

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 6, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Amen, I say to you, whoever does not
accept the kingdom of God like a child
will not enter it.” -Mark 10:12



October 6, 2024

27th 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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Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

*Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.*

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings invite us to contemplate the mystery and the gift of the sacrament of marriage and its importance for the world. In the first reading from Genesis, we read about how God created man and woman and how they were to be intimately related to each other. **"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh."** Today's Psalm speaks about how God's blessings come to families when they stay in right relationship with him. **"May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."** And finally, Mark's gospel shows Jesus dealing with the Pharisees about the question of divorce. He wanted his listeners, both the Pharisees and his apostles to understand the sacredness of marriage. It was not something to be easily done away with. **"Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."**

God made us for relationship with him and one another, and he calls us to a unity that is described as nothing less than **"one flesh."** Jesus emphasized what marriage is in today's gospel. Marriage is something God has done and does. We often think of marriage as something a couple does. They **"get married"** which in the sacrament is true that each is the minister of the sacrament to each other. But the relationship within matrimony is **"what God has joined together."** Every sacrament is God's work made tangible, known to our senses. A couple takes part in God's work, consents to it and makes it tangible to each other in speaking their vows. But it is God's gift. God is always faithful in every sacrament. He pours out his grace, acting as he promised. But we do know the heartbreaking reality of which Jesus speaks. Divorce, brokenness and separation are still possible and all too present. The challenge is deep but also contains good news. God has united a couple as one flesh and he wants to give every married person the love needed to live this commitment. But today's message is not only for married couples. To love rightly and justly is to imitate the love of God who created us and who is united with us through Jesus. This love is meant to be the foundation of every human relationship. To me the best way to love those God has placed in our lives is through the grace of the sacraments. Never underestimate their power, for that's where your childlike trust comes in.

Today, October 6th is our semi-annual Parish Blood Drive from 8am till 2pm in the school cafeteria. There is a critical need for blood, so if you are able, please consider giving this great gift of life. Walk-ins are most welcome. Check the bulletin for more details.

Today is Respect Life Sunday and once again our Human Life Committee is sponsoring the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island. As you leave Mass, please take a baby bottle and fill it up over the next month. Then, return your bottle the weekend of November 2-3 with your generous donation. It will be a life saver for so many facing the challenge of an unplanned pregnancy.

Next Sunday, October 13th we will be having a special Food Collection at all the Masses to help replenish the food pantry for Parish Social Ministry. The needs have increased, and we urgently need help in meeting them for those who come for help. Please consider donating some food at Mass next weekend. Food bins will be at the doors of the church and on the pew shelves by the front doors. Please donate what is asked for by Parish Social Ministry. A listing of what is most needed is found in the bulletin. Thanks for helping.

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** (remember-Food Collection Sunday on October 13th), info from **Religious Education**, 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. Keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week.

Have a great week. Smile, share and remember: **Tell those closest to you that you love them (especially your wife or husband) and remember: If you want your kids to follow in your footsteps, make sure your shoes have strong souls.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 6, 2024-27th 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.

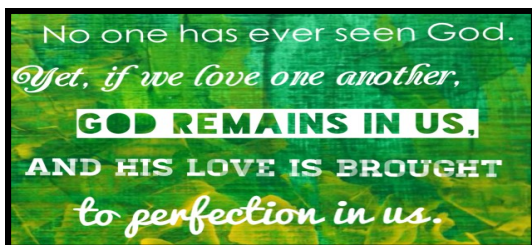
READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

OCTOBER 6, 2024-27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Gn 2:18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of 'her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SECOND READING

Heb 2:9-11

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

ALLELUIA

1 Jn 4:12

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



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

There will be a first grade Parent meeting on Wednesday 10/9/2024 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond auditorium. At this meeting, details regarding the first grade will be discussed and workbooks and other pertinent materials will be distributed.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR OCTOBER 9TH - NOVEMBER 20TH

WEDNESDAY
MORNINGS
10:00AM OR
FRIDAY
EVENINGS
7:30PM
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all those who shall
recite the Rosary."
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Mary's promise to
St. Dominic*

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**St. Raymond's Parish
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.**

**Thank you for your
generosity and
remembering
those in need!**

God bless you all!



