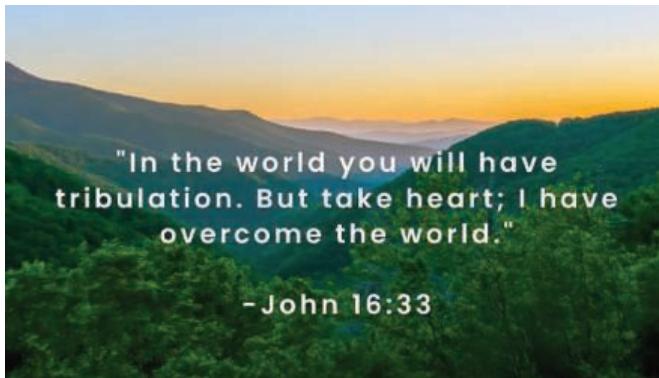




ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORTE

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024



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Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri at 8:00am
Saturday at 8:00am & 5:00pm
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Confession: Saturday from 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Monday evening from 6:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesday morning from 6:30am-7:30am

Those who are interested in joining our Church or learning more about the Catholic Faith, please call the Parish Office. You are most welcome! We rejoice knowing your gifts will enrich our Parish and our Community!

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., May 11 8:00am Sick & Shut-Ins
5:00pm William Bender
Sun., May 12 8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Henry Johnson
Mon., May 13 8:00am In Thanksgiving
Tue., May 14 8:00am Joseph T. Shenosky
Thur., May 16 8:00am Naomi Crumpler Herron
Fri., May 17 8:00am Souls of Purgatory
Sat., May 18 8:00am Peace on Earth
5:00pm For the Sanctity
of Human Life
Sun., May 19 8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Michael Henighan

There is a Eucharistic Holy Hour with the
praying of the Rosary on Tuesday and
Thursday from 8:30am to 9:30am. Please join
us. Enter the Church through the ramp door.

Curtis Martin is the founder and CEO of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). This is an evangelization ministry primarily focused on sharing faith with students at colleges and universities. He was the keynote speaker at the recent 2024 Priest's Convocation.

As a point of departure, Martin looked at the Gospel of John, Chapter 1:35-39: “*The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So, they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.”*

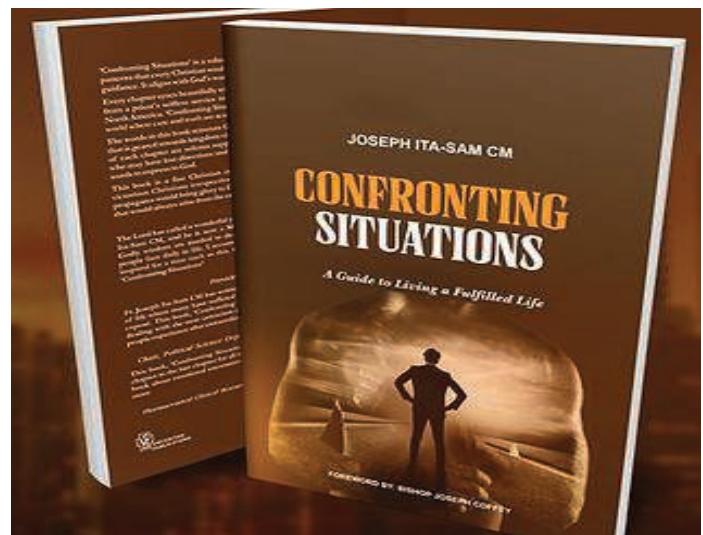
Why would the writer of the Gospel of John care that it was 4 pm? Why was this particular time so important? Because, at that moment, everything about the lives of those two disciples changed.... forever. That was the start of the fire. That is when their existing faith was ignited.

Martin talked about how the success of parishes is typically measured. A diocese looks at the number of Baptisms. The number of people in the pews. And the amount of money collected. Martin said that these are important, but they do not measure the *faith* of the person. They are “lagging indicators” of faith.

“Leading indications” are things like: How often does a person pray daily? How often does a person go to Confession? How often does a person spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament? Participation in these leading indicators *automatically* leads to an increase in numbers of the lagging indicators. A person who prays daily, goes to Confession monthly, spends at least an hour in front of the Eucharistic Lord on a regular basis AUTOMATICALLY goes to church more often, gives more to the parish and has their children participate in the sacraments. The reason is that the faith of these people has been ignited.

So, how do you ignite the faith of the people in the pews? How do you start the spark of the flame of the people who are not in the pews? This was Curtis Martin’s challenge to the priests at the Convocation. A first step is to have conversations about these questions with people who are seen and active in the parish - and people who are *not*.

Fr. Charles Zlock



Father Joseph Ita-Sam will be at St. Raymond's this Sunday, and he will be bringing copies of his new book, **Confronting Situations: A Guide to Living a Fulfilled Life**. Inspired by words from this week's gospel, "I have overcome the world" (John 16:33), the book offers motivational insights, real-life stories, and empowering scriptures. Each chapter combines inspiration with practical therapeutic approaches, including short prayers for solace. Copies may be purchased after Mass for \$20 each.

Stay connected with St. Raymond! Sign up for our weekly email updates and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest news, feel-good stories and ways to grow in faith!

May 12, 2024



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against wickedness and the snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the power of God cast down into hell, Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander now throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN

Join our Daily Call to Prayer

Catholic Call to Prayer. Please Call TOLL FREE 1-877-309-2073, Enter Code 319-414-445#.

6:30am (Monday to Friday): This call lasts 5-7 minutes and can have an amazing impact at the start your day, reflecting on God's WORD!!

