

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.

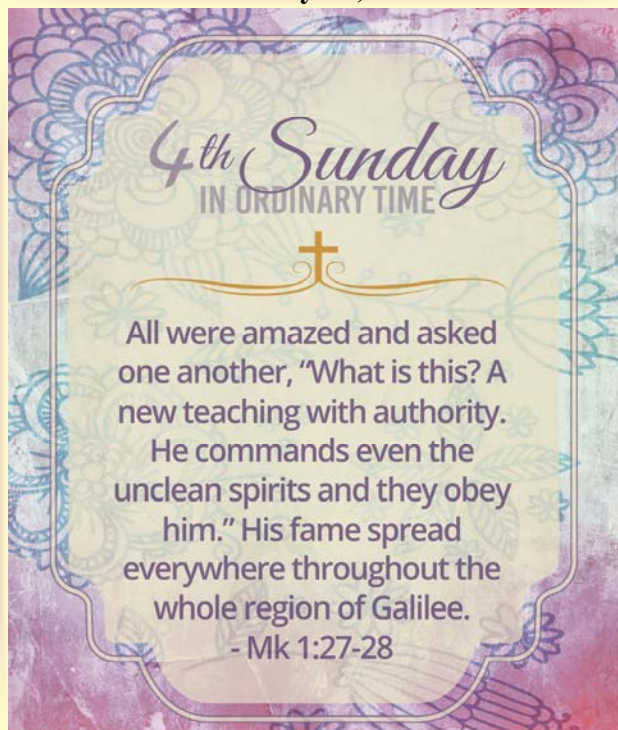


MARRIAGES:

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



January 28, 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Those gathered in the synagogue where Jesus taught had never heard anything like this before. They were used to the preaching of the well-educated scribes, but Jesus possessed something that those men lacked: authority. Instead of merely interpreting the laws of the prophets, Jesus presented a new vision, indeed, he shared the good news of the Gospel with his listeners.

We do not have the opportunity to stand in the presence of Jesus in the same way that those first-century Jews did, but nonetheless we can also stand in awe of his authority. His teachings are available to us through the sacred Scriptures that the Church has preserved and through the sacred tradition that the Church carries on. And in a special way, Christ's authority continues to inspire and guide us through the ministries of the papacy, episcopacy, and priesthood that Jesus established on our behalf while he was yet on earth.

As Catholics, we have a special share in the astonishing authority of Jesus through the hierarchy of the Church. Although this structure is often misunderstood or misinterpreted, it is actually an authority rooted in service and modeled after Christ who told his apostles, "The greatest among you must be your servant" (Mt 23:11).

This humble exercise of authority is contrary to the worldly search for power. And whenever we find ourselves in a position of authority, we too should strive to lead and direct others in the true spirit of Christian love and service. Chances are, if we truly imitate Christ in this way, people will be astonished at what they see.



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 28, 2018

- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
[cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]
Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
[12b]/Mk 6:30-34
- Next 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

Reminder

There will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction every First Friday (of the month) after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:00 AM. Hope to see you: **Friday, February 2** in the Chapel.



Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2018

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



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 at the back of the Church.



NEW EVANGELIZATION

Evangelization involves dialogue, a give-and-take. Pope Francis, in chapter four of his 2013 exhortation on new evangelization, "The Joy of the Gospel", states that not only must individual Christians proclaim the Gospel to other individuals but the Church as a community must "dialogue with states...dialogue with cultures and the sciences and dialogue with other believers" (#238). Dialogue means both that we must not be too timid to speak out and also that we must not be too arrogant to listen and observe. We have the right and obligation not only to promote the truths and morality of our Catholic Faith but also to understand and utilize the values, developments and customs in our culture, in scientific theories and by other religions. Our goal must be to encourage unity, truth and peace prompted by a sincere concern for our own physical, moral and spiritual welfare as well as that of all other human beings.

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The Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA) will be starting soon. Last year the theme was “Because I am Catholic, I Pray, I serve, I Give. The Diocesan Target for St. Raymond was \$23,549. Total donations pledged was \$56,935. There was 38% participation from the parish. St. Raymond met 241.8% of the target. The average Diocesan gift was \$248 per participant, the highest ever. Through your generosity for the DLA for 2016 and 2017, we were able to place a roof on the entire building including the parish, classrooms, kitchen, serving area and social hall. Thanks to all for supporting this endeavor.

