

St. Raymond of the Mountains

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A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



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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.



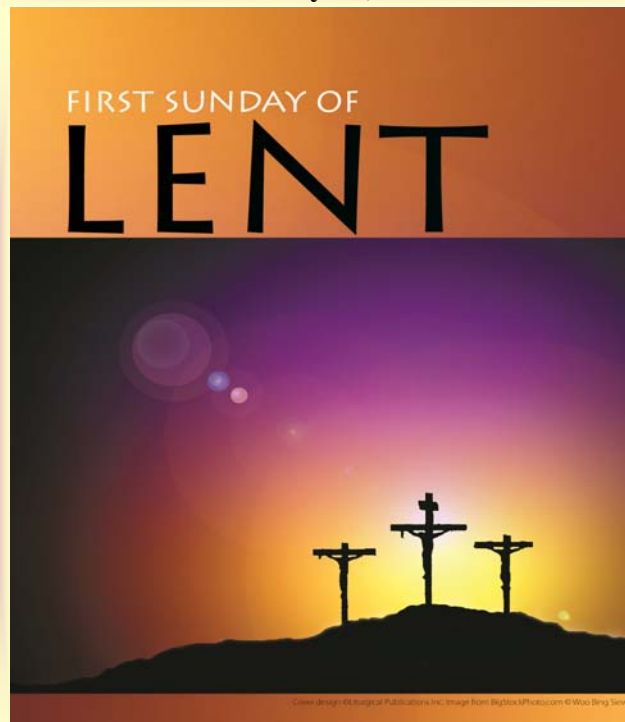
CONFESSIONS:

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.

First Sunday of Lent

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.


God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2015, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.


Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018

- Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
[Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
[18b]/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]
Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8
[3]/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]
Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10,
15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10


Please take a book or CD that are located on the table at the back of the church to accompany you during this Lenten Season as we journey towards Easter.



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.



Please remember in your prayers:
Linda Abruzere, Fr. Thomas Acklin O.S.B., Josh B., Pam Balow, Kelly Brady, Beth Brown, Edward Budinsky, David Budinsky, Ginger Cairns, Terry Cavichio, 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, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Juanita Miller, Richard Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtiney Mastowski, Mindy O., Ryan Painter, Chris Petrarca, Greg Petrucci, Madeline R., Dan Rocker, Mellisa Rocker, Bernie Rusinko, Bill Schulte, Gertrude "Chub" Shaulis, Ted Shaulis, Helen Sparks, Ernestine Stanton, Sr. Eddie Strong, John Strucaly, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, and Jane Waite.




There will be Stations of the Cross every Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner to follow in the Parish Social Hall. (From Tuesday, February 20 to Tuesday, March 27)

Holy Thursday, March 29 - Mass at 7:00 p.m. (Washing of the Feet - Volunteers Needed)

Good Friday Service, March 30 at 1:30 p.m. in Church

Holy Saturday, March 31 Blessing Baskets at 11:30 a.m. in Church

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m. in Church

Easter Sunday, April 1 will be a regular Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



2018 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 5 -- St. Florian, United -- 7:00 PM

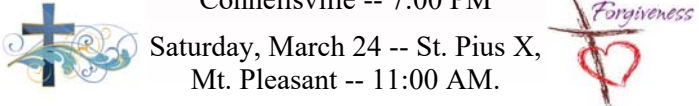
Thursday, March 8 -- St. Raymond of the Mountains, Donegal -- 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 13 -- St. Aloysius, Dunbar -- 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 17 -- St. John the Baptist, Scottdale -- 11:00 AM

Thursday, March 22 -- St. John the Evangelist, Connellsville -- 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 24 -- St. Pius X, Mt. Pleasant -- 11:00 AM.



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Diocesan Lenten Appeal

This weekend marks the beginning of our annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal. This week households in our parish will be receiving a request from Bishop Malesic in the mail along with additional information about the Appeal. If you have not already receive your letter, please watch for it to arrive.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry helps our children learn the beauty of helping those in need and the satisfaction that comes with loving one another.

"One of the things I'm always telling young people is that we're taught as Catholics and Christians to serve one another. The simplest things we do can spread Jesus and His love to other people."

-Elisa Esasky, director of Youth Ministry, St. Barbara Parish

"We do a different service project each month. Last week, we put together birthday boxes for families who can't afford to have parties for their children. I've learned that every small act of kindness I do really makes an impact on other people's lives."

