

# St. Raymond of the Mountains

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Visit [www.straymondchurch.org](http://www.straymondchurch.org), select the Online Giving link and follow the commands

Catholic Charities Help Line 1-866-409-6455

**In the event of inclement weather:** Please check our parish activities of cancellations at KDKA channel 2



## BAPTISMS:

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism.



## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 PM.

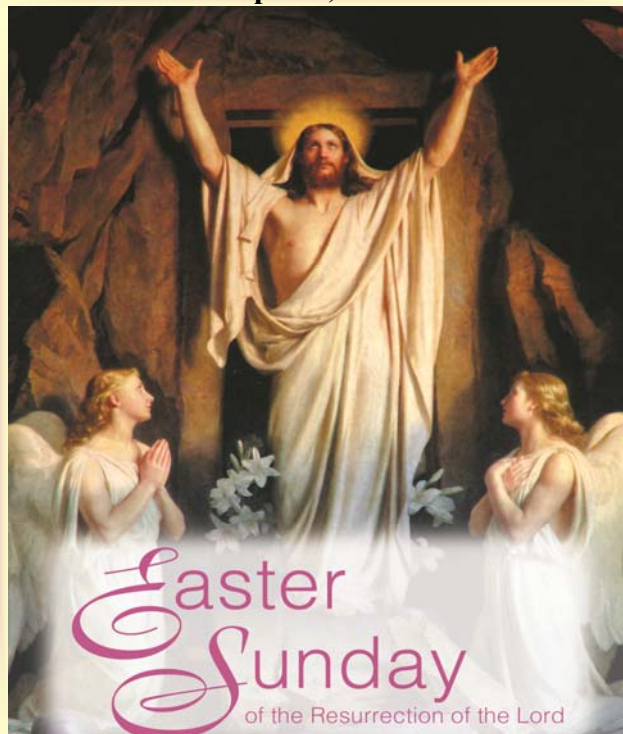


## MARRIAGES:

Arrangements should be made with the Pastor at least one year in advance.



April 1, 2018



## MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 PM.

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM at St. Raymond Chapel (under office) Except Friday.

An Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:

Every First Friday of the month

after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:00 AM.

Holy Days: See bulletin

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Closed Friday.

## St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of St. Raymond of the Mountains (Donegal, PA) are situated in a resort area and comprised of many rural communities. We come together to share and strengthen our faith in God and each other by celebrating the sacraments and striving to follow God's teaching. We are called to be open to the Holy Spirit and to build a stronger Faith Community by serving the needs of others, by educating, and by welcoming all.



**Easter Sunday**

Alleluia! The exclamation rings out across the land, and we who are disciples of Jesus Christ pause to reflect on the reality that he rose from the grave and, in turn, conquered death. In today's colleges and universities, in pulpits of every denomination, and in books and journals, there are those who say it is unimportant whether or not he really rose from the dead. They say that the facts do not impact the moral of the story. Of course, two thousand years of Christianity give evidence that they are incorrect. What the faithful of many generations have experienced and given testimony to is not something built on an idea. It is not a philosophy or a self-help Psychology.

The church is a direct result of real events in the course of human history. Without those real events, we simply follow a man who showed us a different way to live. Instead, we follow a God who emptied himself into a human form, suffered the pain of torture and death at the hands of those he had created, and then shattered the chains of death so that we in our human form may follow suit. Today, humanity is redeemed. It is time to face the facts!

**Reminder**

There will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction every First Friday (of the month) after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:00 AM. Hope to see you: **Friday, April 6** in the Chapel.

