

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

Pastoral Team

Pastor

Father Chuck Romano

Associate Pastors

Father Benedict Kim
Father Joseph Rwamwenge

Deacons

Deacon Robert C. Campbell, OFS
Deacon Thomas Wm. Connolly, T.O Carm
Deacon Guy Donza, S.F.D.
Deacon Richard W. LaRossa
Deacon Thomas J. Malone Jr., T.S.A.

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Lucy Ostermann

Business Manager

Christopher Grennen

Parish Staff

Music Ministry

Laura Garbitelli

Folk Group

AnnMarie Lynch

Plant Manager

Steve Bennett

Parish Secretary

Doreen Dolan

Bulletin Editor

Linda Ohlsen

The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, September 8, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“He has done all things well. He makes
the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

-Mark 7:37



September 8, 2024

23rd 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
Web Site: www.SaintRaymonds.org
Facebook: St. Raymond Parish, East Rockaway
E-Mail: StRayRcc@optonline.net
Rectory.....593-5000
Rectory Fax.....887-0554

Parish Social Ministry.....887-9197
Office Hours are Monday-Wednesday from 10am-2pm.
Parish Social Ministry Fax.....593-6278

Religious Education Office593-9075
Religious Education Office Fax593-1156
E-Mail: strayfaithformation@aol.com

Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

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

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

Men's Prayer Group: Every Monday at 9:30am in the Rectory Basement.

Music Ministries

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

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



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



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

LC Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS
LC Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS
Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY
Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY
LC Connor Thomas McHale US MARINE CORPS
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Greetings and God's blessings be with you on the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time! Today's scripture focus is to encourage us to stay strong and not to be afraid. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the people are told right from the outset: **"Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!"** Then in the second reading from the Letter of James, the apostle wants his hearers to have open eyes and ears in order to hear and see God's action in their lives. Too often we may miss the signs of God acting in our lives just like the early Christians did. That's why James says, **"Did not God chose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"** And finally, Mark's gospel has a healing miracle of Jesus that truly astounded the people. Using some spittle and the words **"Ephphatha"** Jesus cures the deaf mute of his infirmity. **"They were exceedingly astonished, and they said, 'He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.'"**

We all make rankings of things. Ranking requires making distinctions. We do this in lighthearted ways about sports figures, television shows, movies, singers etc... It can even be fun to try to get things in some kind of exact right order. Now these things don't really matter, they are just superficial things reflecting a personal taste. But there are other times when we have to make distinctions that do really matter. Deciding who gets the job offer, judging who performed best in a sporting event, deciding which agency gets the most funding. These are just several examples of important distinctions. Yet James challenges this practice: **"Have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?"** We also make distinctions about people. Those we will do everything for and those we will do some things for and those we will help only in emergencies. And what about the distinctions about who to date and maybe even marry? Yes, making distinctions is both practical and necessary. So why is James strong in his caution, even using **"evil"** as a motive? Well, often our behavior towards others is not very consistent. We are attracted to the people who can do something for us. They get our best selves. But those we don't have much use for?



They get our crabby, impatient and sometimes cruel selves. Some people get a lot of love, some little and some almost none at all. There are many people in our lives who we need in some way and they rank high but then there are people way down the list whose cries fall on deaf ears.

The deaf mut in today's gospel had people willing to help him, care for him and advocate for him. They saw an opportunity to show him love and that combined with the power and compassion of Jesus changed him forever. His ears were opened that day, but it was the open hearts of those who brought him there who brought about the miracle we still talk about to this day. God has no lists, no rankings. He loves each of us the same. Sounds crazy because we don't act this way. But that's how God is and how he sees and how he acts. And that's what he expects from us. **"Be opened"** was said two thousand years ago and said to us this very day.

