

# 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.



## CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 PM.

## MARRIAGES:

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



## 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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. This had to sting. Jesus spoke these shocking words not just to anybody. He spoke them to "the chief priests and elders of the people." The ones who were professional law-keepers. The ones who were religious leaders and teachers. The ones who were, in truth, self-righteous, pompous, and presumptuous. Jesus must have known how offensive it would be to his audience to share this unpleasant fact. But he said it anyway because he knew they needed to hear it. But the point wasn't to offend. The point was to amend. Jesus was urging them to change their lives for the better, to come to God with a humble, contrite heart, seeking forgiveness and mercy. These unrepentant upper-crust leaders were plagued by an inability to see their own sins. They were far too focused on identifying where others were going wrong. And, as was his style, Jesus' preaching was adapted according to his audience. These guys needed to get knocked out of their complacency. So Jesus did what he had to do.

It's important to realize, by the way, that the reason tax collectors and prostitutes were leading the line to heaven wasn't because of their sins. It was because of their sorrow. The people Jesus had in mind when he mentioned this--like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene perhaps--had repented from their sinful behavior and begun anew. This is why he praises them. And this is what the Lord longs to see everyone doing, including us. Either we need to acknowledge and repent of our sins, or we are placing ourselves in the same category as the pharisaical priests and elders. And that's definitely not the place to be.

Readings for the Week of October 1, 2017

- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Reminder

There will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction every First Friday (of the month) after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:00 AM. Hope to see you: Friday, October 6 in the Chapel.



Please remember in your prayers:

Pam Balow, Beth Brown, David Budinsky, Ginger Cairns, Terry Cavicchio, Mary Cauley, 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, Carol Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Flo Kinneer, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Juanita Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtney Mastowski, Mindy O., Bill O'keefe, Rhonda Porterfield, Madeline R., Karen Rega, Bernie Rusinko, Bill Schulte, Ted Shaulis, Helen Sparks, Mike Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Jane Waite, and Dewayne Wallace.



NEW EVANGELIZATION

Everyone who has been baptized and believes the truths set down in the Nicene Creed, which we recite at Sunday Mass, has been called to proclaim their Faith to others. The truth that our one God is a Trinity of the Father who created everyone and everything, of the Son who became the Man Jesus, who lived, taught, suffered, died and rose about 2000 years ago, and of the Holy Spirit who lives today in each one of us. We humans who sinned as a family in Adam and continue to sin individually in our thoughts, words and deeds have been freed from our enslavement to our own selfish desires and sins by the cross of Jesus, our Redeemer. We have been created in His image with an intellect and free will to accept or reject the invitation to become the holy children of God by receiving the Sacraments and living according to the law of Love. In His mercy, God will judge everyone who accepts this invitation to be free of sin and welcome to join Him in eternal life in heaven. Those who believe become His representatives and are charged to evangelize and invite all others to do the same.

The National LifeChain will take place this Sunday. Please show your support for the sanctity of life by participating in your local LifeChain which will be held on the Ligonier Diamond from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. This is a silent, peaceful, prayerful demonstration during which participants may stand or sit holding one of several approved pro-life signs. For more information please contact Terry Kelly at 724-493-4349.



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**News from St. Raymond's Christian Mothers**

The St. Raymond's Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 10, at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Social Hall. We will be celebrating Halloween and Fall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

# Spaghetti Dinner

**Come Dine & Enjoy  
Rose & Joe Sarnelli's  
Famous Italian Pasta**



**Next Sunday, October 8  
From 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
at St. Raymond of the Mountains Church  
(Parish Social Hall)**

**Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad,  
Bread & Butter  
Complimentary Dessert & Drink  
Eat-in or Take-out**

**Adults: \$8.00  
Children 5 to 12: \$4.00  
Children 4 and younger: FREE**

**Always looking for help....**Volunteers are needed for the Spaghetti Dinner on October 8. If you are interested in greeting customers, waiting on tables, prepping for the event, set-up/clean-up, bussing tables, etc., please sign your name to the sheet located on the table in the back of the church. Service hours are also available to students preparing for Confirmation or for other school activities.

At the present time, the cookbook stock has been depleted. The Christian Mothers' have submitted a reorder for the cookbook. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, 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. Additional cookbooks will be arriving during October.



