

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

Pastoral Team

Pastor

Father Chuck Romano

Associate Pastors

Father Benedict Kim
Father Joseph Rwamwenge

Deacons

Deacon Robert C. Campbell, OFS
Deacon Thomas Wm. Connolly, T.O Carm
Deacon Guy Donza, S.F.D.
Deacon Richard W. LaRossa
Deacon Thomas J. Malone Jr., T.S.A.

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Lucy Ostermann

Business Manager

Christopher Grennen

Parish Staff

Music Ministry

Laura Garbitelli

Folk Group

AnnMarie Lynch

Plant Manager

Steve Bennett

Parish Secretary

Doreen Dolan

Bulletin Editor

Linda Ohlsen

The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, February 23, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“For the measure with which you
measure will in return be measured
out to you.” -Luke 6:38



February 23, 2025

Seventh 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

Web Site: www.SaintRaymonds.org

Facebook: St. Raymond Parish, East Rockaway

E-Mail: StRayRcc@optonline.net

Rectory.....593-5000

Rectory Fax.....887-0554

Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197

Office Hours are Monday-Wednesday from 10am-2pm.

Parish Social Ministry Fax.....593-6278

Religious Education Office.....593-9075

Religious Education Office Fax593-1156

E-Mail: strayfaithformation@aol.com

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

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

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Sunday at 10:30 in the Rectory Basement

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Jodi Neckles

Diane Minucci

Patrick Dunning

Philip Barone

Caroline Saporito

Cara

Billy (Tri-Cycle)

Ginny Honerkamp

Jim Marasco

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Patrick Malone

Maureen McCarthy

Nick S.

Rosario R Giglio

Augie Michela

Gary

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



LC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS

LC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS

Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY

Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY

Sgt. Thomas Stanley Golebiewski USMC

Staff Sgt. Emily Golebiewski US AIRFORCE

Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY

LC Connor Thomas McHale US MARINE CORPS

Sgt. Gerard Moran

Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit

Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY

TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time! The focus of today's readings is to realize that by giving, more gifts will be given to us. In the first reading from the First Book of Samuel, we see David sparing "**God's anointed**" when he had the chance to kill King Saul. For years, Saul had plotted to kill David and here we see David showing mercy to an enemy, just like Jesus preaches in today's gospel. "**Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord's anointed.**" Then in the second reading from First Corinthians, Paul connects the human with the spiritual. We bear the image of Adam and also of God. "**Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.**" And finally, in Luke's gospel we have Jesus giving very direct and challenging teachings on how we are to live out all our relationships. He covers everything and everyone from family to enemies and touches on many possible interactions. None of them are very easy. This is where Jesus tells us that we should all be givers of gifts to others. The result is pretty clear. "**For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.**"

To me the real challenging statement of Jesus is when he says: "**For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?**" We can usually love those who are close to us like our spouse, children and friends. We do so because they are good to us. There was nothing vague or mysterious in what Jesus is saying to his disciples in this passage. What Jesus said was very concrete and specific, and probably the opposite of how nearly everyone had behaved since the dawn of time. Jesus is saying that if we truly want to be a disciple we have to find a way to love absolutely everyone! Now, we've heard this before, and we know how hard all this is. We can all trick ourselves into believing we are actually good at it. We would never try to find a way to do wrong to others. Maybe we neglect others and think we are teaching them one of life's tough lessons. Maybe we don't help people in other countries by feeling that a prosperous United States benefits everyone. Do we really believe God loves us more? Forgiving others who hurt us? Not so easy. Hurting back and retribution is the acceptable way of the world.

Yes, it is easy to love those who love us, care for us or benefit us in some way. But all others, that's a whole different story. Yet Jesus tells us that it's the same story, imperfect people helping and understanding and loving other imperfect people because God loves every one of us the same. He loves unconditionally, relentlessly and tenderly. So instead of finding excuses, find that person you have been withholding love from and start loving them today. God will be cheering you on.

