

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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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.

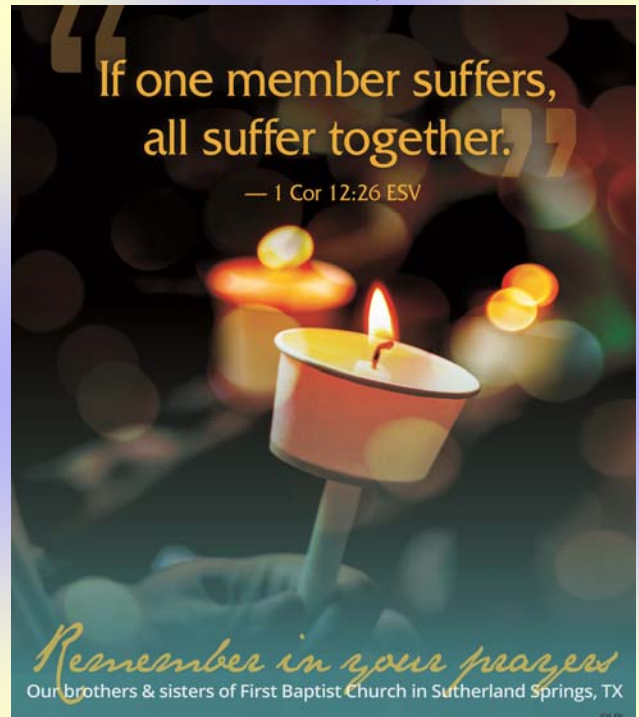
MARRIAGES:

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



**If one member suffers,
all suffer together.**

— 1 Cor 12:26 ESV



Remember in your prayers
Our brothers & sisters of First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait? Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!



Please remember in your prayers:

Fr. Thomas Acklin O.S.B., Pam Balow, Kelly Brady, Beth Brown, David Budinsky, Ginger Cairns, Terry Cavicchio, Mary Cauley, Don Critchfield, Sandy Critchfield, Amanda Dennis, Dan Deplama, Dave DeWitt, Francis Ernesty, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Mildred Estochin, Albert G, Bill G., Patty Gadek, Gerald, Rose Henrickson, Barry Huey, Mitchell Johnson, Elivita Jones, Jadon Kalp, Jim Kalp, Carol Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Flo Kinneer, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Juanita Miller, Richard Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtney Mastowski, Mindy O., Bill O'keefe, Greg Petrucci, Madeline R., Karen Rega, Bernie Rusinko, Bill Schulte, Gertrude "Chub" Shaulis, Ted Shaulis, Helen Sparks, Ernestine Stanton, John Strucaly, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, Jane Waite, and Dewayne Wallace.



Now I lay me down to sleep...one less terrorist this world does keep...with all my heart I give my thanks...to those in uniform regardless of ranks...you serve our country and serve it well...with humble hearts your stories tell...so as I rest my weary eyes...while freedom rings our flag still flies...you give your all, do what you must...with God we live and God we trust...Amen

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2017

- Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18
- Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19
Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7
Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,
175/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
42-43/Lk 18:1-8
- Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31
Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33
- Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30

The annual Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Appeal will be held next weekend, Nov. 18-19. Seventy-five percent of the funds collected will stay in the diocese to support local needs, and 25 percent of the funds will go to Catholic Relief Services for overseas relief efforts.

Please keep the following children in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation on Tuesday, November 28:

Laura Caruso, Brett & Michael Lancaster, Bryn Shearer, Nicole Shinsky, and Abbey Stepanic.

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This Sunday, Nov. 12 is St. Raymond's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The event begins around 11:30 a.m. Turkey, ham, stuffing, mashed potatoes, etc., the complete Thanksgiving Dinner package will be ready for eating. We also will be welcoming Father Teo at the dinner so please stop by and say hello.

St. Raymond's Christian Mothers
Monthly Meeting

The St. Raymond's Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving.

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



St. Raymond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook

The Christian Mothers' have submitted a reorder for the cookbook, **and now they are in!** If you are interested in purchasing, please 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.



St. Raymond's 50th Anniversary Cookbook will be sold at the St. Raymond Annual Thanksgiving Dinner this Sunday. Please contact Cel Tidwell at 724-454-9105 or Dot Farkosh at 724-593-7598 for more information.