Are you being called by Jesus and Mary to help work in GOD'S vineyard? If so, please consider joining the people of St. Raymond of the Mountains by peacefully and prayerfully reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Christ with your presence on Wednesday, October 11 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood Pittsburgh, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. Prayer books will be provided. Please don't forget your Holy Rosary. We begin with Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St Raymond's chapel, breakfast at T.J's restaurant on Route 31, then carpool from St Raymond's parking lot at 9:45 a.m. If you feel the tugging in your heart to be a voice for the preborn children in the womb, please consider joining this ministry. Thank you. For further information, please contact Rachel Burke at 760-792-0255, 724-691-5921, or e-mail at [kwburkel@msn.com](mailto:kwburkel@msn.com).



Looking for volunteers to supply cakes and pies for the Spaghetti Dinner on October 8. Please bring your dessert to the kitchen by 9 a.m., Sunday, October 8.



## 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, October 1
- 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
  - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass
- Friday, October 6
- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention Mass Followed by an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (RC)
- Saturday, October 7
- 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)
  - 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
- Next Sunday, October 8
- 8:00 a.m. Morning Mass
  - 9:00 a.m. St. Raymond Religious Ed. Classes (CL)
  - 10:30 a.m. Morning Mass
  - 11:30 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner (PH)



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

## Our Weekly Offering

### OFFERTORY - September 23 & 24, 2017

(86 out of 388 envelopes used which is 22%)

Envelopes	\$2,606.00
Loose	562.00
Monthly	00.00
Youth	00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,168.00</b>
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	- \$1,432.00
Seminary & Clergy	\$823.75

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

### MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat-A Ministry to Catholic Women is holding a Breakfast at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 Noon. Guest speaker will be Stephanie Solomon, who will tell of her own as well as her son's struggle with addiction.

Cost is \$20.00, student rate \$15.00. To register, please call Brenda by October 27 at 724-836-2094 or visit [www.magnificatgreensburg.com](http://www.magnificatgreensburg.com) to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

**Conn-Area Catholic School** is proud to bring to the Connellsville area "Late Nite Catechism". If you are not familiar with this show, it is a comedy that is back due to popular demand. Mark your calendars for November 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., at the Porter Theater. These \$25 tickets are reserved seating. To purchase your tickets, stop in the school's office. All proceeds go to the families of the school for tuition assistance. For more information, call the school at 724-628-5090.

Beginning the week of October 1, the daily morning Mass in the chapel will resume its normal schedule, 8 a.m., Mon. thru Thurs. and the First Friday of each month. There is no Mass scheduled for the other Fridays.

## **MASSES THIS WEEK**

### **Sat. - September 30 - Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. + Lorraine Kemp (John & Marilyn Nedrow)

### **Sun. - October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. + Sue Shroyer (Noreen Brady & Elaine Voke)

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

### **Mon. - October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels**

8:00 a.m. + Pat Tiberi (John & Mary Strucaly) (Chapel)

### **Tues. - October 3 - Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Susan R. Parrish  
(Laura Parrish) (Chapel)

### **Wed. - October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi**

8:00 a.m. + Henry Szymanski  
(George Szymanski) (Chapel)


### **Thurs. - October 5 - weekday**

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Werthman  
Family (Ray Werthman) (Chapel)

### **Fri. - October 6 - Weekday**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention; followed by an Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction  
until 10:00 AM (Chapel)

### **Sat. - October 7 - Vigil: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m.  Special Intention for Mrs. Helen M. Sparks  
(Addy Evangeliste & Family)

### **Sun. - October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members

10:30 a.m. + Donald Korzen (Sonny Korzen)

A special thanks to Tidweld, a local business,  
for sponsoring the January Calendar Ticket.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

### **SERVERS**

Sat. Oct. 7 4:30 p.m. - Connor Drazel

Sun. Oct. 8 8:00 a.m. - Cameron Wojnar

Sun. Oct. 8 10:30 a.m. - Dylan Krett

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sat. Oct. 7 4:30 p.m. - Ginger Cairns

- Susan Waite

- Dorothy Voke

Sun. Oct. 8 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizak

- Karen Chearney

- Noreen Brady

Sun. Oct. 8 10:30 a.m. - Deneen Vinkler

- Jack Kinsey

- Cathy Wenk

### **READERS**

Sat. Oct. 7 4:30 p.m. - Candy Brangard

Sun. Oct. 8 8:00 a.m. - Bill Pospisil

Sun. Oct. 8 10:30 a.m. - Diane Kinsey