Please remember that we are collecting via our St. Vincent de Paul account for our "families in need" this Easter season. Envelopes are available on the table in the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

**NEW EVANGELIZATION**

Pope Francis, in his Introduction to "The Joy of the Gospel" explains that the purpose of this Exhortation is to "help give shape to a definite style of evangelization. . . We can take up amid our daily efforts, the biblical exhortation: 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say: Rejoice' (Phil 4:4)" [#18]. Evangelizing should be motivated by a sincere concern for others and sustained by a daily personal encounter with Jesus, a loving God who forgives us and welcomes us with open arms. He advises that "It would be wrong to see [evangelization] as a heroic individual undertaking, for it is first and foremost the Lord's work. . . . This conviction enables us to maintain a spirit of joy in the midst of a task so demanding and challenging" [#12]. Anyone proclaiming the Gospel should keep in mind that "The heart of its message will always be the same: the God who revealed his immense love in the crucified and risen Christ" [#11].



**Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018**

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab] Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Susan Mastowski, after her Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the Easter Vigil service, takes her fourth and final step in the RCIA, the period of "Mystagogy". As the term suggests, she is now introduced into a fuller and more effective understanding of the mysteries, or dogmas, of our Catholic faith. This is also the time for the members of our parish and the newly baptized, the "neophyte", to grow together socially and spiritually in our grasp of the paschal mystery, sharing in the Eucharist, and engaging in works of charity. Just as her new participation in the sacraments enlightens this neophyte's understanding of the Scriptures, so too she should experience a full and joyful welcome into our faith community. Together may we make the forgiveness, peace, joy and love of Easter an essential part of our entire lives.



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**St. Raymond's Christian Mothers News**

The Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall. We will be celebrating Easter and Spring. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



*St. Raymond of the Mountains Church,  
Donegal  
invites you to attend the public devotion  
honoring*

*The Divine Mercy of Jesus*

*2:30 — 3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 8  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &  
Benediction will be included.*



The devotion will begin at 2:30 p.m. and include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as the prayers of the Divine Mercy novena. Copies of the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found on the pamphlet rack in the back of the St. Raymond Church. Please note also the beautiful painting representing the Divine Mercy of Jesus which is displayed on the back wall of the Church.

**St. Raymond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook**

St. Raymond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook will be sold after all Masses this weekend

Please contact Cel Tidwell at 724-454-9105 or Dot Farkosh at 724-593-7598 for more information.



**CHICKEN & RIBS  
BARBEQUE**

**1 1:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 15**

**Dine-in or Take-out**

**St. Raymond  
of the Mountains  
170 Schoolhouse Lane,  
Donegal**

**1/4 Chicken & 2 Ribs**

**Coleslaw, Bake Beans, Bread,**

**Dessert & Drink: \$10.00**

**Chicken Leg, Applesauce, Baked Beans,**

**Bread, Dessert & Drink: \$5.00**

**Kids age 5 and under.**

**Volunteers are needed to help support the Chicken and Rib Barbeque Dinner. Volunteers are needed with food prep, kitchen help, wait staff, set-up and clean-up. We also need cakes and pies for dessert. So complete your Lenten giving by donating some time for this fundraiser. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the back of the church. Thank you.**

**FRIENDS OF ST. RAYMOND**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_


Child (ren) Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIENDS OF ST. RAYMOND**

If you are not a member of this parish but enjoy coming here and feel connected to us because you regularly come to visit in this area, please register as a Friend of St. Raymond. Simply fill out this coupon or a registration form and drop it into the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Being registered as a Friend of St. Raymond allows us to let you know what is happening in the parish throughout the year so that you continue to feel connected. Another advantage of being a Friend of St. Raymond is that we can keep track of any donations you make to the parish and provide a statement for tax purposes. Simply put your donation in an envelope with your name and the amount on it and put it into the collection. After January 1, call and request a tax statement and we will mail it to you.


