Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM

7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,

12 Noon and 4:30 PM

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

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A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Iove and Friendship

Sunday, March 9, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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"It also says, You shall not put the Lord,
your God to the test"
-Luke 4:13



March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

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

Web Site: www.SaintRaymonds.org

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Call the rectory office for meeting times.

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Philip Barone
Caroline Saporito
Cara
Billy (Tri-Cycle)
Ginny Honerkamp
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Baby Cooper Graham
Maureen Condiss
Timothy Murphy
Elizabeth Lacchini
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Patrick Malone
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Augie Michela
Gary
Marino Artusa

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



Always keep our

Service Men & Women

in your prayers ...



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the First Sunday of Lent! Well, here we go, right into the desert like Jesus. Lent is a time when we can see just how united with Jesus we really are. In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses acknowledges all that God had done for the people by offering the first fruits of this new land back to God. "Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of soil which you, O Lord, have given me." Then in the second reading from his Letter to the Romans, Paul unites all people who have faith in Jesus. There is no longer a distinction between Jew and Greek for it is the same Lord who saves all. "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Then we have Luke's gospel account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. After his baptism and before beginning his ministry, Jesus went into the desert for 40 days for a period of prayer and fasting. It was during this time that Jesus was tempted by the devil. There are many lessons we can learn from this encounter. One important thing to know is that we don't go it alone. Jesus has gone before us precisely so that he could be with us. Remember what Jesus said to the devil after being unsuccessful in tempting him three times. "... You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

Lent started a few days ago, as you well know. And this holy season is meant to mirror Jesus' desert experience. Like Jesus we are called to use some time to withdraw from all the distractions of life, so we can reflect on our place in the world, our place in God's plan. Now sometimes, the things that come to light when we look deep within ourselves can be difficult to face, to admit. Yet the purpose of our Lenten journey is not meant to make us feel bad about ourselves. It hopefully leads us to emerge from these forty days created anew and changed by the experience for the better, ready to embrace all that God asks of us. Lent is meant to lead us to know and want to be the person God created us to be. This means living a full, loving and meaningful life. Understanding oneself is not done by flicking a light switch. It's unfolding little by little over a lifetime. But be certain that the person you are today is not the person you have to be tomorrow, or the next day or the next. The holy season of Lent can help with this journey of self-discovery that reveals the beauty within, the grace within, the possibility and potential within.

A successful Lenten journey helps a person to be kind, generous, forgiving, courageous, humble, trusting, hopeful and more. Jesus hopes you are up for it!

As we start Lent, we will have a special *Holy Hour* this Monday, March 10th from 7-8pm in the church. This Holy Hour is part of the diocese's Lenten program: "*Return to Me: 40 Days of Eucharistic Adoration.*" St. Raymond Parish is day four of this diocesan wide effort. The calendar schedule is in the bulletin if you wish to follow and attend the other parishes that are offering to sponsor a Holy Hour during Lent. This holy time of prayerful adoration is a great way to begin your Lenten journey. Come and bring a friend.

During Lent we will once again have our "Giving, Not Giving Up....It's a Lenten Thing" program for helping others. On March 16th, the Second Sunday of Lent, we are asking for you to bring some "toiletry items" when you come to Mass. Check the Parish Social Ministry column for the items requested. The Third Sunday will be for "Supermarket gift card" donations and the Fourth Sunday of Lent will be for "baby items."

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 (see the Giving, Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing" schedule and items requested), info from Religious Educa*tion* (especially the Boy's Mass and Dance Party on Saturday, March 29th), an invitation to the upcoming St. Patrick's Celebration on Saturday, March 22nd (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus), 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, with lots of Lenten content) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great First Week of Lent! Share and get that Lenten smile going. Plus remember: Lent is spring training for Christians. See you on opening day-Easter Sunday!

God bless always. -Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 9, 2025-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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; vou 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 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 MARCH 9, 2025-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, For to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.
R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.
R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, No one who believes in him will be put to shame. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

"Giving...Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing"

Once again, our parish will be conducting the special Lenten program entitled: "Giving..... Not Giving Up, It's a Lenten Thing" for the five Sundays of Lent. All the items collected will be used by our Parish Social Ministry Office,

St. Vincent de Paul and the Human Life Committee.

Everyone is encouraged to bring the suggested items to Mass on the designated Sundays. We will bring our "gifts" forward at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts. This giving of our goods at the altar as a visible action will be a tangible sign of our Lenten efforts to help those in our community who have these basic needs. The collection weekends will be as follows:



March 16th TOILETRIES

Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Razors, etc.





