

# 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.

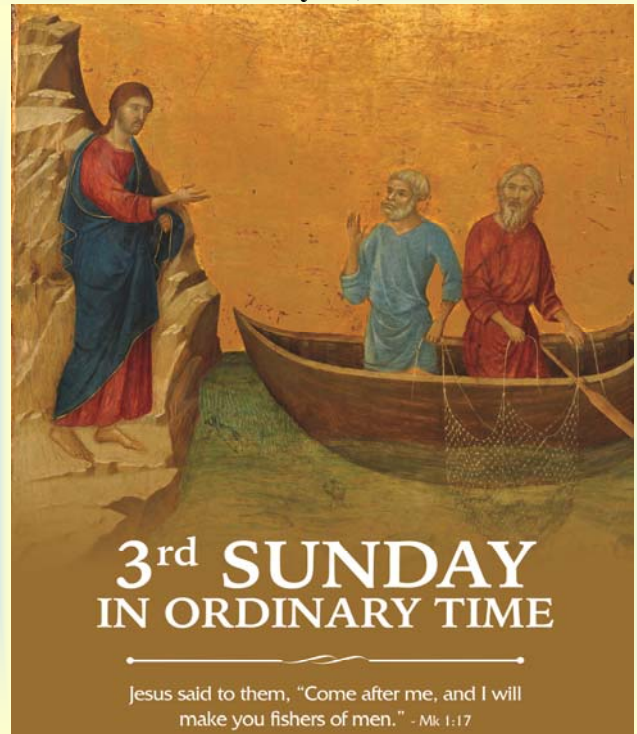


### MARRIAGES:

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



January 21, 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**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything-or anyone-else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

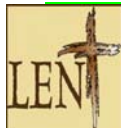


**Please remember in your prayers:**

Linda Abruzere, Fr. Thomas Acklin O.S.B., Josh B., Pam Balow, Kelly Brady Beth Brown, Edward Budinsky, David Budinsky, Ginger Cairns, Terry Cavicchio, 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 January 21, 2018**

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a] 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8] 1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



**A Reminder:**  
**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 14, 2018.**



**NEW EVANGELIZATION**

We are called to spread the Gospel message not only by praying for forgiveness for ourselves but also by defending the rights of those unable to speak for themselves. The most basic right is the Right to Life. In #54 of his 1995 encyclical "The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae)", St. Pope John Paul II wrote, "From the beginning, the living Tradition of the Church – as shown by the Didache, the most ancient non-biblical Christian writing – categorically repeated the commandment 'You shall not kill': 'There are two ways, a way of life and a way of death. . . . The way of death is this: . . . they show no compassion for the poor, they do not suffer with the suffering, they do not acknowledge their Creator, they kill their children and by abortion cause God's creatures to perish; they drive away the needy, oppress the suffering, they are advocates of the rich and unjust judges of the poor; they are filled with every sin.'"

Please, Father, forgive us our sins as we forgive others.

**Day of Prayer and Awareness for Human Trafficking February 10, 2018**

The third annual Day of Prayer and Awareness for Human Trafficking will be held Feb. 10 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Vincent Grove, Latrobe. The speaker will be Marlene Carson, Ph.D., a survivor of trafficking as a teen and founder of The SWITCH National Anti-trafficking Network. Register for the free event at [rsvpf@hotmail.com](mailto:rsvpf@hotmail.com) or 724-537-2064.



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**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

This weekend at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday **Susan Mastowski** will participate in the Rite of Acceptance. She has passed through her initial step of "Inquiry", a period of discussing her questions and personal convictions about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Faith.

This Rite is the formal beginning of her second step of the "Catechumenate", a period of serious study of the doctrines and moral principles of our Catholic Faith. The third step is a period of "Purification and Enlightenment" during Lent, a time of intense spiritual preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist which she will receive at the Easter Vigil on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This is followed by the fourth step of "Mystagogy", a time to reflect on her experience and consideration of the personal meaning of full and active membership in our St. Raymond Parish community and her eternal life with Jesus.

**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.

**January Calendar Ticket Winners...**

- Jan. 9: #346 Michelle Ritenour; seller Ray Werthman
  - Jan. 10: #183 Tammy Weyand; seller George Estochin
  - Jan. 11: #962 Keira Mastowski; seller Mary Mastowski
  - Jan. 12: #991 Larry Tong; seller Suzanne Miller
  - Jan. 13: #550 Dan Armstrong; seller Ted Shaulis
  - Jan. 14: #166 Joe Chearney; seller Christine Keslar
  - Jan. 15: #759 Tammy Weyand; seller George Estochin
- Winners were from New Stanton; Fort Knox, Kentucky; New Orleans, Louisiana; Connellsville and Champion.



