

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
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The Parish of St. Raymond

A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Love and Friendship

Sunday, July 14, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“The Twelve drove out many demons,
and they anointed with oil many who were
sick and cured them.”

-Mark 6:13



July 14, 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.
Nocturnal Adoration
First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm
Miraculous Medal Novena
Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

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

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

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

Prayer Groups

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

Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.
Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

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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
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The theme of today's readings calls us to realize that we have all been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavens. In the first reading Amos defends himself against the accusations of Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, who wanted him gone from the land. **"The Lord took me from following the flock and said to me: Go prophesy to me people Israel."** Then in the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians, Paul connects us with heaven. That is our destiny and we have been given all the blessings necessary to achieve this goal. **"In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he graced us in the beloved."** And finally, Mark's gospel tells us of the time Jesus sent out the Twelve Apostles to see how much they had learned. He wanted to give them a foretaste of what their mission would be like after he was gone. They had explicit instructions and so they went off preaching repentance. **"The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."**

Doing the work of Jesus can be intimidating, even scary at times. Most of us wonder if we have what it takes. Will I act the right way? Will I say the right things? Will I make a difference? Will I be accepted or rejected? Or is the job too difficult, a bad fit, and I'm definitely unqualified? So, what do we need? Well, Jesus said to the Twelve three things. Take a walking stick, a tunic and sandals. Was that all they needed? Seems so. What would those things provide? A tunic provides warmth, especially when it is cold. A walking stick provides balance and protection. And sandals give us something to plant our feet firmly on, a proper foundation. So, we have warmth, balance and security. All we need is for God to accompany us on our journey. God is like the walking stick providing us with support, someone to lean on when facing life's challenges who will keep us safe from dangers and pitfalls. God is also like the tunic, making sure we stay warm on cold nights, those times when our enthusiasm, motivation and courage begin to wane. God is that fire within us to inspire and encourage us to keep moving in the right direction. And God is also like the sandals, the one who wants to be the firm foundation for all we do and all we say and all we are. He's the one we rest on and who brings peace to every step we take. So, go forth in baptismal grace, living your life in Jesus knowing that you have all you need, and that God is with you every step of the way.

As announced last Sunday, the 2024 Backwards Money Drawing has begun! Order forms have been mailed to those who took tickets in the past two years. But of course, everyone is invited to participate. If you did not receive the mailing, simply use the order form found in the bulletin. Return it along with \$100 and a ticket will be sent back to you. The success of this fundraiser is very important for our parish's income each year. We usually raise in excess of \$30,000 from this drawing while giving away \$20,000 in prize money. **The grand prize of \$10,000 to the last ticket drawn is an exciting win for whoever has that ticket.** The key to our success is getting all 500 tickets sold. The cost of \$100 per ticket is high, but it can be shared with family, friends or co-workers to divide the ticket price. The drawing will be held on Sunday, August 25th starting at 10am during a special Hospitality Sunday in the school cafeteria. Get your ticket request in as soon as possible. Hopefully with everyone's help we can once again get all 500 tickets sold quickly. Remember: You gotta be in it to win it!

This coming Wednesday evening, July 17th there will be a special Holy Hour from 7-8pm in our Church. This Holy Hour coincides with the National Eucharistic Congress being held in Indianapolis. We will spend this time in prayer reflection for the success of the Congress so that many hearts will be turned to believe and receive the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Holy Hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection, the Rosary, Music and Benediction. Come, join us and bring a friend.

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**, information from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), and 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, use your walking stick, tunic and sandals. And remember: Your heart knows things your mind can't explain.** God bless always.

– Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 14, 2024-15TH 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

JULY 14, 2024-15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Am 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

SECOND READING

Eph 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD —for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL

Mk 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Eph 1:17-18

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



The Religious Education office will continue summer hours until August 22nd, 2024. The 2024/2025 Registration process is on-going throughout the summer months. Please send in your forms along with full payment as soon as possible.

Our 2024/2025 Religious Education program is in need of 2 more catechists for the following grades and days:

1 Catechists for 3rd Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Wednesday

1 Catechist for 6th Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Thursday

The Religious Education school year goes from September 23rd, 2024 - April 10th, 2025.

Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months. Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

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.

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



**Saint Raymond
CYO Swim
registration will be
open online on
July 15th -
September 15th.**

<http://www.straymondscyo.com>

Backwards Money Drawing!

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024

Tickets for the Backwards Drawing are \$100 each, with only 500 tickets available.

The grand prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to the last ticket drawn. There will also be an additional \$10,000 in prize money spread amongst other tickets as they are drawn. For us to be successful, we need to sell all 500 tickets! While \$100 may be high, the price can easily be shared with family, friends, or co-workers. The key is to be in it for a chance at the grand prize of \$10,000. Winners need not be present at the drawing. Tickets are available at the rectory during regular office hours and you may also use the tear-off below to order a ticket.

Enter to Win



BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

- Ticket #1-\$500
- Ticket #50-\$200
- Ticket #100-\$200
- Ticket #150-\$200
- Ticket #200-\$200
- Ticket #250-\$200
- Ticket #300-\$200
- Ticket #350-\$200
- Ticket #400-\$200
- Ticket #450-\$200
- Ticket #491-\$300
- Ticket #492-\$400
- Ticket #493-\$500
- Ticket #494-\$600
- Ticket #495-\$700
- Ticket #496-\$800
- Ticket #497-\$900
- Ticket #498-\$1,000
- Ticket #499-\$2,500
- Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize**

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 25, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Number of Tickets: _____

"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,
July 17th**

**7:00pm - 8:00pm
ST. RAYMOND
CHURCH**

**To pray for the success of the
National Eucharistic Congress
that is currently being held in Indianapolis.**

**Exposition-Reflection
Rosary-Benediction**



**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.



We, too, are called to go forth and spread the Word of God to all we meet. Meditate on this quote from Padre Pio: "Do good everywhere, so that everyone can say: This is a son of Christ."

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE SETTING UP THROUGH OUR PARISH ROSTER A WAY TO SEND EMAILS FROM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH STRAIGHT TO ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OR EVEN SELECTED GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE IN THE PARISH. IT IS A FEATURE THAT OUR PDS PROGRAM OFFERS. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS CAPABILITIES GOING FORWARD. WE CAN SEND OUR REMINDERS, SCHEDULES, EMERGENCY NEWS AND OTHER TIMELY BITS OF INFORMATION. BUT, IN ORDER TO REACH THE LARGEST GROUP OF PARISHIONERS AS POSSIBLE, WE NEED TO GROW OUR PARISHIONER E-MAIL LIST. CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 500 EMAILS OUT OF 3800 REGISTERED PARISHIONER FAMILIES. SO, IN ORDER TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE MESSAGES WE NEED MORE EMAILS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS LISTING FOR PARISH MESSAGES, PLEASE EITHER CALL THE RECTORY TO GIVE US YOUR EMAIL, SEND IT IN TO THE PARISH EMAIL (STRAYRCC@OPTONLINE.NET), OR FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE RECTORY. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION GOES NO FURTHER THAN BEING A PART OF YOUR REGISTRATION PROFILE FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE.

NAME-----

EMAIL-----

PARISH (ON YOUR ENVELOPES) #-----

**Please update our
Parish Email List**



STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



Sanctus

Last time, we took a closer look at the Preface, which in many ways sets the tone for the Eucharistic Prayer. At the end of the Preface, as the Diocese of Peoria teaches, “we join with the choirs of heaven in singing the endless song of praise. The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Liturgy is both a foretaste and promise of the heavenly Liturgy. The Liturgy on earth is united to the Liturgy in heaven, and this is made vividly clear when we join them in song. ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’ is a heavenly superlative acclamation of praise and worship” (“A Study of the Mass,” p. 13).