All registered parishioners recently received a mailing that I authorized from Ocean Financial, the Catholic credit union located in Oceanside. It is where St. Raymond Church does the bulk of our parish banking. They were the only bank that helped us secure PPP funding during the Covid 19 crisis. We receive quarterly checks as part of their Revenue Sharing Program. If you are looking for an alternative way to do your personal or family banking, I urge you to consider Ocean Financial. Check them out on their website at www.Oceanfinancial.org.

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** (food donations please!), an invitation to the **Fatima Prayer Vigil** on Friday evening, September 13th, info from **Religious Education**, 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 week. **Smile, share, try not to rank others and remember: Whatever you are, be a good one.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024-23rd 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 8, 2024-23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

SECOND READING

Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?



ALLELUIA

Cf. Mt 4:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*"— that is, "Be opened!"— And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Religious Education classes for the 2024/2025 school year begin:

Week of 9/23/2024 – grades 3, 4, 5, 6 – Monday/Wednesday/Thursday 3:30pm-4:30pm

Monday & Tuesday 9/23/2024 or 9/24/2024 – grades 7 & 8 – 7pm-8pm

Tuesday 9/24/2024 – grade 2 – 3:30pm-4:30pm

Wednesday 10/9/2024 – grade 1 – Parent meeting – 7:30pm St. Raymond Auditorium

Sunday 10/20/2024 – grade 1 – Parent & Students – 10:30am-1pm St. Raymond Auditorium/Church

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. The Registration fee is \$250.00.

Catechetical Sunday

There will be a special Mass to celebrate our wonderful, dedicated Catechists on Catechetical Sunday, September 15th, 2024 10:30am. At this Mass we will acknowledge all of our catechists with a special recognition to the catechists who have been teaching for us for 5 years. Catechists and their families are encouraged to join our congregation so that we can celebrate them at this blessed Mass.



"I am the Lady of the Rosary...
Pray the Rosary every day."

Prayer Vigil: Our Lady of Fatima

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & THE ROSARY

Please Join Us in Praying For:

The United States of America & World Peace

107th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FATIMA APPARITIONS

Date: Friday, September 13, 2024

Time: 7:00-8:30pm

Location: St. Raymond Church
263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518

The Message of Fatima

The message of Fatima consists of a number of precise predictions, requests, warnings and promises concerning the faith and the world, which were conveyed by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children: Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in a series of apparitions at Fatima, Portugal from May through October 1917.

St. Raymond Families



PATRIOT DAY
WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Victims of 9/11

James Barbella
Dennis Buckley
William Gardner

James Haran
Michael Horn
Timothy McSweeney

Patrick O'Keefe, Jr.
Glenn Wall
Paul Zois



Because no marriage is beyond hope...
A marriage-saving program her in the
New York/Metropolitan Area.

-Is your marriage tearing you apart?

- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?

-Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is September 13-15, 2024

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register or for more information:

1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

HelpOurMarriage.org Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.



*Wanted:
St. Raymond Parish
Altar Servers*

At this time, I am looking to further build up our Altar Server Ministry for St. Raymond Parish. Prior to COVID-19 we had a thriving Altar Serving Ministry and during the past two years we started a new roster of servers who have been very faithful and committed to this ministry. Now I am looking for some new servers to join our ranks. Remember, this is a wonderful and holy way for you to show your love for God, the Mass and to help in an important youth ministry of the parish. So, to that end, I am asking anyone interested who would like to become a new altar server to attend a general meeting with me on Saturday, September 20, 2024, at 12noon in the church. Any boy or girl from fourth grade and above is eligible. If you are interested and can't make that meeting, just leave your name, and phone number for me at the rectory.

Hope to see many of you on the 20th!

Father Chuck



**THE ROSE
FOR LIFE**

**In Memory of
Father Anthony
Boateng Mensah
Donated by
Jean & Ed Cook**

For Dedications call Mary Healy 887-4062



***Like the people of the
district of the
Decapolis, let us be
hospitable and
compassionate to
others—and bring
them to Christ.***

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world... Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek."