**The Music Ministry at St. Raymond of the Mountains invites you!**



Becoming an active member of our Music Ministry is a great way to support our parish, create new friendships, and give of your talents through our liturgies. We are always looking for singers and instrumentalists to take part in the many opportunities for joyful music-making at St. Raymond's. We sincerely hope you will answer the call to service for the glory of the Lord!

**In preparation of the Lenten Season, Choir Rehearsals** will be held every Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the church. All **Adult and young adults** are invited to attend.

Six students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 27, 2017. In the weeks ahead, we will be publishing their reports as to why choosing their saint's name has a special meaning for them.

**Abbey Stepanic: St. Elizabeth**

*We learn about St. Elizabeth in the Gospel, the Book of Luke. Elizabeth was righteous before God and was blameless but childless. She is the cousin to the Blessed Mother, Mary. Elizabeth married Zachariah. He wanted a child and went to pray in the temple. While praying, an angel, Gabriel, visited him. He said, "do not be afraid, our prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bare you a son, and you are to call him John" (Luke 1: 13-15). Zachariah was very doubtful. He and Elizabeth were very old. Because Zachariah doubted his faith, he was rendered mute (until after the pregnancy). Elizabeth became pregnant shortly thereafter and was very excited. The angel then visited Mary telling her that she would become the mother of Jesus. Mary visited Elizabeth and the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy! Mary stayed with her for three months. Finally, Elizabeth gave birth to a son. She named him John who became known as John the Baptist. We celebrate Saint Elizabeth's Feast Day on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.*



**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

## This Week in the Parish

- This Sunday, Jan. 21
- Religious Education** 
- 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
  - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass
- Wednesday, Jan. 24
- Saturday, Jan. 27
- Next Sunday, Jan. 28
- Religious Education** 
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH) 
  - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)
  - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
  - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
  - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

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

## Our Weekly Offering

### OFFERTORY - January 13 & 14, 2018

(90 out of 388 envelopes used which is 23%)

Envelopes	\$2,527.75
Loose	999.00
Monthly	70.00
<u>Youth</u>	<u>00.00</u>
Total	\$3,596.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$1,003.25
Catholic Accent	\$90.00
Christmas	\$190.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00

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.

# BINGO

Are you free Wednesday afternoons? Come join our group at **Saint Vincent Grove** from 12:30-3:30 p.m. for bingo, cards and socializing. All ages and faiths are welcome. For more information, call Fr. Daniel O'Keefe at 724-539-8629, ext. 12.



# MASSES THIS WEEK

## Sat. - January 20 - Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + Frank Pegnato (Joanne McCaw)

## Sun. - January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

## Mon. - January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Peggy Ruddy  
(Tidwell Family) (Chapel)

## Tues. - January 23 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Emma Babyak (Kathleen & Jerry Babyak)  
(Chapel)

## Wed. - January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention (Tidwell Family) (Chapel)

## Thurs. - January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for health of Sr. Anne Arnold  
(Tidwell Family) (Chapel)

## Fri. - January 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

NO MASS SCHEDULED

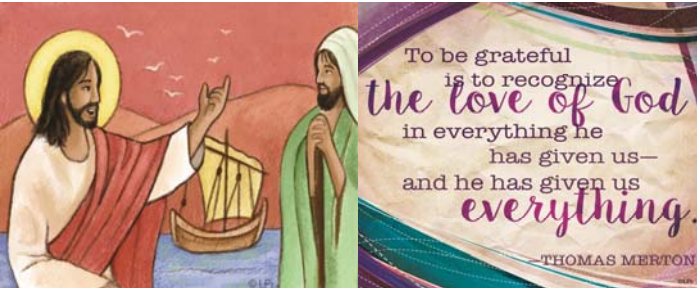
## Sat. - January 27 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + Jerry Kalp - Anniversary of Death  
(Marlene Kalp)

## Sun. - January 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Frank Pegnato (Mr. & Mrs. David Brooks)

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SERVERS

Sat. Jan. 27 4:30 p.m. - Conner Drazel  
Sun. Jan. 28 8:00 a.m. - Dakota Cook  
Sun. Jan. 28 10:30 a.m. - Cheyenne Honeycut

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Jan. 27 4:30 p.m. - Dorothy Voke  
- **Need Volunteer**  
- Susan Waite  
Sun. Jan. 28 8:00 a.m. - Mary DeLose  
- Rachel Burke  
- Kathleen Smith Mizak  
Sun. Jan. 28 10:30 a.m. - Mary Mastowski  
- **Need Volunteer**  
- Jack Kinsey

### READERS

Sat. Jan. 27 4:30 p.m. - Ceal Solan  
Sun. Jan. 28 8:00 a.m. - Candy Brangard  
Sun. Jan. 28 10:30 a.m. - Peg Schafer

