

St. Raymond of the Mountains

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Online Giving Service

(web base electronic contributions, safe & secure)

Visit 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.



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.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday**

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples-Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." After his resurrection, Jesus' body--mangled and bloody from the crucifixion--is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him--wound for wound--and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.

First Communion items

St. Emma Gift Shop, 100 Harvey Avenue (Rt. 819) in Greensburg, has a wide variety of first Communion items, including rosaries, scapulars, prayer books, picture frames, crucifixes, Bibles and more, and a selection of new Communion dresses for \$25 (originally \$129-\$179). Hours Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call 724-834-3060.



Diocesan FamilyFest June 2

The Diocese of Greensburg will host FamilyFest 2018 on June 2 at Hempfield Park. The day of fun, food and worship begins at 11 a.m. Bishop Malesic will celebrate Mass at 4:30 p.m. No admission fee. Go to www.familyfestgreensburg.org for updated information and to register.

Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a] Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc] Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22] Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



Please remember in your prayers:

Linda Abuzere, 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 Kinneer, Ray Kostovny, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Leslie Lloyd, Juanita Miller, Richard Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtiney Mastowski, Mindy O., Nan, 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.

Magnificat Breakfast April 21

The Greensburg chapter of Magnificat — A Ministry to Catholic Women will hold a breakfast at the Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center April 21 from 9 a.m.-noon. Guest speaker will be Eileen Benthall, whose youngest daughter was born with a life-threatening disease. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. To register, call Brenda Concannon, 724-836-2094 by April 13, or visit www.magnificatgreensburg.com.

Geibel Catholic to host auction gala April 28

Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School will host its Denim & Diamonds Auction Gala April 28 from 6-10 p.m. at Anthony's Lakeside Party Center, Uniontown. For ticket, sponsorship and advertising information call Mary Dreliszak 724-628-5600, ext. 2208, or go to <http://www.geibelcatholic.org> and click on the auction logo. Proceeds provide tuition assistance programs.

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2018 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

The parish is sincerely grateful to all who have responded to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. To date the total of pledges and gifts is **\$28,552.42**. That means we exceeded our diocesan target by **\$3,119.47** and need **\$36,880.50** to reach our parish goal of **\$65,432.92**. Follow-up letters from Father Rick will be arriving in home this week. If you have not made your gift, please prayerfully discern your gift and drop it off in the Offertory basket or return it to the Parish Office. You may also make your pledge online at DLA.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

St. Raymond of the Mountains Church, Donegal invites you to attend the public devotion honoring The Divine Mercy of Jesus.



This Sunday is the first Sunday after Easter, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy at

2:30 p.m. in the church. In her Diary St. Faustina tells us that Jesus spoke to her of the Feast of Mercy: "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the font of My mercy." (Diary of St. Faustina, 699)

Come this Sunday as St. Raymond's parish celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. in the church. Learn more about this feast in the Diary of St. Faustina and on the internet.

NEW EVANGELIZATION

Evangelization must be prompted by concern for others, to share with them the gift of Faith. Our Faith, in turn, must be a matter of the heart, not simply a matter of the mind; we must live the Faith, not just know the Creed. St. Pope John Paul II insisted that the new evangelization is an implementation of Vatican II, a pastoral Council which shifted the focus of religion from academic to practical. Our God is the God of love and mercy who redeemed us from our slavery to sin and selfishness which ends in death, to the freedom of trust and service to others which leads to eternal life. By his life, death and resurrection, Jesus taught that we have a right to pray for and expect God's loving forgiveness and mercy. Share the Good News.

Kitchen help, wait staff, bussing tables.... Please check to see if you can offer any time to the upcoming Chicken and Rib Dinner from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., on April 15. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the back of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated.



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.



Stewardship Meeting

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, St. Raymond Social Hall.



CHICKEN & RIBS BARBEQUE

11:30 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.



Desserts! Desserts! Desserts!... Cakes and pies are needed for the upcoming Chicken and Rib Dinner to be held from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, April 15 in the social hall. Please bring your dessert to the kitchen by 10 a.m. Thanks for your support of this fundraising event.



Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming dinner on Sunday, April 15. Please come between 5:30 - 6 p.m. Friday, April 13 to help set the tables and prep the coleslaw. Other work will be completed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 15. Please help in any way you can.

This Week in the Parish

This 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)



Friday, April 13

- 5:30 p.m. Set the table and prepare Coleslaw for Chicken & Ribs on Sunday

Saturday, April 14

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

Next Sunday, April 15

- 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Chicken & Ribs BBQ (PH)



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

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.

Our Weekly Offering OFFERTORY

March 24 & 25, 2018

(129 out of 388 = 33%)

Envelopes	\$3,053.00
Loose	\$1,197.00
Monthly	\$110.00
Total	\$4,360.00
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$240.00
Easter Flowers	\$15.00
Holy Thursday	\$532.00
Good Friday	\$532.00

March 31, 2018 Easter Vigil

(105 out of 388 = 27%)

Easter	\$4,518.75
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April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday

(52 out of 388 = 13%)

Envelopes	\$1,078.00
Loose	\$1,179.00
Accent	\$5.00
Total	\$2,267.00
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$2,333.00

**Many thanks and may God Bless you
for your generosity!!!**

MASSES THIS WEEK

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)

Mon. - April 9 - The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Shirley Patik (Irene Burkes) (Chapel)

Tues. - April 10 - Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Thomas & Esther Noakes
(Joe & Elise Bizup) (Chapel)

Wed. - April 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 a.m. + Joseph & Mildred Melvin
(Joe & Elise Bizup) (Chapel)

Thurs. - April 12 - Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Kellen Ohler
(Ray Werthman) (Chapel)

Fri. - April 13 - Easter Weekday

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. - April 14 - Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

4:30 p.m. + Cecilia P. Harr (Children)



Sun. - April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members
10:30 a.m. + Mary Lou Phillips (Phillips Family)

From Families in Need...

"We are so thankful for your generous and thoughtful gift. We appreciate you going out of your way to help a new family in need that you hardly know. We will keep you all in our hearts as we prepare for our wonderful gift of life. Thank you very much."



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

Sat. April 14 4:30 p.m. - Connor Drazel
Sun. April 15 8:00 a.m. - Kaylea Voke
Sun. April 15 10:30 a.m. - Cheyenne Honeycutt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. April 14 4:30 p.m. - Cathy Wenk
- Dorothy Voke
- Ginger Cairns
Sun. April 15 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizak
- Karen Chearney
- **Volunteer Needed**
Sun. April 15 10:30 a.m. - Deneen Vinkler
- **Volunteer Needed**
- Mary Mastowski

READERS

Sat. April 14 4:30 p.m. - Ceal Solan
Sun. April 15 8:00 a.m. - Ray Werthman
Sun. April 15 10:30 a.m. - Mary DeLose

