

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, September 29, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“There is no one who performs a mighty deed
in my name who can at the same time speak ill
of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

-Mark 9:40



September 29, 2024

26th 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)

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NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
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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. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

*Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.*

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's readings teach us that whatever we put our trust in will either draw us closer to Jesus or pull us away. In the first reading from the Book of Numbers, we see that God prepares and equips leaders such as Moses and others to guide the Israelites. Moses praises the ways God touches other leaders and prophets. **"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all!"** Then in the second reading from James, we see how being tied to the treasures and pleasures of this world will never satisfy our deepest human needs. Without religion and its teachings, one is lost in a sea of choices that will not carry us through the doorway of death. And finally, Mark's gospel puts our choices in stark contrast. The choices we make that are good will move us closer to Jesus, to goodness and love. But the bad choices we make will only lead us to corrosion and misery. Jesus tells his apostles that there are others who can also lead people to Jesus. **"Do not prevent them. *There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.*"**

Did you know that there is a real job some people have called **"influencer?"** It is a job description given to certain people who have a significant presence on social media (Instagram, TikTok, etc., and who get paid for promoting certain products and services. Sometimes they are very transparent and overt and sometimes very subtle in their **"influencing."** Believe it or not, some **"influencers"** make a lot of money. Now there have always been **"influencers"** but just not with this title. TV, radio and magazines were littered with well-known people telling us how great cigarettes, beer, white bread and white sugar were for us. No lie, advertising has always been at work trying to increase sales in whatever way they could. Of course, we would never be **"influenced"** by such promotional stuff. That's for suckers. We would rather be the ones influencing others, getting them to do what we want them to.



But what about God? Today's scriptures seem to present challenges to God on how he should be acting. People were telling Moses and Jesus how they should and could act. They wanted God to play by their rules, so to speak. God seems to have become some sort of commodity, a product to sell to others for their benefit. Do we still treat God that way? How often do we use God to divide rather than bring people together? People should discover the truth in what we say about God, while presuming others have nothing legitimate to say about God. Jesus in the gospel uses dramatic language to show us how important it is for our behavior to change, or our attitudes to change, for us to conform our lives to God's will, not the other way around. That's what the spiritual life is all about. Faithfulness is an openness to letting God transform us into the people he knows we can be. True believers let God be the sole **"influencer"** in all they say, do and believe. Can you let God's message, God's love, God's spirit, truly shape your behavior? That's the challenge presented to us today.

Next Sunday, October 6th we are having our semi-annual **Parish Blood Drive** from 8am till 2pm in the school cafeteria. Speakers from our Blood Drive Committee will be at all the Masses this weekend to encourage you to consider being a blood donor. There is always a critical need for blood so if possible, really do consider giving this great of life at the blood drive next Sunday.

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), information about the **Parish Blood Drive** on Sunday, October 6th, 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 first week of October. **Smile, share, let Jesus be the "influencer" in your life. And remember: Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself.** God bless always.

- Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024-26th 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

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024-26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Nm 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses, the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders; and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied. Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent; yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp. So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them." But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"

SECOND READING

Jas 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Jn 17:17b, 17a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Your word, O Lord, is truth;
consecrate us in the truth.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me. Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him.

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.

Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



There are no Religious Education classes Thursday 10/3/2024.

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

Your child's Confirmation date is Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 in St. Raymond Church. The Most Reverend John O. Barres will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students. There will be two ceremonies that day - one at 11am and one at 2pm.

The classes have been broken down into two groups. Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

Group 1 - 11am Ceremony

Mrs. Joanne Casucci, Mrs. Caitlin Perez/Mrs. Nicole Berke, Mrs. Stephanie Paul

Group 2 - 2:00pm Ceremony

Mr. Damien Becker, Mrs. Melissa Abuin, Mrs. Theresa Gaffney, Kellenberg, St. Joseph

Please note these important dates in your calendar:

9th Grade Commitment Mass - Saturday, September 28th, 2024 5pm Mass for Parent & Student. Appropriate attire is required.