We continue our parish's observance of the Eucharistic Revival with a special **Holy Hour** this Tuesday, February 25th from 7-8pm in the church. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, music, a reflection and Benediction. Come and spend this time together with Jesus as we prepare for the start of Lent.

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** (especially a call for food pantry volunteers), info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), an invitation to the upcoming **St. Patrick's Celebration** on Saturday March 22nd, sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**, the **Holy Hour** invitation for Tuesday evening, February 25th, application information about the **Sodality of Our Lady 2025 Scholarship Exam**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share, try to "Love as I have loved you."** **And remember: When you feel like quitting, remember why you started.**
God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

FEBRUARY 23, 2025-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Gloria

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

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

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

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

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

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

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

Amen

Penitential Act

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

[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

who has spoken through the prophets.

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

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

FEBRUARY 23, 2025-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

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

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters: It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

ALLELUIA

John 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN AND CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY 2/24/2025.

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

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

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



ATTENTION 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

The 7th & 8th grade students will participate in a group Confirmation Service Project. This year, we have partnered with Catholic Charities by helping out their clients who are in need of toiletries. For Monday, March 3rd and Tuesday, March 4th we ask if each 7th & 8th grade student (Religious Education only) could bring to class the following (regular size please): Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Deodorant. Only if it is within your means would I ask that your child bring in all four - if not, please send in whatever you can. Any and all of the children's donations will be greatly appreciated.

During class time, the children will put together the toiletries and place them in a drawstring bag (provided by Religious Education). Then the students will write a little note of encouragement and place it in each bag. When the individual from Catholic Charities receives his/her bag, they will also find kind thoughts written to them by our students. In addition, we will have representative from Catholic Charities come and speak to the children to let them know what they do for their clients.

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

-Saint John Paul II



HOLY HOUR

Tuesday,

February 25th

7:00pm - 8:00pm

**ST. RAYMOND
CHURCH**

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

Exposition-Reflection

Music-Benediction

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

FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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



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

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

Tickets are only \$60pp

SENIOR DISCOUNT \$50 pp (65+ yrs)

Tables of 10 Welcome!

Charles Peknic at 516-732-0691

Tickets on Sale Now...Limited Seating



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FOUNDED IN 1833, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION OF LAY CATHOLICS, FOLLOWING CHRIST'S CALL TO SERVE THE POOR, THE SUFFERING, AND THE DEPRIVED. OUR FOUNDING ACTIVITY, STILL PRACTICED TODAY, IS THE HOME VISIT. THROUGH THESE VISITS, VINCENTIAN MEMBERS ESTABLISH PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED. WHERE RESOURCES ALLOW WE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED AND OR LEAD THEM TO OTHER RESOURCES WHERE THEY MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE HELP THEY REQUIRE.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

HAS HAD AN ACTIVE CHAPTER (KNOWN AS A "CONFERENCE") OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOR DECADES AND INVITES ALL WHO WISH TO HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

PLEASE CALL ED AT 887-9325

Associated Vincentian Charities of Brooklyn

Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

IRS TAX DEDUCTION FREE TOWING ANY CONDITION

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525

For details: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org



Ministry of Consolation



Offer the precious gift of your time, presence and sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

Work one week a month with a team to assist families in preparing and celebrating the Funeral Mass for recently deceased loved ones.

If Interested Call Doreen Dolan 516-593-5000

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



Holy Communion
Part 1

As we continue through the Communion Rite, the long-anticipated moment has arrived. Finally, it is time for **Holy Communion!** This is the moment we have been preparing for throughout the whole Mass. Whenever I think about the joy of Holy Communion, I remember very vividly the thrill of my First Communion. I think of the song we all learned and the wonderful party afterward. But I especially remember the moment of Communion. Although I was small at the time, in second grade, I remember feeling a special closeness to God that I never had felt before. I don't know if I grasped what Holy Communion meant on an intellectual or even theological level, but I certainly felt a true spiritual union with our Lord.



