

## 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, March 2, 2025

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Shine like lights in the world as you  
hold on to the word of life”

-Philippians 2:15



March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 5, 2025 Ash Wednesday

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

### Rectory

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

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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

### Devotions

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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

#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

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

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

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

### Baptisms

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

### Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

### Marriages

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

### Prayer Groups

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

### Music Ministries

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

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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



## 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)



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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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** The theme this Sunday centers around being humble in order to have empathy for others. In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, we are told that an arrogant heart produces a sharp tongue towards others. ***"The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had, so too does one's speech disclose the best of one's mind."*** Then in the second reading from First Corinthians, Paul encourages the faithful to always rely on God to conquer sin and death through Jesus Christ. ***"Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*** And finally in Luke's gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about the importance of humility and how they should look at their own behavior before judging that of others. ***"For every tree is known by its own fruit."***

What's wrong with the world? We hear most often the phrase: ***"I've never seen it this bad."*** When it comes to the state of the world, people often forget how bad things were at other times. Each generation feels their problems are greater than those of past generations. Yet, people are honestly concerned with many things in our present age. Maybe it's the rapid advancing technologies, changing attitudes toward moral issues, concern over fewer people getting married, smaller families, the behavior of other countries, decrease in church attendance, decrease in belief, the economic state of the country, the increase in crime. What is wrong with the world? And also, nearly everyone seems to be concerned with a large number of people being a bit angrier, less intelligent, less reasonable, greedier and all sorts of not-so-great stuff. The gossip mill churns and spits out a lot for our consumption. Instead of sharing ideas we vent our disappointments in the way things are going. We have disappointments in political decisions, policies, elections, in world events and various crises around the globe, financial disappointment and maybe most of all disappointment in other people. The decisions other people may mess things up and steer us down unhealthy and dangerous paths. But you know what? All I point out that is wrong in the world has nothing to do with me! ***"How can you say to your brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye, when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?"***



When we can't even admit and understand our own need for change, our own failings that make the world less than it can be; no one will be drawn to us. If we just continuously point out the faults and weaknesses of others, all we are really doing is pulling away from and pushing others away from faith. Lots of things are wrong with the world. And for each of us it all starts with oneself.

***Ready or not, here we go! The beginning of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.*** Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses, 7:15am, 8:45am, 12:15pm, 7:30pm, and also at a special 4pm Prayer Service in the church. Starting on Ash Wednesday there will be an additional daily Mass celebrated at 12:15pm on all the weekdays of Lent. The Stations of the Cross will also be prayed starting Friday, March 7th at 7pm and on each of the succeeding Fridays of Lent. The bulletin will also contain the dates and times of all additional prayer gatherings during the Lenten season.

***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***, info from ***Religious Education*** (Faith Formation), the schedule for ***Ash Wednesday***, an invitation to the ***St. Patrick's Party*** on Saturday, March 22 (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus), an ad for the upcoming ***Mom and Son Mass and Dance*** on Saturday, March 29th, 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 that is chock full of Lenten programming) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great beginning to Lent! ***Smile, share, get your Lenten smile going and remember: Lent is spring training for Christians, so we'll be ready for opening day-Easter Sunday!***

God bless always. ***Father Chuck***



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MARCH 2, 2025-EIGHTH 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

MARCH 2, 2025-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Sirach 27:4-7**

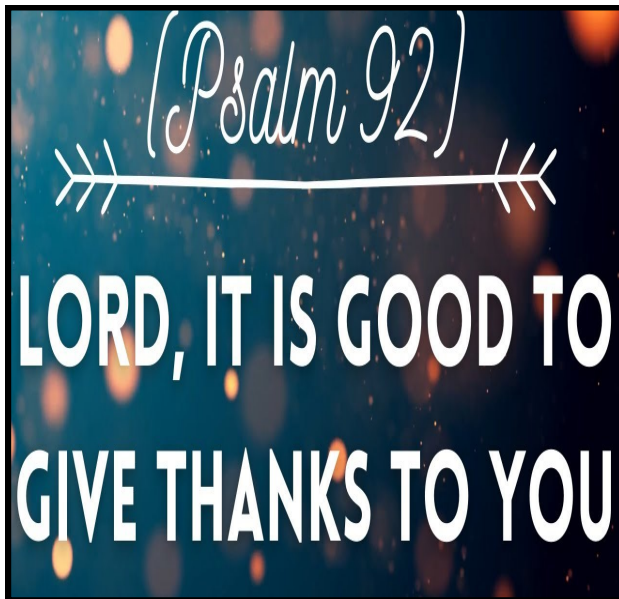
When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Brothers and sisters:

When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.



