

## 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, November 3, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"You are not far from the  
kingdom of God."

JESUS REPLIED: "LOVE THE  
LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART  
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL  
YOUR MIND.' THIS IS THE FIRST AND  
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE  
SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR  
AS YOURSELF.'" MATTHEW  
22:37-39

November 3, 2024

31st 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



**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR  
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!  
*ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY*  
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION WILL  
BE POSTED TO KEEP US  
ALL CONNECTED**



## **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. 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 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.** So, we begin the month of November with two special days: **All Saints Day and All Souls Day.** November is called the **Month of Remembrance** as we honor and pray for those whom we have loved and who have died. The special **Masses of Remembrance** will continue for the entire month. Envelopes are still available on the pew shelves by the doors of the church. Simply drop it in one of the boxes or in the Sunday collection basket. This Sunday's message is to understand and live by the greatest commandment about loving God and one's neighbor. In the first reading from Deuteronomy, we have Moses speaking to the Israelites about loving God alone: **"Therefore you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is recognized as the epitome of priesthood: **"It was fitting that we should have a such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens."** And finally, in Mark's gospel Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment. He echoes what Moses had taught the people and adds an inseparable commandment: **"The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

The foundation for the covenant is love, God's love. God loves his people and works wonders for them. He has proven his love and fidelity time after time. In return he wants the people to take his love to heart and love God with all they've got. All God wants to do is love and care for his people. All the people need to do is keep focused on God and love him in return. Then, Jesus comes along and offers a second commandment, which actually came from another Old Testament teaching of Moses. God's people are to love their neighbor as themselves. Again, this law is rooted in love. God treats his people with much love, respect, mercy and justice and he expects them to treat each other in the same way. That's why these two commandments are so intimately connected. If we love God fully and faithfully, we follow his ways, doing as he does and loving as he loves. The bottom line is to understand that God's law is a law of love. It is not a weapon to condemn or instill fear and anxiety.

Rather it is intended for our well-being. It's both a prescription and a description. God loves and cares for us and we are to love and care for one another. This way of following Jesus's law brings us closer together to God's kingdom.

Now the answer of Jesus in the gospel does not simplify everything for us or clear everything up for us. Why not? Because God's commandments are not the ending points but are the starting points. They are a glimpse into what a good life, a moral life, a faithful life looks like. And this runs the gamut of all types of commandments, from the Ten Commandments to teachings of Jesus, to teachings of the Church. Commandments don't provide specific, detailed solutions to every one of life's problems. It doesn't work that way. We have to wrestle with the gray, wrestle with what it means to love each and every person and in each and every circumstance. **Reminds me of the bumper sticker: "God loves you and I'm trying."** But don't worry. God understands the challenges you face, and he will always be alongside you helping you every step of the way. Trust him!

**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 special letter from **Bishop Barres on Proposal One**, an ad for the **Christmas Fair** on Saturday, November 9th sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady, invitations to join both the **St. Raymond Adult Choir** and **St. Raymond Folk Group**, 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 first week of November. **Smile, share, make sure you vote on Tuesday, and remember: Make the rest of your life the best of your life.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**

# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

NOVEMBER 3, 2024-31st 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

NOVEMBER 3, 2024-31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

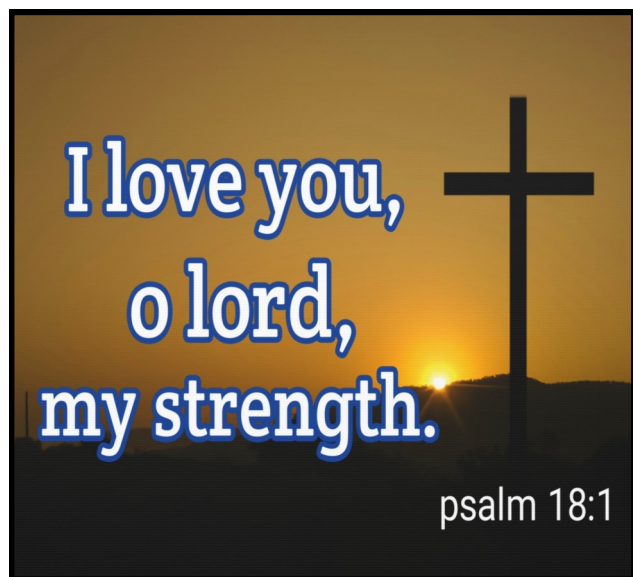
**Dt 6:2-6**

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

## SECOND READING

**Heb 7:23-28**

Brothers and sisters:  
The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.



