

# St. Raymond of the Mountains

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### Online Giving Service

(web base electronic contributions, safe & secure)

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.



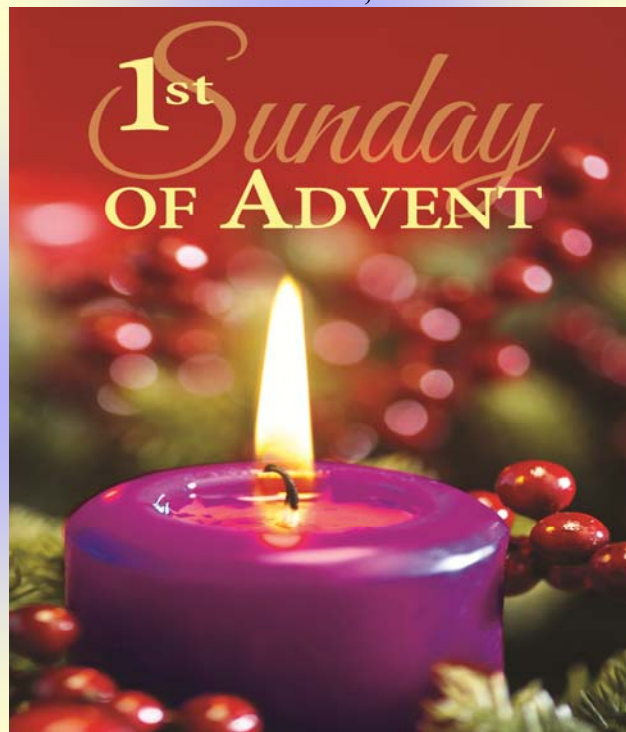
## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 PM.



## MARRIAGES:

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



## 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.



**Scripture of the Week**  
**First Sunday of Advent**



Another Advent is here! Do you remember what you did during Advent last year to prepare for the coming of Jesus? Did you feel a sense of anticipation while being watchful and alert? You can be honest.

In Mark's Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus speaks of a man who leaves on travels and before he departs he puts his stewards in charge, so that upon his return his home will be ready. You and I are those whom Jesus has put in charge. We each have our own work to do. If we are not preparing using our own unique gifts and talents, who will do our work? Perhaps we think we can do that later, or maybe next year. But if no one knows when he is coming, how do we gauge how much time we have to complete our work?

Most of us get so caught up in holiday shopping, making travel plans, preparing for guests, and attending holiday parties that even if we meant well, the motivation we had on day one of the Advent season slowly slips away. This year, let us resolve to be good stewards and be about our Lord's work. He trusted us enough to leave us in charge. He must believe we are up to the task.



Jesus is coming again very soon! His first coming in swaddling clothes to save us we celebrate on the feast of Christmas. He will come again clothed in light to judge us at the time of our death. Now is the time to prepare ourselves. Now is the time to clean up, repent and go to confession. Do not be fooled into thinking that our spiritual preparation is of little or no importance. His first coming has no value to us if His second coming catches us off guard with our minds focused only on material things. Evangelization begins with self, and requires an inner conversion with a nightly examination of conscience to review our thoughts, words and deeds of the day and resolving to do better tomorrow. At His first coming He disdained worldly riches, power and honor; His life exhibited mercy, humility, peace and charity. At His second coming we will be judged according to how well our own attitudes conform to His.

**Choir Practice**

Choir practice will be held every Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at St. Raymond Church.

If anyone is interested, you're all invited to join us.



**Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017**

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a] Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**2017 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

DECEMBER 4--ST. FLORIAN, UNITED--7:00 PM

DECEMBER 9--VISITATION, MT. PLEASANT --11:00 AM

DECEMBER 11--ST. ALOYSIUS, DUNBAR--7:00 PM

DECEMBER 16--ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SCOTDALE--11:00 AM



DECEMBER 19--ST. RAYMOND OF THE MOUNTAINS, DONEGAL--7:00 PM

DECEMBER 21--ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, CONNELLSVILLE --7:00 PM



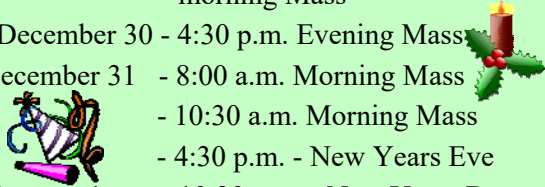
**Please remember in your prayers:**

Fr. Thomas Acklin O.S.B., Josh B., Pam Balow, Kelly Brady, Beth Brown, Edward Budinsky, David Budinsky, Ginger Cairns, Terry Cavicchio, Mary Cauley, Don Critchfield, Shelly Critchfield, Amanda Dennis, Dan Deplama, Dave DeWitt, Francis Ernesty, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Mildred Estochin, Albert G, Bill G., Patty Gadek, Gerald, Rose Henrickson, Barry Huey, Mitchell Johnson, Elivita Jones, Jadon Kalp, Jim Kalp, Carol Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Flo Kinneer, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Jim McInnary, Juanita Miller, Richard Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtney Mastowski, Mindy O., Chris Petrarca, Greg Petrucci, Madeline R., Karen Rega, Bernie Rusinko, Bill Schulte, Gertrude "Chub" Shaulis, Ted Shaulis, Helen Sparks, Ernestine Stanton, John Strucaly, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, Jane Waite, and Dewayne Wallace.

