

Saint Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church

January 20, 2019 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass: Monday - Thursday at 8:00am
Saturday at 8:00am & 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am

Confession: Saturday from 4:30pm - 4:50pm
Sunday from 9:10am - 9:50am
3rd Sunday of the Month at Noon

Those who are interested in joining our Church or learning more about the Catholic Faith, please call the Parish Office. You are most welcome because we need your gifts to enrich our Parish Family!

Saint Raymond Church: Where God is Glorified & His People are Sanctified
*We will use our Passion for Christ and Hope for Humanity to inspire and serve
so that the gospel is proclaimed and we live as disciples of Jesus.*

Meetings for the Week

When does your Small Group meet?

Monday: Join us for MLK events!

Tuesday: Join us for Daily Mass at 8am

Wednesday: Join us for Daily Mass 8am;
"Women in the Bible" – Bible Study at 7pm

Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am to 4pm;
7pm Gospel Choir Practice; 8:30pm Praise
Choir Practice

Friday: BLOOD DRIVE 2:30pm-7pm in the Hall

Saturday: Weight Watchers at 10am

Sunday: Worship & Rest; Jr. High Meeting
after 10am Mass.

*Catholic Call to Prayer continues at 6:30am,
Monday to Friday. Call 1-857-232-0158, Enter
Code 336656 and join us in prayer each day!*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., Jan. 21 8am People of the Parish

Tues., Jan. 22 8am Edna Garrett

Wed., Jan. 23 8am Tommy Burke

Thurs., Jan. 24 8am Dorothy McKee

Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am – 4:00pm

Sat., Jan. 26 8am Pilgrims of World Youth Day 2019
5pm Choice and Marjorie Durham

Sun., Jan. 27 8am John Timoney

10am Charlene Graham

**Can you join us for Mass one day?
Jesus is waiting for you to experience His love and mercy!**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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Throughout the year the Church has a variety of celebrations in honor of Mary: Mary, Mother of God, the Assumption, Immaculate Conception and more. Sadly, many people are not able to attend these celebrations because of other priorities or commitments and thus miss out on many of the scripture readings and homilies that raise up Mary as a model for all Christians. This weekend's Gospel of the Wedding at Cana is an exception and thus a chance for us to look at Mary as an intercessor for us all.

Sadly, there are some Christians who wrongly believe that we "worship" Mary. This is a lie. Worship is for God alone. We honor, even venerate Mary, because of her choices in cooperation with the will of Almighty God. Mary is not, not ever will be, part of the Blessed Trinity. However, she was the first human to hear God's plan of salvation and the first to believe. Thus, she deserves honor. When we honor Mary, we imitate Jesus who honored her as his own mother and teacher in the ways of faith.

In addition, this Gospel teaches us Mary's role as an intercessor. Can we go directly to Jesus – of course. However, we can also use an intercessor like Mary or one of the saints. Why would we? First off, because it is an option since they are now in heaven interceding for us – it is what they are doing for eternity as they praise God face to face. In addition, it is obvious that God allowed this example to be in the Bible for us to learn from it – this couple, embarrassed for running out of wine – has Mary go to Jesus for them. Her words to the waiter, "do whatever He tells you", tell us everything about Mary – her life leads us to Jesus.

I urge you, please continue to develop your relationship with Mary as a Model Christian, as a Mother in the ways of faith and an intercessor with the many trials and challenges of life. She will always lead you to Jesus! *Father Chris*

Saint Raymond Parish Life Travel Committee is hosting a trip to Sands Casino Resort in Bethlehem on Saturday, February 16th. The cost of the trip will be \$35.00 (non-refundable). It includes \$20.00 slot play and \$5.00 food voucher. You can also go shopping at Sands & Co Outlets. Deadline for the trip is Friday, February 8, 2019. Cash or check (payable to St. Raymond Church) payments can be dropped in collection basket or at Parish Office. If you have questions, please contact Shelly Johnson (215-247-7411) or Cathy Gumby (215-248-0806).

Need help with your heating bills? Call the LIHEAP Client Helpline at 1-866-857-709

Notes from the Sunday Eucharist

Inspiration from the Word: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96: 1-3, 7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Inspiration from Music and Song:

Inspiration from Quiet Prayer:

As a Disciple of Christ who seeks to give God Glory and also seeks my own sanctification, in the week to come I am moved to...

Why not begin preparing for next week when the Scripture Passages will be: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30; Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21.

AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN



Are you new to our area or have you visited St. Raymond as a visitor? You are most welcome and we hope that you feel welcome too! If you would like to talk with someone about faith, our parish, or Catholicism, we want to be of service! Contact Richara, our Pastoral Associate at richara@saintraymond.net or at 215-549-3760.

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Have you ever thought that God might use YOU to save the life of an unborn child? Do you know someone who is pregnant and needs help deciding what to do? Have them contact the Sisters of Life at 1-877-777-1277 for help. There are people ready to help right now!