RCIA

The Second Vatican Council prescribed a revision of the process through which an individual becomes a Catholic. Accordingly, in 1972 the Congregation for Divine Worship devised the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and in 1988 the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB [now, USCCB]) translated and promoted this Rite in parishes throughout the U.S. Within this Rite are prescribed several liturgical rites “to be celebrated at successive intervals of time”. The Sacraments of Initiation are Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Those already baptized are formally known as “candidates” while those never before baptized are known as “catechumens”. In 1991 Fr. Francis Ott trained catechists and implemented the RCIA here at St. Raymond of the Mountains Parish.

January Calendar Ticket Winners...

Jan. 16: #244 Christie Ulery; seller Cathy Korzen
Jan. 17: #803 Sandra Owens; seller Cel Tidwell
Jan. 18: #255 Wayne Noll; seller Pam Merlino
Jan. 19: 265 Angela Kujawa; seller Ginny Howard
Jan. 20: #788 Sonny Korzen; seller Cathy Korzen
Jan. 21: #572 Alice Tranchini; seller Rick Painter
Jan. 22: #753 Bill Howard; seller Ginny Howard



Winners were from Stahlstown: Connellsville: Friedens, PA; Mt. Pleasant; Donegal and Export, PA.
Congratulations!

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please be generous. More information please go to www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Six students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 27, 2017.

This is the final report of St. Raymond's 2017 Confirmation class.

Laura Caruso: St. Isidore

I chose St. Isidore because he is the Saint of farming. He was the son of Severianus and Theodora. His family was very poor but they were a religious family. His parents sent him to work on a Spanish estate to help support the family. A wealthy man by the name of Juan de Vargas was the owner of the estate. Even though he had a job, he always attended morning Mass. Most of the time, he arrived late since he went to Mass. The other farmhands became mad at him and thought he was lazy. Juan began to receive complaints about Isidore being late. One day, he went to see for himself if he was late. Sure enough, he was but his work was still getting done. He was amazed to see two angels guiding the plow. When Isidore arrived, he guided the plow and the angels walked by his side. Saint Isidore was born in Madrid, Spain and died on April 4, 636. He died of natural causes at the age of 76. Isidore's feast day is celebrated on May 15. Even though he is the patron of farmers, he loved the poor and animals. He always fed desperate animals and helped the poor. This is another reason why I admire him because he loved animals. This is why I chose St. Isidore for my Confirmation name.



Dear St. Raymond of the Mountains church, I want to thank all of your church parishioners for the gift card and other things everyone gave me. I am so grateful. It really means a lot to know that there are people who care. God Bless Everyone. Thanks again.



God has showered me with blessings through you. Thank you for all you have done to help me through this difficult year in the loss of my husband. Your kindness has been appreciated. The gift cards, puzzle books and flashlight are so very thoughtful. Thank you for your kindness. Have a Happy New Year, 2018.



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.

This Week in the Parish

This Sunday, Jan. 28




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

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Friday, Feb. 2



- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH) 
- 8:00 a.m. followed by an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction until 10:00 AM (Chapel)

Saturday, Feb. 3

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

Next Sunday, Feb. 4



- 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 20 & 21, 2018

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

Envelopes	\$2,529.75
Loose	640.00
Monthly	66.00
Youth	00.00
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Total	\$3,235.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$1,362.25
Children & Family Services	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$40.00

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

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

You are invited to join Bishop Malesic on an inspiring and amazing *Pilgrimage to the Holy Land*, October 1 - 11, 2018. This pilgrimage includes visits to Tiberias, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem & more! Please contact Father Willie Lechnar, Director of Pilgrimages at 724.552.2645 or via email at wlechnar@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Space is limited!

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Mon. - January 29 - Weekday

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

Tues. - January 30 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Sister of Joanne Sergeant (Joanne Sergeant)
(Chapel)

Wed. - January 31 - St. John Bosco, Priest

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

Thurs. - February 1 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Amelia Jenca - Anniversary of Death
(Tidwell Family) (Chapel)

Fri. - February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Mass followed by an Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction until
10:00 AM (Chapel)



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

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.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 3 4:30 p.m. - Nicole Shinsky
Sun. Feb. 4 8:00 a.m. - Cameron Wojnar
Sun. Feb. 4 10:30 a.m. - Dakota Cook

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Feb. 3 4:30 p.m. - Dorothy Voke
- Ginger Cairns
- Rachel Burke
Sun. Feb. 4 8:00 a.m. - Noreen Brady
- Karen Chearney
- Kathleen Smith Mizak
Sun. Feb. 4 10:30 a.m. - Darleen Grabill
- Patty Powers
- Mary DeLose

READERS

Sat. Feb. 3 4:30 p.m. - Candy Brangard
Sun. Feb. 4 8:00 a.m. - Bill Pospisil
Sun. Feb. 4 10:30 a.m. - Peg Schafer