As Fr. Joseph McGloin, author of "How to Get More Out of the Mass," teaches, "The word 'communion' is almost self-explanatory. Literally, it means 'union with.' It suggests a sharing, a mutual participation. Holy Communion, is, then, an intimate sharing in the life of Christ" (,p. 128).

That is exactly what takes place in Holy Communion. We receive the Precious Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ into our bodies, and he unites us with himself. Unlike regular food which becomes part of our bodies,

the Eucharist unites our bodies to the Lord. Fr. McGloin continues, "While the other sacraments bring us the grace of Christ, this one brings us the grace of Christ himself along with himself. Truly, a person with any faith in Christ would be foolish to neglect this great gift" (How to Get More Out of the Mass, p. 133).

Participating in Christ's Perfect Sacrifice



Did you notice he said sacrifice? Hopefully, this word reminds us of one of the names for the Mass—the Holy Sacrifice. As we have journeyed through the Mass, we have noted that the Mass is a true sharing in the Last Supper and in the Cross of Jesus. In the Mass, we are invited to participate in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Fr. Guy Oury, author of "The Mass," tells us how sacrifice and Holy Communion fit together in the Mass. He says, "The Mass is a sacrifice but also a repast, or rather, a sacrificial repast. It would not have meaning, at least not the meaning given it by the Lord, were it not also Communion." He goes on to say, "The meal symbolizes the union between the God of the covenant and the people of God."

For Reflection: Reflect on God's promise through Isaiah to provide a feast "for all peoples" (see Isa 25:1–9). Thank Christ for his sacrifice present in the Mass, and make Isaiah's prayer your own: "let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" (Isa 25:9).

Next Week: Holy 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

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

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

Thoughts After Communion - Humble Confidence
Father Jean du Cœur de Jésus d'Elbée

Jesus needs nothing but your humility and your confidence to work marvels of purification and sanctification in you. And your confidence will be in proportion to your humility, because it is to the extent that we realize our need of Jesus that we have recourse to him, and we sense this need to the extent that we justly realize our unworthiness. Think of the woman who asks Jesus to cure her daughter. She asks no more than a crumb at the banquet of merciful love! Jesus is conquered.

Go to Jesus recognizing that you merit nothing, but expecting everything from a completely gratuitous and infinite mercy. Recall the centurion: "Lord, I am not worthy, but speak only a word and my servant shall be healed." In the manner of the centurion, you also must say, "I am not worthy to receive you; I merit nothing; I am an abyss of weakness and cowardice; I make resolutions and do not keep them; I fall over and over again. But Jesus, say only one word, and my soul shall be healed." Jesus was so delighted by the centurion's words that he willed them to be fixed in the liturgy of the Mass, to be forever the most perfect preparation for Communion. I can imagine the centurion in heaven, enjoying the unspeakable glory and beatitude of hearing these words, which came from his heart, repeated at the moment when Jesus is received in the Host by all priests and all communicants, in all the Masses that are celebrated in the entire world until the end of time.

When Jesus tests your faith, give him, like the Canaanite woman and the centurion, these responses that eternal wisdom inspires in little ones, and he will shower his graces upon you.



**"Be merciful, just
as your Father is
merciful."
Luke 6:36**

The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope
December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026
Live a Life of Simplicity

Living a life of simplicity in the Jubilee Year of Hope is a way to focus on what truly matters—our relationship with God, others, and the world around us. Here are suggestions to live a life of simplicity during this special year:



- **Practice Silence and Solitude:** Spend time in silence, away from the noise of the world. Silence allows you to listen to God and reflect on your life, helping to simplify your heart and mind.
- **Embrace Humility:** Live humbly by acknowledging your dependence on God and recognizing the dignity of others. Humility helps to strip away pride and unnecessary complications in life.
- **Fast and Abstain:** Participate in fasting and abstaining during the liturgical seasons, particularly Lent. Fasting teaches us self-discipline, helps detach us from comforts, and fosters a deeper spiritual focus.
- **Cultivate Contentment:** Be content with what you have. Trust that God provides for your needs and seek to live with what He has given you, rather than constantly striving for more.
- **Simplify Your Schedule:** In a world full of busyness, simplify your schedule by cutting out unnecessary activities or commitments. Focus on what aligns with your faith and what brings you closer to God.
- **Embrace the Value of Work and Rest:** Balance your life with work and rest, recognizing that both are gifts from God. Live simply by avoiding overwork, and ensure you take time for Sabbath rest, so you can renew your spirit and care for your physical and mental well-being.