-Saint John Paul II



HOLY HOUR

**Wednesday,
September 25th
7:00pm - 8:00pm
ST. RAYMOND
CHURCH**

**To pray for the success of the
EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

**Exposition-Reflection
Rosary-Benediction**

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Year of
Mission

Offering

Continuing through the parts of the Eucharistic Prayer, this week we look at the **Oblation**, where the Church “offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father... as well as our very selves” (GIRM, 79). We certainly have a lot to be excited about, especially Holy Communion, which is coming. Lest we lose focus and let our attention fade, the prayers that follow the Memorial Acclamation help us to recall the Mass as the one perfect sacrifice, as well as our participation in that sacrifice.



Placing Ourselves on the Altar with Christ

Perhaps you will recognize these words from Eucharistic Prayer I: “We, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.” According to the Diocese of Peoria, “As we offer to God the gifts, we offer to Him ourselves—as Christ did, we offer Him our very lives. As we offer ourselves, we do so with the entire Church, here on earth and in heaven, and we ask that we, too, may share in their fellowship... Our praise and worship is always united with theirs, as the entire Church is present at every Mass” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 16). As we hear in Eucharistic Prayer II, “Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.”

This offering also reminds us: “We are not mere spectators; we are participants. Even though it is the priest who offers these prayers in the name of the community, all present at the Mass can offer their silent prayers with the priest. This is a most opportune time to ‘place our intentions on the paten’ and unite our offering with our Lord” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 16). You may recall how previously we shared that Mother Teresa would imagine placing her heart and intentions on the paten on the altar. What Mother Teresa understood was

that at this time of the Mass, all the eyes of heaven are focused on the altar before us. With all the saints and angels gathered around giving glory to God, they are praying with us and for us, making this time a great moment to be joined together with Christ.

Offering Ourselves to God



The Eucharistic Prayers remind us that we not only offer our prayers in union with Jesus, the perfect offering, but we also offer ourselves to God: all that we are and all that we have to give, both to God and to others. This part of the Mass reminds us that we participate in the life of Jesus and that we should live out that participation every day. The author, Charles Belmonte, writes, “Following the footprints of Jesus, our life becomes a prolonged Mass. Here is a summary or program of life by which we can achieve this ideal:

- To remember Christ's passion and death. It delivered us from the real evil—sin; and merited for us all true good.
- To experience constantly the joy of his resurrection.
- To proclaim his resurrection and ascension, through our words and deeds.
- To center our day on this holy sacrifice, while we look forward to Christ's coming” (Understanding the Mass, p. 147).

So, instead of thinking about that nice meal that is going to follow the Mass, the fun day you have planned, or even what the next week will look like, why not thank God for the gift of Jesus present and remind ourselves to “live out the Mass”? In that mindset, maybe the meal or fun activity becomes a joyful offering. Maybe our work week or school schedule becomes a sacrificial offering. How different might our work be if, instead of putting in the time or getting our homework done, we are joined with Christ in making an offering to God?

For Reflection: As you make your plans for the day or week, reflect on what follows immediately after your participation in Mass and how to bring the graces you have received into the rest of your day.

Next Week: Intercessions



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

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

This pillar emphasizes the importance of internalizing and living out the teachings and love of Jesus, allowing our Eucharistic encounters to define who we are. Through these encounters, our hearts and minds are transformed, guiding us to reflect Christ's love in every aspect of our lives.

Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Excerpts from Salt + Light Media



The Corporal Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material and physical needs.

Feed the Hungry:

- See to the proper nutrition of your loved ones,
- Support and volunteer for food pantries, soup kitchens, and agencies that feed the hungry.
- Make a few sandwiches to hand out as you walk through areas where you might encounter people in need.
- Educate yourself about world hunger.
- Avoid wasting food.
- Share your meals with others.

Shelter the Homeless:

- Help neighbors care for their homes and do repairs.
- Support and/or volunteer at a homeless shelter.
- Support and/or volunteer for charitable agencies who care for the homeless, build homes, and provide support in the wake of natural disasters.
- Advocate for public policies and legislation that provide housing for low-income people.
- Consider becoming a foster parent.

