

## Masses

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

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM  
Saturday 8:45 AM

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, October 27, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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*“Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.”*

*-Mark 10:48*



October 27, 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 1, 2024 All Saints Day

## 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;  
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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

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

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#### **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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**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR  
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!  
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ALL CONNECTED**



## **The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)**

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

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

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

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

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

### **St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY**

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

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

### **St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY**

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY  
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Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY  
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

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

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** The challenge of this Sunday's readings is to be open in asking Jesus to bring about a radical change in your life. In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the message to the Israelites is that they will no longer be in exile and all will be well under God's power and authority. **"The Lord has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel."** This theme is echoed in the Responsorial Psalm as the people proclaim: **"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."** And Mark's gospel offers a beautiful story of encounter, healing, faith and discipleship, offering many insights and lessons. Jesus meets the blind man Bartimaeus who catches his attention. Jesus tells him to come over. Bartimaeus throws his cloak aside, springs up and comes to Jesus. But remember, he can't see him. He is asked, **"What do you want me to do for you?"** and Bartimaeus answers: **"Master, I want to see."** Because of his enthusiastic faith, Jesus heals him.

Bartimaeus doesn't just go from being blind to having sight. He has a faith that enables him to let go of his previous life and set out on a new one. This new one is one of discipleship. Sometimes when we hear a healing story like this one, we wonder, **"Why not me? Why doesn't Jesus heal my loved one? Am I not praying enough?"** These are understandable questions that come from doubt rather than faith. Faith lets us ask: **"What will I do with Jesus' answer to my prayers?"** Think about it. Sometimes when we pray, rather than praying for change, we are praying for restoration, for things to go back to the way they were. We pray for miracles that will make that possible. If life was good for us, something has come along and turned it upside down. It makes sense that we would long for and pray for things to go back to the way they were.

But today's gospel reminds us that sometimes God is about more than restoration. Sometimes our perseverance in prayer and encounter with Jesus is meant to prompt a change, perhaps a radical change. Maybe it is one that orients us to be willing to let go of everything and follow Jesus. Bartimaeus was saved because of his faith and the compassion of God. Let today's gospel challenge you to consider whether Jesus is inviting you to find a new way of seeing and living

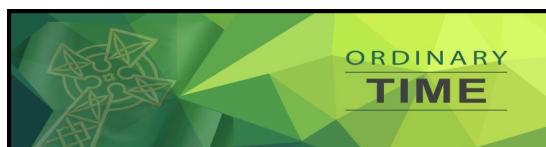
Maybe it is time to throw aside your cloak and accept the healing and salvation Jesus is offering you? Maybe the prayer of Bartimaeus, **"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!"** should be a daily prayer for all of us.

**This coming Tuesday, October 29th, Bishop John Barres will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the ninth graders of our parish at two special Confirmation Masses.** Let us all join together in prayer for those receiving this great sacrament. May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit so they may continue to witness to their Catholic Faith throughout their adult lives. Congratulations to the families and sponsors of those being Confirmed. And a special thanks to our parish Religious Education Office (Faith Formation) under the direction of Mrs. Lucy Ostermann and all the catechists who have prepared our youth for this most important day.

The bulletin contains a special letter from **Bishop John Barres** concerning the upcoming general election. In New York State there will be proposed amendment called **"Proposal One"** which will seriously undermine the religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed to provide. Please read carefully Bishop Barres letter that encourages, in union with all the state's bishops, a vote of **"No"** on Proposal One.

**Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today.** It contains many items of interest and invitation with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), the special letter from **Bishop Barres**, the **Holy Day Mass Schedule** for all Saints Day on Friday, November 1st, the **Mass of Remembrance** for all Souls Day on Saturday, November 2nd, the **All Souls Masses of Remembrance** envelopes, 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.

Have a great last week of October. **Smile, share (all treats, no tricks), and remember: Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself.**  
God bless always. **-Father Chuck**





# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

OCTOBER 27, 2024-30th 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

OCTOBER 27, 2024-30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Jer 31:7-9**

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

## SECOND READING

**Heb 5:1-6**

Brothers and sisters:  
Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: *You are my son: this day I have begotten you*; just as he says in another place: *You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek*.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

## ALLELUIA

**Cf. 2 Tm 1:10**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**Mk 10:46-52**

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.



# ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November 2, 2023-2024



Nicholas Accetta  
Peter Albano  
Giacinto Anastasio  
Carmella Anzalone  
Frank Barbella  
Alfredo Biamonte  
John "Jack" Patrick Butler  
Paula Caccavo  
Francis Cannino  
Louis Capone  
John Carver  
William C. Cavanagh  
Kathleen Christ  
Elaine Colon  
Thomas Joseph Comber  
Anthony Corbett  
Benjamin Charles Cortese  
Louise Coscia  
Ernestine Dagnessa  
Mark C. Dease  
Dorothy M. Decker  
Gloria J. D'Elia  
Helen Marie DelPezzo  
Anthony James DeMarinis  
Marie Dempsey  
Ann Diaz  
Ann DiBartolomeo  
Kristina Dillard  
Alice C. Dillon  
Clemente DiMonda  
Adrienne Dolder  
Jane Donlon  
Paul Dzielak  
Michele Fedinic  
Ernesto I. Feliciano  
Jason Robert Felipe  
Patricia Finken  
Gennaro Giannotti

James Arthur Glenister, Jr.  
Dolores Goodhue  
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Kathleen Gormley  
James Patrick Groark, Jr.  
Elaine Guerin  
Michael F. Guglielmo  
Thomas Hines  
Anthony P. Hoeffner, Jr.  
Maria Theresa Huber  
Rosemary Jones  
Dorothy A. Judge  
June H. Kelly  
Marie R. Maloy  
Donald Joseph Maloy, Jr.  
Theresa Anna Maselli  
Joseph McCarthy  
John McCauley  
John Kevin McCotter  
Rosemary McGrane  
Richard McInerney  
Laurence McKee  
Diana Miglio  
Anthony L. Moccia  
Anthony Monaco  
Rosalie Monaco  
Elaine Olewnicki  
Daisy Helen O'Neil  
Elizabeth Oriol  
Donna Ann Pascale  
Susan Perillo  
Mario Perri  
Erminia Perri  
Anna Petrucci  
Nicholas Pierro  
Anthony S. Pinnisi  
Charles Pipia

Donald A. Player  
Madeline Pollock  
Lilly Lourdes Poorjah  
Patricia Rose Prezioso  
Christopher John Racioppi  
Joseph Rossini  
James G. Ruane  
Thomas Russo  
Elaine Ryan  
Catherine Salmon  
Ernie Santaniello  
Lucy Santaniello  
Vittora Santoro  
Michael Angelo Sarro, Jr.  
Elizabeth Mary Schreiber  
Irene Scotti  
Patricia Ann Shanagan  
Grazia Sisillo  
Sarah Ann Smith  
Claire F. Smith  
Hale Smith  
Thomas A. Smith  
Elizabeth Ann Stewart  
Patricia Ann Sympon  
Anna J. Taffner  
Richard G. Tarzian  
Ruby Tavolaro  
Mary Kate Thompson  
Barbara S. Thornton  
Jeanine Rempe Thornton  
David Valerio  
Dorothy Frances Vanella  
Rosemary A. Watson  
Anne Marie Weiler  
Patricia Woods  
Alan George Zacker  
Rosemarie Zaino

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL  
LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

## ALL SAINTS DAY

Friday, November 1st

A Holy Day of Obligation

### MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 7:30PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST,  
7:15AM; 8:45AM; 12:15PM & 7:30PM



I have been all  
Things unholy:  
If God can work  
Through me,  
He can work  
Through anyone.  
-St. Francis of Assisi



## ALL SOULS NOVENA OF MASSES

Saturday, November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls, It is the day when the Church prayerfully remembers all the faithfully departed. A special way in which this is done is the celebrating a **Novena of Masses** for our dead beginning on All Souls Day. It is a most fitting way to remember our departed, to pray for their eternal happiness and also to their intercession for our prayers. This novena continues for nine days.

**All Souls envelopes are available if you wish to have anyone included in this novena.** They were mailed with the regular monthly envelope package and they can also be found on the back pew shelves and by the side doors of the Church. **Simply write the names you wish to remember, include your donation and place the envelope in one of the All Souls boxes located on the pew shelves next to the envelopes.** Please do so by Saturday November 2nd. *Thank you!*

## ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

**Saturday, November 2nd is the feast of all Souls.** Once again we will remember all parishioners who have died and been buried from St. Raymond Parish during the past year.

