming" procedures.**
- 4. New York State will have more authority than parents in making medical decisions for their children.**
- 5. There is no minimum age - new classes and rights apply to all MINORS.**
- 6. Discriminate against social workers, educators, and health care workers, including doctors and nurses, by denying them state licenses if they refuse to do abortion referrals.**
- 7. Allow abortionists to operate without the health and safety regulations that life-saving surgeons and pharmacists must adhere to.**
- 8. The vague, undefined language may erode protections for church and organization's beliefs that run contrary to these new "rights".**

If you have moved or need an absentee ballot, please call:

#516-571-8683 <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/566>

Please make sure that you are registered and then vote "NO" to this extreme amendment.

**Next Human Life Committee Meeting:
Thursday. October 17th, 7 pm - 8 pm
Social Ministry Office.
All welcome - all needed!**

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival

The Year of
Mission

The Communion Rite

It is almost time for Holy Communion! Having gone through the Eucharistic Prayer and responded together with vigor in the Great Amen, we are now in our final preparations before the moment of Holy Communion. This next section of the Mass is called the **Communion Rite**.



But First... Why?

Although we may be familiar with this section of the Mass, perhaps it is helpful to step back and ask, "What exactly are we doing?" Many of us have been receiving Communion for some time, but have we ever stopped to wonder why we do so? As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, "Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet, it is desirable that in accordance with the Lord's command his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those of the faithful who are properly disposed. This is the sense of the fraction and the other preparatory rites by which the faithful are led more immediately to Communion" (GIRM, 80).

When we talk about the Eucharist, we usually think about four things: The True Presence of Christ's Body and Blood; The Sacrifice of the Cross; The Sacrament of Unity among people; and the Paschal or Heavenly Banquet. The True Presence reminds us that Jesus is really there. The Sacrifice reminds us that the Mass is the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and shows how much Jesus loves us. The True Presence of Jesus and his Sacrifice open the door to restoration, healing, and true unity.

These truths also point us toward heaven, where we will experience the fullness and perfection of unity and love. The image of the heavenly banquet calls to mind celebration, eating, and drinking. As Jesus instructed us, we receive his Body and Blood by eating and drinking. That is what the Communion Rite is all about: the point of all the prayers, gestures, and words is that we receive Jesus the Lord in Holy Communion!

Our Spiritual Food

Continuing with Charles Belmonte, "The early Christians always likened the Eucharist to the life of the soul. St. Augustine writes: 'It is an excellent thing that the Christians around Carthage [in North Africa] call baptism itself nothing else but salvation, and the sacrament of Christ's Body nothing else but life. By apostolic tradition, the churches of Christ hold that without baptism and participation at the Lord's table it is impossible for any man to attain either the kingdom of God or salvation and life eternal. The Scriptures give testimony to this.' This is the very same body and blood which, by being immolated, restored our friendship with God. Christ's sacrifice and the Paschal Meal are intimately linked. Our Mother the Church encourages us to participate in one and in the other, if we are properly disposed, of receiving our Lord's Body and Blood. These will be our nourishment for the journey to our Father's home" (Understanding the Mass).



For more background on sacrifice and eating, the author Belmonte looks back at the relationship between sacrifices and banquets: "The ancient sacrificial custom required that part of the victim be given back to the person offering the sacrifice. Thus, he became, symbolically, God's guest. That which was just a symbol in the pagan rites and a figure in the Jewish offerings is a reality in the Holy Mass. After we have offered to God his Son Jesus Christ in sacrifice, God offers Him to us as spiritual food" (Understanding the Mass, p. 165). So, in the ancient sacrifices, whenever a person would offer a sacrifice to God, he always got "a little something" to take back with him. Generally, this was a portion of the sacrifice. In the case of receiving Jesus in the Mass, we get back the whole Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What an exchange! There is no better deal in the world!

For Reflection:

- When you divide food, take the opportunity to reflect on the mystery of Christ, in every portion of the Eucharistic species.

