

St. Raymond of the Mountains

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Online Giving Service

(web base electronic contributions, safe & secure)

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.



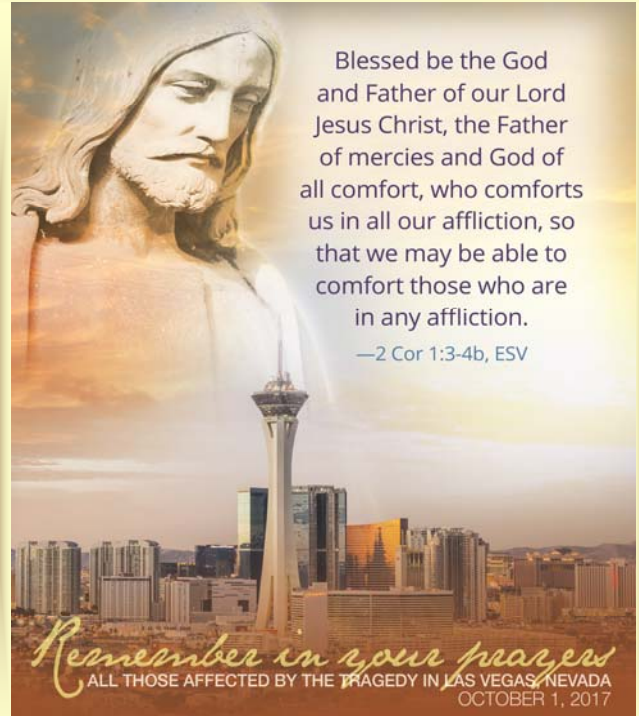
CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 PM.

MARRIAGES:

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

October 8, 2017



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.

—2 Cor 1:3-4b, ESV

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 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner's property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control--not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God's kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.

Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit? And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God's work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own?

God has trusted us with a place in the world, HIS world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.

Readings for the Week of October 8, 2017

- Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8 Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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, Jim Kalp, Carol Kelly, Ryan Kelly, Flo Kinneer, Frank Kuhns, Namon Lilly, Juanita Miller, Theresa Miller, Margaret Mollick, Courtiney 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.



The process of evangelizing begins with ourselves by repentance, inner conversion and by giving example of practicing our Faith in our own daily lives. We should pray not only at meals but quietly talk to God throughout the day, especially when we are alone. Spend a few minutes every day reading the Bible, the Catholic Catechism for Adults and/or some other inspirational material. Then live the Faith by performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. If we decide to evangelize by word, begin by discussing religion with family members and friends. If we go beyond that, use invitation and give testimony to others about the importance of religion in our own lives without arguing or attempting to prove others wrong. In a discussion when an answer to a question is not known, do not presume to know and give an answer, but refer them to a priest or offer to find out and get back to them. When all is said and done, be aware that we are not evangelizing on our own, but that the Holy Spirit is working through us.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will begins on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at St. Raymond Church.

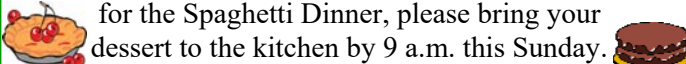
If anyone is interested, you're all invited to join us.


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, Hay Bales, or Indian Corn, please call the Parish Office at 724-593-7479 and indicate what you will drop off or if you need assistance in getting them to the Church. Everything can be dropped off by St. Raymond's kitchen door. Thank you.

Spaghetti Dinner

This Sunday, October 8
From 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
at St. Raymond's 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


Looking for volunteers to supply cakes and pies for the Spaghetti Dinner, please bring your dessert to the kitchen by 9 a.m. this Sunday. 


 Welcome to **Alexis Czyrnik**, daughter of Justin and Joyce Czyrnik, who is the newest member of our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism on October 1, 2017. May God bless her.

 **News from St. Raymond's Christian Mothers**
The St. Raymond's Christian Mothers will hold their monthly meeting this 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. 



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.

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. 

St. Pius X Christian Mothers is sponsoring their Annual Bingo, Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the St. Pius Social Hall, Doors open at 12 noon
Tickets are \$25 which includes 1st package and lunch. Only 250 tickets sold. \$1,000 Jackpot, 50/50, Instants, Chinese Auction and much more. Please call Connie at 724-547-5269, Pam at 724-454-5917 or Margie at 724-331-2546. Tickets also available in the parish office! 

FRIENDS OF ST. RAYMOND

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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 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)
- Tuesday, October 10 - 8:30 a.m. Christian Mothers
Meeting (PH)
- Wednesday, October 11 - 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)
- Saturday, October 14 - 4:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary (CH)
- 4:30 p.m. Evening Mass
- Next Sunday, October 15 - 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 - September 30 & October 1, 2017

(92 out of 388 envelopes used which is 24%)

Envelopes	\$2,790.75
Loose	671.00
Monthly	60.00
Youth	00.00
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$3,521.75
Needed for Expenses	\$4,600.00
Difference	- \$1,078.25
Seminary & Clergy	\$10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00

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 to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313.

If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

MASSES THIS WEEK

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)

Mon. - October 9 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Mary Catherine Shipley (Marilyn Fink)
(Chapel)

Tues. - October 10 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Lorraine Kemp (Cel Tidwell) (Chapel)

Wed. - October 11 - Weekday

NO MASS SCHEDULED - Priest Convocation

Thurs. - October 12 - Weekday

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Fri. - October 13 - Weekday

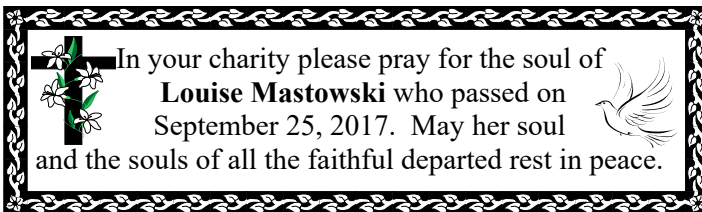

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Sat. - October 14 - Vigil: Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. + Andrew J. Jenca (Tidwell Family)

Sun. - October 15 - Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. + Frank & Helen Sparks (Bob & Patty Sparks)
10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

 In your charity please pray for the soul of
Louise Mastowski who passed on
September 25, 2017. May her soul
and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. 

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SERVERS

Sat. Oct. 14 4:30 p.m. - Cheyenne Honeycutt
Sun. Oct. 15 8:00 a.m. - Kaylea Voke
Sun. Oct. 15 10:30 a.m. - Nicole Shinsky

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat. Oct. 14 4:30 p.m. - Karen Nedley
- Patty Sparks
- Susan Waite
Sun. Oct. 15 8:00 a.m. - Kathleen Smith Mizik
- Noreen Brady
- Karen Chearney
Sun. Oct. 15 10:30 a.m. - Darlene Grabill
- Mary DeLose
- Cheryl Cupps

READERS

Sat. Oct. 14 4:30 p.m. - Ceal Solan
Sun. Oct. 15 8:00 a.m. - Peg Schafer
Sun. Oct. 15 10:30 a.m. - Ray Werthman



Somerset Bank is offering a 2017 AARP Smart Driver Class from 5:30-9:30 p.m., November 13 & 20 at County Line Church of the Brethren, 1411 County Line Road, Champion. For more information call 814-443-9356.