**No matter what your present status in
the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family or
marital situation,
No matter what your past or present
situation,
No matter what your personal history,
age, background or race,
No matter what your own self image
or self-esteem.**

**You are invited, welcomed, accepted,
loved and respected at
St. Raymond Church!
We are so happy to have you here!**



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RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED, NOT ONLY PROVIDING
MATERIAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS RENT, UTILITIES, FOOD, OR CLOTHING,
BUT ALSO OFFERING FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING, AND PRAYER.**

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

**HAS HAD AN ACTIVE CHAPTER (KNOWN AS A "CONFERENCE") OF
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WHO WISH TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED.**

PLEASE CALL ED AT 887-9325

FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

"Chemical pill abortions represent over 60% of abortions today. Statistics show the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR)...has saved over 5,000 babies' lives and mothers from the anguish an abortion brings. There are currently three lawsuits in progress involving efforts of NYS Attorney General Letitia James at targeting pregnancy help organizations by censoring free speech in NYS related to Abortion Pill Reversal - a violation of the First Amendment... and threatening to sue for false advertising. Her efforts are via threats of damages, restitution and civil penalties... James has not, at any time, produced any false information from pregnancy care centers either verbally or in writing about the APR or its effectiveness. In fact, the Judge recognized the fact that a doctor is involved in the decision-making for prescribing the Abortion Pill Reversal, which eliminates the claim is fraud. It's also 'reproductive health decision-making by the woman who has the right to make that decision', he said...Pregnancy centers exist to provide women life-affirming choices and free resources throughout their pregnancy journey & beyond & be free to serve women, men & families without unjust government harassment. Please pray with us for a successful outcome." (Gloria Schreiber, CEO, The Life Center)

*Please join with us every Thursday during Adoration, from 3:00 - 3:30 pm praying The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the intention of an end to abortion and the return to the dignity, respect and protection of all God's children.
The power of prayer is great!*



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

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM
10AM TO 3PM**

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was a foreigner and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35.



St. Raymond's Food Pantry has been selected by the Stop and Shop, located at 465 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, to be part of their Bloomin' 4 Good Program during the month of October. Stop and Shop has a floral department in their supermarket and they donate a part of the sales from their Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets to a local non-profit organization such as food pantries. The specific bouquets are wrapped in plastic paper imprinted with the words Bloomin' 4 Good and sell for \$10.99 a bouquet. The Stop and Shop will donate \$1.00 for each Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet bought, during the month of October, to St. Raymond's Food Pantry. At the end of October, St. Raymond's will receive a check as a donation from Stop and Shop's community program. We appreciate Stop and Shop's generosity and all those shoppers who purchase a beautiful bouquet. Remember, "Flowers can't solve all problems, but they're a great start."

Pantry items needed this week: Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Black and Kidney Beans, Canned Chick Peas, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Broth, Stuffing, Coffee and Tea.

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.

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



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
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October 12, 2024

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Grand Blvd. Board Walk, Long Beach

12 noon.

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Questions: Jane 516 425-2768

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Is God Calling You to Serve As A Deacon?

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

We look forward to being with you



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Saturday
October 19, 2024
10:00 am – 3:00pm
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DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Year of
Mission



The Great Amen

Amen! Today we look at our response at the end of the doxology: the Great Amen. After the priest sings or says, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever," the people respond with, "Amen!" What exactly does Amen mean? Amen is a special word that most often is understood to mean, "So be it."

What Does the Word "Amen" Mean?

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What is the "Great Amen" in the Mass?



Ok, so why is the "Amen" of this part of the Mass called the "Great Amen"? Fr. Oury teaches, "The Amen of the people has special importance at this moment of the celebration. It is more than ever a response and assent. Concerning it Bossuet wrote: 'In the Book of Revelation the elect are represented to us as ever singing Amen to God. Amen in sacred parlance is Yes, a firm and definite Yes that conquers assent, or rather, the whole heart. That is how they love in heaven. Ought we not do so on earth?'" (The Mass, p. 103). Similarly, the author of Understanding the Mass, Charles Belmonte instructs, "This is the most important Amen in the Mass. It is for us both a resolution and a prayer. A resolution upon which our love for God blooms; a prayer based on the future hope of resurrection" (p. 163).

How Should We Say the "Great Amen"?

If we think about our journey through the Mass, it makes sense to say this Amen is the most important. Take a moment to think about what has recently happened in the Mass: bread and wine were brought forward, along with all our prayers and sacrifices offered in union with Jesus. Through the words and actions of Jesus, the priest prayed the Eucharistic Prayer, and the bread and wine have been changed into the very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity on the altar: Jesus himself is truly present with us! This is Almighty God with us! This is Jesus who loved us so perfectly that he gave everything for us! This is the moment of Jesus being offered to the Father in perfect praise, and we have been invited to join with Jesus!



Hopefully, we are so excited about what has just taken place that we want to belt out our Amen with great joy and fervor! With this mentality of joy and celebration, Belmonte quotes St. Jerome: "Let us sing or say the Great Amen with all our hearts united to all our brothers. Let it resound the whole world over, as the Amen of our early brothers in the faith 'resounded in heaven, as a celestial thunderclap in the Roman basilicas'" (Understanding the Mass, p. 163). Wouldn't that kind of "Amen" get the attention of our neighbors? "What was that loud sound that shook the ground? Oh, it was the Catholics at Mass singing Amen!"