**"Simplicity is the key to finding the true meaning
of life in Christ." - St. John Paul II**



SODALITY OF OUR LADY SCHOLARSHIP EXAM 2025



- WHAT:** THREE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY THE SODALITY OF OUR LADY AT ST. RAYMOND'S CHURCH.
THREE \$150 MARIANNE MALONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.
- WHO:** ANY EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT IN ST. RAYMOND'S PARISH, WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION TO A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER, 2025
- WHEN:** THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025. TIME 3:30PM
- WHERE:** ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA
263 ATLANTIC AVENUE
EAST ROCKAWAY, NY 11518
- EXAM:** 15 MULTIPLE CHOICE, FILL IN THE BLANKS AND TWO ESSAYS
- HOW:** TO REGISTER-CALL JULIANNE GRENNEN (516) 593-5000 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO STRAYRCC@OPTONLINE.NET - ATTN. JULIANNE GRENNEN BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025. YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE CONFIRMED. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION, PLEASE CALL AGAIN.

**REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025**



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, March 7th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!



First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

March 1, 2025

8:10am

St. Raymond Church
Near the Blessed Mother Statue
Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

St. Raymond's Choir



Can you sing?

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



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

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

We rehearse Sundays at 11:00am

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

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

7th Grade and higher
are Welcome!



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)

"Those who are generous to the poor lend to the Lord, and the Lord will fully repay them." Proverbs 19:17

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.

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

Pantry items still needed: Pasta Sauce, Mac and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Canned Carrots, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Canned Meat, Tuna Fish, Jell-O and Snacks.

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!



THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth Griffin

Beloved Wife, Mother
& Good Friend

Donated by: The Family

For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062



We are called to love others, including those who do not love us back. Today's Gospel reading gives us many examples of how to live like a Christian.



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

MONTH 8

Developing Baby

"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"

Spiritual Adoption Program Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

Next Human Life Committee Meeting:

**Thursday, February 27th,
from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, in the
Parish Social Ministry Office.
Please join with us in being a
voice for the innocent,
voiceless, unborn babies.**



*God Bless
Our Newly
Baptized*

*Everly Carmela
Milella*



*Congratulations
goes out to...*

*Meaghan McElroy
and
Timothy Schulze*

*Married at
St. Raymond's Church
in March 2025*





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

Pastoral Council Members

**Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley,
Julianne Grennen, Kimberly Moran,
Mary Murphy, Dave Ohlsen,
Linda Ohlsen, Secretary,
Stephen Rochford, Chairperson,
Fr. Chuck Romano,
Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson**

TRULY PRESENT



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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



JOIN US IN SHARING KINDNESS TO OTHERS!!

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

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

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

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

FORMED

This week on
FORMED...



From Jean Delannoy, one of France's foremost filmmakers, comes this top quality feature film production of the story of **St. Bernadette** and the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. Actress **Sydney Penny** gives a beautiful performance as **Bernadette**, and the rest of the cast is equally superb. Also stars **Roland Lesaffre** and **Michele Simonnet**. It is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience." Shot on location in France with outstanding cinematography and a beautiful music score, this is the film that was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes.