"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



"My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ." James 2:1

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 Corporal Works of Mercy in Real Life

Disciples share where they see and participate in the corporal works of mercy in their lives:

Homeless Shelter Volunteer: "Every year, our Church participates in a local rotating "warming shelter" for the homeless who seek reprieve from the bitter Michigan winters. It lasts about a week and volunteers help to make up cots, provide warm food, engage in conversation and give mercy through the sheltering of the homeless. I took the opportunity to volunteer a couple of years back and the experience was transformative. Being able to touch the pain and suffering of another human being brings us back to the most basic sense of human dignity and human connection. God's grace was given and received in abundance in St. Mary's grade school gym as I sought to know and remember the names, details, struggles and stories of those I was serving."

Social Ministry Volunteer: "It is truly a gift from God to serve those in need of comfort. We ran a food pantry with two people. We ran (literally, based on volume) food orders outside to cars so people could stay safe and warm. Seniors were isolating to stay safe, and were so lonely and sad. We visited porches in all seasons and dropped food and prayers off. We made phone calls and joyful cards (by parishioners of all ages), and we had a drive-thru gift drop-off celebration. We zoomed and provided fellowship to people who hadn't seen anyone in months. There were many funerals and bereaved families, which prompted the need for grace, mercy and comfort. Your heart grows past capacity when people are hurting and you find a new way to show Jesus' love to those trying to cope. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be called to grow and change to serve my brothers and sisters."

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.



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

DATE: September 13th - 15th

This is a opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional and/or spiritual pain of abortion.

Come receive God's mercy and healing. For confidential reservations:

email donna@livingwaterstherapy.org or call: #631-258-5062

**Election Day is Tuesday,
November 5, 2024**

Early Voting Begins October 26, 2024

**If you have moved, need an absentee ballot, or need more information, see the Board of Election website or call:
Nassau County: #516-571-8683,
<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/566>**

Every election is important, but this year for New Yorkers, it is imperative that as many people as possible cast his or her vote. There is a proposal on the ballot, Proposition 1, "NYS Constitution Equality Amendment", that if passed, will give the State more authority than parents, in making medical decisions for their minor children. If passed, it threatens the conscience protection for social workers, educators and health care workers, and will codify late-term abortions (6mos in utero - till the moment of birth) into the NYS Constitution. Please make sure that you are registered and then Vote against this extreme proposed amendment.



*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 if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." Matthew 10:42

During the month of July, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 81 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of July, 1 new client was welcomed into our Outreach Program and the client received food assistance and information on organizations that could assist with other services, such as DDS 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 needed this week: Pasta, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Rice, Pinto; White; Black and Baked Beans, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Soup, Snacks, Cold Cereal, Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup, Ketchup and Canned Yams and Peas.

If you would like to donate food to the food pantry but you find grocery shopping difficult, the Parish Social Ministry will gratefully accept supermarket gift cards so they can purchase food items needed to help our clients. The cards can be dropped off during our days of operation.

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

FORMED

This week on **FORMED...**



**RESTLESS
HEART**
THE CONFESSIONS OF AUGUSTINE

This first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known Saints. Its message of sin, conversion, redemption is as timely today as it was in the 5th century of Augustine. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what became Europe. With Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.



**GO TO THE ST. RAYMOND
WEBSITE FOLLOW THE**

FORMED

LINK TO REGISTER... IT'S FREE!

**Associated Vincentian
Charities of Brooklyn**

Gives Back!

For each donated car, truck or van, running or not, the Associated Vincentian Charities will give back to our parish \$75-\$200 per vehicle.

**IRS TAX DEDUCTION FREE TOWING
ANY CONDITION**

If you or someone you know has an old or neglected vehicle that is not being used, please call: 718-491-2525

For details: svdpauto-brooklynqueens.org



**SOCIETY OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

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, NOT ONLY PROVIDING 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.