## ALLELUIA

**Jn 14:23**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**Mk 12:28b-34**

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51**

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock!

Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.



# St. Raymond's Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 14th

**2 Seatings: 9a-10:30a & 11:30a-1p**

**Cost: \$15 per person (2yrs & younger free)**

**Cash, Check or Venmo @GinaPLee**

**Please make checks out to St. Raymonds Religious Education**

**Reservations required. Limited availability . Please RSVP by 11/15  
Reservations will be first come, first serve.  
Held at the St. Raymond's School Cafeteria**



**What's Included:  
Pictures with Santa, Crafts, Dance  
Party, Pancakes, Sausage, Bagels,  
Fruit, Coffee, Juice, & Hot Chocolate**



**RSVP by using the QR code (preferred method) which is also found  
at this link below (<https://forms.gle/zuvLQD2DqZkRmqj59>) or by  
handing in the below form and payment to the Religious Education  
Office located in St. Raymond's School.**



**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_**

**# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

**Circle one session: 9am or 11:30a  
& Ticket Max Per Family**







# CHRISTMAS FAIR!



*Sponsored by the Sodality  
of Our Lady*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

**10:00AM-3:00PM**

**ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**BAKERY - SWEEPSTAKES - JEWELRY SHOP**

**HANDMADE KNITS & CRAFTS - CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX**

**MONEY TREE - 50/50 - LOTTERY WREATH**

**RAFFLES - GRANNY'S ATTIC**

**REFRESHMENTS AT THE COUNTRY KITCHEN!**



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



There are no Religious Education classes on Tuesday 11/5/2024.

Our 9th grade students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 10/29/2024. God bless and protect them as they go out into the world and continue their faith journey.



## *Second Grade Mass*





“PEACE BE TO YOU! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them,

“RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

~John 20:21,22



## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CONFIRMED OCTOBER 2024

Caralynn Agro  
Aidan Alberts  
Tiffany Anatalio  
Francesca Bocchetti  
Bryce Boccio  
Jase Boyer  
Christopher Buccino  
Violet Buccino  
Jordyn Buckman  
Don Casucci  
Steven Chanchavac-  
Vasquez  
Veronica Chmiel  
Natalie Cicero  
Katelyn Ciprian  
Andrew Colacino  
Dylan Colacino  
Brennan Cooney  
Samantha Costanzo  
Isabella D'Ambrosio  
Nicholas DeAngelis  
Madelyn Dengel  
Gianna DeStefano  
Carolina DiBartolo  
Luca DiGiovanni  
Taylor Dwyer  
Jack Elliott  
Kelsy Flanagan

Thomas Franz  
Dylan Giarriputo  
Fiona Guarinello  
Claire Harvey  
Tristan Hollenstein  
Francesco Ippolito  
John Jarrell  
Taylor Kelly  
Kylee Kulins  
Nicholas Lanteri  
Antonio LaRosa  
Sean Lynch  
Ava Mandell  
Jason Manzano  
Ila Marshall  
Dominic Martinez  
Guy Mastrandee  
Olivia Mastrogiacomo  
Caleigh McDade  
Olivia McDevitt  
Makenzie McLain  
Caitlin Mulroy  
Quinn Nonalaya  
Ava Novello  
Steven Novello  
Cian O'Neill

Enza Paul  
Samantha Pedi  
Leila Perez  
Riley Perez  
Marina Perna  
Christopher Perri  
Leah Ploof  
Steven Quiroz  
Katelyn Reiser  
Autumn Roth  
Ryan Scarcella  
Alexa Sferrazza  
Isabelle Shields  
Ryan Silva  
Nora Smith  
Samantha Smith  
Charles Sollin, Jr.  
Giovanna Tarulli  
Julianna Thorgersen  
Isabella Tjaden  
Davis Tobia  
Preston Trupia  
Jayden Vacchio  
Natalie Villatoro  
Emma Wagner  
Kaylee Weinman



2024









DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state—public and private, religious, and secular—to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.