Next Week: The Lord's Prayer



ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour
Each Day, the Church is open
for personal prayer until 5pm

Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4pm
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30pm



*"Then who can be saved?"
Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is
impossible, but not for God. All
things are possible for God."*

Matthew 10:26-27

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Now that we have introduced the Four Pillars of Mission, we now offer some ideas how to apply them to your life.

PILLAR 2 – EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY

Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday spiritual and emotional needs. Visiting the imprisoned is an important aspect of corporal care that reflects a commitment to compassion, dignity, and the belief in the potential for rehabilitation and redemption.

To Visit the Imprisoned:

- **Pray:** Pray for the families of incarcerated individuals.
- **Ministry Support:** Pray for, support and/or participate in the Catholic ministries that serve the spiritual needs of inmates.
- **Providing Resources:** Bring books, educational materials, or religious texts to help inmates engage in self-improvement or spiritual growth.
- **Family Support:** Assist the families of incarcerated individuals by providing emotional support, helping with logistics, or organizing visitation trips.
- **Letter Writing:** Send letters to inmates to provide encouragement, maintain connections with the outside world, and help combat feelings of isolation.
- **In-Person Visits:** Volunteer to go to prisons or jails to spend time with inmates, offering them companionship and conversation.
- **Organizing Support Groups:** Helping to establish or participate in groups that focus on the emotional and spiritual well-being of inmates.
- **Reintegration Support:** Offering resources or mentorship to help former inmates successfully reintegrate into society after their release.

"Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands, but ours, no feet, but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world. Ours are the feet with which He goes about doing good. Ours are the hands with which He blesses His people." St. Teresa of Avila

Pillar 2 - 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

The Corporal Works of Mercy in Real Life

Disciples who see a need and fill need in living the Corporal Works of Mercy in their life:

Catholic Charities of Long Island: Offers various programs for those impacted by incarceration, including support services and counseling.



Long Island Catholic Prison Ministry: A ministry that focuses on providing spiritual support and visits to incarcerated individuals.

Pax Christi Long Island: Engages in advocacy for social justice, including support for incarcerated individuals and their families.

Prison Ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre: Coordinates visits and religious services in correctional facilities.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Long Island: Provides mentorship and spiritual support to youth and adults, including those in correctional settings.

Lighthouse Mission: Although primarily focused on homelessness, they also provide services and support for individuals transitioning from incarceration.

Operation New Hope: Offers support and resources for reintegration after incarceration, including mentorship and job training

A Christian who is living the mission of a disciple is one who believes in Jesus, who knows Jesus, who can't live without Jesus, and who wants to share with others the love, peace, and joy that he has experienced as a result of living in relationship with Jesus.

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These meetings are an opportunity for men who may be discerning a vocation to diaconal ministry to come together with other men in prayer and discussion.

These meetings are not application meetings and no applicant material is distributed. Any man who may be interested in diaconate is instructed to have a discussion with his pastor and also with his wife, if he is married.

**Meetings are being offered conveniently at
three locations in our diocese:**

Wednesday, October 23rd

St. Aidan, Williston Park

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday, October 26th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception,

Huntington 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Tuesday, October 29th

St. Elizabeth, Melville

7:00pm to 9:00pm

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Join Rev. Patrick Flanagan, C.M.

Father Flanagan is an assistant professor in the department of theology and religious studies at St. John's University. He formerly served as Parochial Vicar & Director of Religious Education at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Philadelphia. Fr. Flanagan attended Mary Immaculate Seminary in Pennsylvania. He earned his B.S. in Biology Education at Niagara University and his PhD in Christian Ethics from Loyola University of Chicago.

Light of the World Lecture Series
The Eucharist: Bread for the Journey
Thursday, October 17th
7:30pm St Raymond's Cafeteria

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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

During the month of September, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 90 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of September, 4 new clients were welcomed into our Outreach Program and the clients received food assistance and information on organizations that could assist them with other services, such as DSS and St. Vincent de Paul.

Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income.

Pantry items needed this week: Small Cooking Oil, Coffee, Tea, Canned Yams, Green Beans, Beets and Peas, Stuffing, Tuna Fish and Laundry Detergent.

