

## 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, January 12, 2025

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And a voice came from heaven, "You are my  
beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
-Luke 3:22



January 12, 2025  
The Baptism of the Lord

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

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

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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



## 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

## *St. Raymond's Bulletin...*

As a reminder, in case you forget to pick up your weekly Sunday bulletin, you can view it on our website:

**[www.saintraymonds.org](http://www.saintraymonds.org).**

If you would like to advertise an upcoming event for a St. Raymond Ministry or group, please email your article or notice two Fridays before the date of the bulletin to:

**[strayrcc@optonline.net](mailto:strayrcc@optonline.net).**

Please write: "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line of you email. All bulletin articles are subject to the Pastor's approval.



## *Always keep our Service Men & Women in your prayers ...*

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*Please remember to pray for our  
wounded soldiers.*

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!** Today is the official end of the Christmas season and Monday we start the first segment of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year. This section will continue until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The feast of Jesus' baptism is an event that signals the end of Jesus' hidden years and the transition into his public ministry. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the voice of John the Baptist is foretold as one who gets the people ready for the coming savior. **"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all the people shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."** Then in the second reading from Paul's Letter to Titus, the message is to let the grace of God change the behavior of the newly baptized. They should reject godless ways and live in a just and devout way while awaiting the blessed hope when Jesus will appear in glory. And finally, Luke's gospel tells of the baptism of Jesus which occurred just like all the other people who approached John the Baptist. However, after Jesus was baptized, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: **"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."**

As we remember something that happened on the banks of the Jordan River long ago, we are invited to remember and reflect on each of our own baptism. How do I understand it? What does it mean? What is it supposed to bring about? What difference is it supposed to make? These are questions to answer. For some of us, they have obvious life-changing implications. For others, it might just have been a kind of Hallmark moment, a sort of frozen in time milestone that we can look back on fondly as we flip through some photos or watch a video. And for others, maybe most of us, it may be something in-between. Yet from the Church's perspective, baptism is all about identity, a spiritual rebirth in which Jesus claims us as his own and we pledge to spend a lifetime claiming Jesus as our own. Put another way, baptism in addition to washing us clean and uniting us to the death and resurrection of Jesus, is meant to lead us to ask a very important question: **Who am I?** Is my identity as a disciple of Jesus kept a relative secret? Do we not want others to know just how important our beliefs are, or that we love the Church, or love Jesus?



Probably from the outside looking in we don't appear very different from everyone else. There are the same priorities, the same prejudices, the same pettiness, selfishness and small-mindedness. There is the same greed, the same need for attention and praise. If we keep this identity a secret from others, are we also keeping it from ourselves? If so then the work of God will remain undone because we have only given a little, loved a little and forgiven a little. Our faith remains relatively hidden. But if we can embrace the kind of radical love God asks of us, we can be sure that our cover will be blown, and the world will be a lot more beautiful for it.

Last month we had our Christmas Cash fund raiser on Gaudete Sunday. The winning ticket was #7447 with the winning share being \$3525. Congratulations to the winner and thanks to all who took chances for the raffle. Look for our next 50/50, the Pot of Gold, which comes in March.

The new year is a good time to maybe join one of our parish ministries. How about the **Sodality of Our Lady?** Or maybe one of our music ministries like the **Adult Choir** or the **Folk Group**. We are also always looking for more volunteers for the **Ministry of Consolation** to help families prepare the Funeral Mass of their loved one. Check the bulletin for more information about these ministries. They'd love to have you!

**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 **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 in Ordinary Time. **Smile, share and if you don't already know, find out the date of your own baptism.** Make that date a special day of spiritual reflection. **Remember: Being a Christian doesn't mean you won't fall. It means Jesus will catch you when you do.** God bless always.  
**-Father Chuck**



# **WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS**

**JANUARY 12, 2025-THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

## **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

## JANUARY 12, 2025-THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

### SECOND READING

**Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good. When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28**

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory, robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers.

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all--the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number of living things both small and great.