The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

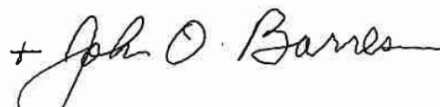
Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of ever day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms to hospitals—even into churches, synagogues and mosques—must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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)

*"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." Isaiah 58:10*

The Parish Social Ministry would like to thank the students of St. Raymond's Religious Education Program, and their parents, for the abundant donations to the food pantry last week. Three large bins of assorted food items were brought to the Ryan House and the shelves restocked. Thank you also to the staff of the Religious Education Program for organizing a monthly food donation project for the students. All the generous donations will surely be appreciated and will help the clients in need.

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 source of income.

**Pantry items needed this week: Small Cooking Oil, Coffee, Juice, Baked Beans, Sugar, Canned Fruit and Laundry Detergent.**

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

*Thank you for your continued support and We are praying the God showers you with His blessings today and always!*



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

**ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

"Election Day....a turning point for our country. Abortion is the most defining issue of our lifetime....Since the overturn of Roe v. Wade in 2022, assaults on our mission have intensified... Abortion politicians are not just engaging in politics for abortion rights but are now leveraging their political positions to attack all pro-life activity...and are determined to silence us and shut us down. They are relentlessly targeting our pregnancy care centers, trying to push laws forcing us to promote abortion, branding our compassionate efforts as "predatory practices", incorrectly stating we communicate untruths and misinformation to our clients...But we know the truth. Our centers are sanctuaries of hope, lifelines... equipping, educating, and empowering families to make informed decisions, giving them hope, confidence and vital services to serve them in their need. U.S. voters know that abortion is devastating to Americans. We all know that aborting a child is not health care. America needs elected officials willing to advance a culture of life. You are a vital part of the pro-life mission and your voice, through voting, is critical this November 5th. Voting your pro-life values and motivating others to do the same can help make abortion unthinkable..."

(Gloria Schreiber, CEO The Life Center)

**NYS Proposition 1 - "Equality Amendment"** will be on this year's ballot to be voted on by us. If passed, would allow: abortion throughout the entire 9 months of pregnancy, deny parents the right of consent to "health care" for their minor children, including "gender affirming" procedures, deny state licenses to nurses, doctors, social workers educators if they refuse to do abortion referrals. It is imperative that this extreme proposal is voted down. Please vote "No" to this amendment.

**"America defend Life." (St. John Paul II)**



*"Eternal Father,  
turn your  
merciful gaze  
upon the souls  
suffering in  
Purgatory."*

### **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.*



## **THE ROSE FOR LIFE**

**In Memory of**

**Jane & Jim Donlon**

**Donated by**

**Liz & Anthony Barcia**

**For Dedications call  
Mary Healy 887-4062**



### **Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy**

**August 18—26, 2025**

**\$4,999 per person from New York (JFK) All prices  
based on double occupancy.**

**Pricing available from any airport**

**Registration link: <https://www.206tours.com/cms/fronyegu/>**



**Spiritual Director:  
Fr. Lawrence Onyegu**



**Join us from August 18-26,  
2025, on another nine day  
pilgrimage to Italy. The  
pilgrimage will include  
passage through the holy  
doors, visits to significant  
religious sites, spiritual  
activities, and opportunities  
for personal reflection.**

**For more information contact  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Valley Stream  
(516) 568-1027**





*"When you feel like you're drowning in life, don't worry Your lifeguard walks on water!"*

**NEARBY MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUPS**

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**St. Raymond / East Rockaway**

Every Monday 10:00am

Rectory Basement

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*St Francis of Assisi*



When we think of St Francis of Assisi, we may think of wildlife and his Canticle of Creation. But St Francis also reminds us that humility and simplicity matter. He referred to his followers as

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And he challenges us to ask ourselves how we can carry out that humility and simplicity in our own lives. We invite you to join us as we try to follow in his footsteps as he followed Jesus.

Blessed Raymond Lull Secular Franciscan Fraternity will gather on

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Saturday, November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls, It is the day when the Church prayerfully remembers all the faithfully departed. A special way in which this is done is the celebrating a ***Novena of Masses*** for our dead beginning on All Souls Day. It is a most fitting way to remember our departed, to pray for their eternal happiness and also to their intercession for our prayers. This novena continues for nine days.

***All Souls envelopes are available if you wish to have anyone included in this novena.*** They were mailed with the regular monthly envelope package and they can also be found on the back pew shelves and by the side doors of the Church. ***Simply write the names you wish to remember, include your donation and place the envelope in one of the All Souls boxes located on the pew shelves next to the envelopes.*** Please do so as soon as possible. *Thank you!*



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compassionate and  
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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!

