

# St. Raymond of the Mountains

170 School House Lane, P.O. Box 330, Donegal, PA 15628 ☩ 724-593-7479

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



## Parish Staff:

**Rev. Richard J. Kosisko**, Administrator  
Email ..... [rkosisko@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:rkosisko@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Rev. Teodoro Abner Cortezano**, Parochial Vicar  
Email ..... [tcortezano@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tcortezano@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Bill Pospisil**, Coordinator of Faith Formation  
Email..... [bpospisil@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:bpospisil@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Mary Strucaly**, Parish Secretary  
Email..... [mstrucaly@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:mstrucaly@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**Addy Evangeliste**, Bulletin & Parish Website  
Email..... [aevangeliste@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:aevangeliste@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

## Contact Information:

Parish Office ..... 724-593-7479  
Parish Fax ..... 724-593-5934

Website - [www.straymondchurch.org](http://www.straymondchurch.org)

### 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.



### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 PM.

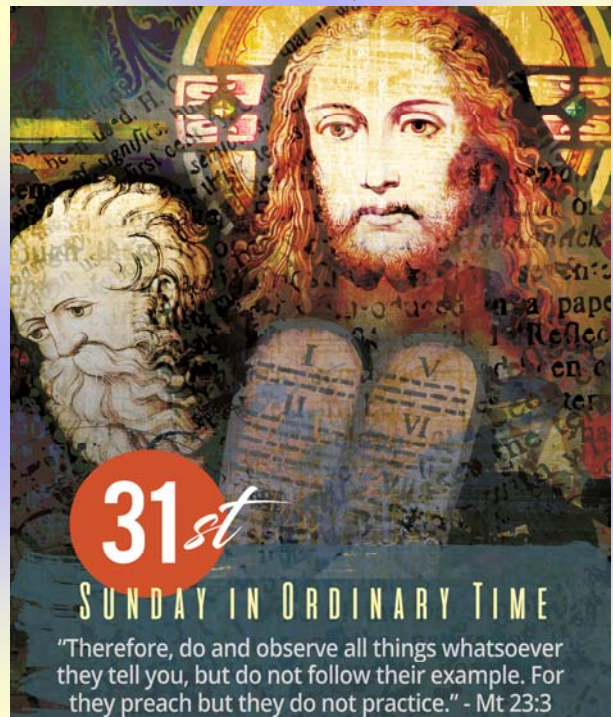


### MARRIAGES:

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



November 5, 2017



### 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**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



**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, Dan Deplama, Dave DeWitt, Francis Ernesty, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Mildred Estochin, Albert G, Bill G., Patty Gadek, Gerald, Rose Henrikson, Barry Huey, Mitchell Johnson, Elivita Jones, Jim Kalp, Carol Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Flo Kinneer, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Juanita Miller, Richard Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtiney Mastowski, Mindy O., Bill O'keefe, Greg Petrucci, Rhonda Porterfield, Madeline R., Karen Rega, Bernie Rusinko, Bill Schulte, Ted Shaulis, Helen Sparks, Ernestine Stanton, John Strucaly, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, Jane Waite, and Dewayne Wallace.

**Readings for the Week of November 5, 2017**

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12  
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36  
Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3  
Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9  
Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5,  
10-11/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18  
or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

**Please Note**

Due to Father Teodoro Abner Cortezano  
away for Priests Convocation  
**There will be NO morning Mass on:**  
Monday, November 6, 2017  
Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

**Annual Appeal for Retired Religious and Diocesan**  
**Retired Priests Collection this Weekend**

Support elderly religious. Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously for this weekend collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



In chapter five, "Spirit-Filled Evangelizers" of his Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis encourages us to speak and live as Christians filled with the Holy Spirit, "full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!" (#261) In order to build up enthusiasm in others and ourselves we should come to recognize that the Spirit of God is at work in us and in the Church community. Opposition to evangelization comes not only from others but even within ourselves: "Every period of history is marked by the presence of human weakness, self-absorption, complacency and selfishness, to say nothing of the concupiscence which preys upon us all." (#263) We are urged to find energy and fervor in prayer, constant inner conversion and reading with reflection Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels and other passages as they are proclaimed in our Sunday Liturgy. "The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart." (#264)

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



**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Next Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass**



Please join us for a great meal and fellowship!  
 If you can, bring a dessert to share we will have everything else.  
 As always Friends of St. Raymond and Visitors are most welcome.

Please bring desserts to the social hall before 10:30 a.m.