## ALLELUIA

**Philippians 2:15d, 16a**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**Luke 6:39-45**

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**

**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

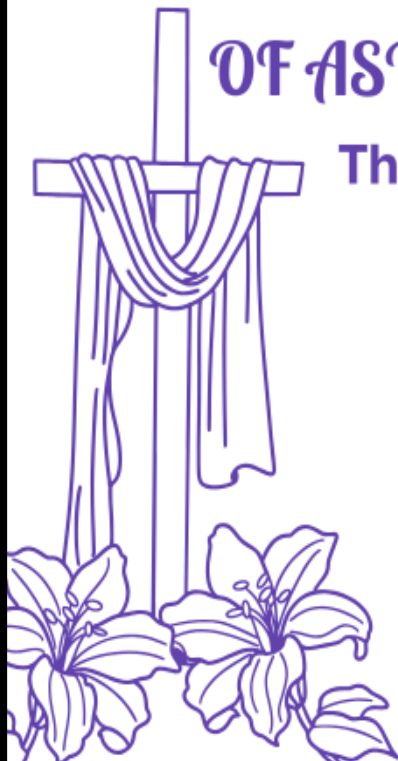
The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

**R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

# ASH WEDNESDAY DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES



## The Following

### Masses

7:15am

8:45am

12:15pm

7:30pm

### Prayer Service

4:00pm

## Abstinence and Fasting

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.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
ST. RAYMOND RELIGIOUS ED PRESENTS



**80'S THEME**



DANCE PARTY  
FOR PARISH BOYS  
& AN ESCORT  
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 accordingly to be on time for mass!

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



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



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

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Wednesday Religious Education students will have class on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed to the students in the auditorium during class time.



### 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 Children of St. Raymond



**Mrs. Ohlsen's  
2nd Grade Class**



**Ms. Khan's  
6th Grade Class**



**Mrs. Kennedy's  
2nd Grade Class**



**Mrs. Rivenburgh's  
8th Grade Class**

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



**Holy  
Communion  
Part 2**

We continue our discussion from last week of **Holy Communion**, also known as the **Eucharist**. The Eucharist is a powerful reminder of Christ's ultimate sacrifice for humanity.

In the act of sharing bread and wine, Christians commemorate Jesus' body and blood given on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. This sacrament, instituted by Christ during the Last Supper, symbolizes His sacrifice as a means of reconciliation between God and mankind. Through Communion, believers participate in a sacred mystery, uniting spiritually with Christ, acknowledging His suffering, and accepting His grace. It is not merely a ritual but a profound encounter with the living Christ, whose selfless act of love continues to bring salvation to all who partake.

**Participating in  
Christ's Perfect  
Sacrifice**



As highlighted last week, Fr. Guy Oury, author of "The Mass," tells us how sacrifice and Holy Communion fit together in the Mass. This becomes clearer if we look at meals and feasts in Jewish history. According to Fr. Oury, "In the [Traditional Jewish] meal God is present as a tablemate, invisible to be sure but still present. He lives with human beings, shares their common interests, and welcomes them as intimates. People are the invited of God... At the time of Christ, the image of a feast was one of the most common to portray the kingdom that was to come. The Lord used it

repeatedly in the parables. It stood for the kingdom of heaven both in the terrestrial form that is the Church and in the ultimate and definitive form that is paradise. The Eucharist itself was instituted in the context of a sacred meal, that of Passover" (The Mass, pp. 105–6).

**The Greatest  
Celebration of  
All Time**



See how Holy Communion is so much more than just a meal? True, it is a Sacred Meal, Holy Thursday, the Last Supper, where we are guests of the Lord, who gives of his very self for our nourishment. But, this meal is also the sacrifice of the Cross, where our sins are overcome and conquered once and for all. The meal is also an anticipation of the heavenly banquet, where we will celebrate with the Lord and the Communion of Saints forever.

Finally, this special meal is also a means of unity among the faithful—the Body of Christ, the Church. With all this meaning, the Eucharist is the greatest celebration of all time. Not only are we present at this wonderful celebration, but many of us are also invited to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. In the weeks ahead, we will look more closely at receiving Communion properly, who can receive Communion, different forms of Holy Communion, and what to do when we aren't able to receive Our Lord.

**For Reflection:** Deepen your awareness of the Old Testament ritual feasts that prepared the way for Christ as described in Leviticus (see Lev 23). Discuss with your family or community how to strengthen the centrality of the Mass in your weekly or daily life.

**Next Week:**  
**Disposed to Receive Communion**





## St. Raymond Church Opportunities for a Holy Hour

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

**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.

**Come to Me: How to Make an Hour of Adoration Part 1**

*Sister Kathryn J. Hermes, Eucharistic Revival Blog*  
*Every hour of Eucharistic adoration is “a meeting of our soul and of our whole being with Jesus.”*

*Blessed James Alberione*

Our hearts are made for God. We yearn to know that we are loved. We want the certainty that God is with us and that he hears us. We search for a place where it is safe to lay down our burdens and experience the relief that we don't have to carry them on our own.

Alone with Jesus before the tabernacle, we can speak freely with him about everything in our lives, what's in our minds and hearts, what we and our loved ones dream about and fear and need.

It is a heart-to-heart moment of intimacy and trust. It is where we offer God our praise and adoration and blessing, where we are called to conversion and confidence and thanksgiving. Eucharistic adoration is where we hear God whisper his love, a place that is quiet enough that we can listen in the stillness for the voice of the God who made us, loves us, and ever sustains us. Yet, weak and distracted and weary as we are, the noise within us and the tyranny of our problems and responsibilities can make it difficult, sometimes, even to sit still.