Christmas is just around the corner... Need some gift ideas? How about a January Calendar Ticket! Tickets are only \$10 and are good for the entire month of January. That means that your gift recipient has a chance to win any day during the month of January. They can win as little as \$100 a day or \$1000 on Jan. 31, depending on the day that their number hits on the Pick 3-Digit PA Lottery. So take a chance. January Calendar Tickets will be sold at the St. Raymond Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 12.



A thanks to Tidwell (www.tidwell.com, 1-888-Tidwell) for sponsoring our January Calendar Ticket.

“In (*evangelizing*), which is always respectful and gentle, the first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterward is it possible to bring up God's word, perhaps by reading a Bible verse or relating a story but always keeping in mind the fundamental message: the personal love of God who became man, who gave himself up for us, who is living and who offers us his salvation and his friendship. This message has to be shared humbly as a testimony on the part of one who is always willing to learn, in the awareness that the message is so rich and so deep that it always exceeds our grasp. At times the message can be presented directly, at times by way of a personal witness or gesture, or in a way which the Holy Spirit may suggest in that particular situation. If it seems prudent and if the circumstances are right, this fraternal and missionary encounter could end with a brief prayer related to the concerns which the person may have expressed. In this way they will have an experience of being listened to and understood; they will know that their particular situation has been placed before God, and that God's word really speaks to their lives.” - Pope Francis, “The Joy of the Gospel” (#128).

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

- Sunday, November 12 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
NO Religious Ed. Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Parish Thanksgiving Dinner (PH)
- Tuesday, November 14 - 8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers Meeting (CH)
- Wednesday, November 15 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)
- Saturday, November 18 - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
- Sunday, November 19 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

(RC) = Rectory Chapel (RM) = Rectory Meeting Room
(CH) = Church (CL) = Classrooms (PH) = Parish Social Hall

Our Weekly Offering

OFFERTORY - November 4 & 5, 2017

(107 out of 388 envelopes used which is 28%)

Envelopes	\$2,962.75
Loose	964.00
Monthly	385.00
Youth	00.00
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Total	\$4,311.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$288.25
All Saints	\$496.00
Diocesan Retired Priests Appeal	\$823.80
Diocesan Poverty Relief Appeal	\$25.00

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

The St. Raymond's Upcoming Activities



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on Thursday, November 23, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Confirmation for 8th grade students will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at St. Pius X in Mt. Pleasant.

Jesse Tree begins during the 10:30 a.m. Mass Dec. 3 at St. Raymond Church.



Breakfast with Santa, Sunday, Dec. 10 in the St. Raymond's Parish Social Hall.



MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. - November 11 - Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + John Voke - Anniversary Remembrance
(Dorothy Voke)

Sun. - November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members
10:30 a.m. + Huey & Alice Bigam (Pritts Family)

Mon. - November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 a.m. + Frankie DeLose (Karen DeLose) (Chapel)

Tues. - November 14 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + George Marshall (Joe & Elise Bizup)
(Chapel)

Wed. - November 15 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Betty Marshall
(Joe & Elise Bizup) (Chapel)

Thurs. - November 16 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Alma R. Angus (Strucaly Family) (Chapel)

Fri. - November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. - November 18 - Vigil: Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + Joe Bailey (Micky & Linda Sisson)

Sun. - November 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Larry Clark (Strucaly Family)
10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

If you know of a "family in need" this holiday season,
please share the information with the Parish Office
(724-593-7479). All information is confidential.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

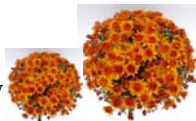
Sat. Nov. 18 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula
- Nico Pisula
Sun. Nov. 19 8:00 a.m. - Cameron Wojnar
Sun. Nov. 19 10:30 a.m. - Dakota Cook

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Nov. 18 4:30 p.m. - Karen Nedley
- Patty Powers
- Susan Waite
Sun. Nov. 19 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizik
- Noreen Brady
- Mary DeLose
Sun. Nov. 19 10:30 a.m. - Jack Kinsey
- Darlene Grabill
- Cheryl Cupps

READERS

Sat. Nov. 18 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula
Sun. Nov. 19 8:00 a.m. - Peg Schafer
Sun. Nov. 19 10:30 a.m. - Diane Kinsey



Welcome to **Lily Nicole Hoffman**, daughter
of Ian & Mindy Hoffman, who is the newest
member of St. Pius X family through the Sacrament of
Baptism on November 5, 2017 here at St. Raymond's
Church. May God bless her.

