

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:

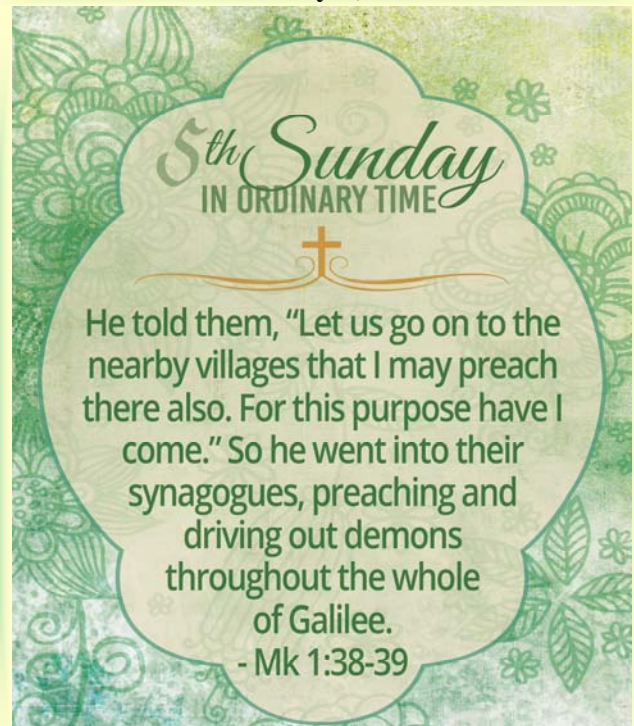
Saturday: 3:30 PM.

MARRIAGES:

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



February 4, 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him." How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus. Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.



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, 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, John Strucaly, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, and Jane Waite.

Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a] Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7] 1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Old Palm will be burned to provide Ashes for Ash Wednesday, which is February 14. Please bring your old Palm to Church by the weekend of February 10/11. You can place them in the box on the table in the back of the Church.



Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Mass and 6:30 p.m. Mass
at St. Raymond Church.



Lent 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.



Breakfast at Visitation Church, Mt. Pleasant

All You Can Eat Pancake, Egg & Sausage Breakfast
Sunday, February, 18, 2018 8 a.m. -12 Noon
Visitation Community Center



Menu: pancakes, eggs, sausage, toast & beverage of your choice.

Adults/\$6.00, children (10 & under)/\$3.00 & toddlers (3 & under)/Free

Buckwheat cakes will be available as well as take-out.

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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Truth is what it is, no matter what I want it to be. Objective truth is the fact(s) or event in itself whether anyone is aware of it or not; subjective truth is an individual's idea or perception of the fact(s). Our ideas and viewpoints do not always agree with the objective truth. There can be and often is disagreement about subjective truth, but the facts remain the same. We are called to evangelize the Truth about Jesus Christ, His Resurrection and His Command to love and serve others. This demands dialogue and discussion, not an arrogant insistence that "I am right and you are wrong". Only with humility and understanding can we bring ourselves and others to the conviction that God is Truth and the Way is Love.

January Calendar Ticket Winners...

- Jan. 23: #712 Tiffany Pluto; seller Joyce Delgross
 - Jan. 24: #130 Rick Meyers; sold at church
 - Jan. 25: #386 Diane Proctor; seller Toni Terretti
 - Jan. 26: #936 Chuck McDowell; seller Christine Keslar
 - Jan. 27: #018 Mariah Ash; seller Joyce Delgross
 - Jan. 28: #571 Cindy Thompson; seller Joe Barrick
- Winners were from Stahlstown, Champion, Munhall, Connellsville, and Mt. Pleasant. Congratulations!



Please Mark Your Calendar:

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.



Second Collection Today is for Eastern European

The Envelope for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations that offer affordable shelter, training for seminarians, pastoral care, and catechesis. Your donation today helps restore the Church in the region and build its future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous in today's Envelope. Visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more about the important projects funded by the appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA

"Faith" has several definitions. First, it is believing; it is an individual's acceptance of something or an event as true without direct observation or proof: we believe in God. Secondly, it is a trust that we place in someone or something: we trust in God. Faith is also a body of Truths or Doctrines: our Catholic Christian Faith is summarized in the Nicene Creed. This Creed is the statement of Faith agreed upon by the college of Bishops at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which an individual comes to know and accept Catholicism. In the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist), we publicly profess our Catholic Faith, agree to live Christian lives according to the Law of Love, and are born again into eternal life.

Diocesan Heritage Center Mass and light lunch on Saturdays in Lent

The Diocesan Heritage Center is hosting a Lenten program on the **five Saturdays in Lent** (Feb. 17 and 24, March 3, 10 and 17). Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Chapel at the Bishop Connare Center. A light soup lunch will follow, and attendees will be invited to the new Heritage Center exhibit, "Journeying with Jesus: The Passion."

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, February 4 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
 - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond
Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

Wednesday, February 7 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH) 

Saturday, February 10 - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass

Next Sunday, February 11 - 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 - January 27 & 28, 2018

(103 out of 388 envelopes used which is 27%)

Envelopes	\$2,658.75
Loose	645.00
Monthly	45.00
Youth	00.00
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Total	\$3,348.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$1,251.25
Catholic Accent	\$15.00

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.

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.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. - February 3 - Vigil: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

4:30 p.m. + John Voke - Birthday Remembrance
(Dorothy Voke)

Sun. - February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Frank Pegnato (Phyllis Sanguini)
10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

Mon. - February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

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

Tues. - February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyr

8:00 a.m. + Bertha Petthoff (Ceal Tidwell) (Chapel)

Wed. - February 7 - Weekday

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

Thurs. - February 8 - Weekday

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

Fri. - February 9 - Weekday

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. - February 10 - Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + Rance Sanner (Josephine & Dennis Bucholz)

Sun. - February 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Patty Pospisil (Roger Pospisil & Family)
10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

ASH WEDNESDAY, LENTEN CELEBRATIONS, AND REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES

For Ash Wednesday, February 14 and during the 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 will be available next weekend.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Church.

“Open your heart and allow God to lead you”

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 10 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula
Sun. Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. - Kaylea Voke
Sun. Feb. 11 10:30 a.m. - Cheyenne Honeycutt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Feb. 10 4:30 p.m. - Cathy Wenk
- Dorothy Voke
- **Need Volunteer**
Sun. Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizak
- Karen Chearney
- Noreen Brady
Sun. Feb. 11 10:30 a.m. - Deneen Vinkler
- Jack Kinsey
- Mary Mastowski

READERS

Sat. Feb. 10 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula
Sun. Feb. 11 8:00 a.m. - Ray Werthman
Sun. Feb. 11 10:30 a.m. - Mary DeLose

