

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.

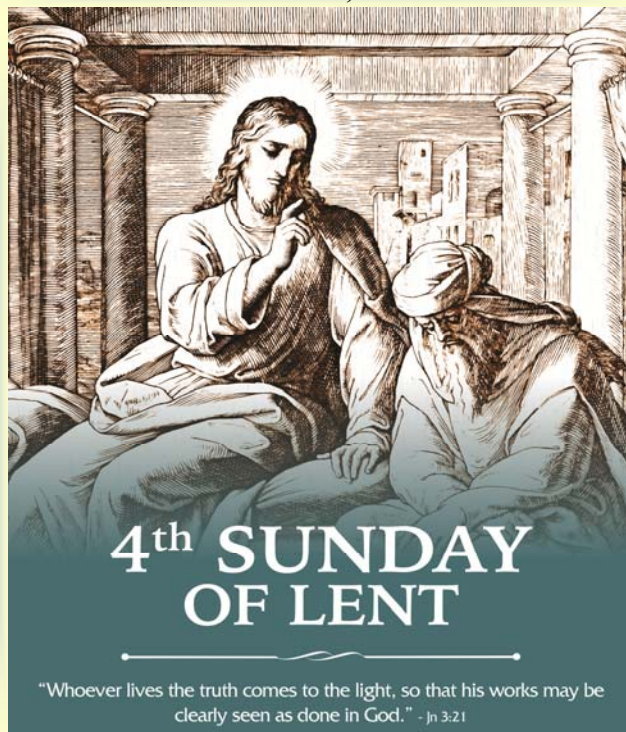


MARRIAGES:

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



March 11, 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 of Lent

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still -- to our eyes -- being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."



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, 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, Courtney 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.

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018

- Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8] Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a] Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
- Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

2018 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

- Tuesday, March 13 -- St. Aloysius, Dunbar -- 7:00 PM
- Saturday, March 17 -- St. John the Baptist, Scottsdale -- 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.



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

Pot Luck Dinner to follow in the Parish Social Hall. (Until 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.

St. Raymond's Christian Mothers Meeting

WEATHER PERMITTING: The Christian Mothers will hold their first meeting of 2018 on Tuesday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall. All current members will be notified by phone if the meeting is cancelled. We look forward to seeing you then!!



Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Thank you to all who responded during our Diocesan Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend. Your ongoing support is sincerely appreciated. If you haven't already done so, please make time to consider your gift. You may return your pledge card at Mass next weekend or return it to the Parish Office. In addition, you can make your pledge online at DLA.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh

The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is here! While we make our journey during Lent to become more Holy, more prayerful, and more charitable with our gifts, talents, and treasure, would you consider doing something you may never have thought you would do? Praying outside of an abortion clinic may seem scary at first. It was scary for me the first time I did so in 2012. Some of the thoughts I had were, What will people say when they see me praying outside in front of strangers? What if I am persecuted by strangers who misunderstand my intentions to show love to others? What benefits do I receive by praying for my brothers and sisters in Christ? We stand with other Catholics, Protestants, and all denominations who feel called by God to pray for those who go in and out of Pittsburgh's Planned Parenthood. Whether we can reach the Abortionists, staff of Planned Parenthood, those going in for an abortion or birth control, or the many passerby's on the sidewalk in downtown Pittsburgh, God will use our prayers and witness to change hearts and minds. God tells us that the harvest is rich, but the laborers are few. Won't you please pray fervently for the unborn children in the womb? To date, over 58 million American lives have been lost to abortion since Roe Vs Wade passed. 325,000 preborn children are missing each year due to abortion. Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh each year kills almost 2,400 unborn children. Life is valued whether planned or unplanned. Abortion not only hurts God, but women and men suffer guilt at the loss of their child. If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion, Rachel's Vineyard is a ministry to begin the process of healing. Please consider joining us on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. Meet at the St Raymond's parking lot at 11:30 a.m. to carpool with your Holy Rosary and a chair to sit on if need be. For further information, please call Rachel Burke at (724) 691-5921 or cell (760) 792-0255, kwburke1@msn.com Catholic Prayer Books will be provided. The treasures in heaven and the graces received from God are immeasurable. God will never be outdone in generosity. Will you help those with out a voice in the womb?

Second Collection for Uniontown Tornado Disaster

Bishop Malesic has called for a second collection to be taken in all parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg the **weekend of March 17-18** to help individuals and families recover from the tornado that hit Uniontown February 15. The proceeds from the collection will first go to Catholic Charities' relief efforts in that community, and any remaining contributions will be placed in a Diocesan Disaster Fund to help meet future needs. More than 230 homes were damaged and 47 have been declared uninhabitable as a result of the storm. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and please pray for the people who have suffered losses.