**The Lay Carmelites
of St. Christopher's in Baldwin**

You are invited to consider a deeper commitment to your baptismal promises by becoming a member of the worldwide family of Carmel. We strive to live Carmelite spirituality after the examples of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Prophet Elijah, and the saints of Carmel. Do you desire growth in spiritual formation? Are you called to share your journey with others of like mind and heart in Community?

For more information about the Lay Carmelites of the Province of St. Elias, see the provincial website at www.laycarmelite.com.

If interested, call Andrea Waldron TOC, Director at 516-965-0970.



*"You yourself
a sword will
pierce" (Lk 2:35)
Our Lady of
Sorrows*

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**



*"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*

**Come and see how Secular
Franciscans love joyfully in the world
and celebrate God's Creation.
Blessed Raymond Lull Secular
Franciscan Fraternity meets on the
fourth Thursday of the month
Tabor Retreat Center
60 Anchor Avenue, Oceanside.
Please contact Louise at
516-318-7798 or Deacon Bob
at the Rectory for more information.**



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.



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

NEARBY MEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUPS SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

St. Raymond / East Rockaway

**Every Monday 10:00am
Rectory Basement**

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
15 Pershing Ave., Baldwin, N.Y. 11510**

St. Anthony's / Oceanside

**First Saturday of the month (resuming 9/7)
8:30am-10:00am at K of C Lounge
2985 Kenneth Place, Oceanside, NY 11572
Contact: MOSA@gmail.com**



St. Pius X Residence for
Retired Priests

Caring for those who cared for us



Supporting the needs of our senior priests in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The mission of St. Pius X Residence is to provide a nurturing environment that respects and cherishes the lifelong commitment of our beloved priests. The Residence strives to create a warm and supportive community where they can enjoy their retirement years with dignity, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share their dedication to faith.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Pius X Residence is there for them. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. When they are able, they celebrate Mass in area parishes, visit the sick and homebound, and bring God's Word to those in prison.

Embrace the Legacy of Service by supporting our beloved priests in their retirement years.



Fr. Steve Pietrowski, Rector

"I am so proud to be able to serve all the wonderful priests residing at St Pius. This house provides a place for our priests who have a need for care and help for daily activities. It's a safe place to age gracefully. Here at St. Pius, we provide for one another. We call this place home," shared Fr. Pietrowski



Msgr. Ron Richardson:

"When I was living on my own for a number of years, I felt a sense of isolation, especially during Covid but here I am with many of my fellow priests who I served with at times throughout the years. I've always been a walker, most of my life I've walked and jogged. I love the outdoors and I am so grateful to be here at this gorgeous campus."

The special collection for retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence will take place next weekend. Please be as generous as possible!

Thank You! <https://www.stpiusresidence.org/>

2024

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith -
Renewed by the Eucharist*



Each year Americans celebrate Labor Day as a national holiday to honor working people. For Catholics, it is also an opportunity to recall the traditional teaching of the Church on dignity of work and the rights of workers. As Pope Francis pointed out, "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. . . It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own Nation."



This Labor Day, the economic facts are stark, and the human costs are real, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Parish: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Pledge \$ _____
Down Payment \$ _____
Balance \$ _____

EMAIL: _____

<https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New York 11571

Masses for this week

Monday, September 9th St. Peter Claver

7:15am Giuseppa Macaluso

8:45am Anthony Grandazza

Tuesday, September 10th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Peter Ledwith

Wednesday, September 11th

7:15am Victims of September 11th

8:45am Charlotte Raimondi

Thursday, September 12th

7:15am Rory Polley

8:45am Theresa & John Mooney

Friday, September 13th St. John

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Noreen Helmstadt

Saturday, September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:45am Diogenes Valerio, Joseph Frigenti

5:00pm Jane Donlon

Sunday, September 15th

7:30am Frank Destefano

9:00am Francis Gerard Murphy

10:30am Sodality of our Lady

12:00pm Anthony Desano, Sr., Mathew F Pich,

Peter Broughal, John Carver,

Linda Moran, Jean Bonafede,

Michael Falabella

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 COR 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13/LK 6:27-38

Friday

1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

NM 21:4B-9/JN 3:13-17

Sunday

Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Maureen McCarthy

Fr. Don Hansen

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Colleen Popp

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless

the rectory is notified otherwise)

Tim Rowland

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Nick S.

