

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, December 1, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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“And then they will see
the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power
and great glory. But
when these signs begin
to happen, stand erect
and raise your heads
because your
redemption is at hand.”
-Luke 21:26

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

THE FIRST PURPLE CANDLE IS THE

"Candle of Hope."

IT SYMBOLIZES THE HOPE WE HAVE

IN CHRIST AND OUR DESIRE TO

SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIM. DURING

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT,

WE WAIT FOR JESUS WITH HOPE.

St. Raymond's Bulletin...

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

www.saintraymonds.org.

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

strayrcc@optonline.net.

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



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

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TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

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

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours as we begin a new Church liturgical year on this First Sunday of Advent! We start the new year focusing on preparing for Christmas and for the return of Jesus at the Second Coming. Hope, light, joy and **"holy waiting"** are all words used to describe the spiritual movements of these four weeks. The first reading from the prophet Jeremiah foretells the fulfillment of God's promise. **"I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land."** Then in Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians, the new believers are encouraged to practice love for one another in anticipation of Jesus' return. And finally, Luke's gospel gives a resounding warning to be prepared for Jesus' return, which is described as a spectacular event. **"There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay; perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves."** Every Advent is a time to prepare for our own journey to Bethlehem, and also as we await the return of the Son of Man. We should take a serious look at our practices and consider how we can grow closer to God. There are so many ways to do that. Dedicate some special time each day to prayer. Reconnect with a loved one. Start some new act of service. All can be good and fruitful ways of preparing, both for Christmas and for Jesus' Second Coming.

Think about this. God made promises. He promised to always be faithful to the people of Israel. He promised after the flood to never destroy the world again out of anger. And he promised to send us a savior. It's incredible to think of God, who owes us absolutely nothing, to make promises. But our God doesn't act like that. He wants us to believe in him, to know him, trust him and hope in him. He wants us to find security and peace in him. And he wants us to understand that we can count on him to fulfill his promises, not once in a while, but always. Advent is the time when we once again await the fulfillment of God's greatest promise- his complete entry into our world in the person of Jesus, his Son. All his promises before led to God's plan of the gift of his Son, Jesus. Yet, God's plan is not truly complete, so we also look for the day when Jesus will return to bring to completion what God has prepared for us and all of creation. Advent is just the beginning.

We await the fulfillment of an incredible promise from God, a promise fully realized in the gift of his Son. This shows powerfully how much God loves us and does absolutely everything for us. We don't have to wonder if God can be counted on. But I do wonder if God can count on us? Use the weeks of Advent to reflect on God's promises, rejoice in his greatest promise-Jesus. But also consider what you might be willing to promise to God. Make your Advent go both ways.

As we move through the season of Advent, there are some parish events to be aware of. One is the annual **Christmas Plant Sale**. We have an array of beautiful Christmas plants to purchase that will enhance your holiday decorations. Use the order form found in the bulletin. Fill it out and return it to the rectory by next Sunday, December 8th. We also have our **Christmas Cash 50/50** happening right now. Chances are \$10 each and three for \$25. Use the order form found in the bulletin or stop by the rectory during office hours. Don't miss out on a chance to win some big money for the holidays. Finally, don't forget the **"Giving Tree,"** sponsored by Parish Social Ministry starting this weekend. Take a card from the tree after Mass and buy a gift to help make someone's Christmas a little brighter this year.

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 (The Giving Tree)**, info from **Religious Education** (Faith Formation), order forms for the **Christmas Plant Sale**, the **Christmas Cash 50/50** and the special **One Year Memorial Candles**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great First Week of Advent. **Smile, share, practice holy waiting with hope. And remember: Look back and be grateful; look ahead and be hopeful; look around and be helpful.** God bless always. **-Father Chuck**



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

DECEMBER 1, 2024-1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

DECEMBER 1, 2024-1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

TO YOU
O LORD
I LIFT UP MY
Soul

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

ALLELUIA

Ps 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



JOY

Christmas Plant Sale

Once again, we are offering beautiful Christmas Plants for sale.

All items ordered will be available for payment & pickup on Sunday December 15th. in the School Cafeteria during our "Gaudete Sunday" celebration which will run from 8:30am till 2:00pm. Below is an order form. Simply fill it out and return to the rectory by Sunday, December 8th. You must have your order form to the rectory by 5pm that day. Remember, payment not required until pickup on Sunday December 15th.