**The Mass of Remembrance will be at 8:45am on November 2nd in the Church.** Members and their families have been invited to join us in this loving and faith-filled remembrance. The names of all the departed from the past year will be read in prayerful reflection as the Communion Meditation of the Mass and also listed on the **Remembrance Scroll** for the month of November. Let us join together on All Souls Day to celebrate your loved one's new life in Christ Jesus as we support one another with our prayers and caring.

**P**RAY  
FOR ME,  
AND I SHALL  
PRAY FOR YOU  
AND ALL YOUR  
FRIENDS  
THAT WE MAY  
MERRILY MEET  
IN HEAVEN.

ST. THOMAS MORE'S LAST LETTER  
TO HIS DAUGHTER, MEG



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



There are no Religious Education classes on Tuesday 10/29/2024 and Thursday 10/31/2024.

### ATTENTION 9TH GRADE PARENTS/STUDENTS

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered on Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 here in St. Raymond Church. The Most Reverend John O. Barres will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation to the students. There will be two ceremonies that day - one at 11am and one at 2pm. The classes have been broken down into two groups.



Please look for the name of the teacher your child had for

### 8TH GRADE RELIGION CLASS.

Group 1- 11am Ceremony – Mrs. Joanne Casucci, Mrs. Caitlin Perez/Mrs. Nicole Berke, Mrs. Stephanie Paul

Group 2 – 2:00pm Ceremony – Mr. Damien Becker, Mrs. Melissa Abuin, Mrs. Theresa Gaffney, Kellenberg, St. Joseph

### ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

Sunday 10/27/2024, all 2nd grade students and their parents are asked to go the auditorium at 11am. There they will participate in a meeting with Deacon Tom Connolly and then all will attend the 12Noon Mass.







# *First Grade Mass*







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

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

We will be concluding the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for The Life Center of L. I., a pregnancy care center, next week-end, November 2nd and 3rd. Volunteers will be stationed at the Church's vestibules that week-end, after each Mass, to accept your filled baby bottles. We thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a positive difference in the lives of the mothers and fathers served by the volunteers at the Life Center. And a life-saving ministry for the babies in the womb.

Please join with us each Thursday during Adoration from 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the intention of an end to abortion and the return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception until natural death.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER  
IS GREAT!**



**DON'T FORGET TO BRING BACK YOUR  
BABY BOTTLES NEXT WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 2ND & 3RD**

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***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.

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR!



*Sponsored by the Sodality  
of Our Lady*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

**10:00AM-3:00PM**

**ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**BAKERY - SWEEPSTAKES - JEWELRY SHOP**

**HANDMADE KNITS & CRAFTS - CHRISTMAS GIFT BOX**

**MONEY TREE - 50/50 - LOTTERY WREATH**

**RAFFLES - GRANNY'S ATTIC**

**REFRESHMENTS AT THE COUNTRY KITCHEN!**





DIocese of Rockville Centre  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 23, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year's general election, New York voters will decide whether to approve a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. Officially known as "Proposal One", the amendment would add new language to the State's version of the "Bill of Rights" that, if approved, could insert gender ideology into child and adult sports, schools, hospitals, and even our churches.

The proponents of Proposal One refer to it as the "Equal Rights Amendment" and claim that the amendment is intended to protect the right to access an abortion. Proposal One, however, does nothing to ensure "equal rights" nor does it have anything to do with the legality of abortion in New York.

Since 1938, the State Constitution has guaranteed the right to the equal protection of the laws and has barred discrimination against any individual by a public or private institution based upon "race, color, creed or religion." Now, eighty-five years after the adoption of the Constitution's prohibition on discrimination, the State Legislature has discovered that we need an "Equal Rights Amendment" that ensures a "right" to an abortion in New York.

New York's abortion laws are already among the most permissive in the nation. Proposal One does nothing to alter the abortion laws or to further liberalize them. In fact, the word "abortion" does not appear anywhere in the proposed amendment. New Yorkers who vote in favor of Proposal One because they believe it will provide additional legal guarantees related to abortion are victims of a misleading campaign that masks the true purpose of the amendment.

