

# St. Raymond of the Mountains

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*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg*



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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.



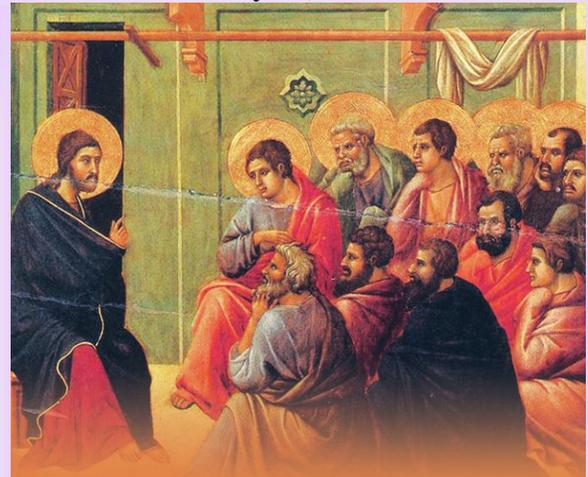
## MARRIAGES:

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



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Closed Friday.



May 24, 2020

## 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." - Jn 17:3

Be Glorified  
John 17:1-11

## Happy Memorial Day



## 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**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

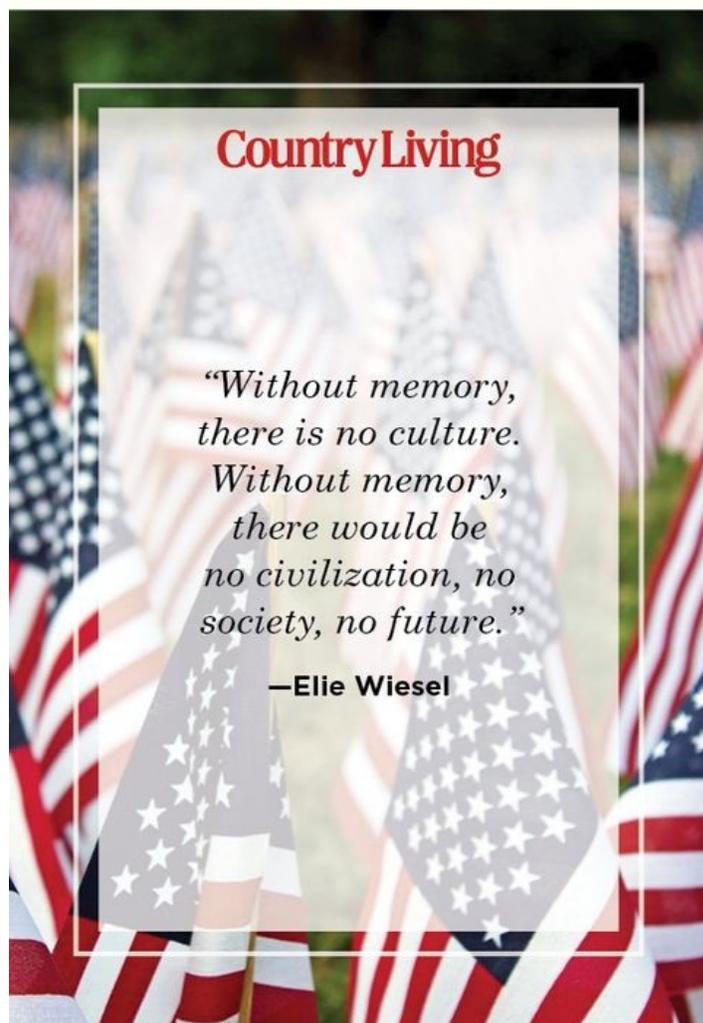
What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

**Readings for the week of May 24, 2020**

- Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a] Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. *Extended Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b]



**Diocesan Lenten Appeal**



The Church is sincerely grateful to all who have responded to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. To date the total pledges is \$26,865.00, 80 gifts.

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

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## **Pathways | Called and Gifted by God for Others**

There are different paths a Christian disciple can take in the search to “understand our own identity.” We must “set out on a journey.” - Pope Francis

Adult Catholic laity are called to fulfill a critical role in an ever changing world where they bear the primary responsibility for evangelization. Pathways represents the Diocese of Greensburg's long-standing commitment to adult faith formation and nurturing mature discipleship. To this end, Pathways participants are invited to explore what it means to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in our own historical time and place; to know the faith, to make it our own, and to share it with others.