A Foretaste of Heaven

This next part of the Mass is called the **Sanctus**, perhaps more commonly referred to as the **Holy, Holy, Holy**. As is true with many parts of the Mass, we can find these words in the Holy Scriptures. The prophet Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord on a throne with angels singing, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts!” (Is. 6:3). In St. John’s vision of heaven, the four living creatures continuously exclaim, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come” (Rev. 4:8). Perhaps we will also recognize the second part of the Sanctus from the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Mt. 21:9). Charles Belmonte, the author of *Understanding the Mass*, recalls how the Sanctus reminds us of the beautiful presence of the angels at the Mass: “We join our own voices with those of the hosts of angels in awe, wonderment, and great enthusiasm... St. John Chrysostom describes the presence of angels during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with these words: ‘The angels surround the priest; all the temple, especially the sanctuary, is populated with celestial hosts of angels who honor God, present on the altar.’” Have you ever thought of this? In a very real way, the Sanctus helps to remind us that our participation in the Mass is truly a foretaste of heaven. When we gather as the Body of Christ for the

present there! That means every member of the Christian faithful is present with us—all those around the world, all those from various times (including those who have gone before us), and all those who are gathered together in heaven around the throne of God... including the heavenly hosts of angels! Imagine telling your friends on Monday: “All the angels of heaven were at my church on Sunday!” It’s true!



Singing with the Angels

With this wonderful image in mind, when we sing the Sanctus, we are joining in the praise the angels are singing for God. What exactly is this song of praise? Charles Belmonte relates that a certain “Cardinal Bona (seventeenth century) explains that this hymn contains three praises and two petitions: First, we extol the holiness, power, and supreme dominion of God, when we say, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of [hosts].’ Then, we praise his glory which shines forth in all creatures, when we say, ‘Heaven and earth are full of your glory.’ Third, we laud Christ by saying, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’ While saying this, we invite him to come to our souls with the same affection and devotion with which his Blessed Mother received him at the annunciation. The two petitions are: ‘Hosanna in the highest;’ we say it twice, asking for our salvation and everything that leads to it. The first petition is addressed to God, and the second to Christ” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 133–134).

If praising the Lord with the angels is this exciting, just imagine how joyful we will be when Jesus is truly and substantially present on the altar!

For Reflection:

Read slowly and prayerfully through Isaiah 6 and/or Revelation 4. Place yourself in the scene the Scripture passage describes and imagine the experience of participating in worship with the angels.

Allow this experience to inform your next participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition

The Church is open for personal prayer until 5:00PM
Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM
Eucharistic Revival Holy Hour,
Wednesday July 17th 7:00-8:00 PM



**“In him we have
redemption by his
blood, the forgiveness
of transgressions.”**

Ephesians 1:7



**YOU ARE MADE
TO LOVE**
Imprint Magazine,
Sisters of Life

Christ died on the cross to save each of us from sin and death – the supreme act of love, the ultimate gift of self. This is what love looks like. We, who are made in His image and likeness, are called to this same love, and actually find ourselves through this love. Every act of love is a participation in Jesus' act of love on the cross.

We become most truly ourselves when we allow ourselves to be conformed to the life of Christ – from His birth to His suffering and death, to His Resurrection. In His life, all of our ordinariness, trials, and joys are illumined. In His Passion, all of our sufferings and pains take on redemptive meaning. And in His Resurrection, all of our wounds are healed, and our hearts are restored. It is in Him that the truth of who we are and how we are called to love is made clear.

Christ identified Himself with the weak and sinful of all ages – with each of us – that we might not be afraid to come to Him in our time of need and find strength to carry our crosses with Him, to be intimately united with Him in love.

A PRAYER FOR LOVE

Jesus, You are love, and Your love is unending.