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

### GOSPEL

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



Attention 4th grade Parents

Our 4th grade students will participate in a Living Rosary during class time the week of January 13th, 2025. Parents and family members are welcome to attend if schedules allow.

There will be no classes and the office will be closed on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Monday, January 20th, 2025.



Attention 8th grade Parents & Students

There will be an 8th grade Parent/Student meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Details regarding your child's 9th grade Confirmation will be reviewed. Kellenberg/St. Mary's parents/students are asked to attend as well.

The following documents are due at this meeting.  
They were distributed to the parents at the meeting in September.



1. Confirmation Information Sheet
2. Confirmation Name Report
3. Confirmation Sponsor Report
4. Any unpaid Confirmation or Registration fees for this year



Attention 1st grade Parents

The third 1st grade parent/student meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th, 2025 at 10:30am in the St. Raymond auditorium. Please remember to bring your child's workbook, pencil and folder. We will meet in the auditorium at 10:30am and then all go to the 12Noon Mass. If you would like for your child to have a snack between the meeting and Mass, please bring it with you.

Parish Girls in Grades K-8  
join us for a

# SWEETHEART Valentine's

Scan me to  
register and pay  
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## DANCE



**Saturday**  
**8**  
**February**

**From 6:30p-8:30p**  
**St. Raymond's**  
**School Cafeteria**

**\$15 per person**  
Dinner, drinks  
dancing,  
desserts, & more

Tickets to be distributed at the 5p Mass on 2/8/25.

Must have a ticket for admittance.

Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is limited.  
Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.

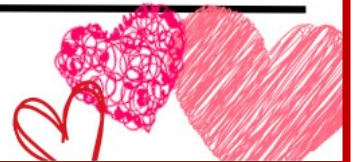
**RSVP By January 31st, 2025. Cash or check made out  
to St. Raymond's Religious Education or scan the QR  
code above and Venmo @Jennifer-Saia**

**Girl(s) Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Escort's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please wear pink,  
♥ red, or white ♥**











# The Epiphany





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



**Fraction**  
**Part 1**

This week, we continue with the meaningful actions that are happening during the Lamb of God. The Roman Missal indicates that during the singing or recitation of the Lamb of God, the priest “takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly: ‘May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.’” We call this part of the Mass the Fraction or the Breaking and the Commingling.



The Catholic Encyclopedia teaches that, “The ‘Breaking,’ from the Latin, *fractio*, is the act of breaking the bread of the species consecrated in the Mass” (Catholic Encyclopedia, p. 226), which is why the breaking is sometimes called the fracturing rite. “This rite, which is simple in its appearance, is full of ancient meaning. At the Last Supper, Jesus ‘broke the bread’ to distribute to the disciples. After the Resurrection, the disciples recognized Jesus in the ‘Breaking of the Bread.’ Both in the Acts of the Apostles and in the letters of St. Paul, the Eucharistic celebration is often referred to as ‘breaking of the bread.’” (A Study of the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri

notes several Scripture passages regarding “Breaking the Bread,” including: Mt 14:19; 15:36; Mk 6:41; 8:6; Lk 9:16; Mt 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:24; Lk 24:30; Acts 2:42, 46 (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 132–33).

**A Sign of Unity**



“Breaking Bread” is a sign of our unity, together sharing in the “one loaf.” Although for practicality many churches use smaller hosts for the distribution of Holy Communion, the symbolism of the fracturing reminds us that we are united together in Christ, not only in the Mass where we are but also with those present at Mass in every time and place. Another sign of unity is the Church’s direction that, if possible, the faithful should receive Communion from hosts consecrated at that particular Mass. We know Christ is truly present and remains so in the hosts reserved in the tabernacle. Receiving hosts consecrated in the Mass we are participating in provides a sign of unity and also strengthens our participation in the sacrifice of Christ. (Recall from the Old Testament/Temple times that people were given a portion of the sacrifice, and their participation was completed through eating that portion).

**For Reflection:** Pray with one or more of the Scripture passages which feature the “Breaking of the Bread,” such as Mt 14:19, 15:36, 26:26; Mk 6:41, 8:6, 14:22; Lk 9:16, 22:19, 24:30; Acts 2:42, 46; 1 Cor 11:24. Rest in your awareness of being part of the “great cloud of witnesses” united in the “Breaking of the Bread.”