## This Week in the Parish



This Sunday, April 1  
 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass  
No Religious Ed. Classes  
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

Friday, April 6  
- 8:00 a.m. Mass followed by  
an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (RC)

Saturday, April 7  
- 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)  
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass

Next Sunday, April 8  
 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass  
- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond  
Religious Ed. Classes (CL)  
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass  
- 2:30 p.m. Divine Mercy  
of Jesus (PH)

(RC) = Rectory Chapel (RM) = Rectory Meeting Room  
(CH) = Church (CL) = Classrooms (PH) = Parish Social Hall

**Thank You** to all volunteers who helped, and all the families who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt last Palm Sunday, March 25. You made it a great day for all of the children again this Easter.



Attendance and Offertory information for last weekend will appear in next week's bulletin due to early printing deadline for this bulletin.



### **Please remember in your prayers:**

Linda Abruzere, Josh B., Pam Balow, Matt Bauman, Kelly Brady, Beth Brown, Edward Budinsky, David Budinsky, Ginger Cairns, Terry Cavicchio, Mary Cauley, Don Critchfield, Shelly Critchfield, Amanda Dennis, Mary DeLose, Dave DeWitt, Francis Ernesty, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Mildred Estochin, Albert G., Bill G., Patty Gadek, Gerald, Rose Henrickson, Barry Huey, Mitchell Johnson, Jadon Kalp, Jim Kalp, Megan Kalp, Carol Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Flo Kinner, Ray Kostovny, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Leslie Lloyd, Juanita Miller, Richard Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtney Mastowski, Mindy O., Ryan Painter, Chris Petrarca, Greg Petrucci, Madeline R., Tracy Ritenour, Dan Rocker, Mellisa Rocker, Bernie Rusinko, Bill Schulte, Gertrude "Chub" Shaulis, Ted Shaulis, Helen Sparks, Ernestine Stanton, John Strucaly, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, and Jane Waite.

### **St. Raymond's Night at PNC Park**



Are you ready for some BASEBALL? St. Raymond's Night at PNC Park is slated for Friday, August 17, 2018! The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and you can see the Pittsburgh Pirates vs the Chicago Cubs. Ticket price is \$54 and it includes the bus ride to-and-from the park plus a \$5 concession credit for food/beverage at the park. So mark your calendars now. Don't forget, August 17. More details will follow at a later date.



# MASSES THIS WEEK



## Sat. - March 31 - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. Special Intention

## Sun. - April 1 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members



## Mon. - April 2 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. + Brent Heitzer (Lee Ann Burke) (Chapel)

## Tues. - April 3 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for N. Shaffer  
(Joe & Elise Bizup) (Chapel)

## Wed. - April 4 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. + Frank & Elise Perisina (Joe & Elise Bizup)  
(Chapel)

## Thurs. - April 5 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. + Ron Painter (Painter Family) (Chapel)

## Fri. - April 6 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00 a.m. Special Intention followed by an Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction  
until 10:00 AM (Chapel)

## Sat. - April 7 - Vigil: Sunday of Divine Mercy

4:30 p.m. + John Voke - Anniversary of Death  
(Dorothy Voke)



## Sun. - April 8 - Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members

10:30 a.m. + Flo & Bill Newill (Ray & Carolyn Porch)

## 2018 Masses Still Available

We still have many weekday/weekend Masses available for 2018. If you would like to have Mass for your loved one, please call or stop at the Parish Office to find out about the available dates. There is no limit to the number of Masses that you may request.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### SERVERS

Sat. April 7 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula  
Sun. April 8 8:00 a.m. - Cameron Wojnar  
Sun. April 8 10:30 a.m. - Nicole Shinsky

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. April 7 4:30 p.m. - Cathy Wenk  
- Dorothy Voke  
- Ginger Cairns  
Sun. April 8 8:00 a.m. - Karen Chearney  
- Noreen Brady  
- Rachel Burke  
Sun. April 8 10:30 a.m. - Cheryl Cupps  
- Deneen Vinkler  
- Mary DeLose

#### READERS

Sat. April 7 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula  
Sun. April 8 8:00 a.m. - Bill Pospisil  
Sun. April 8 10:30 a.m. - Peg Schafer