You loved me first, and I believe in

Your love for me. You say that I am made in

**Your image, and that You want my life to
unleash Your love into the world.**

**Jesus, I give You everything. Jesus,
illuminate all my joys and sorrows. Jesus,
redeem all my sufferings. Jesus, heal my
wounds. My heart is restored in You.**

**Jesus, I give You permission: flood me with Your
love today, that You may love through me. Help
me to be with You. Amen.**

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**



**Deacon Larry Oney
Clergy & Convert (Living †)**

Deacon Larry Oney is a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana. He is assigned to Saint Louis King of France Cathedral in New Orleans, LA. Deacon Larry and his wife, Andi, have five children and are members of Our Lady of Grace Parish. In addition to his business career, he is also an accomplished author and radio host and, along with Andi, conducts parish retreats. Deacon Larry will be the Master of Ceremonies (MC) and Andi will be a speaker for the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress, which will be held in Indianapolis, IN, between July 17-21, 2024. What can we learn from Deacon Larry's

Eucharistic witness:

Belief Intensifies Love: Deacon Larry credits Andi for his conversion in his early 20's after being invited to a Catholic retreat. It was there that he experienced a powerful desire for the Eucharist that would lead him, first to full communion with Christ in the Church, and later, to a vocation to the diaconate. Deacon Larry also credits the deacon, whom he met on that first retreat, who later would travel two hours each week to teach him the Catechism to prepare him for his Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

Feeding and Being Fed by Love: “As a deacon, you get to stand beside the priest of the most high God, and witness up close, at the Epiclesis, the power of the Holy Spirit coming down to transform the bread and the wine to the body, blood, soul, and the Divinity of Jesus. It's overwhelming! I can't find the right words describe to you what a privileged it is to be there assisting the priest.”

Made for Love: “At the Congress, I would encourage people to be open for the surprise of the Holy Spirit ... for outbreaks of miracles, a revival and a resurgence of the things of God. I would also ask everyone to pray for God's mercy and healing for our nation. I ask all attendees to elevate their expectations and come as pilgrims and not just as spectators.”



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 is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have done."*

Proverbs 19:17

The Parish Social Ministry assisted **83 households** during the month of **June** with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of June, **2 new clients were welcomed** into our Outreach Program and they received food assistance and information on organizations for other services, such as DDS and Saint Vincent de Paul. Assistance with food 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 and need help obtaining food.

Pantry items needed this week: Laundry

Detergent, Jello/Pudding, Cold Cereal, Dish

Detergent, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing,

Chef Boyardee Pasta, Mayonnaise, Peanut

Butter, Grape Jelly, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat,

Canned Corn & Beets, Sugar and Hair Conditioner

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

May God's blessings shower upon all of you!



*"You were
Ransomed ...
With the
Precious Blood
of Christ."*

-Peter 1:18-19

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The Hempstead pregnancy center is in need of newborn clothing, toiletries for the babies (shampoo, soap, etc), and infant car seats (no more than 6 years old). If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact: Mary Caffrey - #516-887-2458 or drop the items off at the Parish Social Ministry Office and we will deliver them to the pregnancy center.

*"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord,
the fruit of the womb is a reward..."
(Psalm 127:3)*

Spiritual Adoption Of An Unborn Child



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Ministry of Consolation

Work one week a month with a team to assist families in preparing and celebrating the Funeral Mass for recently deceased loved ones.



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In our Diocese, the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to cast these nets. From Elmont to Montauk, because of this Appeal, the Church is present in each community helping those in need.

Our Parish Social Ministry programs assist those in the community with basic necessities like food, clothing or just a helping hand. Catholic Charities assists our fellow Long Islanders with housing, substance abuse issues and maternity management. It supports seminarians through their discernment and formation and ensures that our young people can continue to grow in their knowledge and love of our Catholic faith.

The Catholic Church on Long Island serves the mission of the Church and the common good by assisting so many people spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

At the recent Eucharistic Pilgrimage that brought the Blessed Sacrament in a Monstrance from the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in lower Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge in view of the Statue of Liberty, I was inspired by the many people, a mosaic of many faces and ages, witnessing to the truths of our faith and encouraging those who are inactive in their faith to rekindle their love for the Eucharist and the Mass.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal are integral to this Eucharistic mission. If you have not done so already, I ask you to please consider making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