**Next Week: Fraction – Part 2**



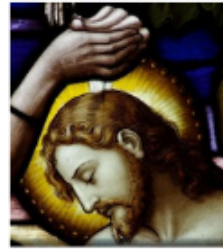
## St. Raymond Church Opportunities for a Holy Hour

Each Day, the Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00

Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM

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

**Holy Hour For Life – January 22, 2025**



*“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well  
pleased.”*

**Luke 3:22**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission**

**July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025**

**Practical suggestions to apply the Four  
Pillars of Mission.**

**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.**

Pillar 3 emphasizes living out the Eucharist in the world by spreading the Good News and fostering a deeper commitment to mission work. One way to live out the Eucharist is serving the marginalized.

**Eucharistic Communion and Seeing Those in Need  
By Dr. James Pauley, National Eucharist Revival Blog**

*“The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren.”*

**CCC 1397**

If we are to see Jesus properly in the Eucharist, there is a certain poverty of spirit needed on our part. Many years ago, a confessor described for me how, before the Eucharist, each of us must become a “holy beggar” with our need for Jesus before us, leaning into a deeper dependence upon him. Frequently these days as I stand in line waiting to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, I am training myself to pray, “Jesus, I need you” over and over again. Repeating these simple words helps bring me into my own stark poverty before the infinitely generous gift of our Lord.

In receiving the Eucharist, then, we must see the poverty of the One who has emptied himself on our behalf. And we must ourselves seek to be poor in spirit. In this poverty, we open ourselves to truly receive the One who brings healing and new life. Such an encounter is meant to change us, to crystallize in us a new way of seeing. We become more capable of seeing others in their need and seeing Jesus as he is present, as St. Teresa of Calcutta would say, in his most “distressing disguise.” This new way of seeing people, most especially those in need, is indeed a consequence of entering into Eucharistic communion with the Poor One who is love itself.

**PILLAR 3 – EUCHARISTIC LIFE**

*“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*

Catholics on Long Island have numerous ways to serve marginalized communities and live out the Eucharist.

- **Volunteer at Local Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens:** Organizations, such as St. Raymond’s Parish Social Ministry, help support the homeless, low-income families, and others who are struggling with food insecurity.
- **Volunteer to Assist Low-Income Families:** Catholic Charities provides a wide range of services to marginalized communities, including those aimed at assisting low-income families.

**Website: [www.catholiccharities.cc](http://www.catholiccharities.cc)**

- **Support Immigrants and Refugees:** Catholic Charities Immigration & Refugee Services runs programs to assist immigrants and refugees, providing them with resources to learn English. They partner with local community groups and volunteers to offer English as a Second Language classes.

**Website: [www.catholiccharities.cc/how-we-can-help/immigration-and-refugee-services](http://www.catholiccharities.cc/how-we-can-help/immigration-and-refugee-services)**

- **Provide Support for People with Disabilities:** Many organizations support individuals with disabilities and their families. For example, besides Catholic Charities, The Viscardi Center, a non-denominational charity located in Searingtown on Long Island, offers services to people with physical and developmental disabilities. Volunteering for or donating to organizations that do this work can make a significant impact.

**Website: [www.viscardicenter.org](http://www.viscardicenter.org)**

*“Christ has no body on earth but  
ut 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**



*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*



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

**There is a formidable push by those who want legalized assisted suicide for passage of NY State's "Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) bills, which would legalize assisted suicide in our state. Polls indicate that there is a strong favorability among New Yorkers for legalized assisted suicide. It is important for our Senate and Assembly representatives to hear from us. Please contact them and urge them to vote "NO" on any version of assisted suicide. In addition, please contact the members on the Health Committee: Senators Jack Martins, Steve Rhoads, Kevin Thomas and Assembly persons: Jake Blumencranz, Jarett Gandolfo, John Mikulin, Michaelle Solages. Senate: #518-455-2800 Assembly: #518-455-4218 or via links on the LICL website at**