For Reflection:

- The Book of Revelation uses "Amen" as another name for Jesus: "The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the source of God's creation..." (Rev. 3:14). The angels, elders, and four living creatures use this word at both the beginning and end of prayer (see Rev. 7:12; cf. Rev. 19:4). In your own prayer, spend time with this word and allow its meaning to penetrate your life.

Next Week: The Communion Rite



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



"If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us."

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:12

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 sick not only helps and supports the sick and the elderly but also fosters community and compassion.

Visiting the Sick:

- Eucharistic Minister: Consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister who brings Christ to the sick.
- Praying Together: Offering to pray with or for people who are ill, providing spiritual support.
- Hospital Visits: Spending time with someone in the hospital, bringing them comfort and companionship.
- Home Visits: Checking in on a friend or neighbor who is homebound or recovering from an illness.
- Providing Meals: Cooking or delivering meals to someone who is sick, ensuring they have nourishment during their recovery.
- Running Errands: Helping with grocery shopping or other errands for those unable to leave their homes due to illness.
- Offering Transportation: Driving someone to medical appointments or treatments.
- Listening: Taking the time to listen to their concerns and fears, providing emotional support.
- Sending Cards, Notes, Emails or Texts: Writing uplifting messages to let them know they are cared for and thought of.
- Engaging in Activities: Bringing books, games, or activities to help distract and entertain them during their illness.

"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

Organizations that offer opportunities to live out the Corporal Work of Mercy of visiting the sick:

The American Cancer Society: Offers a "Road to Recovery" program that sometimes includes meal delivery for patients undergoing treatment, partnering with local organizations for logistics.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Local chapters throughout the Diocese organize visits to the sick, offering help and companionship to those in need.

Red Cross Volunteer Transportation: Many local Red Cross chapters provide transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities to medical appointments.

Prayer Shawl Ministries: Found in various parishes, these groups not only knit shawls but also visit the sick to deliver them and provide support and prayer.

The Birthday Party Project: While focused on birthday celebrations for homeless children, they often include uplifting cards and messages in their packages for children in hospitals.

Heart of the Father Ministries: This Catholic organization sends letters and notes of encouragement to the sick and elderly, often including prayers and scripture.

Catholic War Veterans: This organization has local posts that work to support veterans, including those who are sick, through visits and care coordination.

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.

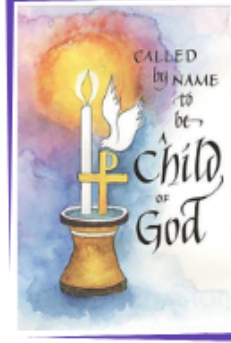


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Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
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I place My Trust in You.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BABY BOTTLE!

On the weekend of **October 5th & 6th** , St. Raymond's Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit the Life Center of Long Island.

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We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
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Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby. Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!

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Presented by

Jozef Zalot, PhD, MEd

National Catholic Bioethics Center

Saturday, October 12, 2024 - 1:00pm-3:30pm

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Catholic Teens and Young Adults

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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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St. Mother Teresa



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8:45am Rory Polley

Tuesday, October 8th

7:15am Dolores Bisa

8:45am Carmelo Simeti

Wednesday, October 9th

7:15am John & Philomena Caffrey

8:45am Ann Harrington

Thursday, October 10th

7:15am Kelli Houlihan

8:45am Paul Zsuffa

Friday, October 11th

7:15am Victor Napoli

8:45am Travis Valenti

Saturday, October 12th

8:45am Marco Benedetto

5:00pm Frankie Coppola

Sunday, October 13th

7:30am Michael Higgins Sr.

9:00am Joseph McCarthy

10:30am Frances Guadagno

12:00pm Jack Vanderbeck, Rory Polley,
Mary Kate Thompson, Alice Dillon,
Niam McKeown, John Carver,
Kristina Dillard, Clare Dower,
Joseph Migliaccio

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

GAL 1:6-12/LK 10:25-37

Tuesday

GAL 1:13-24/LK 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

GAL 3:1-5/LK 11:5-13

Friday

GAL 3:7-14/LK 11:15-26

Saturday

GAL 3:22-29/LK 11:27-28

Sunday

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30



Please Pray for Our Sick

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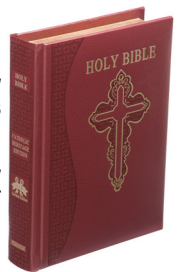
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