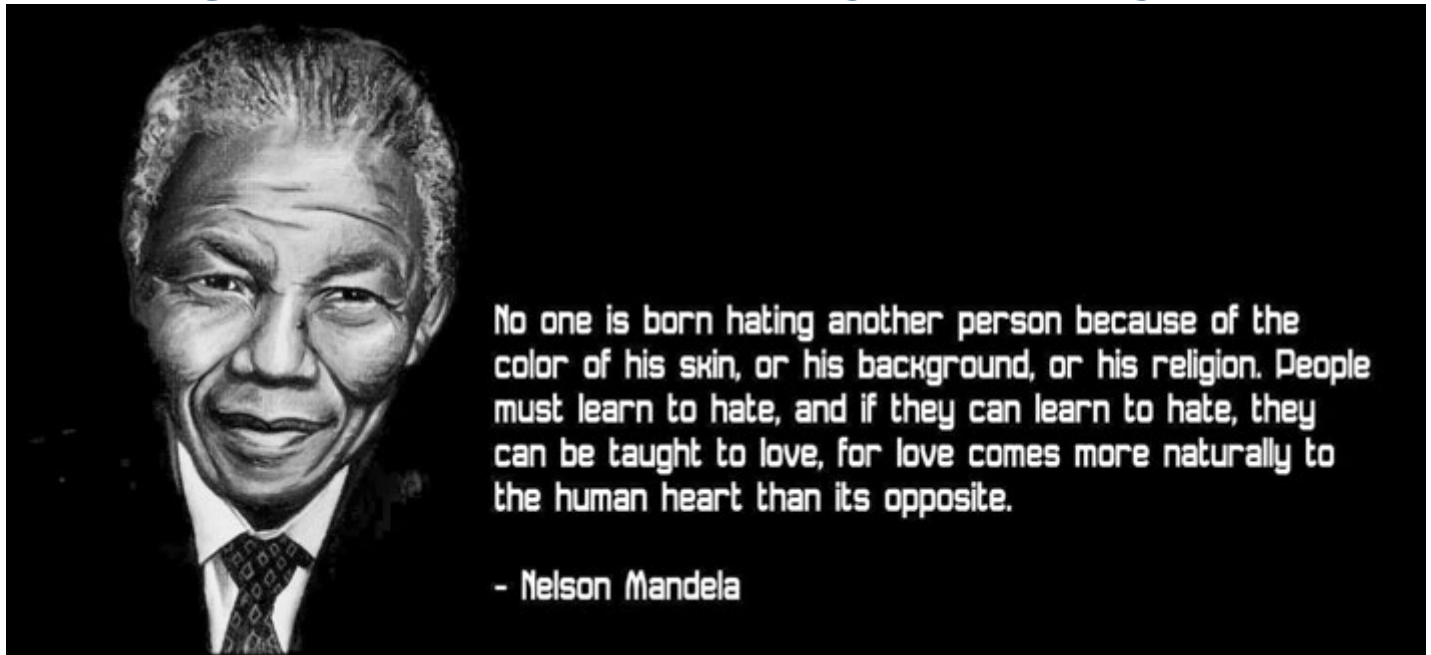


Saint Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church

August 20, 2017 – 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time



No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.

- Nelson Mandela

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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 3 rd 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 Monday: Join us for Mass at 8am; Following Christ at 6:30pm (SRR/Dining Room) Tuesday: Join us for the Holy Rosary after Mass; Discipleship Team at 7pm (SRR) Wednesday: Check in on your neighbors (just to say hello and make sure they are okay in the heat!) Thursday: Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am – 9:30am Friday: Gospel Choir Practice at 7pm Saturday: Moms n Tots at 10am (Dining Room); Weight Watchers at 10am; Prayer Team Ministry after Mass <i>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 before work or school!</i>	Mass Intentions for the Week Mon., Aug. 21 8am Felina P. Bobo Tues., Aug. 22 8am Fr. George Boyle Wed., Aug. 23 8am People of The Parish Thurs., Aug. 24 8am Logan Gibbs <i>Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am – 9:30am</i> Sat., Aug. 26 8am Ted Mason 5pm Kenzel Honesty Sun., Aug. 27 8am Mary Benn 10am Beulah Shreeves Can you join us for Mass one day? Jesus is waiting for you to experience His love and mercy!
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Like you, I have watched, listened to and read the stories of the events that unfolded in Charlottesville, Virginia last week. Like you, I am sick to my stomach as I realize yet again that not everyone thinks like me or views the world the way that I view the world. There are people that hate me and hate those I love. This saddens me but also increases in me the desire to action. As a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ I want to see change and I want to be a part of impacting that change.

