

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which falls on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Today's readings are about encountering Jesus who brings us salvation. The first reading from Malachi speaks of how the people were being prepared by John the Baptist for the coming savior. **"Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before my, and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek..."** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, the people are told how Jesus in becoming one of us submits to suffering in order to bring glory to all people and to his Father. **"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."** And finally, Luke's gospel describes the scene of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. Mary and Joseph were fulfilling their purification according to the law of Moses which said: **"Every male that open the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord."** Jesus was recognized by Simeon and Anna who were in the temple at that time. They affirmed that Jesus would fulfill all the prophecies of old.

By the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Simeon knows immediately that the child is the Messiah for whom he has long waited. He felt the joy of keeping watch all these years. He feels his duty is now completed. And since he has now seen his salvation in person, he can peacefully leave this life. Anna too recognized Jesus in her presence and she too gave thanks to God and spoke about the child with great joy since she was seeing God's promise being fulfilled. How can we imitate Simeon and Anna, so as to recognize God's action in our lives? How can we learn to respond with the same joy, adoration and gratitude? Like Simeon and Anna, a good deal of our lives is spent in the silence of waiting. But like them we too need to be steadfast while praying, fasting and hoping that if we are faithful, we will learn to recognize Jesus when he comes. By bringing Jesus for presentation in the temple, Mary and Joseph brought the perfect, spotless Lamb of God who takes away all the sins of the world. Jesus is likewise present to us today in Holy Communion. Happy are we, like Simeon and Anna if we too prepare our hearts to encounter Jesus, our salvation.

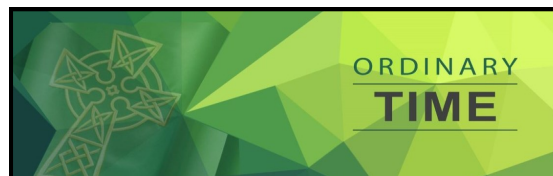
Each week in the bulletin we advertise on a full page the platform called **FORMED**. I recently renewed our parish subscription to this wealth of Catholic information. If you are registered with FORMED, you know how informative and entertaining the content is. There is so much for every Catholic to enjoy, from movies, to documentaries, to instruction videos, daily scriptural reflections and so much more. And there is material for children as well as adults. It doesn't matter what your age or where your knowledge of our Catholic faith is at. FORMED has material to engage Catholics of all ages and stages. I urge you, if you haven't already, register by going to the parish website, click the link for FORMED. Then sign up. **It's FREE!** The parish pays for a blanket subscription for all our parishioners.

There is an ad from our St. Vincent de Paul society about the special **"Souper Bowl Food Drive"** taking place this week and continuing through Super Bowl Sunday on February 9th. Drop off food donations in the special box located in the altar server sacristy anytime through next Sunday to help stock our parish food pantry.

**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), an ad for the **"Souper Bowl Food Drive,"** sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a notice for the celebration of **World Marriage Day** on Sunday, February 9th, a **Prayer Vigil** on Monday evening, February 10th in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), the 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 February! **Smile, share, recognize Jesus here, there and everywhere. Plus remember: Artificial intelligence is no match for God's wisdom.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**FEBRUARY 2, 2025-PRESENTATION 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

FEBRUARY 2, 2025-PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

## FIRST READING

**Malachi 3:1-4**

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

## GOSPEL

**Luke 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted-and you yourself a sword will pierce-so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10**

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**  
Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**  
Who is this king of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**  
Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**  
Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

**R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

## SECOND READING

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



## Sweetheart Valentine Dance – Saturday, February 8th, 2025

for girls and their adult escort. All attendees come to the 5pm Mass, get dance tickets and go to the cafeteria from 6:30pm-8:30pm.



No admittance without a ticket. This event is sold out.



## Super Bowl Sunday – Sunday, February 9th, 2025

all students are invited to attend any Mass dressed in their favorite jersey or favorite sports team shirt or their own sports jersey/t-shirt that the child participates in.



# First Grade Mass

GOD IS  
*good*  
ALL THE TIME





# **World Marriage Day**

## **February 9, 2025 12 Noon**

### **Mass at St. Raymond**



## **We invite you all to join us for our Annual Renewal of Sacramental**

**Wedding Vows here at St. Raymond's on Sunday, February 9 at the 12 noon Mass.**

**If you are celebrating an earmark anniversary this year, that is the year you were married ends in either a 0 or a 5, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 giving your names, year you were married and the Church you were married.**

**After Mass, everyone is invited to a light refreshment reception in the school cafeteria. Look forward to seeing you all!**



# SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION

**FOOD INSECURITY DOESN'T END WHEN THE HOLIDAYS DO—  
IT'S A YEAR-ROUND CHALLENGE.**



## HELP STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY 1-9, 2025

**Join our team of MVPs in the fight against hunger! Be a champion for your community by participating in our canned food drive.**

**The Saint Vincent DePaul Society will have boxes in the Altar Servers Sacristy where you can place your donations!**

*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)**

*"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, give thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17*

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.