Thank you for always helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations or supermarket gift cards are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open. Also, non-perishable food donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers!



**Brothers and Sisters,
On Saturday, October 26, 2024, we are celebrating the 800th Anniversary of our beloved Francis receiving the Stigmata!
Please join us for a day of prayer and reflection:**

**St. Anthony Church- 9 am Mass
110 Anchor Avenue
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Tabor Retreat House- immediately following Mass.
60 Anchor Avenue
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St. Raymond's Parish

TODAY Social Ministry
is having a
Special Food Collection
October 12th & 13th

Please leave non-perishable food at
all the entrances to the Church or
in the Altar Servers' Sacristy.
All food collected will help stock
the empty shelves of the Parish
Social Ministry.

Food items needed are peanut
butter, jelly, pancake mix, pancake
syrup, canned vegetables, canned
meat, canned fruit, soup, tuna fish,
rice, pasta and jarred pasta sauce.

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visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.



The Christian life calls for sacrifices in the way we live. God is loving and wants us to be close to Him. However, we will often fall short of living a faithful life. When we fall, He invites us to confession. This week, do something to grow in your faith and build upon that each day.

2024

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As the last few months of the Appeal are upon us, I am writing to ask that, if you have not already done so, you might consider joining with me, by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

I am grateful to those who have already contributed to the good work we are trying to accomplish together here on Long Island. Every dollar helps to bring Christ to so many who need to hear His voice, feel His healing touch, and be inspired by works of catechesis and evangelization.

As a faith-filled parish community, all of us recognize the responsibility of bringing our young people into our family of faith and guiding them on their lifelong journey with Christ. Our Diocese continues to focus on ministries that support young Catholics and their baptismal call to holiness; to welcome the contributions they make to the Church and help them grow in faith. Such growth is key for young Catholics in discerning the state of life that would best correspond to what God wants from them.

Thanks to your gifts to the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Programs are responding to the call for action by offering many opportunities for young people to engage in a dialogue with Bishop Barres, priests and religious, youth and young adult ministers and their peers.

Michaela, a participant at a Holy Hour at our Seminary shared, *"My faith is so important to me – without it I would be lost. I would not always have God's voice with me. He guides me!"*

Your support helps us continue to teach and pass on our faith to our young people!

Thank you most sincerely for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 *Catholic Ministries Appeal*. No gift is ever too small, and all gifts make a difference in the lives of our young people – the future leaders of our church and the wider community.

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Monday, October 14th

7:15am Matthew Croutier
8:45am Diogenes B. Valerio

Tuesday, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus

7:15am Ralph Sellitti (L)
8:45am Elizabeth Ann Stewart

Wednesday, October 16th

7:15am Peggy Sterner
8:45am Jane Gelson

Thursday, October 17th St. Ignatius

7:15am Fr. Joseph Rwamwenge (25th Anniv.)
8:45am John & Jennie Gaeta

Friday, October 18th St. Luke

7:15am Carl Atteniese
8:45am Louise Coscia

Saturday, October 19th

Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues

8:45am Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm Eric Guzzo

Sunday, October 20th

7:30am Frances & Charles Hess
9:00am Richard McInerny
10:30am Angelina & Carl Barbato
12:00pm Sodality of our Lady, Carmelo Simeti
For America, Geraldine Gaglio,
John Matthews, Marie McGinnity,
Dioselica Ruiz, Alfonso Alemond,
Pola Cifuentes
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/LK 11:29-32

Tuesday

GAL 5:1-6/LK 11:37-41

Wednesday

GAL 5:18-25/LK 11:42-46

Thursday

EPH 1:1-10/LK 11:47-54

Friday

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday

EPH 1:15-23/LK 12:8-12

Sunday

Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45



Please Pray for Our Sick

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Fr. Don Hansen

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Colleen Popp

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

Eileen Appel

Patrick Dunning

Philip Barone

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

John Beggs

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Jose Colon

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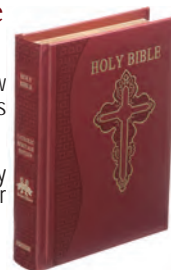
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