Pathways involves twelve evening sessions, three workshops and a closing retreat. The topics are listed in Pathways Brochure 2020-2021. The workshops address the many callings, different gifts, and roles disciples are called to place in service to the mission of Christ and his Church. The closing retreat offers participants the opportunity to gather together a final time and reflect upon their Pathways experience, their identity as Christian disciples and how they will continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus and be witnesses to the risen Lord.

For more information go to:

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/vocations/lem/Pages/pathways.aspx>

### **Pathways will be held at:**

St. John the Baptist Church

416 South Broadway, Scottsdale, PA15683

724-887-6321

Weekly sessions: Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 pm

Workshops: Saturdays (times listed below) St. John the Baptist, Scottsdale

### **Saturday, September 12, 2020**

Called and Gifted Workshop	9:30 am-1:00 pm
September 15	What are the central truths of Scripture?
September 22	How can we speak about the mystery of God?
September 29	How do Catholics understand Sacramentality?

### **Saturday, October 10, 2020**

Different Gifts, One Spirit Workshop	9:30 am-1:00 pm
October 13	What is our Catholic story?
October 20	How do we image the Church?
October 27	Why is Liturgy the source and summit of our faith?

### **Mid-Year Break**

March 16	How do we Pray?
March 23	How is Family a domestic church?
April 13	What makes a Parish vital?

### **Saturday, April 24, 2021**

Gifted for Others Workshop	9:30 am-1:00 pm
April 27	Why should we care about Catholic Social Teaching?
May 4	Who is Catholic?
May 11	What is Ministry?

### **Saturday, May 22, 2021**

Retreat	9:30 am-1:00 pm
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## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Recently the hierarchy of the US and Canada reconsecrated our nations to Mary as “Mother of the Church”. We are all aware of what a mother is, of the loving and protective concern that she exhibits to each one of us, her children, but what exactly is a Church? She, of course, is not the mother of a building. The early Christians spoke Greek, so the concept of a Church is derived from the Greek word “ecclesia” (English “ecclesiastical”). The original concept was that of an Assembly, a Gathering, where citizens of the State would gather at a forum to hear and debate their civic roles. These early Christians used the word to describe their religious Assemblies in which they gathered to hear and worship the Word of God and to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. Our modern concept of “Church” includes not only the members, the believers, but also the organizational structure, the “Magisterium”. But perhaps the best definition of Church is the “Children of God”; Mary loves and is concerned about each of us and protects us as she did her Son, our Brother.

**CATCHING-UP ON FUNDRAISING...** There are many different fundraisers planned for May and June. So there has to be something that you like and can purchase!

**Turkey Noodle Soup Is Back...**Limited quantities. \$5 a quart. Pre-order is necessary this year. Soup will be ready for pick-up from 3-5:30 p.m., May 30. So if you come to Private Prayer, you can pick-up your soup!

Back again this year is our **Side of Beef and Side of Pork Meat Ticket**. Grass fed and hormone free. Only 250 tickets sold. The ticket plays on the 7 p.m., Pick 3 PA Lottery on Saturday, June 20. You have four chances to win and the ticket sells for \$10. So if you think meat maybe getting scarce, ask our 2019 winner Addy Evangeliste how she consumed all her winnings!

**Waiting for another pierogi sale?** It's here! Once again we are selling potato & cheddar, sweet cabbage, potato and feta and sauerkraut pierogies. If you didn't get a chance to try a flavor, do it now! Pierogies sell for \$7 a dozen. Prepaid orders are due by June 21 for pickup on June 27.

Please read all the information in the bulletin concerning these fundraisers. If you need additional information, contact Toni Terretti at 724-593-4593, 724-689-5570 or [tinterretti@lhtot.com](mailto:tinterretti@lhtot.com). You can reach Bill Pospisil at [billinlbe@gmail.com](mailto:billinlbe@gmail.com). Fundraising flyers, order forms, etc. will be available outside the side entrance prior to Private Prayer.