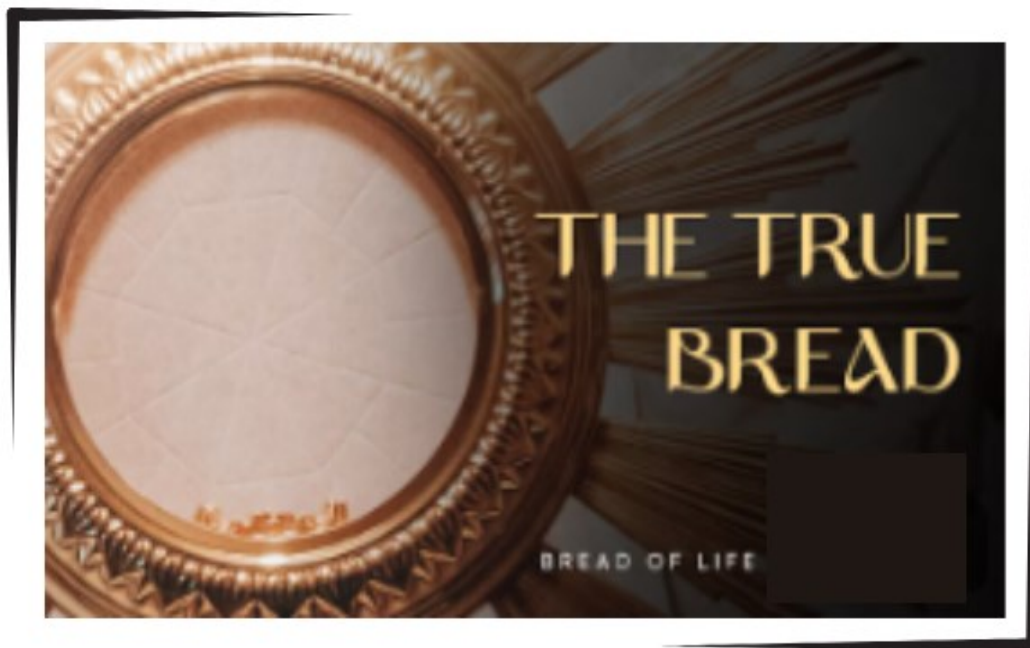
May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

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While in Peter's boat after the second multiplication of loaves, the apostles realize they have no bread. Yet Mark writes they have one loaf. How can both statements be true? Is it a mistake? In this final episode of Bread of Life, join Dr. Tim Gray and ask for the grace to recognize Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.



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Masses for this week

Monday, July 15th St. Bonaventure

7:15am Rory Polley

8:45am Michelle Mateo

Tuesday, July 16th

7:15am Sheila & Myles McCabe (L)

8:45am Gerald McKeon

Wednesday, July 17th

7:15am Monica Collins

8:45am Brian Fahey

Thursday, July 18th

7:15am Rory Polley

8:45am Alice O'Grady

Friday, July 19th

7:15am Kathleen Kilgannon

8:45am Anne & Frank Behrman

Saturday, July 20th

8:45am Thomas Hines, Robert G. McIntyre,
Intentions of our Lady, Gerald
Gaetana & Guiseppe Naccarato

5:00pm Nocturnal Adoration Society

Sunday, July 21st

7:30am Hawkins & Hoenig Families

9:00am Carmel Walker

10:30am Rosalie Monaco

12:00pm Peter Tauckus, Benjamin Cortese,
Hector Pagan, Rosemary McGrane,
Michelle Julia Hernandez, Anthony
Maddalone, Mario Rinaldi, Patricia
Malinowski, Jack Cussen

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21

Sunday

Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



Please Pray for Our Sick

Chris Grennen

Tim Rowland

Baby Faith Madison

Anthony Campanile

Mary Lynch

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen McCarthy

Maureen Condiss

Fr. Don Hansen

Nick S.

Christine Gillidan

Dawn

Linda Dagostino

Jay Witemeyer

Karen Pagnotta

Joseph DelGiorno

Colleen Popp

Timothy Murphy

Jodi Neckles

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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.

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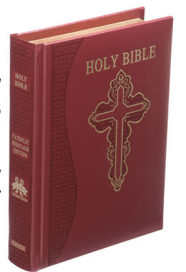
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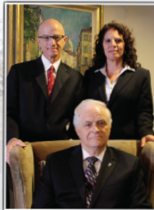


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