**GO TO THE ST. RAYMOND
WEBSITE FOLLOW THE**

FORMED

LINK TO REGISTER... IT'S FREE!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 24th

7:15am Christopher Connolly

8:45am Pietro Briguglio

Tuesday, February 25th

7:15am Anne Marie McInerney Scully

8:45am Eugene Ledwith

Wednesday, February 26th

7:15am Patrick Minutello

8:45am Marie G. Abbott

Thursday, February 27th

St. Gregory

7:15am George Martorana

8:45am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

Friday, February 28th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgator

8:45am Bernadette Tominey

Saturday, March 1st

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm Thomas Joseph Russo

Sunday, March 2nd

7:30am Louise Coscia

9:00am Carmel Waters

10:30am Dec. mem. of Falcone Family

12:00pm Joseph Ross, Gail Liguori,
Patricia Rochford, Kathleen
Rosa, Devon Valenti,
Maria & Michael Vuotto

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



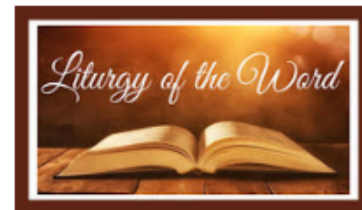
REST IN PEACE

Richard Nelson

Alice Convery

Joan D'Andrea

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Sirach 1:1-10/Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sirach 2:1-11/Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sirach 4:11-19/Mark 9:38-40

Thursday

Sirach 5:1-8/Mark 9:41-50

Friday

Sirach 6:5-17/Mark 10:1-12

Saturday

Sirach 17:1-15/Mark 10:13-16

Sunday

Sirach 27:4-7/1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

Parish Bulletin Board



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE
STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL
OR SUBSTANCE USE?**

DON'T DO IT ALONE. HELP IS HERE!

**ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES
30-C CARLOUGH ROAD BOHEMIA, NY 11716
631-589-4144
WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC**

Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his 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.

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE
YOU NEED A MEDICAL ALERT
At HOME or AWAY**

• GPS • Fall Alert • 24/7 • 365 Monitoring
Ambulance • Police • Fire • Family/Friends



As Low As **\$19⁹⁵**
/month*



No Contract • No Fees • E-Z Setup • md-medalert.com **CALL 800 867-7250**

Easy. Honest. Accurate.
Save on your property taxes
with Nassau County's trusted
tax reduction experts.



MAIDENBAUM

THE LEADER IN PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION

Apply online at mptrg.com/bulletins
or call 516.715.1223
Hablamos Español

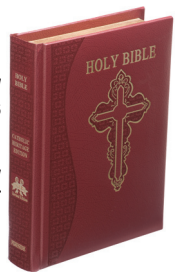
Maidenbaum Property Tax Reduction Group, LLC • 481 Chestnut Street, Cedarhurst, NY 11030

Fireside Catholic Heritage Edition Bible

The Catholic Heritage Edition in the New American Bible Revised Edition translation is the ideal Catholic Family Bible.

Features: Our Catholic Family, Family Record section and Burgundy padded cover with gold-gilded page edges.

Only \$79.99 post paid



C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc.
200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704
Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ _____ to cover the cost
of _____ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped
post paid to:
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Personalized
Primary Care for
YOU throughout
Long Island



To schedule an
appointment, call
(866) MY-LI-DOC
(866-695-4362)



LONG LIVE LONG ISLAND™

Sound Audiology
Hearing Aids and Audiology Services

Dr. Donna Rubino
Dr. Clare Villanueva
Doctors of Audiology
Hearing Aids

215a Atlantic Ave.
Lynbrook, NY 11563
516-224-7588

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.

