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8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Website - www.straymondchurch.org

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:

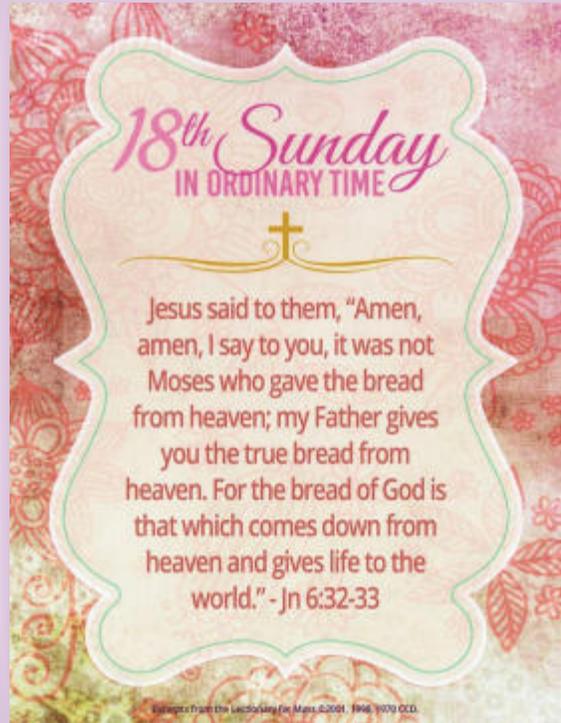
Saturday: 3:30 p.m.

MARRIAGES:

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



August 1, 2021



MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. at St. Raymond Church.

An Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:

Every First Friday of the month after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days: See bulletin

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Catholic Charities Help Line 1-866-409-6455

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

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

1. Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless Your chosen pilgrim flock With manna in the wilderness, With water from the rock.
2. We would not live by bread alone, But by your word of grace, In strength of which we travel on To Our abiding place.

GLORIA

REFRAIN: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

1. 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. **(R)**
2. 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. **(R)**
3. 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. Amen. **(R)**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. The Lord gave them bread from heaven

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

R/. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

Gift of Finest Wheat

REFRAIN: You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat; Come, give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice, So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. **(R)**
2. With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude, That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. **(R)**
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? **(R)**
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell: Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. **(R)**
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be, To serve each other in your name In truth and charity. **(R)**

RECESSIONAL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, His the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone; Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a might flood, Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how; Though the clouds from sight received him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

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Christian Mothers Flea Market

Christian Mothers Flea Market
August 13, 14 & 15, 2021

Donations are now being accepted!



Gently used clean items can be brought to the church kitchen on Tuesday and Thursday mornings after mass. No clothing please!

If you have any questions please
Call Cel (724) 454-9105

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 1, 2021, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

As the covid –19 restrictions are lifted we are in need of readers, eucharistic ministers cantors and altar servers who are interested in serving again or those interested in becoming involved in these ministries. If interested please email Bill Pospisil.

Readings for the week of August 1, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9 a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Saturday:	Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-5

The St. Raymond of the Mountains Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is looking for places to stay.



Will you open your home to Our Lady for a two week stay?

The traveling Madonna will bring abundant graces to any family who will host her. You may invite family and friends to pray alongside of you or just enjoy her presence in your home.

Please call Rachel Burke for the Pilgrim Statue Schedule at 724-691-5921 (home) 760-792-0255 (cell) or e-mail at kwburke@msn.com

ALL VOLUNTEERS for all parish ministries are required to have updated, every 5 years, Child Clearances and training.

This Includes:

Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct **

PA Mandated Reporter Training

Virtus Training

PA Criminal History Check Form *

PA Child Abuse Form *

FBI Fingerprint Check or Volunteer Affidavit **

If you are serving as a volunteer in any parish ministry please contact Bill Pospisil to update your clearances.

training and clearances can be done online at:

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youth-protection/Pages/childservices.aspx>

Items marked * can also be done by mail, forms are available on the back table of the church.

Items marked ** are only paper forms.

Please remember in your prayers

Anna, John Accettola, Josh B., Bonnie Baloga, Sue Brown, Mary C, Terry Cavicchio, Jamie & Justin Chitwood, Tara, Eamon, Aedan & Alana Conklin, Shawn Dellgross, Amanda Dennis, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Heather Faff, Patty Gadek, Gerald, Bob & Piper Heitzer, David Heitzer, Jadon Michael Kalp, Francis Kantorik, Theresa Miller, Regina Nilson, Lisa Maruda, Denise Mastro, Mindy O., David Powers, Larry Powers, Pat Powers, Brandy Schurg, Helen Sparks, Tom Sparks, Edie Spell, Ernestine Stanton, Mike & Toni Terretti, Theresa, Colleen and sons, Denise Thomas, Bryce Vargo and Kristin

Please Note: To add someone to the prayer list it is important that you have obtained their permission to do so. Please be sure to keep the office updated on those you have placed on the prayer list. If the office receives no updates after six months, that person will be removed from the prayer list.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Our Weekly Offering for July 24 & 25, 2021

Envelopes used:	69 of 348 = 20%		
Mass Envelopes	Loose	Total	
4:30 \$ 925.00	\$280.00	\$1205.00	
8:00 \$ 872.00	\$214.00	\$1086.00	
10:30 \$ 625.00	\$273.00	\$ 898.00	
Total \$2422.00	\$767.00	\$3189.00	

Many thanks and may God Bless you for your generosity.

1-to-1 Contribution

Father Anthony recently visited a family that wanted to help reduce the debt. They asked him to share their gift of \$10,000 and are hoping others in the parish can do a 1-to1 Contribution.

All gifts go directly to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal (DLA). All monies contributed no matter how large or small will be returned dollar-for-dollar. DLA contributions can be made until December 31, 2021.

Father Anthony extends a sincere thank you and special prayers to all who have contributed to the DLA and to the families that are donating the 1-to-1 Contribution.

DLA Update as of July 26, 2021

Total Donations & Pledges \$89,975.00

Diocesan Goal \$24,765.00

Parish share \$65,210.00

100% of the parish share this year will be directed to reducing our parish debt.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday – July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest; Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Our Parish Members

Sunday – August 1 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Nathan Schafer by The Schafer Family

10:30 a.m. +Charlene McNiellie birthday remembrance
By the Estochin Family

Monday – August 2 – St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:00 a.m. Nell Chunik by Dee Thomas

Tuesday – August 3 – Weekday

8:00 a.m. +Guadalupe Melchor by Rachel Burke

Wednesday – August 4 – St. John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. For health and healing of Harley Winston
Burr by Rachel Burke

Thursday – August 5 – The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 a.m. Sean Christopher Burke by Rachel Burke

Friday – August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Cory Alan Patrick Burke by Rachel Burke

Saturday – August 7 – St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM;

Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. +Jim Sparks by Addy Evangeliste

Next Sunday – August 8 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Parishioners and Friends of St. Raymond

10:30 a.m. +John Korzen by Sonny Korzen

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.

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