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**The St. Raymond Up Coming Holidays Event**

Friday, December 8 - 7:00 p.m. - The Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Sunday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve  
 Monday, December 25 - Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.  
 Monday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day morning Mass  
 Saturday, December 30 - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass  
 Sunday, December 31 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass  
 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass  
 - 4:30 p.m. - New Years Eve  
 Monday, January 1 - 10:30 a.m. - New Years Day morning Mass



**Servers, Readers & Ministers**

**Please Sign up for Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve 5 PM and Midnight

**2 Servers**

**1 Reader**

**3 Extraordinary Ministers**

Christmas Day 10 AM

**1 Server**

**1 Reader**

**3 Extraordinary Ministers**



Please use the Sign-up sheet on back table of the Church.

**Mark Your Calendars - Sunday, December 10!**

We just received notice from the Head Elf that Santa will be at St. Raymond on Sunday, December 10 for Breakfast with the Children and those who are young at heart.

Join us in the Social Hall after the 10:30 Mass for photos with Santa, breakfast and of course crafts. Signup sheets will be on the back table of the church.

Breakfast to include: French Toast sticks, waffles, sausage, scrambled egg, hash browns and fruit with Milk, Orange Juice and Coffee for the big kids.

This activity is free for children, donations will be accepted to cover the cost of this event.



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

The Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 12, at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall. We will be celebrating Christmas. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish, a \$5.00 Grab Bag Gift, and any monetary contribution one might like to make to a family in need. Come, join the festivities, and enjoy our last gathering together of this year, 2017.

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

**St. Raymond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook will be sold after all Masses this weekend ...** or you can order by complete an envelope on the table in the back of the church and place it in the box located on the table.



**Do not place any money in the envelope.**

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

**The Angel Tree**

"Angel Tree" Baby needs for 2017.... Please take an angel from the tree and buy a gift for an infant this Christmas Season. Infant needs this year are; Fuzzy blankets; outer wear 0-3 months; Sizes 3, 4 or 5 disposable diapers; baby towel; receiving blankets; infant sweaters; bibs, 0-3 months, 3 or 12 months baby outfits; infant sleeping bags; 0-3 months or 3 months baby pajamas; 0-3 months, 3 months or 12 months long sleeve onesies.

Due to limited storage space, Birthrite only requests what they absolutely need for the infants. So please support their needs this Christmas Season.



**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, Dec. 3      - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass  
                                      - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond  
                                      Religious Ed. Classes (CL)  
                                      - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 6      - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

Friday, Dec. 8             - 7:00 p.m. The Immaculate  
                                      Conception of the Blessed (CH)

Saturday, Dec. 9         - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)  
                                      - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass

Next Sunday, Dec. 10    - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass  
                                      - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond  
                                      Religious Ed. Classes (CL)  
                                      - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass  
                                      Breakfast with Santa after  
                                      the 10:30 a.m. Mass (PH) 

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



## Our Weekly Offering

### November 18 & 19, 2017

(98 out of 388 envelopes used which is 26 %)

Envelopes	\$2,239.75
Loose	\$462.00
Monthly	\$70.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,771.75</u>
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$1,828.25
Diocesan & Catholic Relief	\$826.00
Assumption	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Retired Religious	\$25.00

### November 25 & 26, 2017

(90 out of 388 envelopes used which is 24%)

Envelopes	\$1,901.25
Loose	\$755.00
Monthly	\$65.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2,721.25</u>
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$1,878.75
Accent	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$417.00

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

## 2018 MASS INTENTIONS

We are now scheduling Mass intentions for 2018. Each person may request up to 10 intentions for ONE person or ONE family. The priest, by Canon Law, cannot celebrate multiple intentions for one Mass. If you would like to request your intentions, please do so as soon as possible; in writing, and place it in the collection or mail it to the Parish Office. Please indicate your intentions and suggested dates on your written request. The Mass Intentions Policy is posted on the bulletin boards in the Church, and can be provided to you upon request by calling 724-593-7479 or coming to the Parish Office.

# MASSES THIS WEEK

## Sat. - December 2 - Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. + Jean Peperak (Addy Evangeliste & Family)

## Sun. - December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Alice Sparks (Bob & Patty Sparks)

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

## Mon. - December 4 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Tess Gorski (Micky & Linda Sisson) (Chapel)

## Tues. - December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Bob & Janet Hawk

60th Wedding Anniversary  
(Mike & Toni Terretti) (Chapel)



## Wed. - December 6 - Advent Weekend

8:00 a.m. + Tom Tully (Mike & Toni Terretti) (Chapel)

## Thurs. - December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

8:00 a.m. + Lorraine Kemp (Mike & Toni Terretti)  
(Chapel)

## Fri. - December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed virgin Mary

7:00 p.m. Special Intention (Church)

## Sat. - December 9 - Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. + Martin Burke (Leann Burke)

## Sun. - December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. + Alice Sparks (Bob & Patty Sparks)

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SERVERS

Sat. Dec. 9 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula

Sun. Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. - Kaylea Voke

Sun. Dec. 10 10:30 a.m. - Cheyenne Honeycutt

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

#### OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Dec. 9 4:30 p.m. - Cathy Wenk

- Susan Waite

- Rachel Burke

Sun. Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizak

- Karen Chearney

- Noreen Brady

Sun. Dec. 10 10:30 a.m. - Deneen Vinkler

- Jack Kinsey

- Mary Mastowski

### READERS

Sat. Dec. 9 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula

Sun. Dec. 10 8:00 a.m. - Bill Pospisil

Sun. Dec. 10 10:30 a.m. - Diane Kinsey