We have had Prayer Vigils after the mass murder in Charleston. We have had meetings for dialogue after this year's MLK Celebration. Some came. Most did not. I know there is rage. I know there is fear. I know there is a desire for change. So...what do we do?

Should we have some listening sessions here at St. Raymond where we invite co-workers, neighbors and friends? It seems to me that it only works when we get people of different races, experiences and viewpoints together in small groups to listen and gain understanding.

God wants His family to be united as one. That never changes.

I want to see it happen for the good of our Church and the good of society. I need help. Will you help me? Give me a call so we can talk...

Father Chris

JOBS AT BISHOP McDEVITT HS

Van Driver: We are looking for a morning and afternoon Van Driver who will drive students to and from school Monday through Friday. It pays \$45 a day. All interested parties should contact Mr. Cacia Assistant Principal for Student Services at 215-88-5575 ext. 230. Please know candidates must have their child abuse clearances and a criminal background check.

Cafeteria Moderator We are looking for an individual to moderate school lunches Monday through Friday 9:30am-1:30pm. Responsibilities include; calling the students to prayer before meals, calling them up to the lunch lines, ensuring a clean and safe environment for students. It pays \$14 per hour. All interested parties should contact Mr. Cacia Assistant Principal for Student Services at 215-88-5575 ext. 230. Please know candidates must have their child abuse clearances and a criminal background check.

SHARE MERCY WITH OTHERS: Ever wonder why Christians pray outside of Planned Parenthood and other clinics? Have you felt that you needed to do something for women in crisis pregnancies but weren't sure how? Consider attending a Sidewalk Advocate Workshop at St. Raymond Church. On Saturday, September 30th, Dynamic Pro-Life OB GYN Monique Ruberu and Fr. Chris will offer practical strategies and opportunities for spiritual reflection on ways that Christians can provide love and hope to those tempted to end pregnancies. This half day event will offer lunch, opportunities for prayer and confession and discussion. It's ok to come even if you're on the fence. The only requirement is an open heart and a willingness to let God's mercy touch you. This Free Workshop will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:45am and conclude by 2pm. Lunch and workshop materials will be provided. Visit <https://practicalmercyworkshop2017.eventbrite.com> to register. If you have any questions contact Richara at the rectory or by email at richara@saintraymond.net

Notes from the Sunday Eucharist

Inspiration from the Word Proclaimed: Isaiah 56:1-7; Psalm 67:2-8; Romans 11:13-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

Inspiration from Preaching:

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: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20.

AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN

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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 Community Women's Center of Phila. (1202 Locust Street; 267-239-0753). There are people ready to help right now!

Our Discipleship Team has set a new goal: we want to welcome 18 new people into the Church by Pentecost 2018. In order for this to happen, we need to have at least 500 NEW people visit St. Raymond for Mass on a weekend. Who will you bring?

Happy Birthday

Claire Phanord-Perkins (20th), Regina O'Reilly (21st), Linda Downing, Shannon DiGiuseppe, Carolyn Ervin & Geri Dennis (22nd), Kiesha Rodney (23rd), Patricia Kerr & Briana Scott (24th), Amyia McCarthy, Mehki Lewis, Terence General & Constance Harmon (25th), Patricia Gaither & Nathaniel Donaldson III (26th). If you would like to be remembered by our parish community, please sign the book in the back of church. Good Samaritan Ministry

Mom's Café: a chance for moms with kids to gather on the last Saturday of the month (August 26 - 10am until Noon) for conversation and coffee. Call Richara in the Parish Office for information.

Pope Francis has repeatedly asked us to pray for him and his ministry. With that in mind...

Lord, I pray that You will be with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and continue to fill his heart with Your wisdom and strength. Inspire him that he may continue to lead the Church through these changing times with a steady head, resolute spirit and loving heart. Father God, protect his mind, body and spirit and grant him many years in your holy service. Amen

School Hall Renovation: We are given our School Hall a serious makeover. Consider purchasing a "Leaf on our Giving Tree" (in the Church Lobby) in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. Leaves cost \$1000 and can be paid at once or over three years. **We have had 14 leaves purchased so far – will you be next?** Call the Parish Office for more information.