9th Grade Confirmation Retreat - Sunday, September 29th, 2024 - St. Raymond School auditorium. Confirmation Retreats are a Diocesan requirement for all Confirmation students. If your child does not attend this retreat, he/she will need to attend a retreat BEFORE 10/29/2024 at another parish. Group 1 will attend the 10am-12:30pm Retreat session and Group 2 will attend the 1:30pm-4pm Retreat session.

Group 1 Rehearsal - Wednesday, October 16th, 2024 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

Group 2 Rehearsal - Thursday, October 17th, 2024 7:30pm St. Raymond Church

Confirmation Rehearsal and Gown Distribution - Child and Sponsor are to attend their designated rehearsal. If the Sponsor is not able to attend the rehearsal, then we ask that a parent attend in his/her place.



Mrs. Kennedy's 2nd grade Religion class



Pastoral Council Members

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Fr. Chuck Romano,
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THE ROSE FOR LIFE

**In Memory of
Deceased Members of
The Looney & O'Connor
Family**

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



**St. Raymond's Parish
Social Ministry
is having a
Special Food Collection
October 12th & 13th**

**Please leave non-perishable food at
all the entrances to the Church or
in the Altar Servers' Sacristy.
All food collected will help stock
the empty shelves of the Parish
Social Ministry.**

**Food items needed are peanut
butter, jelly, pancake mix, pancake
syrup, canned vegetables, canned
meat, canned fruit, soup, tuna fish,
rice, pasta and jarred pasta sauce.**

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

God bless you all!



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

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



**SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**FOUNDED IN 1833, THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS A
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MATERIAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS RENT, UTILITIES, FOOD, OR CLOTHING,
BUT ALSO OFFERING FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING, AND PRAYER.**

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

**HAS HAD AN ACTIVE CHAPTER (KNOWN AS A "CONFERENCE") OF
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

FOR INFORMATION ON WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.



*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)

*"Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his
Maker, but he who is generous to the needy
honors Him." Proverbs 14:31*



St. Raymond's Food Pantry has been selected by the Stop and Shop, located at 465 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, to be part of their Bloomin' 4 Good Program during the month of October. Stop and Shop has a floral department in their supermarket and they donate a part of the sales from their Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets to a local non-profit organization such as food pantries. The specific bouquets

are wrapped in plastic paper imprinted with the words Bloomin' 4 Good and sell for \$10.99 a bouquet. The Stop and Shop will donate \$1.00 for each Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet bought, during the month of October, to St. Raymond's Food Pantry. At the end of October, St. Raymond's will receive a check as a donation from Stop and Shop's community program. We appreciate Stop and Shop's generosity and all those shoppers who purchase a beautiful bouquet. Remember, "Flowers can't solve all problems, but they're a great start."

*Pantry items needed this week: Canned Tomatoes,
Chef Boyardee Pasta, Canned Peas, Small Cooking
Oil, Canned Soup (no Creamed), Laundry
Detergent and Dish Detergent.*

Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income.

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



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

PRO-LIFE INSIGHTS FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH

Presented by

Jozef Zalot, PhD, MEd

**Director of Education and Ethicist
(National Catholic Bioethics Center)**

Date: Saturday, October 12th

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Place: St. Christopher
11 Gale Avenue, Baldwin
Free Admission - Light
Refreshments**

Catholic Teens, Young Adults, Pre-med and Nursing Students this presentation is for YOU! Pro-life issues swirl in the news and it can be difficult to understand the whats and whys of Catholic pro-life teaching. Please attend for a discussion on how to navigate ethical decision-making on current pro-life issues. Bring Your Questions. Bring Your Friends!





Communion Brunch

When: Sunday, October 20th

Where: St Raymond's Cafeteria

Cost: \$35.00

**Communion Brunch
immediately following
Corporate Mass at 10:30am**

**Speaker: Very Reverend
James Kuroly**

"Friendship with Christ"

**Please bring your reservations
to the rectory attention
Grace Irwin before
October 15th**



First Saturday Novena Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

October 5, 2024

8:10am

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



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, October 4th 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!