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Jose Colon



Rest in Peace

Ernie Santaniello



The Bread & Wine

For this week is in

loving memory of

Lorraine Edgar

Love & Prayers

The Sodality of

Our Lady

Parish Bulletin Board



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE
STRUGGLING WITH ALCOHOL
OR SUBSTANCE USE?**

DON'T DO IT ALONE. HELP IS HERE!

**ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES
30-C CARLOUGH ROAD BOHEMIA, NY 11716
631-589-4144
WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIES.CC**

Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy

Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE
YOU NEED A MEDICAL ALERT
At HOME or AWAY**

• GPS • Fall Alert • 24/7 • 365 Monitoring
Ambulance • Police • Fire • Family/Friends



As Low As **\$19⁹⁵**
/month*



No Contract • No Fees • E-Z Setup • md-medalert.com **CALL 800 867-7250**

Easy. Honest. Accurate.
Save on your property taxes
with Nassau County's trusted
tax reduction experts.



MAIDENBAUM
THE LEADER IN PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION

Apply online at mptrg.com/bulletins
or call 516.715.1223
Hablamos Español

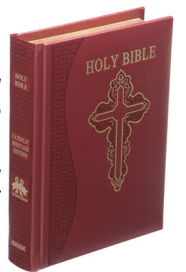
Maidenbaum Property Tax Reduction Group, LLC • 481 Chestnut Street, Cedarhurst, NY 11030

Fireside Catholic Heritage Edition Bible

The Catholic Heritage Edition in the New American Bible Revised Edition translation is the ideal Catholic Family Bible.

Features: Our Catholic Family, Family Record section and Burgundy padded cover with gold-gilded page edges.

Only \$79.99 post paid



C/O The Church Bulletin, Inc.
200 Dale Street • W. Babylon, NY 11704

Enclosed please find check/money order for \$ _____ to cover the cost of _____ (quantity) copies of the Fireside Family Bible, to be shipped:

post paid to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

**Personalized
Primary Care for
YOU** throughout
Long Island



To schedule an
appointment, call
(866) MY-LI-DOC
(866-695-4362)



LONG LIVE LONG ISLAND™

Sound Audiology
Hearing Aids and Audiology Services

Dr. Donna Rubino
Dr. Clare Villanueva
Doctors of Audiology
Hearing Aids

215a Atlantic Ave.
Lynbrook, NY 11563
516-224-7588

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.

Kenneth Lysak Jr., Philip M. Taglia

• Family Owned & Operated
• Newly Renovated
• Area's Largest Chapel
• Preplanning
• Prepayment

Since 1825

118 Union Avenue, Lynbrook
516.593.1111
www.perryfh.com

• Handicap Accessible
• Monuments & Inscriptions
• Children's Playground
• Competitive Pricing
• Ample Parking

BIRTHRIGHT OF NASSAU/SUFFOLK
(516) 785-4070
Confidential Assistance

Edwin C. Gerrity Agency
All your Insurance needs
25D Main St., East Rockaway, NY 11518
Serving the Community over 50 years
(516) 593-4242

Celebrity Chase Collision
191 Earle Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563
516 593-0920
Ask about your parish discount

Ellen Blaney
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
M 917.359.2077 | ellen.blaney@elliman.com
elliman.com/ellenblaney

Rockville Centre Office
304 Merrick Road
O 516.669.3700
[DouglasElliman](http://DouglasElliman.com)