-Layla Welsh, 17, member of the Youth Ministry program, St. Barbara Parish

Announcement Weekend

February 17-18, 2018

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THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

The purpose of a "new evangelization" is not so much to increase the number of Catholics, but to improve and increase the ardor and fervor of our own spiritual lives. We have been called to bear witness that we have found joy and hope in the teachings of Jesus and His commandment of love and honest concern for ourselves, our families, our friends and even our enemies. Those of us who are not yet perfectly holy but still feel that attachment to material comfort, wealth and security are told to die to self through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We find inspiration, strength, courage, and conviction from reading and meditating on passages in the Bible, by personal conversations with God in prayers of gratitude, repentance, petition and adoration. This is how we bring others to the Church and the Church to others.

DCCW event in Latrobe March 17, 2018

Deanery 4 of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites women to hear Deacon Michael Orange speak about Lent March 17 at Holy Family Parish, Latrobe.

The meeting begins with praying the rosary at 9 a.m. **RSVP by March 9** to 724-537-2083 or 724-537-2064.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday at the 10:30 Mass, the members of St. Raymond of the Mountains Church will celebrate the Rite of Sending and Enrollment of Names in the Parish Book of the Elect with Susan Mastowski. This Liturgy is our Parish's formal affirmation that she is sincere and making progress in her spiritual journey toward receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on March 31st. In the afternoon at the Rite of Election Bishop Malesic will recognize her as a member of the Elect along with RCIA participants from other parishes throughout the Diocese. As such, she will join us during this Lenten season as we repent and prepare ourselves to celebrate the central event of our Faith, the death, burial and Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.



This Week in the Parish

This Sunday, February 17 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass



- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond
Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

Tuesday, February 20

- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner (PH)

Wednesday, February 21 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

Saturday, February 24 - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass

Next Sunday, February 25 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass



- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond
Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

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

Our Weekly Offering

OFFERTORY - February 10 & 11, 2018

(110 out of 388 envelopes used which is 28%)

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| Envelopes | \$2,698.75 |
| Loose | 758.00 |
| Monthly | 107.00 |
| Youth | 00.00 |
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| Total | \$3,563.75 |

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| Needed for Expenses | \$4,600.00 |
| Difference | -\$1,036.25 |
| Catholic Accent | \$5.00 |
| Eastern European | \$55.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$191.00 |

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



Dear Parishioners of St. Raymond,

I thank you so much for your kindness to Birthright. Our needy mothers and babies are appreciative of your help. We could not continue being a voice for the unborn without such generosity. God Bless You All!



Sincerely for the Unborn,
Sheila A. Shogan, Birthright Director

Thank you so very much for continuously remembering us. I can't begin to tell you how much it means to us for all your help. I ask God to Bless each and everyone who has contributed towards this gift. Have a Blessed New Year. Love and God Bless.



Thank you for the gift and gift card that I received at Christmas. I have enjoyed the gift and used the gift card for needed groceries. Thank you very much.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. - February 17 - Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. + Mary Cook (Helen Sparks)

Sun. - February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members

10:30 a.m. Bob Heitzer (Lee Ann Burke)

Mon. - February 19 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention (Chapel)

Tues. - February 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention (Chapel)

Wed. - February 21 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention (Chapel)

Thurs. - February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00 a.m. Special Intention (Chapel)

Fri. - February 23 - Lenten Weekday

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. - February 24 - Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. Special Intention

Sun. - February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN CELEBRATIONS, AND REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

Season of Lent: we need people to volunteers to be a Servers, a Readers, and a Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at these Masses, also for weekend Masses. A sign up sheet is on the table in the back of the Church.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Church.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 24 4:30 p.m. - Conner Drazel

Sun. Feb. 25 8:00 a.m. - Dakota Cook

Sun. Feb. 25 10:30 a.m. - Cheyenne Honeycutt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Feb. 24 4:30 p.m. - Dorothy Voke
- Patty Powers
- Volunteer Needed

Sun. Feb. 25 8:00 a.m. - Mary DeLose
- Rachel Burke
- Kathleen Smith Mizak

Sun. Feb. 25 10:30 a.m. - Mary Mastowski
- Volunteer Needed
- Jack Kinsey

READERS

Sat. Feb. 24 4:30 p.m. - Ceal Solan

Sun. Feb. 25 8:00 a.m. - Candy Brangard

Sun. Feb. 25 10:30 a.m. - Peg Schafer



Second Collection this weekend is for
Home Missions of the America.