**Help is needed, Please Sign up if you can, if not just come!**



**Friday November 10**

2:00 - 4:00 Stuffing Prep

4:00 - 6:30 Break down Turkeys



Also on Friday we will be setting the tables

**Sunday, November 12**

**10:00 - 11:30 Cut desserts and Portion Coleslaw**

**11:30 - ? Servers**

After Dinner Help to clear tables, clean up buffet and kitchen.

Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated!

**St. Raymond's January Calendar Ticket**

January Calendar Tickets are available to sell or purchase. If interested, contact Cathy Korzen, 724-593-7508 or Toni Terretti, 724-593-4593.

Thanks for your support with this fundraiser.



**Choir Practice**

Choir practice will be held every Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at St. Raymond Church.

If anyone is interested, you're all invited to join us.



**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.

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



ST. FLORIAN PARISH, UNITED IS PROUD TO PRESENT "THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY" A SPECIAL MOVIE PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING THE MIRACLE AT FATIMA. THE MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH. THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE PRAYING OF ONE DECADE OF THE ROSARY.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH FAITH FORMATION CENTER AT 724-423-5087 BY NOVEMBER 17, 2017.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**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, November 5 - 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass



- 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond  
Religious Ed. Classes (CL)  
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass

Wednesday, November 8 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

Friday, November 10



- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Stuffing Prep  
for Thanksgiving's Dinner  
- 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. Break Down  
Turkeys

Saturday, November 11 - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)

- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass

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)

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

## Our Weekly Offering

### **OFFERTORY - October 28 & 29, 2017**

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

Envelopes	\$2,594.75
Loose	530.00
Monthly	75.00
<u>Youth</u>	<u>00.00</u>
Total	\$3,199.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	-\$1,400.25
World Mission Sunday	\$58.00
Diocesan Retired Priests Appeal	\$10.00
Seminarian & Clergy Collection	\$5.00

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

## **WE NEED YOU!**

**Readers at Mass**, if you are interested in becoming a reader there will be a training session on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15 a.m. in the church. There will be an Opportunity to practice and go over helpful information. Please let Bill Pospisil know if you are interested, Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above along with adults are welcome to attend.

**Altar Servers**, we are planning a training session for November, the date will follow, Children who have received First Communion and older are welcome. Parents if you would like to serve with your child until they are comfortable going on their own the Family server program is a great way to spend time together.

If you have questions or would like more information Please see or E-Mail Bill Pospisil.

If you like to sing there is always room in the **Choir or to be a Cantor**, if interested see our Organist Pam. Anyone over 18 will need current clearances, we will help with that process.

# MASSES THIS WEEK

**Sat. - November 4 - Vigil: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. + Trudy Sparks (Bob & Patty Sparks)

**Sun. - November 5 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. + Kirk Parrish (Laura Parrish)  
10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

**Mon. - November 6 - Weekday**  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tues. - November 7 - Weekday**  
8:00 a.m. + Janie Good (Rose & Chuck Overly) (Chapel)

**Wed. - November 8 - Weekday**  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Thurs. - November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
8:00 a.m. + Kyle Balow - Birthday Remembrance  
(Pam Balow) (Chapel)

**Fri. - November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**  
NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Sat. - November 11 - Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. Special Intention for Dorothy Voke Anniversary  
(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)



## FALL HARVEST DECORATIONS

Fall decorations are needed to help decorate the Church and grounds as we enter into the spirit of the Harvest and to remind us of God's blessings in our lives. Anyone who can donate Mums, Gourds, Pumpkins, please call the Parish Office at 724-593-7479, or everything can be dropped off by St. Raymond's kitchen door. Thank you.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### SERVERS

Sat. Nov. 11 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula  
- Nico Pisula  
Sun. Nov. 12 8:00 a.m. - Kaylea Voke  
Sun. Nov. 12 10:30 a.m. - Nicole Shinsky

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Nov. 11 4:30 p.m. - Karen Nedley  
- Patty Powers  
- Susan Waite  
Sun. Nov. 12 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Mith Mizik  
- Noreen Brady  
- Karen Chearney  
Sun. Nov. 12 10:30 a.m. - Darleen Grabill  
- Mary DeLose  
- Cheryl Cupps

### READERS

Sat. Nov. 11 4:30 p.m. - Tim Pisula  
Sun. Nov. 12 8:00 a.m. - Peg Schafer  
Sun. Nov. 12 10:30 a.m. - Ray Werthman

