



✠ St. Raymond of the Mountains

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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.



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January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Illustration from the Liturgy for Mass, 2011, 1984, 1975 CDG

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

Parish Online giving:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-raymond-donegal/funds>

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.

St. Raymond of the Mountains Church
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January 2, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord

The Christian Mother's hope you had a blessed Christmas and wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year! Thank you for your help in making 2021 a success in helping us to serve St Raymond!!



LAST CALL FOR ANGEL TREE!

This tradition helps infants and the elderly within our area. The tree will remain out of view again this year following safety protocols for COVID-19. Items can be bagged or unwrapped. They can be placed in the back near the table and marked accordingly. Items needed for the infants and elderly are listed below. This list will also be available on the back table if you are interested in donating. We will be donating all infant gifts to "Alternatives. Yes Pregnancy Support Center" in Connellsville and the elderly who reside in our area.

Infant Gifts: laundry detergent; family first aid kits; safety kit with outlet covers for babies/toddlers; baby/toddler board books; baby health and grooming kit; forehead thermometers; baby hooded towel; baby bouncy seat; infant car seat; infant high chair; bassinet; PJ's girl size 2T, 18, 12 and 24 months; Girl's sleepers: Newborn, 3, 6 or 9 months; PJ's boys size 2T, 18, 12, and 24 months; Boy's sleepers: Newborn, 3, 6 or 9 months; Infant/toddlers shoes, any size; plus any monetary donation. Checks may be written to Alternatives. Yes. and mailed to 6 Frank Gallo Lane, Connellsville, PA 15425 OR you may donate any amount (\$10, \$25, \$50, etc.) by texting keyword BABIES to 202-858-1233 by using a credit card, Pay Pal or Venmo. Gifts may be placed near the table in the back of the church.

Elderly: It is a very hard time for some of the elderly in our area. Cost of items are rising for food as well as prescriptions. So please if you can, be generous to these individuals. We are accepting GIFT CARDS for Walmart, Aldi's and CVS. These businesses are used most by the elderly in our area. You may also donate gifts of soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, hand towels, men's and ladies socks, gloves, stamps, decaffeinated tea, sugar free lozenges, puzzle books, writing materials, crackers, all occasion cards, easy reach tool, and body and hand lotion.



Special Thanks to Santa Claus, Santa Paws & everyone else who helped made Breakfast with Santa a wonderful time for children of all



Our Blessed Mother Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is inviting all of St Raymond's parishioners to host a two week stay in your home.



Many many Grace's come to you when she is in your home with your family and friends. Fr Anthony Onoko is eager to meet all of our parishioners and will Bless your Home and Family, and if you like, share a meal or snack with you. Please contact Rachel Burke for the 2022 Schedule now at Kwburke1@msn.com or 724 691-5921; 760 792-0255

Who Are The Christian Mothers?

A bit of history:

The first Confraternity of Christian Mothers was started in France in 1850 by a group of mothers. The confraternity of Christian Mothers is a group of women who gather together to pray for each other and for their and for their children. They discuss and pray for the Christian education for their families, the needs of the church and their communities.

Ok – so you may be wondering . . .

What exactly is a confraternity?

A confraternity is a voluntary association of the clergy or laity established under Church Authority for the promotion of special works of Christian charity or piety.

What is the Goal of this Confraternity?

(taken from the 2nd edition of the ML book 1860)

- ◆ The goal of the Arch-Confraternity is “To multiply the graces for which the Christian Mothers pray”.
- ◆ “To this end the hearts of these mothers, united to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, place their vows, cares and prayers together, so as to bring down the blessings from on high upon their children and families.”

Why would I want to be a member?

The world around us is falling apart. Families are falling apart. We are constantly bombarded with ads, billboards, media that encourage us to do just about anything -but- be a holy wife and mother. There are so many things vying for our time. So many distractions. We need an abundance of Grace to keep up the good fight to run the good race.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

We are now scheduling Mass intentions for 2022. Each person may request up to 10 intentions for ONE person or ONE family. If you would like to request your intentions, please do so as soon as possible; in writing, and place it in the collection or mail it to the Parish Office. Please indicate your intentions and suggested dates on your written request. The Mass Intentions Policy is posted on the bulletin boards in the Church, and can be provided to you upon request coming to the Parish Office.

Forms are on the back table of the church.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 2, 2022, The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



Please remember in your prayers

Anna, John Accettola, Walter Allen, Josh B., Bonnie Baloga, Sue Brown, Mary C, Terry Cavicchio, Jamie & Justin Chitwood, Eddie Cline, Tara, Eamon, Aedan & Alana Conklin, Shawn Dellgross, Amanda Dennis, George Estochin, Laura Estochin, Heather Faff, Federline Family, Patty Gadek, Gerald, Bob & Piper Heitzer, David, Gary & Jaylin Heitzer, Jadon Michael & Marlene Kalp, Francis Kantorik, Carrie Keslar, Bill Maddas, Theresa Miller, Regina Nilson, Lisa Maruda, Denise Mastro, Mindy O., David Powers, Larry Powers, Pat Powers, Lewis Ritenour, Sabatini Family, 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.

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



Our Weekly Offering for Dec. 18 & 19, 2021

Envelopes used:	78 of 348 = 22.4%		
Mass Envelopes	Loose	Total	
4:30 \$ 1055.00	\$178.00	\$1233.00	
8:00 \$ 727.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 779.00	
10:30 \$ 925.00	\$202.00	\$1127.00	
Mailed & Weekday Contributions	\$ 1215.00		
Online Contributions	\$1031.00		
Total Parish Offering	\$5385.00		

*Many thanks and may God Bless you
for your generosity.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Jan. 1 - 9, 2021

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Parishioners & Friends of St. Raymond
4:30 p.m. +John Sarnelli by the Sarnelli Family

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00 a.m. Parishioners & Friends of St. Raymond
10:30 a.m. +Brent Heitzer by Bill Pospisil

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 a.m. +Kim Eby by Bill Pospisil

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. +Anthony Dellgross by Toni Terretti

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

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

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

8:00 a.m. +Fr. Thomas Federline by Toni Terretti

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:00 a.m. +Richard & Alice Sparks by Toni Terretti

Saturday: Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

4:30 p.m. +Laurie Mae Kraisinger Lipniskis
by Lisa Koval

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. +Fr. Thomas Federline
by Addy Evangeliste & Family
10:30 a.m. Parishioners & Friends of St. Raymond

Are you new to St. Raymond Parish or has your contact information changed?

We welcome you to our community and ask that you complete the form below.

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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