**All fundraisers benefit St. Raymond Church.  
We appreciate all your support!**

### **NEW EVANGELIZATION**

Evangelization is the proclamation of the Gospel, the “Good News”, of our salvation and the release from our own entanglement with sin, death and the meaningless futility of our brief life on earth. The “new evangelization” refers primarily to the proclamation of our *Catholic* Faith, which includes not only the Truths, the doctrines that we believe, but also our morals, our Catholic way of life. We have been warned by the documents of Vatican II as well as the popes and hierarchy since the Council that Catholic evangelization is not the fundamentalist type of evangelizing, meant primarily to increase the number of Christians. Catholic evangelization is meant primarily, rather, to increase the fervor and ardor of all believers and the encouragement to use modern technology and means to accomplish this.

**BIBLE** Liturgically, we are still in the Easter Season, and our readings continue from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's Letters, and the Gospel of John, which tell us of life in the early Church, our rewards and responsibilities as Christians after the Resurrection. This season is drawing to a close, with the celebration of Ascension Thursday on May 21, and the celebration of Pentecost on May 31. (Most dioceses have transferred the Feast of the Ascension to “Ascension Sunday” on May 24, but our Diocese falls under the jurisdiction of the Province of Philadelphia who determined that we should continue the tradition of celebrating the Ascension on Thursday.) Luke begins his Acts with a narration of the Ascension event when Jesus physically departed from our world forty days after his Resurrection to “go to the Father”, with the promise that he would not leave us orphans, “but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (*Acts 1: 5*).

## **MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Sat. - May 23 - Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

No Mass Scheduled

**Sun. - May 24 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

No Mass Scheduled

**Mon. - May 25 - Memorial day**

No Mass Scheduled

**Tues. - May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest**

No Mass Scheduled

**Wed. - May 27 - Easter Weekday**

No Mass Scheduled

**Thurs. - May 28 - Easter Weekday**

No Mass Scheduled

**Fri. - May 29 - Easter Weekday**

No Mass Scheduled

**Sat. - May 30 - Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**

No Mass Scheduled

**Sun. - May 31 - Pentecost Sunday**

No Mass Scheduled



### **Please remember in your prayers**

John Accettola, Josh B., Mike Bartow, Matt Bauman, Vince Bearer, Dennis Buckholtz, Ging Cairns, Terry Cavicchio, Mary Cauley, Shawn Dellgross, Amanda Dennis, Dave DeWitt, Karen Dupstadt, Shawn E., Veronica Echard, Francis Ernesty, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Mary Estochin, Corinne Estock, Bill G., Patty Gadek, Gerald, Barry Huey, Mitchell Johnson, Darlene Jenniches, Karen, Jardon Kalp, Jim Kalp, Megan Kalp, Francis Kantorik, Carol Kelly, Blaine Keslar, Ray Keyser, Lisa Kosco, Ray Kostovny, Bill Lasek, Namon Lilly, Leslie Lloyd, Lisa Magruda, Denise Mastro, Juanita Miller, Julia Miller, Richard Miller, Debbie Moore, Bob Nicholas, Regina Nilson, Mindy O., Beth P., Chris Petrarca, Greg Petrucci, Larry Powers, Madeline R., Tracy Ritenour, Bernie Rusinko, Evan Sander, Gertrude (Chub) Shaulis, Ted Shaulis, Sheila Shogun, Yvonne Smith, Helen Sparks, Edie Spell, Ernestine Stanton, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, Stanley Uram, Bryce Vargo, Jim Walters, Margaret Witt, Cale White, Denny White, and Sandy White.

**SCAM**

**ALERT**

### **DON'T GET SCAMMED!**

Scammers are out there and in some cases are now posing as priests and other clergy. You might receive an email or text that appears to be from your Pastor or another priest that you may know requesting funds. **You should be suspicious of any request for funds of any type via an email message, text or phone call too. Know that priests will NEVER ask for financial transactions via email, text or phone call.** Know that any email from a priest should be from either a diocesan email or the email listed in the parish's bulletin. If you can't find the email on the parish or diocesan website, it is probably a scam. Please carefully check the email address and verify any request with a call to the person supposedly sent it.