TRULY PRESENT



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

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

First practice 9/18/24

Mass with the Choir is @10:30am on Sunday



Marriage "is a marvelous
gift, which contains
the power of God's own
love: strong, enduring,
faithful, ready to start over
after every failure or
moment of weakness."

-Pope Francis

Newly engaged couples who are
interested in finding out more
information on our "at home"

Pre-Cana

program, please contact:
Frank & Ginny Honerkamp
516-887-9212 (evenings)

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STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Year of
Mission



The Doxology

Today we are in the homestretch of our journey through the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass! At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest prays some very special words: The Doxology. The glossary of our Catechism defines doxology as a “Christian prayer which gives praise and glory to God, often in a special way to the three divine persons of the Trinity” (CCC, 875). The Catholic Source Book tells us the word doxology comes from the Greek *doxa*, which means “glory.” In our tradition, the Gloria can be referred to as the “Greater Doxology” and the prayer “Glory Be” the “lesser doxology” (The Catholic Source Book, p. 7). There are many doxologies found throughout our prayer, including those in the Bible. For example: “For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36). Another example is: “To him be glory now and to the day of eternity” (2 Peter 3:18).

Gratitude for Participation in Jesus’ Offering



As for the doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest raises the chalice and paten, and sings or says: “Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.” As the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “These words of praise addressed to the Father summarize well the reality of what has just taken place: the sacrificial offering of the Son to the Father through the Holy Spirit” (A Study of the Mass, p. 16). For me as a priest, this is always a truly special moment where I feel an overlapping mix of unworthiness and joy. Elevating Jesus in the Eucharist above the altar, I am often struck with a sense of being allowed to participate in something truly amazing! Here is Jesus truly present, being offered to the Father through this moment in the Mass. This moment of elevation reminds me of Jesus on the Cross—lifted up, giving everything in love for us. As I hold Jesus up above the altar, I feel that the gesture is saying to God the Father:

“Here is Jesus, your Beloved Son; here is the One who loves us perfectly and gave everything for us!” Fr. Guy Oury mentions this “offering gesture” and how “the offering is that of the Son and at the same time that of the Church. The Mass is inseparably both—an offering made by Christ and by the Church. It is one through the other. The sacrifice of Christ makes possible the sacrifice of the Church and evokes it in response. The Church, to speak in figure, receives the offering from the hands of Christ. He instituted it for the Church, which presents it with him” (The Mass, p. 103). I’m often amazed at the humility of Jesus: in his generosity and love, he invites us through the priest to join in this moment of offering and praise!

United with the Church, Both on Earth and in Heaven

The author of *Understanding the Mass*, Charles Belmonte, breaks down the words of this doxology, highlighting the ways we are invited into this moment through Jesus, “Through him: Through Jesus’ mediation, we have access to God... With him: We are children of God, through the adoption Christ merited for us... In him: There is one and the same life in him and in us... In the unity of the Holy Spirit: The Church is a unity brought together by the Holy Spirit. He joins us together as believers and gives us the life of grace by which we become children of God. He dwells in us, enabling us to offer the sacrifice of praise to God, together with the entire Church” (p. 162).

This moment of the Mass brings us to the great culmination of the Eucharistic Prayer and the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus. As some saints have reminded us, in a very real way we are joined with the angels and saints in the heavenly liturgy. As Jesus is offered to the Father through the Holy Spirit, it seems that all of creation should burst forth together in praise and joy. How can we hold back in the midst of such a wonderful gift? As we will see, we all have a response at this moment that praises God: The Great Amen!

For Reflection:

- When you pray the “Glory Be,” imagine the elevation of the paten and chalice during the Eucharistic Prayer, and unite your prayer with the offering of Christ.

Next Week: The Great Amen



ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour

Each Day, the Church is open for personal prayer until 5pm

Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4pm

Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30pm



“Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!”

Numbers 11:29

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Now that we have introduced the Four Pillars of Mission, we now offer some ideas how to apply them to your life.

PILLAR 2 – EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY

Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday spiritual and emotional needs. Counseling the doubtful is an important aspect of spiritual care and involves guiding those who are uncertain or struggling with their faith, decisions, or personal challenges.