Kenneth Lysak Jr., Philip M. Taglia

Since 1825


118 Union Avenue, Lynbrook
516.593.1111
www.perryfh.com

- Family Owned & Operated
- Newly Renovated
- Area's Largest Chapel
- Preplanning
- Prepayment
- Handicap Accessible
- Monuments & Inscriptions
- Children's Playroom
- Competitive Pricing
- Ample Parking

BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU/SUFFOLK
(516) 785-4070
Confidential Assistance

Edwin C. Gerrity Agency
All your Insurance needs
25D Main St., East Rockaway, NY 11518
Serving the Community over 50 years
(516) 593-4242

Celebrity Chase Collision
191 Earle Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563
516 593-0920
Ask about your parish discount



BIANCA CAMARDA, DDS
PEDIATRIC DENTIST

133 BROADWAY, LYNBROOK
516-561-3333

ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

little smiles on broadway
pediatric dentistry and orthodontics

PREPLAN

Final Touch Auto Collision
Collision Specialist - 24 Hour Towing
All Insurance Accepted

3586 Merrick Rd., Seaford
516.221.7611
169 Herricks Rd., Garden City Park
516.741-7950
info@finaltouchli.com
www.finaltouchli.com

CAREFREE
AIR CONDITIONING GAS HEATING
AIR FILTRATION WATER FILTRATION
516-599-2848

Donza FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Solely Owned & Operated by The Donza Family
Newly Expanded and Decorated Chapels
Ample Parking

333 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, N.Y. 11518
Tel: (516) 593-2521 / Fax: (516) 825-6380
email: donzafuneralhome@aol.com

1926-2016 90 Years
Warm and Personal Service - A Family Tradition Since 1926

BECKER REALTY SERVICES, INC.

"Long Island's Most Trusted Name in Real Estate"
HILARY H. BECKER, C.P.M.
(516) 887-0677

Assisi Veterinary Hospital
Internal Medicine, Surgery & Emergency Medicine
Pet Grooming and Boarding Available
250 Hempstead Ave., Malverne
516-256-0022
www.assisivh.com

Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union
Catholic Values You Can Bank On®

Speak with a Member Contact Representative today to learn more about how we can help you.

516.620.8100 - OceanFinancial.org
Oceanside Branch 45 Atlantic Avenue Oceanside, NY 11572
Seaford Branch 4050 Merrick Road Seaford, NY 11783

Da Nicola
Restaurant • Bar • Catering
Private Party Room Available

• APPETIZERS • SOUPS & SALADS • PASTAS • ENTREES
• CLASSIC ITALIAN DISHES • STEAKS • CHOPS • SEAFOOD & MORE

LET US CATER AN EVENT!

1203 Broadway, Hewlett, NY • 516.812.5155
www.DaNicolaHewlett.com

Hewlett Point Yacht Club, Inc.
"The most desirable place to dock your boat in East Rockaway"

- Boating and non boating Memberships
- Air Conditioned Party Room for rent
- Social Events throughout the year
- Activities and events for children • Free Wi-Fi
- Beautiful views of Hewlett Bay
- Private Beach • Skeet Shooting • Deep water access • Slips with updated water and electric

Call Ed for Details 516-359-2676

James Tech Electric
Your East Rockaway Licensed & Insured Electrical Contractor
Jamestechelectric.com
536-6900 647-0960

Flinch & Bruns Funeral Home Inc.
CREMATION SERVICES - BURIAL - FUNERAL

Serving the entire South Shore Since 1932

34 Hempstead Avenue. Corner Peninsula Blvd. Lynbrook
516-599-3600 www.flinchandbruns.com

East Rockaway Florist
338 Atlantic Ave. East Rockaway, NY
516.568.7077
www.eastrockawayflorist.com
info@eastrockawayflorist.com
@e_rockflorist

Towers FUNERAL HOME INC.
2681 Long Beach Rd Oceanside
(516) 766-0425
www.towersfuneralhomeny.com

Est. 1933

Hilton Hospital for Animals
120 Merrick Rd. Lynbrook
516-887-2914
www.hiltonanimalhospital.net
Preventive Care, Internal Medicine, Surgery & Dentistry
Bathing & Boarding Available

Towers FUNERAL HOME INC.



2681 Long Beach Rd Oceanside
(516) 766-0425
www.towersfuneralhomeny.com

Family Owned and Operated

James Tech Electric
Your East Rockaway Licensed & Insured Electrical Contractor
Jamestechelectric.com
536-6900 647-0960