• For all of your **Real Estate** needs
• Parishioner for over 40 years

• Selling, Buying, Renting
• Mortgage, Purchase, Refinance, Reverse

NMBCNOW
Kevin Blaney
Sales Manager • NMLS# 43951

(516) 714-4169
(516) 250-1012
kblaney@fhiatlans.com

100 Merrick Road, Suite 510E, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 • NMLS# 2203111
Scan here to apply

CAREFREE
AIR CONDITIONING GAS HEATING
AIR FILTRATION WATER FILTRATION
516-599-2848

Final Touch Auto Collision
Collision Specialist - 24 Hour Towing
All Insurance Accepted

Final Touch Auto Collision
Collision Specialist - 24 Hour Towing
All Insurance Accepted

3586 Merrick Rd., Seaford
516.221.7611
516.781.5704
FinalTouchLL@outlook.com
www.finaltouchautocolision.com

Assisi Veterinary Hospital
Internal Medicine, Surgery & Emergency Medicine
Pet Grooming and Boarding Available
250 Hempstead Ave., Malverne
516-256-0022
www.assisivh.com

Donza FUNERAL HOME, INC.

• Solely Owned & Operated by The Donza Family
• Newly Expanded and Decorated Chapels
• Ample Parking

333 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, N.Y. 11518
Tel: (516) 593-2521 / Fax: (516) 825-6380
email: donzafuneralhome@aol.com

BECKER REALTY SERVICES, INC.

"Long Island's Most Trusted Name in Real Estate"
HILARY H. BECKER, C.P.M.
(516) 887-0677

At Ocean Financial, our members' financial well-being is at the heart of everything we do!

Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union
Catholic Values You Can Bank On™

Speak with a Member Contact Representative today to learn more about how we can help you.

516.620.8100 - OceanFinancial.org
Oceanside Branch 45 Atlantic Avenue Oceanside, NY 11572
Seaford Branch 4050 Merrick Road Seaford, NY 11783

Hewlett Point Yacht Club, Inc.
"The most desirable place to dock your boat in East Rockway"

- Boating and non boating Memberships
- Air Conditioned Party Room for rent
- Social Events throughout the year
- Activities and events for children • Free Wi-Fi • Beautiful views of Hewlett Bay
- Private Beach • Skeet Shooting • Deep water access • Slips with updated water and electric

Call Ed for Details 516-359-2676

James Tech Electric
Your East Rockaway Licensed & Insured Electrical Contractor
Jamestechelectric.com
536-6900 647-0960

Flinch & Bruns Funeral Home Inc.
CREMATION SERVICES - BURIAL - FUNERAL

Serving the entire South Shore Since 1932

34 Hempstead Avenue. Corner Peninsula Blvd. Lynbrook
516-599-3600 www.flinchandbruns.com

Hewlett Point Yacht Club, Inc.
"The most desirable place to dock your boat in East Rockway"

- Boating and non boating Memberships
- Air Conditioned Party Room for rent
- Social Events throughout the year
- Activities and events for children • Free Wi-Fi • Beautiful views of Hewlett Bay
- Private Beach • Skeet Shooting • Deep water access • Slips with updated water and electric

Call Ed for Details 516-359-2676

TOWERS FUNERAL HOME INC.

2681 Long Beach Rd Oceanside
(516) 766-0425
www.towersfuneralhomeny.com

EAST ROCKAWAY FLORIST
338 Atlantic Ave. East Rockaway,
516.568.7077
www.eastrockawayflorist.com
info@eastrockawayflorist.com
[@eastrockawayflorist](https://www.facebook.com/eastrockawayflorist) [@e_rockflorist](https://www.instagram.com/@e_rockflorist)

HILTON HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS
120 Merrick Rd. Lynbrook
516-887-2914
www.hiltonanimalhospital.net
Preventive Care, Internal Medicine, Surgery & Dentistry
Bathing & Boarding Available

TOWERS FUNERAL HOME INC.

2681 Long Beach Rd Oceanside
(516) 766-0425
www.towersfuneralhomeny.com

Family Owned and Operated