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 9:30am in the Chapel. He is waiting for you...so come and let us adore Him! This hour will be a blessing!

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!



We continue to make plans to welcome sisters and brothers who are seeking a new homeland in the USA. **Our current need is for people to work with Irene on his English (Please contact Sue Barrow at 215-380-4434).** There is a place for you in this effort (including donating to the cause by using our Blessing Boxes) Question? Call Dan at 267-331-1682 or you can email him at rest@saintraymond.net.

Change the future – become a FOSTER PARENT! Catholic Social Services is in need of foster parents to care for the needs of children in a time of crisis. Please call 267-331-2502 for more information. There is financial compensation – but more importantly there is the blessing of God who rejoices in your care for His little ones!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! *Our Parish Block Party will be on Saturday, September 23rd. Please plan to invite friends and family who are looking for a Church Home to meet us!*

Girl Scouts at St. Raymond

Troop 9007 is welcoming girls in grades K-5 to join us. Meetings will be the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 6pm beginning September 29th. There will be a parent/volunteer event in August which will give you a chance to meet some of the other parents. Please email Troop9007@saintraymond.net or call Tiffany Witcher at 215-207-6395 for more info.

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Have you logged into "FORMED" yet? This wonderful faith formation tool will allow you and your family to experience our faith in a new way through e-books, audio recordings and a great variety of movies and video teachings.

1. Visit www.formed.org
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Did you know... Formed has a great video on cloistered Carmelite nuns – check it out! **YOU CAN ALSO NOW DOWNLOAD A "FORMED" APP TO MAKE YOUR ACCESS EVEN EASIER.**

Liturgical Ministers for, August 26th & 27th:

Saturday at 5pm: The Readers are Steve Lawrence & Janet Marshall; **Euch. Ministers** are Gloria Youmans, Belita & Melvin Thornton; **Altar Servers** are Sean & Donovan Bradley.

Sunday at 8am: The Readers are Richara Krajewski and Layla Frasier; **Altar Servers** are Jakar Frasier and Daniel Blackstock.

Sunday at 10am: The Readers are Pat Brockington and Araminta Brown; **Euch. Ministers** are Margo Simmons, Donna Adams, Vincent Beasley, Ella Cooper & Olive Crumpler; **Altar Servers** are Aiden Arrington, Kennedi Bailey & Carlos Bencie.

Please be faithful to your service; we need you!

Moms and Tots – St. Monica Reception

Have you wanted to connect with other moms in the parish, but have been unable to come to the Saturday meet-up? Join us after the 10 am Mass on August 27th. We will celebrate St. Monica, the amazing African Saint who prayed for her son, St. Augustine to sanctity. You will receive a blessing from Fr. Chris, say a quick hello to other moms, enjoy some refreshments AND still make it home in time for the afternoon nap. Make a plan to join us in the Sister Rosemary Room. Contact Richara at richara@saintraymond.net with questions.

Marriage Ministry – SAVE THE DATE: Come out on Saturday, October 7th and join other married couples for a Paint Party! We will gather in the school hall for an evening of fellowship and fun. The cost to participate is \$40 per couple Please RSVP: <https://marriageministrypainting.eventbrite.com>. Payments can be made at rectory office Monday -Friday 9am - 4:30pm. Representatives from marriage ministry will also be available after the Sunday Masses on September 3rd and September 10th for registration and payments. Questions? Email richara@saintraymond.net or call rectory office. Registration closes on September 10th.