King Kullen, Stop & Shop, Lidl

March 30th BABY ITEMS



Diapers - Sizes 1 - 6, Baby Wipes,

Pampers.

Baby Shampoo, etc.



All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired and excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

fast and abstinence.

LENT 2025

The Holy Season of Lent is an opportunity for all Christians to grow in faith through prayer, fasting and works of charity. St. Raymond Parish offers the following opportunities to assist you on your spiritual journey. Perhaps you can join us for some of these prayer gatherings during the coming weeks.

Hopefully, we may all grow in our personal and communal experiences of Jesus during the holy time.

So, join us often and anytime.



We'd love to see you!





Additional Daily Mass

There will be an additional daily Mass at 12:15pm every week day throughout Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church beginning March 7th.

Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church every Thursday from 1-4pm and the First Friday of every month from 7:30-8:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard every Saturday in the church from 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment at the rectory

Holy Hour

Holy Hour will be held in the Church March 10th from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Lenten Presentation

Sing, Share & Reflect Tuesday, March 18th @ 7:30pm "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

Monday,
March 10, 2025
7:00pm - 8:00pm
ST. RAYMOND
CHURCH

To pray for the success of the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Exposition-Reflection Music-Benediction

JOIN US FOR A VERY SPECIAL

Lenten Presentation

Singer, Speaker and Lay Franciscan and Fellow Parishioner

AL BARBARINO



Al will be singing / sharing the Lenten Reflection: "IT'S LENT, SO WHAT?"

Come to hear what we really should know about Lent in our Christian, Catholic Faith!

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 7:30pm

ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH 263 ATLANTIC AVENUE, EAST ROCKAWAY, NY 11518

Al Barbarino's recordings will be available.



Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

MARCH

March 7: Our Lady of Ostrabrama Cutchogue | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 8: St. Gertrude Bayville | 3:00-4:45 p.m.

March 9: Mary Immaculate Bellport | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

March 10: St. Raymond East Rockaway | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 11: St. Luke Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes Malverne | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption Copiague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 14: St. Catherine of Sienna Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 15: St. Francis Cabrini Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 16: Holy Cross Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19: Most Holy Trinity East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m. March 21: St. Aloysius Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22: Sacred Heart Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 23: St. Anthony of Padua East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 25: Resurrection Farmingville | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 27: St. Agnes Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 30: Sacred Heart North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

APRIL

April 1: St. Bernard Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

April 2: St. Jude Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 3: St. Gerard Majella Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m. April 4: St. Aidan Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 6: St. John the Evangelist Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 7: St. Martin of Tours Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 9: Holy Name of Mary Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

April 10: St. Louis de Montfort Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 12: Our Lady of Grace West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

April 14: St. Rose of Lima Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

April 16: St. Kilian Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.





To learn more, visit: drvc.org/return25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



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. This meeting is for parents only.





ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

Thanks to our 7th& 8th grade students for their participation in their Confirmation Service Project. The students filled bags with toiletries for Catholic Charities and the elderly that they support. A representative from Catholic Charities came to speak to the students and explained to them just how valuable their donations are to their organization and what Catholic Charities does for their clients.



Margaret & Michael Casey Donated By Their Family

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Our First Graders













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Disposed to Receive Communion Part 1

"The Body of Christ." "Amen." As we continue our discussion of Holy Communion, we consider who is able to receive Communion. The Diocese of Peoria reminds us: "Holy Communion is for all who are properly disposed to receive him. To be properly disposed we must be Catholic, in a state of grace and have fasted one hour prior to the reception of Holy Communion" (A Study of the Mass, p. 19).



A Sign of Unity

Why Catholic? Reception of Holy Communion is the fullest sign of Christian unity. As we said previously, receiving Christ in the Eucharist binds us to him. Since there is one Christ, he draws us together as one. However, what if one person who believes Jesus is truly present receives Communion while another person who believes in only a symbolic presence receives? That would be a problem. That would be two people making an outward sign of unity which would not be true unity.

This false unity would not respect the true presence of Jesus, as well as the unity he prayed for at the Last Supper. That is why reception of Holy Communion is first limited to those who believe that Christ is truly present: Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Since this is the

Catholic belief, Catholics (as well as Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches which maintain valid sacraments and believe that Christ is truly present) are eligible to receive Communion.