Voters need only to read the language set forth in Proposal One to learn its actual purpose and to discern its potential for harm. While they will find no mention of abortion, voters will discover that, if adopted, Proposal One would prohibit discrimination based upon "gender identity" or "gender expression." This language would transform the laudable and longstanding anti-discrimination article in the State Constitution into a legal weapon that would force institutions across the state—public and private, religious, and secular—to accommodate the most radical forms of gender ideology.

Under this language, for example, a CYO girls' basketball team, or a local girls' soccer club, could be forced to allow a biological male to participate on the team if he wishes to do so because of his "gender expression." To bar such a person from the team would constitute an act of illegal discrimination.

The same language can be employed against health clubs, public and private schools, restaurants, and other public places to mandate that these institutions open their bathrooms and locker rooms to anyone, regardless of biological sex, based upon an individual's "gender identity." To restrict access to a bathroom or locker room according to biological sex would be another form of unconstitutional discrimination.

Furthermore, Proposal One would undermine the bedrock religious liberty protections that the State Constitution is supposed provide for Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, as well as for the religious institutions administered by other faiths. The amendment would expose a church or school to a lawsuit if, for example, it refused to hire a "transgender" catechist or dismissed an employee for the promotion of notions about gender that are antithetical to Church teaching. A teacher could demand to be called by a "preferred pronoun", as could any student, regardless of age. A refusal to adopt this sort of language regime would violate the Constitution.

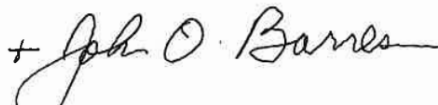
Catholic hospitals that do not perform gender-related surgeries could be sued for illegal discrimination against people who wish to express their gender identity through a medical procedure.

Supporters of Proposal One dismiss these concerns as far-fetched fearmongering. Yet they cannot offer any other plausible application of the language in the amendment. Unlike proposals in other states that were designed to limit the power of a state legislature to regulate access to abortion, Proposal One never mentions abortion, nor does it expressly restrict the power of the State Legislature to pass laws related to abortion. Instead, the amendment adds a "word salad" of terms to the State Constitution that would turn the shield of anti-discrimination protection into a sword that can be used to pierce religious and secular institutions in order to impose, by force of law, a gender ideology that voters have never endorsed.

New York's Constitution has, for nearly a century, expressly prohibited discriminatory practices. Proposal One does nothing to enhance the universally accepted principle of equality before the law. Proposal One is, instead, a deceptive effort to impose an ideological agenda upon the State disguised by popular and inoffensive rhetoric about "equal rights" and by appealing to voters who believe the state's abortion laws are at risk of change. But, to paraphrase the Gospel, by its language you shall know it. The words of Proposal One reveal its true intent and the effects it would have if adopted.

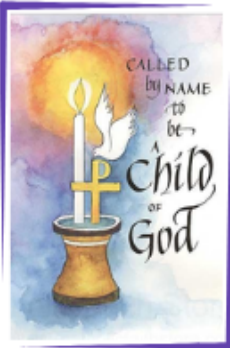
New Yorkers who do not wish to see the State Constitution used to implement a harmful gender ideology that would reach into nearly every facet of ever day life, from sports to schools, from bathrooms to gyms to hospitals—even into churches, synagogues and mosques—must vote "NO" on Proposal One.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre





# God Bless Our Newly Baptized

- Brenden Xavier Nesbot
- Ava Raelle Nesbot
- Nolan Patrick Foglia
- Juliana Kathleen LaRocca
- Bryan Noelle Anderson
- Emersyn Leigh Schreiner
- Layla Rose Bristol
- William Russell Merchan
- Emma Grace Weis
- Jasper Avi Dhillon
- Luca Jeremiah Bradley
- Vincent Louis Farruggia
- Stefano Albert Ferrara
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- Stephanie Yoon Ju Hwang
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in November 2024

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**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION MONDAY  
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(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"Those who are generous to the poor lend to  
the Lord, and the Lord will fully repay them."*

*- Proverbs 19:17*

During the month of September, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 90 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of September, 4 new clients were welcomed into our Outreach Program and the clients received food assistance and information on organizations that could assist them with other services, such as DSS 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 source of income.

