

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.



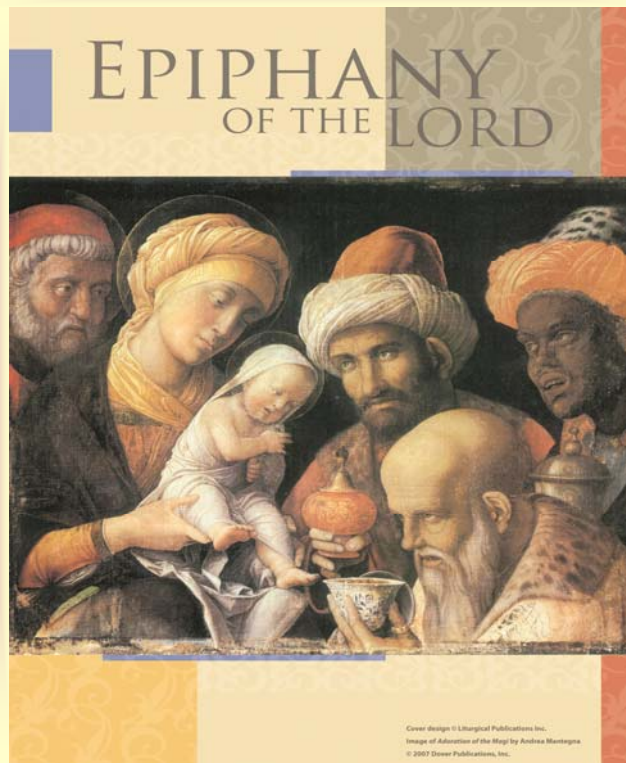
CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 PM.



MARRIAGES:

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



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

The Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother. The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death. Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves. Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2018

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1] Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42



THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT



The "New Evangelization" in the Catholic Church is, first of all, a call to those who are already Catholic to renew within themselves their fervor, their ardor, their spiritual life and personal relationship to Jesus through a continuous inner conversion based on repentance, humility, discernment of and obedience to the Will of God. Only with the peace and joy that flow from a good conscience and living a life imitating the example of His Virgin Mother Mary should we proceed to share the gift of our Faith with others. Further encouragement and explanations of our mission is available on-line at vatican.va by viewing or downloading the writings of recent popes: "On Evangelization in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi)" by Paul VI (1975), "The Mission of the Redeemer (Redemptoris Missio)" by John Paul II (1990) and "The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)" by Francis (2013). Improve your own spiritual life before you invite others to follow your example.



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, 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.

DCCW Sanctity of Life prayer event Jan. 19

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will host a Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life Friday, Jan. 19, at the Bishop Connare Center. The day begins with the rosary at 11:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Larry J. Kulick at noon, exposition will be at 1 p.m., and the afternoon will include the rosary and other prayers with Benediction at 4 p.m. Participate in the whole day or any part of it. For information, call Millie Krinock, 724-537-2064.

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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.

January Calendar Ticket Winner...

The first winner on Jan. 1, 2018 was **Sam DiMenno** from Pittsburgh. The lucky number was 389. Sam bought his ticket from Sam Cairns.



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.



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:

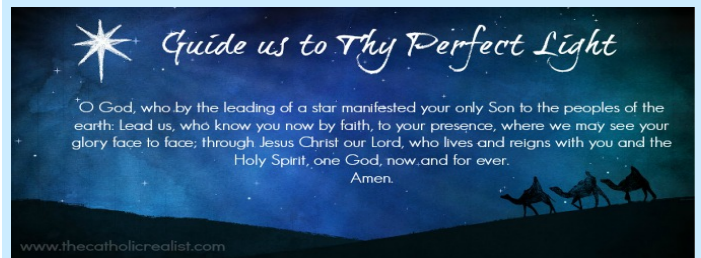
Nicole Shinsky: St. Clare of Assisi

St. Clare of Assisi was born on July 14, 1194 in Assisi, Italy. She was born into a wealthy Italian family but was shunned because she embraced a life of piety and poverty. When she was 18, she helped create a group called the Order of San Damiano, which helped the poor. When St. Clare died it was renamed the Order of Saint Clare. After her death on August 11, 1253, she was named the Patron Saint of television, because when she was ill and could not go to Mass, she said she could see and hear the Mass through her wall. Saint Clare's Feast Day is August 11. I became interested in St. Clare because my cousin Clare, who is my best friend, was named after St. Clare. I chose St. Clare because she helped the poor, prayed for everyone and devoted her life to God. I hope St. Clare and all her works will help and inspire me throughout my whole life.



Michael Lancaster: St. Robert

St. Robert was born at Montepulciano, Italy on Oct. 4, 1542. Robert Bellarmine was the third of 10 children and from an aristocratic family. Robert entered the newly formed society of Jesuits in 1560 and after his ordination went on to teach at Leuven in Flanders where he became famous for his Latin sermons. In 1592, he was appointed Rector at the Roman College. In 1598, he became Examiner of Bishops and Cardinal in 1599. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1930. The following year he was declared doctor of the Church. His Feast Day is September 17. I picked St. Robert because I like General Robert E. Lee.



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, Jan. 7 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond
Religious Education Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 10 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)
Saturday, Jan. 13 - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
Next Sunday, Jan. 14 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond
Religious Education 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 - December 24, 2017

(96 out of 388 envelopes used which is 25%)

Envelopes	\$2,097.25
Loose	419.00
Monthly	20.00
Youth	00.00
Total	\$2,536.25
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$2,063.75
Catholic Accent	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00

OFFERTORY - December 25, 2017 Christmas

(114 out of 388 envelopes used which is 29%)

Envelopes	\$5,725.50
Loose	\$1,171.00
Total	\$6,896.50
Children & Family	\$1,062.50

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

Program for pastoral musicians Jan. 20

“Your True Voice,” a program for pastoral musicians led by Jeanne Cotter, will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m.-noon at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon. Fee is \$15. Information and registration at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org or the Office for Worship, 724-552-2589.

Painting with a Purpose to benefit Catholic Charities Feb. 6

Catholic Charities will host a fundraiser “Painting with a Purpose” Feb. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at Painting with a Twist, Greensburg. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event is for people over the age of 18. Cost is \$35. Register at www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/Greensburg/event/1293155.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. - January 6 - Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 p.m. Joe & Rose - Business Anniversary
(Fontana Family)

Sun. - January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Frank Pegnato (Mr. & Mrs. Pegnato)
10:30 a.m. + Nathan Schafer (Schafer Family)

Mon. - January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord

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

Tues. - January 9 - Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

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

Wed. - January 10 - Weekday

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

Thurs. - January 11 - Weekday

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

Fri. - January 12 - Weekday

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. - January 13 - Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + Frank Pegnato (Mr. & Mrs. M. Laskowski)

Sun. - January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

Day of Prayer and Awareness for Human Trafficking Feb. 10

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 or 724-537-2064.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

Sat. Jan. 13 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula
Sun. Jan. 14 8:00 a.m. - Kaylea Voke
Sun. Jan. 14 10:30 a.m. - Cheyenne Honeycutt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Jan. 13 4:30 p.m. - Cathy Wenk
- Susan Waite
- Rachel Burke
Sun. Jan. 14 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizak
- Karen Chearney
- Noreen Brady
Sun. Jan. 14 10:30 a.m. - Deneen Vinkler
- Jack Kinsey
- Mary Mastowski

READERS

Sat. Jan. 13 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula
Sun. Jan. 14 8:00 a.m. - Ray Werthman
Sun. Jan. 14 10:30 a.m. - **Need Volunteer**

