

# 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 18, 2018

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



*"A*men, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

- Jn 12:24, 31-32

## 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 of Lent**

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip? and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel. But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain - can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

 **Please remember in your prayers:**  
 Linda Abuzere, 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, Ray Kostovny, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Juanita Miller, Richard Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtney Mastowski, Mindy O., Ryan Painter, Chris Petrarca, Greg Petrucci, Madeline R., Tracy Ritenour, 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 March 18, 2018**

- 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
- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2] Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a] Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a] Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47

**2018 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

- 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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

On April 8, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., St. Raymond of the Mountains Church will host a time of prayer in honor of the Divine Mercy of Jesus.



The devotion will begin at 2:30 p.m. and include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as well as the prayers of the Divine Mercy novena. Copies of the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found on the pamphlet rack in the back of the St. Raymond Church. Please note also the beautiful painting representing the Divine Mercy of Jesus which is displayed on the back wall of the Church.

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### **Attention all children**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt here at St Raymond's on **Palm Sunday, March 25, after the 10:30 AM Mass**. Wrapped candy donations are appreciated. All children are invited to attend! **See you next Sunday!**

### **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](mailto: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?

### **NEW EVANGELIZATION**

In his 1975 Exhortation, "On Evangelization in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi)", Blessed Pope Paul VI stated that within the universal Church and within individual parishes, people come together in small groups linked by a struggle for justice to the poor, the unborn, refugees, etc. They are "beneficiaries of evangelization and at the same time evangelizers themselves". They are "a hope for the universal Church to the extent: -that they seek nourishment in the Word of God and do not allow themselves to be ensnared by political polarization. . .; -that they avoid. . .a hypercritical attitude. . .; -that they maintain a sincere communion with the pastors. . .; -that they never look on themselves as the sole beneficiaries or sole agents of evangelization. . .; -that they show themselves to be universal in all things and never sectarian" (#58). Individually or together, our mission is to proclaim our Faith.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Confirmation, along with Baptism and the Holy Eucharist, is a Sacrament of Initiation. Because it completes the grace of Baptism, the early Christians conferred Baptism and Confirmation together in one rite. Even today, in the Eastern Rite all three initiation Sacraments are conferred at infancy in one ceremony. However, they are distinct: Philip the Deacon sent for the Apostles Peter and John to come and lay hands on those he had baptized, who then received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:11~17). In the Latin Rite it has since become the custom to delay Confirmation at least until the age of reason. The effect of the Sacrament is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Essentially, the Sacrament consists of an anointing on the forehead with the holy oil of chrism by laying on of the hand and the words, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit".

This year at the Easter Vigil service, Susan Mastowski will receive all three Sacraments.



### **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 this **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.



## This Week in the Parish

This Sunday, March 18 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass  
- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond  
Religious Education Religious Ed. Classes (CL)  
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass  
Tuesday, March 20 - 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (CH)  
- 7:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner (PH)  
Wednesday, March 21 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)  
Saturday, March 24 - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)  
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass  
Next Sunday, March 25 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass  
- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond  
Religious Ed. Classes (CL)  
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

  
**EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASS**  
  
(RC) = Rectory Chapel (RM) = Rectory Meeting Room  
(CH) = Church (CL) = Classrooms (PH) = Parish Social Hall

## Our Weekly Offering

### OFFERTORY - March 10 & 11, 2018

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

Envelopes	\$2,303.75
Loose	347.00
Monthly	202.00
Total	\$2,852.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$1,747.25

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

## May God Grant him Eternal Peace

In your charity please pray for the soul of  
**Mr. Rodolfo Cortez**, father of former  
Parochial Vicar of St. Raymond,  
Father Jose Ricky Cortez.

Mr. Cortez passed last week in the Philippines.  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed  
rest in peace.

As you know, Father Ricky just lost his mother  
on February 22, 2018.

Please keep Father Ricky and his family  
in your prayers. If you would like to send  
a card to Father Ricky, here is his address:

Christ, Prince of Peace  
718 Fourth Ave.  
Ford City, PA 16226

Also please keep in your prayers ...

## May God Grant their Eternal Peace

In your charity please pray for the souls of our  
parishioners:

**Mrs. Mary Garrity** and **Mrs. Agnes Stupar**  
who passed last week. May their souls and the souls of  
all the faithful departed rest in peace.

# MASSES THIS WEEK

## 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

## Mon. - March 19 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + James Sereno (Cel Tidwell) (Chapel)

## Tues. - March 20 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Rodolfo & Edith Cortez (Ray Werthman)  
(Chapel)

## Wed. - March 21 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Andrew F. Jenca - Birthday Remembrance  
(Tidwell Family) (Chapel)

## Thurs. - March 22 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Agnes Stupar (Ray Werthman) (Chapel)

## Fri. - March 23 - Lenten Weekday

**NO MASS SCHEDULED**

## Sat. - March 24 - Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:30 p.m. + Genevieve Killac (Kathy Roesbuck)

## Sun. - March 25 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members

10:30 a.m. + Brent Heitzer (Bill Pospisil)



**Mark your calendar!** Barbeque chicken and rib dinner, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Sunday, April 15, St. Raymond Social Hall. Dine-in or take-out. More details to follow.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

A sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the Church.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### SERVERS

Sat. March 24 4:30 p.m. - Connor Drazel

Sun. March 25 8:00 a.m. - Dakota Cook

Sun. March 25 10:30 a.m. - Cheyenne Honeycut

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

##### OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. March 24 4:30 p.m. - Dorothy Voke

- Patty Powers

- Ginger Cairns

Sun. March 25 8:00 a.m. - Mary DeLose

- Rachel Burke

- Kathleen Smith Mizak

Sun. March 25 10:30 a.m. - Mary Mastowski

- Patty Powers

- Jack Kinsey

#### READERS

Sat. March 24 4:30 p.m. - Ceal Solan

Sun. March 25 8:00 a.m. - Candy Brangard

Sun. March 25 10:30 a.m. - Peg Schafer