**Pantry items needed this week: Mustard,  
Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Small Cooking Oil,  
Baked Beans, Coffee, Dish Detergent,  
Toothbrushes, Shampoo and Conditioner.**

Thank you for always helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations or supermarket gift cards are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open. Non-perishable food donations can also be left in the bin on the porch or on the bench in the Altar Servers Sacristy

*Thank you for your continued support and  
We are praying the God showers you with  
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**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

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First Saturday of the month (resuming 9/7)

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

*St Francis of Assisi*

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*Have courage to come to Jesus in prayer and ask for His help and protection. Be not afraid to speak to Him and trust in Him.*



*"I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary." The Blessed Virgin Mary's promise to St. Dominic*

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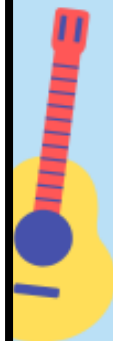
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**Sunday Mass**

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**2024**

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As the last few months of the Appeal are upon us, I am writing to ask that, if you have not already done so, you might consider joining with me, by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

I am grateful to those who have already contributed to the good work we are trying to accomplish together here on Long Island. Every dollar helps to bring Christ to so many who need to hear His voice, feel His healing touch, and be inspired by works of catechesis and evangelization.

As a faith-filled parish community, all of us recognize the responsibility of bringing our young people into our family of faith and guiding them on their lifelong journey with Christ. Our Diocese continues to focus on ministries that support young Catholics and their baptismal call to holiness; to welcome the contributions they make to the Church and help them grow in faith. Such growth is key for young Catholics in discerning the state of life that would best correspond to what God wants from them.

Thanks to your gifts to the *Catholic Ministries Appeal*, Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Programs are responding to the call for action by offering many opportunities for young people to engage in a dialogue with Bishop Barres, priests and religious, youth and young adult ministers and their peers.

Michaela, a participant at a Holy Hour at our Seminary shared, *“My faith is so important to me – without it I would be lost. I would not always have God’s voice with me. He guides me!”*

Your support helps us continue to teach and pass on our faith to our young people!

Thank you most sincerely for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2024 *Catholic Ministries Appeal*. No gift is ever too small, and all gifts make a difference in the lives of our young people – the future leaders of our church and the wider community.

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# MASSES for this week

## Monday, October 28th Sts. Simon & Jude

7:15am Paul Carrella

8:45am Lorraine Guerin

## Tuesday, October 29th

7:15am Margaret & Daniel Maximchuk

8:45am Richard Jacobs

## Wednesday, October 30th

7:15am James Winter

8:45am Michael Sheehy

## Thursday, October 31st

7:15am Edith & James Dolan

8:45am Fr. Joseph Rwamweng (L)

7:30pm Kristina Dillard

## Friday, November 1st All Saints Day

7:15am Josef Turski

8:45am Henry Dombrowski

12:15pm Elizabeth LaChance-Fernandez  
Sheryl Ralph

7:30pm Anne Sheehy

## Saturday, November 2nd

8:45am All Souls

5:00pm Day

## Sunday, November 3rd

7:30am Rory Polley

9:00am Joanna Etiennette Mayonove

10:30am Carmelo Simeti

12:00pm Agnes & Louis Barbato, Vincent  
Ponte, Elaine Olewnicki, Donald  
Player, Lorraine Guerin, Camille  
Brancato, Jean-Claude Sanchez

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

#### Monday

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

#### Tuesday

EPH 5:21-33/LK 13:18-21

#### Wednesday

Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30

#### Thursday

EPH 6:10-20/LK 13:31-35

#### Friday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Mt 5:1-12a

#### Saturday

Wis 3:1-9/Jn 6:37-40

#### Sunday

Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34



## Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

Mary Lynch

Fr. Don Hansen

Linda Dagostino

Karen Pagnotta

Colleen Popp

Jodi Neckles

Michael L.

Diane Minucci

Eileen Appel

Patrick Dunning

Philip Barone

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

John Beggs

Timothy Murphy

Elizabeth Lacchini

Michael Malone

Noreen Concannon

Jose Colon

Nick S.

Patrick Malone

Eileen Schreiber

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



### Rest in Peace

Gennaro Giannotti

Michele Fednic

Silvia Russo

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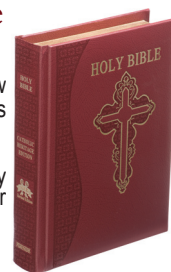
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