

# St. Raymond of the Mountains

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**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.

**September 13, 2020**



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

## MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 PM.

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM at St. Raymond Church.

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:

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Closed Friday.

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

## 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.

**GATHERING HYMN**

***Praise to the Lord***

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation; O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation. All you who hear, Now to his altar draw near, Joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee. Ponder anew What the Almighty can do, Who with his love doth befriend thee.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

R/. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

R/. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Mass of Creation**

Marty Haugen

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come, again, until you come again.

**LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us..... Grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN A New Commandment**

R/. I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you, as I have loved you.

**RECESSIONAL**

**Rejoice, the Lord is King**

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, Exultant evermore. Lift up you heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. The Lord, our Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; For Christ has purged our sins And reigns, enthroned above. Lift up you heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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**Readings for the week of September 13, 2020**

- Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a] Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

Our parish will celebrate special Masses for Confirmation on Saturday, September 19 at 11 a.m. and First Holy Communion on Sunday, September 20 at 1 p.m.



**Blessed are those who live simply, for their discipline will bring harmony with the rhythms of life**

Conserve water and electricity. Don't waste food. Minimize the plastic you buy. Wear out your own clothes. Walk lightly on the earth. And you will find true happiness deep in your soul.

**The St. Pius X Friday Fish Dinner!**  
**September 18 and 25**  
Drive thru Only -- Stay in your car!  
4:00 p.m. until the fish runs out!

**Menu:** Fried or Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, breadsticks  
**all for only \$10.**  
For more information please call 724-547-1911.

A cartoon yellow fish wearing a chef's hat and holding a spatula. To the right is a logo with the words 'Fish Fry' and illustrations of fish.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Heavenly Father, your loving providence accompanies us on our life's journey.

Thank you for the many gifts you have given us. We ask that you continue to call sons and daughters from our families and parishes to serve as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg.

Send your Spirit upon us so that many will respond with great love to your call to service and leadership in your Church. Give to those you have chosen the faith of the apostle, the vision of the prophet, and the courage of the martyr. Through the intercession of our Diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption, help us to be faithful disciples of your Son by following the example of Mary. Make us generous in sharing ourselves and our talents for the sake of your Kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.

**SERVING IN THE  
LOVE OF CHRIST**

Amen

## **NEW EVANGELIZATION**

To evangelize is to proclaim the Gospel, the "Good News", of salvation. Salvation means that we have been saved from eternal death and damnation by the life, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. According to Vatican II and papal documents, our proclamation must begin with self, to first admit our own sins and seek forgiveness for ourselves, with a resolve for a constant inner conversion. Only after we become aware of our unworthiness and adopt an attitude of humility should we announce to others their need for salvation. Our approach to our mission to evangelize others must be done with humility and an attitude of service. There can be no air of superiority. As God's children we must exhibit loving concern, mercy and forgiveness in imitation of our Brother, Jesus.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

There are four steps in the RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Instructions for this ritual state that the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation should be a communal event involving both laity and clergy with emphasis on welcoming the convert(s) into our Parish liturgical and spiritual life. The first step is that of "Inquiry," which is a mixture of evangelization on the part of parishioners and an honest search for Truth on the part of those with questions or doubts about Catholicism. The second is the "Catechumenate", a period of studying the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Church. The third is "Lent", a time to participate in the Liturgy, and culminating in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter. The fourth is "Mystagogy", active participation in the liturgical mysteries and social events of the Parish.

The Second Collection this weekend is for Support to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



## **MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Sat. - September 12 - Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. + Dorothy Voke (Bob & Patty Sparks)

**Sun. - September 13 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. + Mary Garrity (Garrity Family)

10:30 a.m. Our Parish Members

**Mon. - September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 a.m. Rustin Ohller (Ray Werthman)

**Tues. - September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**

10:00 a.m. Christian Mothers 40th Anniversary *Celebrating*  
Celebration (Christian Mothers) **40** *Years*

**- Stay healthy and be safe Wear A Mask when you come -**

**Wed. - September 16 - St. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,**

**Bishop, Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. + Jack Sharbaugh (Tom & Barb Serokman)

**Thurs. - September 17 - Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Ging Cairns (Loretta Kuhns)

**Fri. - September 18 - Weekday**

8:00 a.m. + Jeanne Hadley (Bob & Peggy Reilly)

**Sat. - September 19 - Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30 p.m. No Mass Intention Offered for this day

**Sun. - September 20 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Members

10:30 a.m. + Francis Cairns (Joe & Elise Bizup)

### **Offering OFFERTORY for September 5 & 6, 2020**

Envelopes	\$2,866.00
Loose	\$338.00
Monthly	\$115.00
Total	\$3,319.00
Catholic Accent	\$5.00
ABC Education	\$110.00
Catholic Schools & University	\$35.00
Assumption	\$30.00
Seminary	\$25.00

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



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

**(August to January 2021)**

John Accetola, Josh B., Mike Bartow, Matt Bauman, Dennis Buckholtz, 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, Patty Gadek, Gerald, Barry Huey, Mitchell Johnson, Darlene Jenniches, Jardon Kalp, Jim Kalp, Megan Kalp, Charles Kantorik (9/8/2020) Francis Kantorik, Carol Kelly, Blaine Keslar, Lisa Kosco, Ray Kostovny, Namon Lilly, James & Leslie Lloyd, Donna M., Kenny Mach, Lisa Magruda, Denise Mastro, Juanita Miller, Julia Miller, Richard Miller, Debbie Moore, Bob Nicholas, Regina Nilson, Mindy O., Beth P., Chris Petrarca, Greg Petrucci, David Powers (9/9/2020) Larry Powers, Madeline R., Tracy Ritenour, Bernie Rusinko, Evan Sander, Gertrude 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.