Also, limiting reception of Communion to Catholics protects the integrity of non-Catholics. When we receive Communion, we first hear: "The Body of Christ." We respond with "Amen," indicating that we do believe that Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present and we wish to receive him. For non-Catholics who don't believe the Body of Christ is really present, receiving Communion would contradict their beliefs. They would be saying "Amen" to a statement that they do not believe. So, not permitting them to receive Communion actually respects their beliefs.

Prepared to Receive



Why must we be in a state of grace to receive Communion? Simply put, because Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is God-all-perfect, all-holy, all-love. To receive him in a state of sin is an offense against his goodness. Charles Belmonte teaches, "We should never dare to receive the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin. To do so is to abuse sacrilegiously the mercy of God. Only a shallow and false love, based on mere sentimentality, can bring us to such a detestable course of action.

For Reflection: Heighten your awareness of the purpose of fasting before receiving Holy Communion by making intentional choices about how you spend that time before Mass..

Next Week:

Disposed to Receive Communion - Part 2



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

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.." -Matthew 4:4b First Sunday of Lent

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission
July 21, 2024 - Pentecost (June 8th) 2025
PILLAR 3 - EUCHARISTIC LIFE

Come to Me: How to Make an Hour of Adoration Part 2 - Jesus, Teach Me!

Sister Kathryn J. Hermes, Eucharistic Revival Blog
"There is no better way to prepare for a holy hour
than to approach the altar with love and
recollection." Saint Josemaria Escriva

If you think about it, almost every important meeting has a structure. In the same way, we can prepare for our meetings with Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. This week, we will offer the first of four "moments" to prepare for Adoration:

Jesus, teach me!

"The word of God draws each of us into a conversation with the Lord: the God who speaks teaches us how to speak to him" (Pope Benedict, Verbum Domini, no. 24). Begin by settling down, giving your worries to the Lord, putting away your phone, and saying to Jesus, "Here I am. I need you." Notice what's in your heart and on your mind, and offer it to him. Talk to him about whatever is weighing on you, then tell Jesus you need him to take care of it and let it go for now.

Open your Bible, and choose a passage to read prayerfully. The Word of God leads to a dialogue between your life and God's wisdom and love for you. It is through the Scriptures that Jesus teaches you.

After reading the passage, speak to Jesus about what you've read. Ask him: What do you want me to know about this? How does this affect my life? What new thing are you desiring to bring about for me?

Reflect on how the Word sheds light on what's most important to you in your life.

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026 Hope in a Time of Division -Part 2

Living a spirit of hope during a Jubilee Year of Hope, especially in times when the Church seems to be experiencing division, can be challenging but also deeply enriching. Consider these



suggestions and reflect on the accompanying Bible verses, can help embody the hope of the Jubilee Year of Hope, fostering unity and peace in a world that desperately needs both.



Practice Forgiveness

One of the most powerful ways to live in hope is through forgiveness, especially in times of division. Forgiving those who have hurt you heals relationships and unites the Body of Christ. Jesus teaches us, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." (Matthew 6:12), showing that forgiveness is key to true peace and reconciliation..

Seek Unity through Love

Unity in the Church and the world begins with love. By actively choosing to love those with whom we disagree, we build bridges and reflect God's love. Jesus commands us, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34). In moments of division, love is the antidote that leads to reconciliation and peace.



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.





March 22, 2025 at 7:00pm
St. Raymond's School Auditorium
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Tickets are only \$60pp

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80'S THEME

DANCE PARTY & AN ESCORT

FOR PARISH BOYS GRADES K-8 Saturday 3/29 following 5pm mass \$15 per person St. Ray's Cafeteria Wear 80s attire

or neon!

HIP HOP DANCE LESSONS WITH J.COLE, DJ, FOOD AND MORE!

Tickets to be distributed at the 5pm mass on 3/29/25. Must have a ticket for admittance. Tickets will be given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is limited. Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.

RSVP by 3/20/25. Cash or check made out to St. Raymond's Religious Education or scan the QR code and Venmo Erin McCadden @ErinMc125



Please plan accrodingly to be on time for mass!

Boy(s) Name(s):	Grade:
Escort Name:	Phone:
Email:	



The Sodality of Our Lady

invites women of faith to our

7th Annual Women's Day Retreat Saturday, April 5, 2025

We will begin at the 8:45 mass then proceed to the school cafeteria for coffee. The presentation begins at 10:00 and concludes at 3:00 with a break for lunch at noon.