To Counsel the Doubtful:

- Be courageous yet compassionate in calling people and institutions to be faithful to Gospel values.
- Intervene in situations in which people are clearly doing harm to themselves or others.
- Respond to negative and prejudicial comments with positive statements.
- Put an end to gossip by walking away; set a good example for others.
- Listen actively and empathetically to those who are doubting by offering a compassionate ear.
- Suggest to someone weighing a decision that they spend time in prayer or meditation to seek clarity and peace. Offering to pray with them or for them can also be a supportive gesture.
- Be patient and non-judgmental with those in doubt. Understand that doubts can be a process and may take time to resolve. Approach their questions and concerns with patience and without judgment. Be a Role Model by demonstrating faith and trust through your own actions and decisions. Your example can be a powerful witness to others who are struggling.

“Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands, but ours, no feet, but ours. Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world. Ours are the feet with which He goes about doing good. Ours are the hands with which He blesses His people.”

St. Teresa of Avila

Pillar 2 - Eucharistic Witness

“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” St. Paul VI

The Spiritual Works of Mercy in Real Life

Disciples who see a need and fill need in living the Spiritual Works of Mercy in their life:

Parish Volunteers: Many parishioners volunteer as catechists, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) leaders, or spiritual mentors, offering guidance and support to those who are new to the faith or struggling with their beliefs.

Small Group Leaders: Catholics who lead Bible studies or faith-sharing groups often help others navigate their doubts and questions through discussion and shared learning.

Prayer Partners: Individuals who commit to praying for others, especially those facing crises of faith or personal difficulties, provide a source of support and spiritual counsel.

Friends and Family Members: Everyday Catholics often provide invaluable support to their loved ones by listening to their doubts and offering faith-based advice and encouragement.

Community Service Volunteers: Those who volunteer in charitable activities often counsel the doubtful by embodying the love and compassion of Christ, providing a living example of faith in action.

Retreat Leaders: Parishioners who help organize or lead retreats offer participants time for reflection, prayer, and discussion, addressing doubts and providing spiritual insight.

A Christian who is living the mission of a disciple is one who believes in Jesus, who knows Jesus, who can't live without Jesus, and who wants to share with others the love, peace, and joy that he has experienced as a result of living in relationship with Jesus.



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
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Is God Calling You to Serve As A Deacon?

These meetings are an opportunity for men who may be discerning a vocation to diaconal ministry to come together with other men in prayer and discussion.

These meetings are not application meetings and no applicant material is distributed. Any man who may be interested in diaconate is instructed to have a discussion with his pastor and also with his wife, if he is married.

Meetings are being offered conveniently at three locations in our diocese:

Wednesday, October 23rd

St. Aidan, Williston Park

7:00pm to 9:00pm



Saturday, October 26th

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception,

Huntington 1:00pm to 3:00pm



Tuesday, October 29th

St. Elizabeth, Melville

7:00pm to 9:00pm

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

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

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
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Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle.

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

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

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BLOOD DRIVE

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**Sunday
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Presented by

Jozef Zalot, PhD, MEd

National Catholic Bioethics Center

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

St. Christopher, 11 Gale Ave., Baldwin

Catholic Teens and Young Adults

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For information contact:

cbifnotnowwhen@gmail.com (Celeste) or 516-457-0678 (Marilyn)

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Ordained in May of 2023, Deacon O'Brien hopes to bring God's message of love, mercy, and hope to others.

"As a Deacon, it is my hope to revitalize the faith of others. I go to nursing homes and the residents hear the Word of God and receive the Eucharist. At wake services, when people have lost a loved one, I hope to revitalize their faith so that people know that they can call on and rely on God to help them through the difficult times. In happy times such as a baptism or a wedding, God is there for them for the rest of their life."

- Deacon O' Brien



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Take time this week to increase your prayer life. Pray the Rosary, go to a weekday Mass, go to the Adoration chapel. Do something this week to help you grow closer to God.



"Most high glorious God enlighten the darkness of my heart; give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge so that I may carry out Your holy and true command."