NEW EVANGELIZATION

In "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis states that our mission to evangelize others is carried out in three settings: 1) to inflame the hearts of the faithful who regularly gather on the Lord's day; 2) to help those baptized who lack a meaningful relationship with the Church experience a conversion which will restore the joy of faith to their hearts; 3) to preach the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have rejected him. Christians should appear as people who wish to share their joy not by proselytizing but by attracting (#15). In his forward, Bishop Barron states "that if Catholicism leads with its doctrines it will devolve into an intellectual debating society, and that if it leads with its moral teaching it will appear. . .fussy and puritanical. . . Such people might be smart. . .and morally upright, but they will never be successful evangelists."

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Lenten season is the period of "Purification and Enlightenment" especially for the elect, but also for the entire parish assembly. It is a time to reform our lives through voluntary penance, fasting, prayer and almsgiving; it is a time to re-evaluate our attitudes and ways of dealing with others, giving priority to spiritual values and our personal relationship with our heavenly Father, with His Son, our Brother, and with our Holy Spirit of Life and Love. Penance, fasting and setting aside time to reflect on the Sunday readings will help us grow in self-discipline and holiness in an effort to subdue our bodily cravings. The purpose of this purification is to cleanse ourselves from sin in order to establish a closer relationship with our Savior, Jesus, and to experience an inner peace and deep joy on Easter.

This Week in the Parish

 <p>This Sunday, March 11</p> <p>Tuesday, March 13</p> <p>Wednesday, March 14</p> <p>Saturday, March 17</p> <p>Next Sunday, March 18</p> 	<p>- 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL) - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass</p> <p>- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (CH) - 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner (PH)</p> <p>- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)</p> <p>- 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH) - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass</p> <p>- 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL) - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass</p>
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(RC) = Rectory Chapel (RM) = Rectory Meeting Room
(CH) = Church (CL) = Classrooms (PH) = Parish Social Hall

Please Note:

Starting this week, the Parish Office will be closed every Wednesdays (until further notice). The regular office hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our Weekly Offering

OFFERTORY - March 3 & 4, 2018

(126 out of 388 envelopes used which is 32%)

Envelopes	\$3,764.75
Loose	661.00
Monthly	135.00
Youth	00.00
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Total	\$4,560.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$39.25
Home Missions	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$65.00
Eastern Europe	\$10.00
Holy Thursday	\$43.00
Good Friday	\$42.00

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

2018 Masses Still Available

We still have many weekday/weekend Masses available for 2018. If you would like to have Mass for your loved one, please call or stop at the Parish Office to find out about the available dates. There is no limit to the number of Masses that you may request.

St. Raymond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook

St. Raymond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook will be sold after all Masses this weekend

Please contact Cel Tidwell at 724-454-9105 or Dot Farkosh at 724-593-7598 for more information.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. - March 10 - Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. + Mary Ellen Siwala (Bob & Kris Crawford)

Sun. - March 11 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members

10:30 a.m. + Ethel Mollick (Cathy Korzen)

Mon. - March 12 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Ester Henderson (Mabel Hessor) (Chapel)

Tues. - March 13 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Christian Mothers
(Christian Mothers) (Chapel)

Wed. - March 14 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Joseph Rockfoe, Jr. (Robert Regola Family)
(Chapel)

Thurs. - March 15 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Bryce Kinneer
(Florence Kinneer & Daughter) (Chapel)

Fri. - March 16 - Lenten Weekday

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. - March 17 - Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 p.m. + Margaret Sefchick (Gary & Patty Kizsinger)

Sun. - March 18 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. + Mary Ellen Siwala (Veronica Trice)

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members



Mark Your Calendars!

The St. Raymond Easter Egg Hunt is Palm Sunday, March 25 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass, no sign up is needed! All parish children and friends of Saint Raymond are welcome.



Candy donations are needed to help the bunnies fill the eggs! Please place candy in the Bin in the back of the Church **on or before March 18th**.

Monetary donations may be placed in the collection basket marked Easter Egg Hunt and will be used to cover the cost of the snacks or candy as needed.



Any questions please contact Bill Pospisil.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

Sat. March 17 4:30 p.m. - Nico Pisula
Sun. March 18 8:00 a.m. - Cameron Wojnar
Sun. March 18 10:30 a.m. - Nicole Shinsky

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. March 17 4:30 p.m. - Mary DeLose
- Patty Powers
- Ginger Cairns
Sun. March 18 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizak
- Noreen Brady
- Karen Chearney
Sun. March 18 10:30 a.m. - Darlene Grabill
- Jack Kinsey
- Cheryl Cupps

READERS

Sat. March 17 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula
Sun. March 18 8:00 a.m. - Bill Pospisil
Sun. March 18 10:30 a.m. - Ray Wertman