*“In the Eucharist, we adore the most perfect object of our love and adoration, for it is Jesus Himself.”*

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*



*“The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so speech discloses the bent of a person's heart.”*

**Sirach 27:6**

**The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope  
December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026  
Hope in a Time of Division -Part 1**

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.



For Catholics, hope is rooted in faith in God's promises, in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and in the enduring strength of the Church as the Body of Christ.

Here are suggestions to live a life of hope during a time of division this special year:

### ***Focus on the Unchanging Love of God:***

The heart of Christian hope is the unchanging love of God, which remains constant despite human imperfections or divisions. By deepening one's personal relationship with God through prayer, scripture, and sacraments, Catholics can find peace and assurance that God is always present and working in the world.

*“For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39*

### **Embrace Eucharistic Adoration and Prayer**

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Catholic life. Participating in Eucharistic Adoration or attending Mass regularly helps to unite Catholics in the Body of Christ and reminds them that, despite any divisions, they share the same Lord. In this intimate communion with Christ, they are spiritually strengthened to face challenges with hope.



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**

## 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  
in St. Raymond's  
School Cafeteria



Register: Call the Rectory  
at 516-593-5000  
or fill out the form below and  
send to the Rectory

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Your Name:

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Address:

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Best Tel. #:

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Relationship to the Deceased:  
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**Jubilee 2025**  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

*Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us in  
your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds  
of the Gospel. May those seeds  
transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new  
heaven and a new earth, when, with  
the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.*

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

*Amen*



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## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

The "dreaded complication" abortionists try to cover up, and the media doesn't report, occurs when a baby survives the gruesome abortion procedure and is born alive. Melissa Ohden, founder of Abortion Survivors Network, stated that the data the Network has, indicates, that since 1973, approximately 85,817 infants have been born alive after a failed abortion and about 1,734 infants survive abortions each year. What happens to those infants? In Melissa's case, at 31 weeks in utero, her mother was forced, by her family, to have an abortion. Melissa was subjected to the saline abortion (a salt solution injected into the amniotic sac, poisoning and burning the infant over a prolonged period until death). Melissa survived the abortion and the nurse who delivered her demanded that Melissa be left to die. Tragically, that nurse, was Melissa's grandmother. However, one of the other nurses rushed Melissa to the NICU, saying, "She just kept gasping for breath, and so I couldn't just leave her there to die." Melissa was one of the fortunate ones. Her life was spared. However, in a 2019 Minnesota report on abortions, it was reported that 3 babies survived their abortions. The report stated that "no measures taken to preserve life and infant did not survive," or "comfort care measures were provided as planned and the infant did not survive." They and many others were not as fortunate as Melissa. Recently the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would have protected those infants who survive an abortion, was not passed. Every attempt to to expand abortion survivor protections have been voted down by pro-abortion politicians. They claim that these laws would be harmful restrictions on abortion. But what about the survivors who are living, breathing human beings? St. John Paul II rightly called this abortion culture - "The Culture of Death." For more information about the survivors of abortion, please check out the [website: abortionsurvivors.org](http://www.abortionsurvivors.org)

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**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**

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Maximum attendees - 60

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in God's plan."*

*St. Teresa  
of Avila*

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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: Tuna Fish, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Pork and Beans, Rice Side Dishes, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner and Toothpaste.**

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

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return to the confessional  
and grow closer to God.*





## 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.

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## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, March 3rd

7:15am Julianne Grennen (L)

8:45am Carmela Zizzo

### Tuesday, March 4th

7:15am Bob Duffy

8:45am Josephine Genova

### Wednesday, March 5th

#### Ash Wednesday

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Peter Broughal

12:15pm Terese L. Campbell

4:00pm Prayer Service

7:30pm Jack Hair & Family

### Thursday, March 6th

7:15am LeeAnn O'Keeffe

8:45am James P. Sullivan

12:15pm Erica Sharette

### Friday, March 7th

7:15am Patricia Rochford

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:15pm Paul Petraro

### Saturday, March 8th

8:45am Cathy Turner

5:00pm Michael C. Shiel

### Sunday, March 9th

7:30am John Iannuzzi

9:00am Peter Portanova

10:30am Kristina Dillard

12:00pm Terese Campbell, Alice Covery,

Catherine Carfora, Edward

Montesano, John Mullady,

Joan D'Andrea, Tony Demarinis

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



# REST IN PEACE

Lucille Manno

Maria N. Agostino

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



### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Sirach 17:20-24/Mark 10:17-27

#### Tuesday

Sirach 35:1-12/Mark 10:28-31

#### Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18/Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

#### Thursday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20/Luke 9:22-25

#### Friday

Isaiah 58:1-9a/Matthew 9:14-15

#### Saturday

Isaiah 58:9b-14/Luke 5:27-32

#### Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:4-10/Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13



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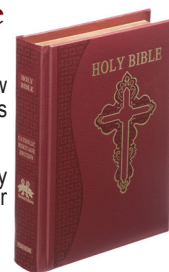
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