Sabrina Harris (20th), Isabella Marion & Brandon Alston (21st), Charles Adams & Alicia Patton (22nd), Arleen Daniels & Mildred Janifer (23rd), Michael Powell, Tabe Hence, Lester Greene & Jada Temple (25th), Apple Hopper & David Wilborn (26th). If you would like to be remembered by our parish community, please sign the book in the back of church. Good Samaritan Ministry!

United Way at St. Raymond - Help support St. Raymond Social Ministry in your United Way Campaign (ID# 8689) as well as St. Raymond School (ID# 50960) and let your employer match your gift in a way that is a true blessing to St. Raymond and those we serve.



Join the Lord Jesus in quiet Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays from 8:30am until 4:00pm in the Chapel. He is waiting for you...so come and let us adore Him! This hour will be a blessing! Please join us all day!

In addition, you can Adore Jesus on Mondays at the Miraculous Medal Shrine, Tuesdays at St. Athanasius and Wednesdays at St. Benedict. Come and let us adore Him!

B.A.T.T.L.E. Youth Ministry at Saint Raymond
Become All That The Lord Expects.
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Join us after 10 AM Sunday Mass for Youth Service Sunday!
Sr. High Youth: Meeting 1/20/19 after the 10am Mass
Stay connected: Text @holymixers to 81010 for reminders and updates; **Jr. High Youth Group Stay connected:** Text @mrsrichara to 81010 for reminders and updates. Battle Youth Group.

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*We have gathered each month in the chapel to intercede for the needs of family, friends, and others. To make this beautiful experience of prayer available to more members of our Church family, the **Monthly Prayer Hour** will be the first Sunday of each month. Sunday, February 3rd, we will gather in the chapel from 9am-10am to pray intentionally for the needs of others. Please join us. **The special intention for February will be Holy Marriages!***

Father Judge High School
New 8th Grade Placement Test Date is Wednesday, **January 23, 2019.** All 8th Graders applying for Father Judge, (Class of 2023), must take the 8th Grade Placement Test. Pre-Registration is required- visit homepage @ fatherjudge.com

Come experience our Winter Open House Thursday, January 31, 2019 (6:30pm - 8:30pm) Pre-Register on homepage @ fatherjudge.com. Please refer to fatherjudge.com for more information and updates on future events or call 215-338-9494, extension 1158.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The American Red Cross will host a Blood Drive at St. Raymond - Friday, **January 25th**, in the Hall from 2:30pm to 7pm. Sign up at the back of the church on Jan. 19 and 20.

Liturgical Ministers for January 26th & 27th :

Saturday at 5pm: The Reader is Brandy Weir; **Euch. Ministers** are Deborah Briscoe, Crystal Jackson & Renard Jackson; **Altar Servers** are Sean Bradley & Donovan Bradley.

Sunday at 8am: The Readers are Janet Marshall & Steve Lawrence; **Altar Servers** are Geeia Mahoney & Rowan Willis.

Sunday at 10am: The Readers are Petey Ogelsby & Shondel Younge; **Euch. Ministers** are Carl Kelly, Deborah Kerrin, Pam Laguerre & Cynthia McCallister; **Altar Servers** are Lisa Osoo, Chris Ouattara, Yannick Ouattara & Jillian Sweat.

Please be faithful to your service; we need you!



US Bishop's Letter on Racism

Join the St. Raymond Church Family in reading portions of the US Bishop's recent Pastoral Letter on Racism on Rev. King's Birthday Commemoration, January 21st from 9am until Noon at the parish. The time will include reading and study, shared conversations and hope-filled resolutions for turning ideas into actions. All are welcome.

Community Meeting with State Rep. Chris Rabb

Join our State Representative, his staff and other community organizers for brunch and an energizing conversation around transforming Philadelphia more and more into a City of true brotherly love and sisterly affection. Join us Monday, Jan. 21st starting with lunch at 12:30pm and the afternoon concluding at 2:30pm. The session will be held at St. Raymond School Hall. For information, please contact: Carla Johnson, 215-242-7300.

Bishop Braxton Lecture

Bishop Braxton from Bellville, IL will give a lecture on the issues Rev. King would be passionate about if he were living today on Monday, Jan. 21st at 7pm in the Chapel of St. Joseph at St. Joseph's University, located at 5600 City Avenue in Philadelphia. The address will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a music prelude by the Philadelphia Catholic Mass Choir. If you would like transportation, St. Athanasius is offering a bus for \$5; call 215-548-2700. Want more info? Please contact: Fr Richard Owens 215-587-3541.