**[prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative](http://prolifeli.org/index.php/legislative)**

**In 2017, the NYS Court of Appeals ruled that the Legislature "has a rational basis for criminalizing assisted suicide" and stated "legitimate longstanding state interests" to keep it illegal: Guarding against accidental and intentional misuse of medications. Maintaining the physician's role and their patients' healers. Protecting vulnerable people from financial, psychological or other pressures to end their lives. Avoiding a slide towards euthanasia. The Court of Appeals was right in its 2017 decision. The State Legislature should leave the existing ban on assisted suicide in place. Please make the calls to your representatives.**

***Next Human Life Committee Meeting:  
Thursday, January 16th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm.  
Parish Social Ministry Office.  
Join with us in being a voice for the  
vulnerable, preborn babies.***



St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

"The Heart of the Parish"

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

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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*

During the month of December, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 78 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, one new client was welcomed into our 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 de Paul.

The St. Raymond's CYO Basketball organization also donated additional food that they collected from their food drive. The Food Pantry staff and clients sincerely thank the CYO Basketball coaches and teams for their continued support which allows us to continue to help our clients.

**Pantry items still needed: Canned Tomatoes, Jell-O/Pudding, Grape Jelly, Mayonnaise, Tea, Sugar, Ketchup, Canned Fruit, Coffee, Bar Soap and Laundry Detergent.**

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.

**RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS** - Before you throw away your Christmas cards, please consider donating them to the Parish Social Ministry as we use the front of used Christmas cards for the next year's tags for the Giving Tree. The cards can be dropped off at the Ryan House during operating hours or they can be placed in the bin on the porch. We truly appreciate the cards as we use several hundred cards each year and it is a great way to recycle.

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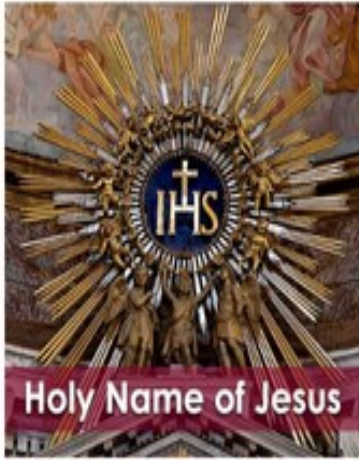


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## Masses for this week

### Monday, January 13th

7:15am Gennaro P. Giannotti

8:45am Diane Robertson

### Tuesday, January 14th

7:15am Madeline Gallagher

8:45am Peter & Eugene Ledwith

### Wednesday, January 15th

7:15am Bienvenida Sergia Nunez

8:45am Felix Monaco

### Thursday, January 16th

7:15am Rita Dombrowski

8:45am Eugene Ledwith

### Friday, January 17th St. Anthony

7:15am Marilyn Suhr

8:45am Susan McCaffrey

### Saturday, January 18th

8:45am Roger Pettit

5:00pm Nilia Tady Ruzicka

### Sunday, January 19th

7:30am William Casey, Sr.

9:00am Frank Bates

10:30am Sodality

12:00pm Howard Kelly, Edward F. Gander,

Pola Cifuentes, Gerard Marten,

Reynaldo A. Valdez,

Mary Ann Dombo

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Hebrews 1:1-6/Mark 1:14-20

#### Tuesday

Hebrews 2:5-12/Mark 1:21-28

#### Wednesday

Hebrews 2:14-18/Mark 1:29-39

#### Thursday

Hebrews 3:7-14/Mark 1:40-45

#### Friday

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11/Mark 2:1-12

#### Saturday

Hebrews 4:12-16/Mark 2:13-17

#### Sunday

Isaiah 62:1-5/1 Corinthians 12:4-11/John 2:1-11



## Please Pray for Our Sick

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Fr. Don Hansen

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

Patrick Dunning

Philip Barone

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Cara

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(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless  
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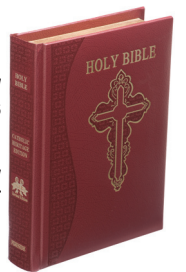
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