Any questions please call the rectory at 516-593-5000.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Christmas Wreaths 12" - \$20 _____ Quantity
Grave Blankets 24" - \$30 _____ Quantity 42" - \$40 _____ Quantity
Poinsettias 6" - \$12 _____ Quantity 8" - \$22 _____ Quantity
Red/White/Pink (circle one) Red/White/Pink (circle one)
Decorated Crosses 24" - \$30 _____ Quantity
Decorated Candy Canes 24" - \$30 _____ Quantity
Order Total: Number of Items _____ Total Cost \$ _____



The Giving Tree

“It’s that Wonderful Time of the Year”

The Giving Tree, sponsored by the Parish Social Ministry, will be set up on the weekend after Thanksgiving in St. Raymond’s Church. If you would like to share a little Christmas cheer with someone in need, please take a card from the Giving Tree. The card will have a gift request from someone’s “wish” list that they would like to receive for Christmas.

When you return your wrapped gift, please be sure to attach the card, which you removed from the tree, securely to the outside of the package.

Please deliver your gift back to the Giving Tree no later than Sunday, December 15th, to allow time for distribution of the gifts.

Thank you for your never-ending generosity and for making someone’s Christmas a little brighter!



OLL Christmas Boutique

Join us for Holiday Fun!!

December 8th, 10am-4pm

LOTS of vendors, food and activities for the kids!

Our Lady of Lourdes School Gym
76 Park Blvd, Malverne, NY 11565



As we begin our journey through Advent, we are called to prepare ourselves appropriately for the coming of Christ. This is a great time to go to confession, especially if you haven’t been to confession in a while.

Special One year Memorial Candle

It's not too late!

Bring in the attached form to the rectory



Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2024 for the entire Church Liturgical Year. If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory. This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pick one: Blessed Mother _____ St. Joseph _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print) _____



Christmas Cash
"Gaudete Sunday"
Sky's the Limit 50/50

ON DECEMBER 15, 2024 AT OUR "GAUDETE SUNDAY" CELEBRATION, THE WINNING "CHRISTMAS CASH" TICKET WILL BE DRAWN. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE ONE HALF OF THE MONEY RAISED. TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH OR THREE FOR \$25 AND MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE RECTORY DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS OR THROUGH THE FOLLOWING TEAR-OFF. SIMPLY FILL OUT THE INFORMATION, INCLUDE YOUR CHECK AND MAIL IT TO THE RECTORY (263 ATLANTIC AVENUE). TICKET(S) WILL BE SENT TO YOU THE SAME DAY. THE DRAWING DATE GETS CLOSER EACH WEEK SO GET YOUR ORDER IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE MORE TICKETS SOLD THE GREATER YOUR WINNING SHARE AND THE GREATER THE PROFIT TO THE PARISH. WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT TO WIN SOME EXTRA "CHRISTMAS CASH" JUST BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS? DON'T MISS OUT. ONLY \$10 EACH OR THREE FOR \$25 AND THE "SKY'S THE LIMIT." WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT!



Christmas Cash
"Sky's the Limit" 50/50

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE# _____ #OF TICKETS _____
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

RETURN THIS TEAR-OFF TO THE RECTORY,
 263 ATLANTIC AVE., EAST ROCKAWAY, NY 11518.



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

*"Fear not I am with you; be not dismayed I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, and uphold you with My right hand."
 (Isaiah 41:10)*

For anyone experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, please do not panic and rush to make a hasty decision. You are not alone. There is free, confidential, caring help available to you to assist you during this special time in your life. Please call the following number to speak with one of the dedicated, well trained staff members at the Life Center who will help you.

**The Life Center of L.I.
 #516-798-9100**

"Before I formed you in your mother's womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." (Jeremiah 1:5)
*"The life of every individual, from its beginning, is part of God's plan."
 (The Gospel of Life)*

Thanks to all who have returned their filled baby bottles this week. It's not too late to return your baby bottle. Simply drop it off at the Rectory and we will bring it to the Life Center. On this first week of Advent, please remember in your prayers the women and men who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy. May they be filled with God's Providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child. Amen

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Year of
Mission



The Rite of Peace Part 1

After the Our Father and Embolism, as The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says, “There follows the Rite of Peace, by which the Church entreats peace and unity for herself and for the whole human family, and the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament” (GIRM, 82). At this point in the Mass, the priest prays, “Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.” The people then reply, “Amen.”

What True Peace Is—and What It’s Not

What is true peace? Perhaps we could go to various definitions. Our Catechism says, “Peace is not merely the absence of war, and is not limited to maintaining a balance of powers” (CCC, 2304). The Catechism continues with a quotation from St. Augustine, who wrote that peace is “the tranquility of order” (CCC, 2304). “Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic ‘Prince of Peace.’ By the blood of his Cross... he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. ‘He is our peace’ [Eph 2:14]” (CCC, 2305). As Edward Sri, the author of *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, writes, “Many people seek the security and peace of this world, which is a peace based on success, on everything going well, on avoiding problems and suffering. But this kind of peace is quite fragile and fleeting... Christ, however, offers us a deeper, longer lasting peace—one that the world does not give. When we allow Jesus to be the foundation of our lives and live according to his plan for us, he gives us an internal, spiritual peace that can withstand life’s many disappointments, trials, and sufferings. This is the kind of peace of heart that also builds true unity within marriages, families, communities, parishes, and nations. And this is what the priest prays for at this moment of the liturgy” (p. 130–31).