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Remember our sick brothers & sisters in prayer.... Pope Benedict XVI, Glenn Adams, Robert Adams, Joan Baran, Rhonda Beasley, Lorraine Beauparlant, Johanna Bender, Cleopheus "Cleo" Benton, Juanita Berry, Ethel Black, Nathaniel Bennett, Barbara & Oscar Bowen, Larina Brooks, Margaret W. Brown, Carmen Bryant, Maria Burrell, Gladys Callan, Barbara Campbell, Cora Caviness, Gloria Crittenden, Joyce Coleman, Lillian Cooper, Valdez Coston, Cheryl Crockett, April DeMatto, Denise Derrick, Anne Durham, Marcellus Edwards, Carolyn Ervin, Beatrice "Bea" Evans, Elizabeth Evans, Joann Evans, Lonna Evans, Margaret "Peggy" Evans, Louise Faxton, Jack Feighan, Shawn Fenty, Cayna Ford, Dorothy Foust, Patricia Gaither, Tina Glickman, Katrice Graham-Adams, Tyrone Harris, Meg Hayes, Jr., Marjorie Henry, Pat Hughes, Maria Isaacs, David Johnson, Mary Jones, Stanley & Sherry Jones, Valerie Jones, Yvonne Jordan, Martin Lentz, Janet Marshall, Delores Mason, Florimel Mitchell, Towanda Mays, Amara MacPhee, Sherri McCullough, Jewel McLendon, Darlene McMillian, Lee McQueen, Elizabeth Miller, Henry Mills, Sydney Montgomery, Berta Morris, Darryl Myers, Altamesecarolye Neal, Rahniya Nealand, Bennie Noble & Family, Msgr. John O'Brien, Emma Pajil, Tyrone Palmer, Helen Pettit, Richard Pickett, Gloria Price, Barry & Joan Quinn, Tracie Ragin, Totlyn Ricketts, Joel Rivera, Alice "Pat" Robinson, Eugene Rooker, Thomas Scharnikow, Lillian Scott, Forrest Setzer, Leslie Simmons, Terry Simmons, Zonder Anthony Simminton, Martha Smith, Dr. Pete Smith, Steve Stoner, Mary Steward, Marvin Temple, Marilyn Thompson, Baby Emmie VanSciver, Claudette Williams, Ellis Williams, Johnnie Williams, LaToya Williams, Jennifer Wright, Carolyn Wylie, Sr. Kathleen Barbson, SSJ, Janis Wilkins-Mash, Belita Thorton and all those recovering from injuries sustained in combat, those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Diabetes, Cancer, AIDS and Addictions.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Heal our Sick and Suffering

The Parent Café – Once a month we invite parents of school age children (and all members of the parish) to join us on a Sunday morning from 9am to 10am (during our religious education session) to participate in a conversation on a particular faith topic. **Richara Krajewski will lead the session on February 10, 2019; the topic will be "Two Women Encounter Jesus"**. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. Join us!

We congratulate young people from our parish who have excelled academically in recent marking periods: **Jamie L. Adams ('20 A.B. Day School) and Christopher W. Graham ('21 Saul Agricultural HS)** achieved First Honors for the 2018-2019 schoolyear. (If your child received Honors, please let Yoline know at yoline@saintraymond.net)

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS


Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Philadelphia by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen.



NEW BIBLE STUDY! Join us in the Rectory Basement (or on Live Stream) at 7pm for the six-week study that will look at the 12 good (and not so good) women of the Bible and what we can learn from their experiences with God. We will gather Jan 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 13 and 20. No cost. Please call the Parish Office so we know how many we can expect for the course! All are welcome...invite a friend! You can also join us on Live Stream, and watch from home (go to parish website to join us).



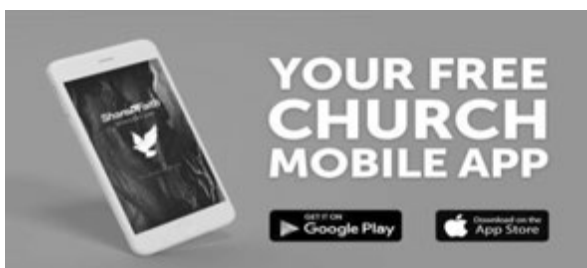
Our collection for January 12th & 13th was \$6,494; with \$10 from our youth (darn snow, please make up any missed offering). Our weekly average is \$8924. Our collections are up 7% from last year. Our Monthly Maintenance Collection was \$470. *Did you know that St. Raymond offers electronic giving? Visit our website and go to Stewardship section.*


Save the Date: Saturday February 2, 2019
Go Red for Women Health Fair
(Men are invited as well)
St. Raymond of Penafort School Hall
Free Health Screenings; Live Cooking Demonstrations
Health Education Workshops; Door Prizes and more!
Want more info? See the flyer in rear of church.

As you think about your upcoming tax preparation, please contact the **Parish Office** if you would like to receive a letter with your stated contributions. If you do not use your envelopes or donate electronically or via check, we are not able to provide documentation on your donation.



Husbands and wives are welcome to join us for our Annual Valentine's Brunch for Married Couples on Sunday, February 10th following the 10am Mass. A \$20 deposit (which gets returned once you show up) holds your spot for this limited seating event. Contact Richara to save your place or for more information.



Our Parish APP is "launched"! Download the "myParish" app in your store and find St. Raymond. It has great potential to impact your spiritual life and connection to your Church Family! 146 people have downloaded the app and we averaged 52 people using it each day this week! Will you use the app this week for your prayer life?

The Shepherd is looking for Lost Sheep
Please help identify people who once attended St. Raymond who have not been here for weeks, months or years. The parish would like to reach out and invite people home. Please clip and place in the collection basket. Thank you for your help.
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