St Francis of Assisi

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visit their website at: www.oceanfinancial.org.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

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Rectory Basement
263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, N.Y. 11518

Cure of Ars / Merrick:
1st & 3rd Mondays 7:30pm-9:00pm
Lower Rectory Meeting Room
2323 Merrick Ave., Merrick, N.Y. 11566

St. Christopher / Baldwin
Weekly on Thursdays, 7:30pm-9:00pm
Buckley Hall in St. Christopher School
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St. Anthony's / Oceanside
First Saturday of the month (resuming 9/7)
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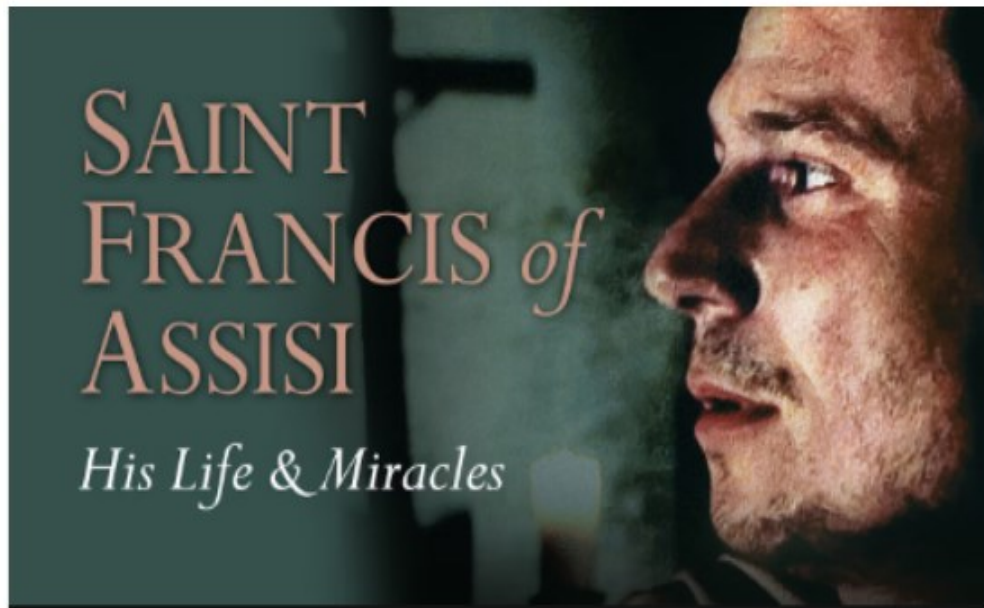
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Monday, September 30th St. Jerome

7:15am Fr. Joseph Rwamwenge -25th Anniv.

8:45am May McGuiness

Tuesday, October 1st St. Thérèse

7:15am Rory Polley

8:45am Karen Carrella (L)

Wednesday, October 2nd

Holy Guardian Angels

7:15am Lena Pugliese

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Thursday, October 3rd

7:15am Amy Motta

8:45am Christopher Poppe

Friday, October 4th St. Francis of Assisi

7:15am Fr. John Diniz

8:45am Joseph Spina

Saturday, October 5th

8:45am Angela McMorrow, Geraldine King,
Patricia Cook, Jennifer Mack

5:00pm Donna Ann Pascale

Sunday, October 6th

7:30am Julie Carrano

9:00am Joanna Etiennette

10:30am Salvatore Simeti

12:00pm Antonette McGreevy, Rory Polley,
Peter K. Ledwith, May McGuiness,
Jane McElroy Gilhooly,
Rickie Baby Naval

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday

JB 19:21-27/LK 10:1-12

Friday

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/LK 10:17-24

Sunday

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Fr. Don Hansen

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Colleen Popp

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

Eileen Appel

Patrick Dunning

Tim Rowland

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

John Beggs

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Jose Colon

Nick S.

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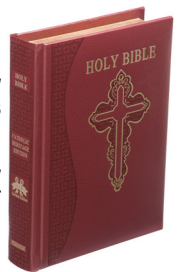
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