

St. Raymond of the Mountains

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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.

August 30, 2020



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 PM.

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

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM at St. Raymond Church.

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:

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Closed Friday.

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

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.

GATHERING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

REFRAIN: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

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 sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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.

Mass of Christ the Savior Dan Schutte (b. 1947)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord ... God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full are full of your glory. Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

When We Eat This Bread

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. World grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN **We Remember**

R/. We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; And we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

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RECESSIONAL

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians,, follow where our Savior trod, Our King victorius, Christ, the Son of God.

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in glorious ranks combine.

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Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b] Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8] Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

The Second Collection today is for the Catholic Schools and University in our Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessed are those who see with the eyes of their heart for their vision will imagine the potential for new life to emerge

Find true happiness in believing that a simpler lifestyle can lead to happier life, that acquiring more goods, and striving for more convenience, and seeking more autonomy hold nothing but empty promises.



Coming in September

**The St. Pius X
Friday Fish Dinner is back!**

September 11th, 18th & 25th

Drive thru Only

Stay in your car!

4:00 p.m. until the fish runs out!

Menu: Fried or Baked fish, macaroni & cheese,
green beans, coleslaw, breadsticks
all for only \$10.

For more information please call 724-547-1911.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

Offering OFFERTORY for August 16 & 23, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,251.00	\$2,704.25
Loose	\$418.00	\$408.00
Monthly	\$225.00	\$210.00
Total	\$1,894.00	\$3,322.25
Assumption	\$198.00	\$205.00
ABC Education	\$0.00	\$45.00
Catholic Accent	\$5.00	\$0.00
Catholic U. & Schools	\$5.00	\$0.00

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

NEW EVANGELIZATION

Most people want to lead, to be in charge, but Christians are called to serve. Each of us has been given physical, intellectual, psychological and spiritual gifts not only for our own benefit but for the corporal or spiritual benefit of others. We should first assess our gifts and abilities: make a list, ask others, experiment by engaging in different forms of service. We should then assess the needs and inabilities of others: ask them and listen respectfully, and let them know you care. We should not presume to know another's need and insist that they do as we say. Often a smile or a word of encouragement is more helpful than stern discipline or a harsh word of reproach. Serving others involves dialogue, humility, empathy and frequent prayers for forgiveness and God's strength for our own sins and failings. Then help others in the name of Jesus and Mary.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Does God really exist? Did Jesus really rise from the dead? If you really believe, then your lifestyle must be obviously different from the lifestyle of someone who does not believe. To simply say "I believe" but live as though your belief has no relevance to what you do or say during your days is hypocritical, and God will judge you accordingly. If you deliberately refuse the gift of Faith or insist on doing as you please, you risk condemnation to an eternal agony of loneliness in the pitch - black darkness of nothingness. On the other hand, if you truly believe, put your Faith into practice, pray daily, regularly go to Confession and place yourself at the service of others, your reward is guaranteed to be an eternal joy and happiness of life with God and your other loved ones in a new paradise, a new heaven and a new earth.

RCIA: Are you or anyone you know interested in learning about the Catholic Faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church?

If so, please call the office at (724) 593-7479 to let us know, and we will return your call.

BIBLE

The Bible is made up of two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. Strictly speaking, however, a "testament" is not a writing, but actually designates a solemn agreement or "covenant" made between God and his people. "Testament" is legal terminology signifying a document ("Last Will and Testament"), which spells out the terms of the agreement and emphasizes the human commitment; it also carries the meaning of bearing witness ("court testimony"). Several factors are involved in a covenant and described in the testament: 1) God himself freely and gratuitously promises to do something beneficial for His people; 2) the agreement is formally declared; 3) a victim is sacrificed to ratify the covenant; 4) a ritual is prescribed to commemorate the event and to offer worship acceptable to God; 5) commandments, or conditions, are set forth which the believers must fulfill.

Reminder: Bible Study with live call-in participation, led by Scripture scholar, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, is presented every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 on EWTN TV.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. - August 29 - Vigil: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + Daniel Sparks
(John, Father & Mary Ellen Pallow)

Sun. - August 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members
10:30 a.m. + Jack Sharbaugh (Robert Broderick)

Mon. - August 31 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Mr. & Mrs. Ed Zurich (Joe & Elise Bizup)

Tues. - September 1 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention Offered for this day

Wed. - September 2 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Nathan Schafer - Birthday Remembrance
(Schafer Family)

Thurs. - September 3 - St. Gregory, the Great Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. + Merle Neiderhiser (Wife & Children)

Fri. - September 4 - Weekday

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

Sat. - September 5 - Vigil: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Brendon Burke (Kevin & Rachel Burke)

Sun. - September 6 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Jeanne Hadley (Bob & Peggy Reilly)
10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members



May God Grant her Eternal Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of our parishioner, **Frances (Ging) Korzen Cairns**, wife of Sam Cairns, also mother of our parishioner Shelly Ulery and husband Kevin.

Mrs. Cairns died on August 25, 2020.

Please keep Sam, Shelly, and family in your prayers.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Please remember in your prayers

August 2020

John Accettola, Josh B., Mike Bartow, Matt Bauman, Dennis Buckholtz, Terry Cavicchio, Mary Cauley, Shawn Dellgross, Amanda, Dennis, Dave DeWitt, Karen Dupstadt, Shawn E., Veronica Echard, Francis Ernesty, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Mary Estochin, Corinne Estock, Bill G., Patty Gadek, Gerald, Barry Huey, Mitchell Johnson, Darlene Jenniches, Karen, Jardon Kalp, Jim Kalp, Megan Kalp, Francis Kantorik, Carol Kelly, Blaine Keslar, Ray Keyser, Lisa Kosco, Ray Kostovny, Namon Lilly, James & Leslie Lloyd, Donna M., Kenny Mach, Lisa Magruda, Denise Mastro, Juanita Miller, Julia Miller, Richard Miller, Debbie Moore, Bob Nicholas, Regina Nilson, Mindy O., Beth P., Chris Petrarca, Greg Petrucci, Larry Powers, Madeline R., Tracy Ritenour, Bernie Rusinko, Evan Sander, Gertrude Shaulis, Ted Shaulis, Sheila Shogun, Yvonne Smith, Helen Sparks, Edie Spell, Ernestine Stanton, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, Stanley Uram, Bryce Vargo, Jim Walters, Margaret Witt, Cale White, Denny White, and Sandy White.