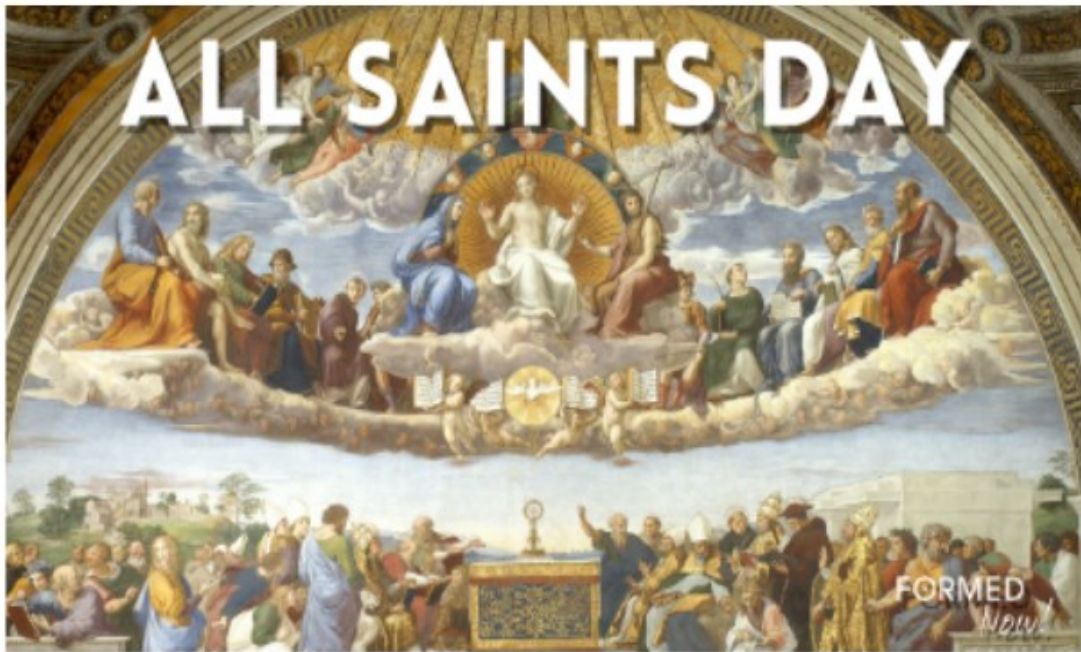
Thank you most sincerely for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 *Catholic Ministries Appeal*. No gift is ever too small, and all gifts make a difference in the lives of our young people – the future leaders of our church and the wider community.

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# Masses for this week

**Monday, November 4th**

**St. Charles Borromeo**

7:15am Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

**Tuesday, November 5th**

7:15am Peter Broughlal

8:45am Anna Simeti

**Wednesday, November 6th**

7:15am Carl Atteniece

8:45am Mark Charles

**Thursday, November 7th**

7:15am John Nicholas

8:45am Keith Meehan

**Friday, November 8th**

7:15am Luig Dursi

8:45am Eleanor Matthews

**Saturday, November 9th**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**

8:45am Louise Coscia, Anna Taffner

5:00pm Louise Coscia

**Sunday, November 10th**

7:30am Antonio Napolitano

9:00am Rosalie Monaco

10:30am Kenny Grassano

12:00pm Richard McInerney, Lorraine Guerin,  
May Ellen Sylvester, Donald Player,  
Michael Frances McQuade, Ann Marie  
Weiler, Rosalie Monaco, Christine  
Seebach

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday

PHIL 2:5-11/LK 14:15-24

### Wednesday

PHIL 2:12-18/LK 14:25-33

### Thursday

PHIL 3:3-8A/LK 15:1-10

### Friday

PHIL 3:17-4:1/LK 16:1-8

### Saturday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Jn 2:13-22

### Sunday

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44



## Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

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Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Colleen Popp

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

Eileen Appel

Patrick Dunning

Philip Barone

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

John Beggs

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Jose Colon

Nick S.

Patrick Malone

Eileen Schreiber

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless  
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**Rest in Peace**

Giuseppa Colella

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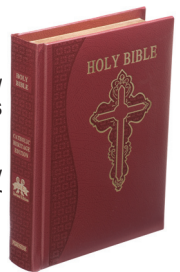
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