NOON CALL TO PRAYER: Same number, Monday to Friday at NOON. We will pray the Angelus, reflect on the 1st reading from Daily Mass, and intercessory prayer for those in need and beg God that His mighty power save us from this wretched virus and so much more!



"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion."

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Financial Facts

We thank those parishioners who, recognizing God's gifts to them, make their response in our weekly collection. Your continued support is vital, necessary, and deeply appreciated.

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Budgetary Goal: \$13,500.00

Collection & Envelopes: \$6,155.08

Electronic Giving: \$6,399.00

Monthly Church Maintenance: \$217.02

Catholic Home Missions: \$20.00

Easter Offering: \$25.00

REST: \$525.00

Total: \$13,341.10

To our Online Parishioners

We, at St. Raymond, are extremely pleased that you continue to be part of our community via livestream. Although you may be unable to attend Mass in person, please remember that we need your financial support in order to remain a vibrant parish.

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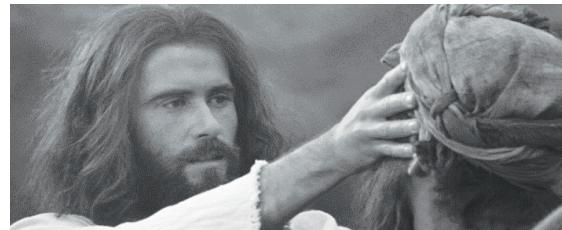


Bryanna Ridley & Marilyn Thompson (13th); Shabay Durham (14th); Doreen Hunter & Marhsall Griffin (15th); Calvin Clement (16th); Otis Wilson, Vanessa Napoleon & Gaybrella Bullard (17th); Jenyne Donaldson, Ny'Kese (Bob) Kelley, Joanne Dormon, Brandi Whitehead & Minnie Spady (19th). If you would like to be remembered by our parish community, please sign the book in the back of the church. *Good Samaritan Ministry.*

Join us Sunday, 5/25 for Bibles, Boots & Backpacks!



St Raymond Men's Group will be meeting
THIS Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00pm in the
Rectory Dining Room.



In Need of Healing...

Poupak Bayat, Rhonda Beasley, Ethel Black, Patricia Brockington, Ruth Chamberlin-Grossman, Calvin Clement, Michelle Connery, Marion Dunlap, Joann Evans, Margaret 'Peggy" Evans, Lonna Evans, Ida Gowans, Tyrone Harris, Carol Janerette, Stanley & Sherry Jones, Gerry Keys, Theresa C. Lambert, Patricia Laughlin, Towanda Mays, Deacon Edward Purnell, Barry & Joann Quinn, Horace Reaves, Kelli Renn, Lillian Scott, Terry Simmons, Valerie Webb, Jennifer Wright, Carolyn Wylie, Wendell Wylie, Sarah Wylie and all those recovering from injuries sustained in combat, those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Diabetes, Cancer, AIDS, the Corona Virus and Addictions.

Our Lady of Lourdes: Heal our Sick and Suffering

You can also use our Parish App for notes.

Acts of Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a); 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19

Inspiration from the Word & Homily Preached:

AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN

Upcoming readings for May 18th & 19th:

Acts of Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 1, 34 (30); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13



Generation Grace

Do you have a child in grades 6th-8th? Please contact Brandi to get them involved in our Middle School Youth Ministry. Below is the schedule that was created for the children. We would love to have all our Middle School Kids involved. Brandi can be contacted at brandi@saintraymond.net or 215-549-3760.

Sunday, 6/9-Caring for Friends Meal Preparation

Friday, 7/5-Gospel Skate Night at Rolling Thunder

Pentecost is Coming!!!!

The "Birthday of the Church" will soon be upon us. Let's show our true colors by wearing red on May 19, to mark the coming of the Holy Spirit among us. May 19 is also, fittingly, Hospitality Sunday at St. Raymond's. Join us for light refreshments and fellowship after the 10 am mass. Please note this will not be a full lunch, since we are dedicating our time and resources to celebrating Fr. Zlock's ordination party this weekend.

ATTENTION: ST RAYMOND NEEDS YOU!

Matthew 9:37-38: Then he said to his disciples, "*The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.*"

Numerous needs have been communicated here and in the bulletin. Unfortunately, responses are nearly non-existent. A vibrant parish has members responding to the call for help. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Signup sheets are on the table in the back of church (on the Williams Ave side). Take one home and if something interests you, please give us a call at the Rectory. We want to hear from you! ***THE HARVEST AWAITS!***



Good things happening at St. Raymond!

The smiles on their faces tell it all -- what a joyous, spirit-filled moment it was for parents and parishioners to witness these eleven radiant children at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday when they received the Body of Christ at their First Holy Communion.



From first row, left to right: Kelvin Santiago Serrano, Anna Gabriela Baskin, Jackeline Gomez Aponte, Aubrey Pauline McMillan, Jazmin Gomez Aponte, Eva Noelle Brown From second row, left to right: Gray Kevin Pierre, Joxiel Gomez Aponte (in black vest), Jaxson Christopher Patton, Valdah Leezza Metellus, Krystal Lynn McMillan



Last Saturday, we gathered to celebrate an incredible milestone: 30 years of faithful service by Fr. Zlock in the priesthood. We're so grateful for his dedication to answering God's call and for his service to our community. We are blessed to have Father Zlock in our lives, and we look forward to continuing this journey of faith under his spiritual guidance.



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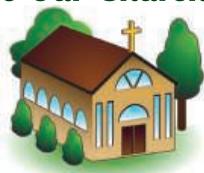
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