Hopefully, we have had moments of true peace in our hearts that remind us of how generously Jesus has loved us. For anyone who hasn’t, the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist certainly invites us to that peace for which we long. As we prepare to receive the Prince of Peace truly present in Holy Communion, perhaps it seems fitting that the Rite of Peace occurs at this moment in the Mass. According to Charles Belmonte, “When we pronounce our ‘Amen,’ we must realize that we are asking not only for our personal peace but also for peace for the whole Church... During the Last Supper, our Lord made his disciples aware of the importance of peace, the fruit of charity. Many times he spoke of unity, of the spirit of service, of humility, of charity. These are virtues and dispositions of the soul which can thrive only in an atmosphere of peace.” (Understanding the Mass, pp. 173–74).



Peace As Preparation for Communion

So, without a doubt, peace is an ardent desire and need for us as Christian people. This is true at all times of our lives, but especially at the Holy Mass. In the Mass, there are many wonderful gifts and graces; we certainly are going to receive those graces more fruitfully if our hearts are at peace and open to Christ, as opposed to being distracted and upset over things that happen to us. This is most true when the time for Holy Communion comes. We are preparing to receive the most wonderful gift: we can’t have a distracted heart! So, we make sure, by a prayer and a gesture, that we really are ready to go forward to receive Our Lord.*

For Reflection: Consider St. Augustine’s description of peace as “the tranquility of order.” Pray with a Scripture passage that describes the peace of the ordered city or kingdom of God, such as Isaiah 32, Isaiah 54, Psalm 122, or Revelation 21.

Next Week: The Rite of Peace – Part 2



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



*"The days are coming,
says the LORD, when I will
fulfill the promise
I made to the house of
Israel and Judah."*

Jeremiah 33:14

**Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission
July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025**

Now that we have introduced the Four Pillars of
Mission, we now offer ideas on how to apply
them to your life.

PILLAR 2 – EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY

Practical Suggestions for Practicing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy are kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their everyday material and physical needs. To bury the dead involves showing respect, care, and love for those who have passed away by providing proper and dignified care for their remains and honoring their memory.

To Bury the Dead:

- **Pray for the Deceased:** Offer prayers for the repose of the souls of the deceased, asking God to grant them eternal peace.
- **Support the Grieving Family:** Provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support to grieving family members, helping them with tasks like meals or childcare.
- **Assist with Funeral Arrangements:** Help families make funeral arrangements, ensuring that the deceased is properly cared for and given a respectful service.
- **Attend Wakes and Funerals:** Participate in the funeral services of others, offering prayers for the deceased and supporting the grieving family.
- **Organize Masses for the Dead:** Coordinate or sponsor Masses to be said for the souls of the deceased, ensuring that their souls are prayed for by the Church.
- **Donate to Charities in Their Memory:** Give to charitable causes or organizations in memory of the deceased, especially those that align with the person's values or wishes.
- **Volunteer with Funeral Ministries:** Volunteer with St. Raymond Parish's Bereavement Ministry to assist grieving families through funeral liturgy preparation, wake service, and funeral liturgy.

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

The following are just some of the organizations that reflect the Catholic commitment to the spirit of compassion and service central to the Corporal Works of Mercy

Catholic Charities: Provides assistance with funeral and burial costs, especially for families in need. They also offer grief counseling and other support services.

Website: www.catholiccharities.cc

The Little Sisters of the Poor (Queens and Long Island Locations): These religious sisters care for the elderly poor and often arrange for the funeral and burial services for their residents who have no family.

Website: www.littlesistersofthepoorqueens.org

The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville: This religious community is involved in various works of mercy, including caring for the poor and providing funeral services for those without families or resources.

Website: www.sistersofstdominic.org

The Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn: Though based in Brooklyn, they serve the greater Long Island area, offering pastoral care, funeral services, and assisting with the burial of the poor and marginalized.

Website: www.franciscanbrothersosf.org/

Long Island Catholic Cemeteries: Managed by the Diocese of Rockville Centre, this organization provides dignified burial services and assistance to those who cannot afford traditional funeral services or burial plots. **Website:** www.cclongisland.org

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Today is the First Sunday of Advent

As we light the candle(s) on our Advent wreaths, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends and be with all those who are in need this Christmas season. Amen.