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.

**Pantry items still needed: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Small Bottles of Cooking Oil, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Coffee, Grape Jelly, Canned Meat and Cold Cereal.**

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

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





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

**The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors  
Protection Act**

**(House #H.R.21, Senate #S.6)**

**This Act, if passed, would require health care providers to give babies, born alive after an attempted abortion, the same medical care that they would for any baby born at the same gestational age, and to transport them to a hospital. Currently, denying these infants care and leaving them alone to die - unlike a direct act of killing - is not often adequately covered by state laws, leaving a critical gap in needed protection. Some may think after reading this, that if the baby survives an abortion and is alive and breathing, the doctor would surely give the appropriate medical care to the baby. However, for many years, the abortion industry has kept this secret from the public. At times, babies have, and still do, survive the abortion. They are known in the abortion business as "the dreaded complication". And even though they survived the abortion, through neglect or other actions, they will die. This week the House of Representatives passed the Born-Alive bill. Tragically, the Senate failed to get the 60 vote procedural number necessary for its own version. The vote was 52 YEAs, 47 NAYs, 1 No Vote. Our two U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand voted "NAY".**

*"Babies are being left to die after failed abortions, denied the care and basic human compassion. It is a stunning failure of the Senate to reject the necessary common-sense legislation, which in reality does not even limit abortion, but protects infants who are born alive." (Bsp. Daniel E. Thomas, Chrmn. of USCCB Comm. for Pro-life Activities)*



*God Bless  
Our Newly  
Baptized*

*Lorenzo Augustus Cosatelli  
Jeffrey Aron Chavez  
Oliver Matthew Ovalles  
Camila Susan Ovalles  
Cole Dominic Lo Monaco  
Tylah Mae Forte  
James Christopher McKeown  
Sienna Marina Mistretta  
Bryce Andrew Russo*



**Ocean Financial  
Federal Credit Union  
Supports  
St. Raymond!**

**We have received our quarterly revenue sharing check from the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union Parish revenue Sharing Program. Since its inception, our parish has received a total of \$20,986! The amount we receive each quarter is determined by the number of our parishioner who are members of the credit union and their usage of the Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union VISA credit and/or debit card. Therefore, I want to especially thank each of you—your credit card usage benefits our parish and that's great! For those of you who are not yet members, I encourage you to consider joining. Visit their branch at 45 Atlantic Ave. in Oceanside, or for information call 516-620-8100**

**visit their website at: [www.oceanfinancial.org](http://www.oceanfinancial.org).**

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



**Preparation of the Priest – Part 2**  
**A Personal Moment of Prayer for the Priest**  
**"A clean heart create for me, God;  
renew within me a steadfast spirit."**  
**Psalm 51:12.**

As we discussed last week, after the "Lamb of God," the congregation kneels down in adoration of THE Lamb of God present on the altar—Jesus Christ really, truly, and substantially present. This part of the Mass is called the private preparation of the priest for receiving Holy Communion.



For me as a priest, taking time for these prayers is one of my favorite parts of the Mass. During much of the Mass, as we have been reviewing, there are many things for the priest to do and say. I am often aware that I am praying on behalf of the people who are present. I certainly give myself the challenge of helping people understand the gift before us and pray together better.

For me, this moment is a short break where I am just praying to Jesus from my heart. Each of the prayers is truly meaningful. The first reminds me of a priest who was really influential when I was growing up. Sometimes, as an altar server, I could hear him pray these words; I was struck by his prayer asking God to help him stay faithful and never to be parted from our Lord. It sounded so humble but also confident: Lord, this is what I need, and I know You will do it. That same confidence is in the second prayer as I ask for protection and healing. The word remedy fills my heart with hope that this union with

truly bring my heart into deeper union with him... and help keep me there!



So, what should everyone else do while the priest is praying one of the above prayers? While it is just a brief moment, Charles Belmonte, the author of "Understanding the Mass," reminds us: "The personal preparation of the priest gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves also in silence, without the noise of words but with an abundance of acts of love. We feel unworthy as the moment for receiving our Lord approaches. But we decide to go on because we know that he wants to remain in the consecrated species to be our nourishment and the cure for our weaknesses" (p. 182).

In a way similar to the priest's preparation, this is a wonderful moment to ask Jesus to strengthen you in faithfulness and purity through the gift of Holy Communion. Let us prepare fervently at this part of the Mass, for the Lord is coming to us very soon in his Flesh and Blood, the Most Holy Eucharist!