Remember our sick brothers & sisters in prayer.... Pope Benedict XVI, Glenn Adams, Robert Adams, Joan Baran, Rhonda Beasley, Lorraine Beauparlant, Johanna Bender, Ethel Black, Barbara & Oscar Bowen, Larina Brooks, Margaret W. Brown, Maria Burrell, Gladys Callan, Cora Caviness, Gloria Crittenden, Joyce Coleman, Lillian Cooper, Valdez Coston, Cheryl Crockett, Denise Derrick, Anne Durham, Marcellus Edwards, Carolyn Ervin, Joann Evans, Lonna Evans, Margaret "Peggy" Evans, Cayna Ford, Dorothy Foust, Patricia Gaither, Tina Glickman, Tyrone Harris, Meg Hayes, Jr., Marjorie Henry, Willa Hill, Pat Hughes, Maria Isaacs, David Johnson, Mary Jones, Valerie Jones, Yvonne Jordan, Jack Kollmer, Martin Lentz, Delores Mason, Florimel Mitchell, Towanda Mays, Amara MacPhee, Sherri McCullough, Samuel McKenzie, Jewel McLendon, Darlene McMillian, Lee McQueen, Elizabeth Miller, Henry Mills, Berta Morris, Darryl Myers, Altamesecarolye Neal, Rahniya Nealand, Msgr. John O'Brien, Emma Pajil, Tyrone Palmer, Richard Pickett, Iris Pugh, Barry & Joan Quinn, Tracie Ragin, Totlyn Ricketts, Lillian & William "Scottie" Scott, Mary Shambor, Zonder Anthony Simminton, Martha Smith, Dr. Pete Smith, Jim & Vera Sousa, Anne Thomas, Maureen Unger, Claudette Williams, Johnnie Williams, LaToya Williams, Jennifer Wright, Carolyn Wylie, 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

St. Raymond School Alumni Mass - All are welcome to join us for the annual Alumni Mass, which will be on Sunday, October 15, 2017!!!! Reception and School Tours will follow after the mass. Come back to Reminisce, Reconnect and be Recognized as a St. Raymond School Alum! RSVP to Yemithsou Chery-Paul at 267-577-1614.



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 our Pastoral Associate at richara@saintraymond.net or at 215-549-3760. Please visit with us again – you will make us a better place!

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. **We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Philadelphia as priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters.** Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth! *There are currently three young adult African American men discerning a call to the priesthood, please continue to pray for young people from our community to be raised up in service to the Church!!!*

August 21st – 25th the Rectory Office will be open from 9am – 12pm. If you need help outside of these hours, please call 215-680-3496.

TRAVEL WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!

Casino Trip: Join us on **Saturday, September 9th**, to **Sands Casino in Bethlehem.** The cost is \$40 which includes a \$20 slot play, a \$5 food voucher in return & shopping at Sands & Co. Outlets. **There will be one deposit of \$40 due as soon as possible.** The bus will depart our school parking lot (7940 Williams Ave.) at 9:30am; leaving Bethlehem at 6pm. Contact: Shelley at 215-247-7411, Cathy at 215-248-0806 or Michelle at 215-549-3760 for trip information.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD – for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land. (Psalm 85)



The parish remains so grateful for your continued generosity and goodness. Our collection for August 12th & 13th was an generous \$7701 including \$19 from our youth. Our weekly average is now \$8975. Thank you for your generosity that allow us to be a presence of hope in our neighborhood! ***Did you know that St. Raymond offers electronic giving? Visit our website and go to Stewardship section.***

**B.A.T.T.L.E. Youth Ministry at Saint Raymond
Become All That The Lord Expects.**

AbbeyFest 2017 on Saturday, September 16th in Paoli, Pa. This all day event brings together the best of Christian contemporary music and so much more! The festival is at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli. Space is limited. Please RSVP at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/abbeyfest-2017-tickets-36238734029>. **RSVP responses are needed by August 23rd.**

ATTENTION

**Parents of Children Attending Public School
PREP Classes begin Sunday, September 17, 2017**

A most precious gift a parent can give their child is the gift of faith formation. Parents are the primary educators of their children, which includes their spiritual formation. We are here to assist you in the process.

Children who do not attend Catholic School and have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist or Confirmation must attend Sunday morning PREP Classes in order to receive the Sacraments. PREP classes range from Pre-K, through seventh grade.

Candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation must attend Confirmation classes for an 18 Month program in order to be confirmed in the Fall of 2018. This year we launch a new Confirmation Formation Program that will guide our youth in becoming lifelong disciples of Jesus

Registration Forms are located on the desk in the rear of the Church. Return completed forms to Arleen Daniels or Richara Krajewsji at the Rectory. For more info call 215-549-3760.

Thank you for all who have donated "Back to School" supplies for the children at Stenton Family Shelter. Please bring the paper, crayons, pencils, notebooks, erasers, glue, folders and markers to Church before August 25th!

We express our sympathy to Judge Lucretia Clemoms and her family at the death of her grandmother Odessa Miller. May she rest in Peace.

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