Christmas Carols

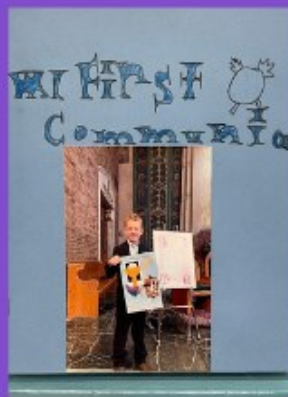
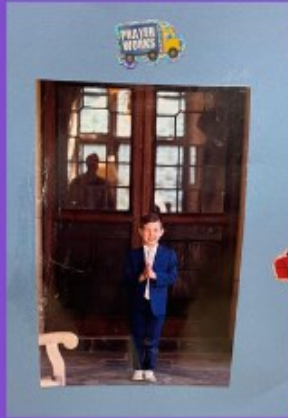
For the children signed up for Christmas Caroling after the 5pm Mass on Saturday 12/21/2024, rehearsals begin the following Tuesdays – 12/3, 12/10, 12/17 5pm-6pm in the Church. Parents please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child. FYI – sign up is closed.

Attention First Grade Parents/Catechists

The second First Grade Parent/Student meeting is scheduled for Sunday 12/8/2024 at 10:30am in the auditorium. Please remember to bring your child's workbook, folder, pencil and a snack for them to have between the end of class and the 12Noon Mass which all are to attend.



**OUR
THIRD
GRADERS
TELL
US
ABOUT
THEIR
FIRST
HOLY
COMMUNION**





**First Saturday
Novena
Our Lady of
Fatima
Rosary**

December 7, 2024

8:10am

**St. Raymond Church
Near the Blessed Mother Statue
Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary**



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, December 6th from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!



*"I am the
Immaculate
Conception."
Our Blessed
Mother to St.
Bernadette Soubirous
at Lourdes*

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**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**



**THE ROSE
FOR LIFE**

**In Honor of
Nancy Atteniese
Geber**

**For Dedications call
Mary Healy 887-4062**

St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry

The Ryan House

"The Heart of the Parish"

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FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM
10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

Thanksgiving is a special day of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. This year, the Parish Social Ministry distributed turkeys, chickens and all the trimmings to prepare a delicious Thanksgiving dinner to our clients with the help of many generous organizations and people in our community.

This week, we would like to sincerely thank our supportive parishioners, the members of the NY Elks Lodge #1 of Lynbrook, our St. Raymond's Religious Education students, families and staff, the leaders and scouts of Cub Scout Pack 84 under the leadership of Rob MacLeish among the other generous donors we have previously mentioned these last few weeks for the overwhelming food donations they donated to our food pantry to help make this Thanksgiving so special to all our clients.

The staff of the Parish Social Ministry hope that you and your families had a blessed Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the season of Advent and all the blessings it holds as we await the coming of Jesus, our Lord.

Pantry items still needed: Cold Cereal, Mayonnaise, Canned White Potatoes, Grape Jelly, Canned Meat, Canned Tomatoes, Shaving Creme, Conditioner, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.

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

Thank you all for always helping us serve the people in need in our community.

You are all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!



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St. Raymond's Choir



Can you sing?

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Practice Wednesday Evenings
7:30-9:00pm in the Church
Mass with the Choir is
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**Do you like to sing?
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**St. Raymond Folk Group!
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We rehearse Sundays at 10:30am

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Sunday Mass

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Masses for this week

Monday, December 2nd

7:15am Barbara Paterno

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Tuesday, December 3rd St. Francis Xavier

7:15am Susan McCaffrey

8:45am Hal Spencer

Wednesday, December 4th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Peter Ledwith

Thursday, December 5th

7:15am James Donlon

8:45am Debbie, Billy & Stephanie Hitchcock

Friday, December 6th

7:15am Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Rosalia D'Angelo

Saturday, December 7th St. Ambrose

8:45am Grace Ligarzewski, Gerard Malone,
Mario Salzano

5:00pm Jane Donlon

Sunday, December 8th

Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am Thomas Culmane

9:00am Joseph McCarthy

10:30am Angelina & Carl Barbato

12:00pm Dec. members of the Mahoney Family,
Rory Polley, Alice Dillon, Catherine
Salmon, Giacinto Ananstasio, John
Anastasio, John Matthews. Jr,
Robert J. Chojnacki, Rose Lacaj

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

IS 29:17-24/MT 9:27-31

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



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

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

Norma Esposito



The Bread & Wine
For this week is in
loving memory of

Lorraine Guerin

Love & Prayers

The Sodality of Our Lady

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Communal Prayer Before Mass

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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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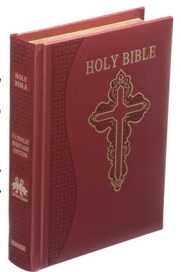
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