*"Oh most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ Present in all the Tabernacles of the world. In reparation for the outrageous, sacrilegious, any indifferences by which He is offended. Amen"*

**For Reflection:** Consider praying with the words of the priest's private prayer as a way of preparing for Mass.

**Next Week: Showing the Host**



## 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

Next First Friday – February 7th



*“... for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”*

Feast of the Presentation  
of the Lord  
Luke 2:30-31

### Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost (June 8th) 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.

Apologetics Training

*“If you see it with the eyes of flesh, it is bread and wine; but if you see it with the eyes of faith, it is the Body and Blood of Christ.”*

*Saint Augustine of Hippo*

Understanding that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but the actual Body and Blood of Christ, is crucial in responding to challenges. Here are some suggestions to help you to respond thoughtfully and lovingly to common challenges to the Eucharist:

- **Study and Deepen Your Understanding of the Eucharist:** The Church’s teachings on the Eucharist are clearly outlined in the Catechism (particularly in sections 1322–1419).
- **Study Key Eucharistic Passages:** Read the New Testament passages that highlight the institution and significance of the Eucharist, such as:
  - John 6:22–71: Jesus’ discourse on the Bread of Life.
  - Luke 22:14–20: The institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper.
  - 1 Corinthians 11:23–30: St. Paul’s teaching on the Eucharist.
- **Leverage Resources:** Websites such as USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) and Catholic Answers offer articles and resources that address common challenges to the Eucharistic faith.

### The Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope

December 24, 2024 - January 6, 2026

#### Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Jubilee Year –powerful time for you to experience the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament offers an opportunity for forgiveness, healing, and spiritual renewal.



Here are ways you can experience this healing power:

- **Regularly Participate in Confession:** Frequent confession is a powerful tool for healing and growth.
- **Make a Good Examination of Conscience:** Before going to confession, take time to reflect on your actions, thoughts, and intentions.
- **Pray for Healing After Confession:** After receiving absolution, spend time in prayer, asking God to heal any lingering emotional or spiritual wounds and to help you grow in grace.
- **Make a Commitment to Change:** Use the sacrament as a turning point. Commit to avoiding the sins confessed, relying on God’s grace and strength to grow in virtue and avoid falling into the same patterns.
- **Forgive Others as You Are Forgiven:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation also reminds us of the importance of forgiving others. If you are holding onto grudges or unforgiveness, the Jubilee Year is an excellent time to release those burdens and forgive as God forgives you.

*“Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”*

*Mark 2:17*



**Jubilee 2025**  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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

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

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

*Amen*



## *Nocturnal Adoration*

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

*Come spend some time with Jesus!*



## **Knights of Columbus Msgr. Walsh St. Raymond Council #7220**

We are a group of Catholic gentlemen striving to be  
the best husbands, fathers and leaders we can by  
serving our parish and community. The Knights of  
Columbus guiding principles of Charity, Unity,  
Fraternity and Patriotism, permeate in all we do.  
Through our programs, our Knights grow closer to  
their families, parishes and Christ.

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Upcoming Meeting Dates at  
Hewlett Point Yacht Club -  
February 6th & 20th. Also,  
SAVE THE DATE for the  
St. Patrick Celebration on  
Saturday 3/22  
Details to follow!

Grand Knight  
Tim Rowland  
Email  
[tjdr360@gmail.com](mailto:tjdr360@gmail.com)







# SODALITY OF OUR LADY SCHOLARSHIP EXAM 2025



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

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

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

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PLEASE CALL ED AT 887-9325



Like Mary and Joseph, may we do our part in helping bring the youth to God. The Catholic Ministries Appeal (which will begin next week) helps fund programs, such as Camp Quo Vadis, that bring the youth to Christ.





# Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Sick

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rosary  
Please Join Us In Praying For:  
Those Who Are Sick In Mind, Body and Spirit  
The 167th Anniversary of The Apparitions  
At Lourdes, France

*"I am the Immaculate Conception"*

**Date: Monday, February 10, 2025**

**Time: 7:00-8:30pm**

**Location: St. Raymond Church**

*St. Raymond's Choir*



*Can you sing?*

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

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

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

We rehearse Sundays at 10:30am  
in the Rectory Lower Level  
and sing at the 12 Noon  
Sunday Mass

If interested please  
call Ann Marie Lynch at  
516-599-6836  
7th Grade and higher  
are Welcome!