A Lenten Renewal

Presented by Sr. Marie Mackey, CSJ

Suggested Program Fee: \$35 (includes lunch)
Registration Closes: Monday, March 31st
Maximum attendees - 60

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Organizations: St. Joseph's College & Dax house

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Organization's representative: Sr. Marie Mackey

Please consider participating in this event by donating something from the list below. All donations will be collected at the March meeting and given to Sr. Marie the day of the Women's Retreat.

Thank you!

Toilet Paper Paper towels tissues bath soap laundry detergent Cereal Juices (shelf stable) tooth paste instant oatmeal condiments sugar packets honey chicken broth-low sodium coffee, tea olive oil crackers jams rice flour canned soups canned beans



"St. Joseph, help us to trust in God's plan." St. Teresa of Avila

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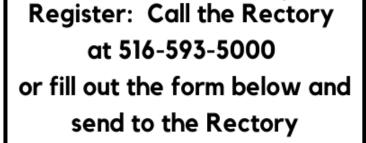
St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry

We are offering a Program for those grieving the death of a loved one.



Six Sessions beginning Thursday April 24, 2025 at 7:30 PM

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Relationship to the Deceased:	



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM CONCLUSION

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after his or her conception. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He or she is no more human, no more alive, no more different now, than he or she was before birth except in the manner the baby breathes and eats. This little one is truly a miracle! Never before in history and never again will anyone exist that is just like your spiritually adopted baby! In celebration of the baby's birth, we are concluding the program with a mini-baby shower. Next week-end, March 15th and 16th, after each Mass, members of our Committee will be stationed at the altar servers' sacristy to accept donations: monetary. gift cards (Walmart, Target, Kohl's, Stop and Shop), disposable diapers (newbornsize 6) wipes, new baby clothes (up to 24 months), blankets, etc. These gifts will be given to the two pregnancy centers which assist mothers in their time of need to bring their babies to birth. May God bless you for your faithfulness in prayer and caring for these little ones and their mothers.

"God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived human infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or the young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because He sees an impression of His Own Image and Likeness in each one."

(Pope Benedict XVI, February 27, 2006)

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
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FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return and

your reward will be great." Luke 6:35
"GIVING - NOT GIVING UP"

The number of clients served by St. Raymond's Food Pantry is currently increasing and it is becoming difficult to keep the shelves stocked. Since it is the Lenten Season, Father Chuck has set aside three weekends when he will ask his parishioners to donate items at each of the Masses to assist the Parish Social Ministry in meeting the needs of the people they serve.

Here are the scheduled dates and items in need.

March 16th TOILETRIES - Men's & Women's Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Men's Razors
March 23rd SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS - King Kullen, Stop & Shop, Lidl
March 30th BABY ITEMS Diapers - Sizes 1 through 6, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo
Pantry items still needed: Cold Cereal, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Carrot and
Mixed Vegetables, Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup.

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.

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



@10:30am on Sunday





"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

This Lent foster a deeper prayer life. Check your parish bulletin for opportunities to spend more time with the Lord in prayer.

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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

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This week on FORMED...



Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 10th

7:15am Cornelius Duggan

8:45am Amelia Jane Malone (L)

12:15pm Pola Cifuentes

Tuesday, March 11th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Patrick Gerard Grill (L)

12:15pm St. Raymond Parish

Wednesday, March 12th

7:15am Rose Mary Shea

8:45am Maria Denaro

12:15pm Mr. & Mrs. Robert Califano (L)

Thursday, March 13th

7:15am Zenaida D. Faustino

8:45am Joy Simeti

12:15pm Maria Guiseppa Cibellis

Friday, March 14th

7:15am Cornelius Duggan

8:45am Pat Rochford

12:15pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 15th

8:45am Margaret McGreen

Maria Denaro

5:00pm Charles Henshaw

Sunday, March 16th

7:30am Angelo Frances Guadagno

9:00am June Vella

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Gladys Pfeiffer, Mark Dejak,

Bruce Oswald, Frank Solimeno,

Herb Staudter

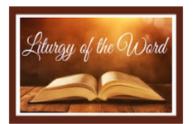
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

John F. Healey

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



Scripture Readings for the Week Monday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18/Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday

Isaiah 55:10-11/Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10/Luke 11:29-32

Thursday

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Matthew 7:7-12

Friday

Ezekiel 18:21-28/Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday

Deuteronomy 26:16-19/Matthew 5:43-48

Sunday

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/Philippians 3:17—4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

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Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.





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