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

## **Pastoral Council Members**

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

## **TRULY PRESENT**



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

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**



## **JOIN US IN SHARING KINDNESS TO OTHERS!!**

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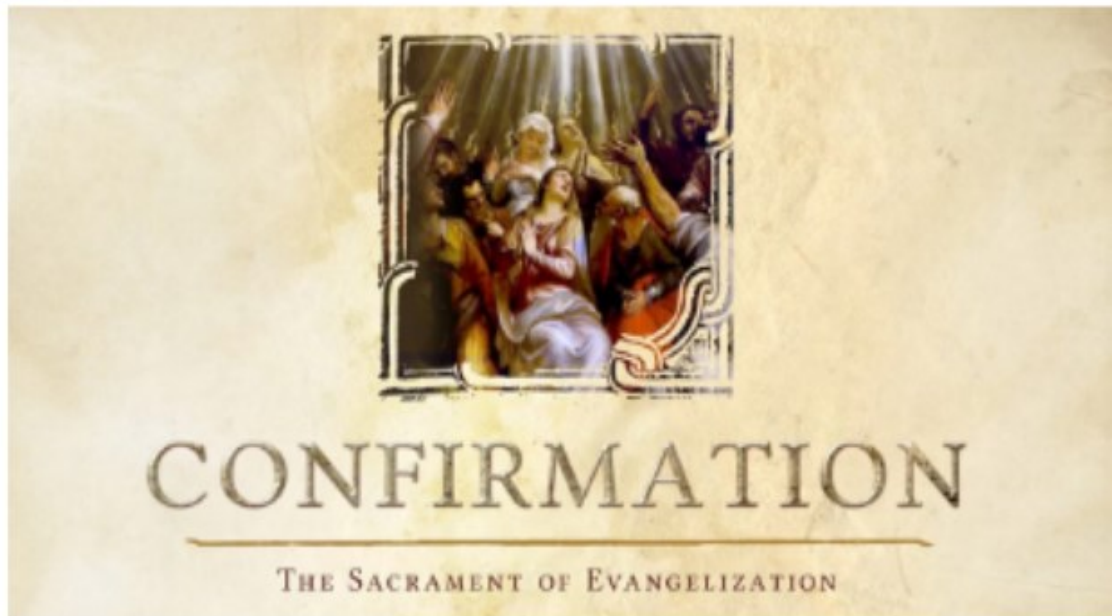
We are considering adding an additional day to accommodate our increasing clientele. As a volunteer, you would work two and half hours either in the morning or in the afternoon.

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This week on **FORMED...**



**Is Confirmation really necessary if we've been baptized? What is the connection between the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the graces bestowed at Confirmation? What does the Bible have to say about the meanings of the actions and prayers found in the Rite of Confirmation? Why are there different practices in the Church about the proper age to receive Confirmation? How does Confirmation strengthen us to endure persecution as we witness to Jesus? Discover the answers to these questions and more in this Lectio series on the Sacrament of Confirmation.**



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## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 3rd

7:15am John Healy

8:45am Edward Malone

Tuesday, February 4th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Peter Broughal

Wednesday, February 5th

*Saint Agatha*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am The Lynn Family (L)

Thursday, February 6th

*Saint Paul Miki*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Stephanie Rubino

Friday, February 7th

7:15am John F. Beggs

8:45am Renee Knapp

Saturday, February 8th

8:45am Angeline Raia, Jeanne West

5:00pm John Matthews, Jr.

Sunday, February 9th

7:30am Jane Deptulski

9:00am Paul Zois

10:30am Jimmy Henshaw

12:00pm John Stender, Vincent

*Alvarez, Helen J. Avedisian,*

*Ruth M. Prapuolenis,*

*Richard Vela, Stephen Irato*

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Hebrews 11:32-40/Mark 5:1-20

#### Tuesday

Hebrews 12:1-4/Mark 5:21-43

#### Wednesday

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15/Mark 6:1-6

#### Thursday

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24/Mark 6:7-13

#### Friday

Hebrews 13:1-8/Mark 6:14-29

#### Saturday

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21/Mark 6:30-34

#### Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Corinthians 15:1-11/Luke 5:1-11



## REST IN PEACE

Maria Denaro

Robert Cea

Michael J. Coletta

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

*Amen*



## 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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wisdom; and the  
favor of God  
was upon him.”  
-Luke 2:41

February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation  
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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### Devotions

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

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

#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

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

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

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

### Baptisms

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

### Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

### Marriages

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

### Prayer Groups

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

### Music Ministries

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

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

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

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



## Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

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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

Billy (Tri-Cycle)

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Baby Cooper Graham

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Timothy Murphy

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



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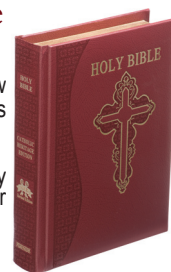
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