



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I usually only make it to a movie theater once every two years. I wish I got there more as I love the “big screen” experience, but it just doesn’t happen that often. This year is different. I went to the Gosnell Movie. I plan to go to the Gosnell Movie again. I urge you (perhaps even beg you) to get to the theater and see this movie (it is playing at Franklin Mills, Plymouth Meeting, Warrington and more locally).

The movie tells the story of the Philadelphia Police Department accidentally discovering the horror inside Dr. Kermit Gosnell’s abortion facility in University City in 2010 (they were investigating for illegal sale of drugs). The man had no regard to human life – that of the children he was killing or their mothers. The State of Pennsylvania and the City of Philadelphia had both dropped the ball on investigating him and his facility (where teenagers administered drugs). His crimes cost many woman their lives as well as thousands of children – many of whom were killed after a live delivery (thus infanticide and not abortion).

Please get to the theater. I will even pay for your ticket if that is the issue. Go online or call theaters for exact times. It is not graphic in its depiction – I would be comfortable taking a 7th grader to see the film. It will not turn your stomach but it might change your heart and help you join this fight for human rights!

Encourage others to see it as well.

Father Chris

We are planning for our Home for Christmas event to welcome our sisters and brothers facing homelessness on Christmas Day. We always need people to lead teams and help with some of the responsibilities – please give Arleen Daniels a call (215-549-3760) if you can step up and serve! The “all volunteer” meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7pm.

Notes from the Sunday Eucharist

Inspiration from the Word: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10: 2-16.

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 53: 10-11; Psalm 33:4-22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10: 33-45.

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!



Nicole Williams, Theresa Lambert & Edwige Tsafack (14th), Donnell Smiley & Myra Hawkins (15th), Christina Smiley, Ronnie Allen, Sr. & Curtis Mancini (17th), Gerry Keys & Tangela Randolph (18th), Cynthia McCallister (19th) and Jillian Sweat (20th). If you would like to be remembered by our parish community, please sign the book in the back of church. Good Samaritan Ministry

B.A.T.T.L.E. Youth Ministry at Saint Raymond
Become All That The Lord Expects.
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Please note: there will be no Jr. High Meeting on Sunday, October 14th because of the parish trip to Linvilla Orchards.
Sr. High Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 21 after the 10am Mass; Jr. High Youth Group will meet on Sunday, October 28 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.
We have an Instagram! Follow us @st.raymond.battle

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!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The American Red Cross will host a Blood Drive at St. Raymond on Tuesday, **October 16th from 2:30pm – 7:30pm** in the Hall. Appointments are preferred. You can sign up after the 10am Mass today Oct. 13th & 14th. Or you can sign up at redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: St. Raymond. Save a life...really!



October 14th is our **Annual Stewardship Collection**. This collection has been used for many things throughout the years. The Stewardship Team and I have decided to use the funds collection towards our much needed renovation of the Academy. I invite you to begin thinking about making a significant donation towards this effort when the time comes. While I do not suggest a specific amount, I know God will guide you!

Liturgical Ministers for October 20th & 21st:

Saturday at 5pm: The Reader is Brandy Weir; Euch. Ministers are Gloria Youmans, Marsha Bradley & Karen Brann; Altar Server is Sean Bradley.

Sunday at 8am: The Reader is Ellen Griffin; Altar Servers are Jesse Phillip & Antonio Hunt.

Sunday at 10am: The Readers are Lucretia Jones & Dan McVay; Euch. Ministers are Donna Adams, Vincent Beasley, Ella Cooper, Olive Crumpler & Sabrina Harris; Altar Servers are Nina Thompson, Aiden Arrington & Carlos Bensie.

Please be faithful to your service; we need you!

Clearing out unwanted items? On Saturday October 20th we will host a household goods and clothing drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Household items such as: games & toys, kitchenware, small appliances (under 50 lbs.), books, CD's/DVD's & toys. All items must be in good usable condition. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TV's or computer monitors cannot be accepted. The GreenDrop truck will be in the church parking lot from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to receive your donations. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

If you are a parent or guardian of a child in grades K through 6, attending a non-Catholic school, we encourage and invite you to register your child for PREP. By attending they will join other children as they learn the basics of our Catholic faith and how to live it in their everyday lives. They will encounter Jesus through prayer, praise and scripture reading. *"Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for such is the kingdom of God"*. (Mark 10:13-16). PREP classes are held Sunday morning 8:45 to 9:45 in the lower church. For more information you may contact Arleen Daniels at 215-549-3760 or e-mail arleen@saintrymond.net.



Once again, we have the privilege of showing St. Raymond-style hospitality to the guests of Interfaith Hospitality Network during the **week of Oct. 14**. IHN offers assistance to families who are currently in the state of crisis and provides services that assist them in transitioning into a more stable lifestyle. Volunteers are needed to prepare meals and to act as dinner hosts but especially as overnight hosts. Donations of desserts and beverages are also needed. Please contact Team Leader Jenn Cresina at jennifercrestina@yahoo.com. or call 267-987-1797.

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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, Maria Burrell, Gladys Callan, 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, Joseph Quartucci, Barry & Joan Quinn, Tracie Ragin, Totlyn Ricketts, Joel Rivera, Alice "Pat" Robinson, Eugene Rooker, Thomas Scharnikow, Lillian Scott, Mary Shambor, Leslie Simmons, Zonder Anthony Simminton, Martha Smith, Dr. Pete Smith, Mary Steward, Marvin Temple, Baby Emmie VanSciver, Claudette Williams, Ellis 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

Galilee Confirmation Candidates: We will meet on October 28th. We will review, The Mystery of the Church.

St. Martin de Porres Mass at the Cathedral – *Join us at the Cathedral on Monday, November 5th, to celebrate this wonderful saint who is patron of African American Youth. Music will begin at 6:30pm and Mass at 7pm. Our bus will leave St. Raymond at 5:30pm – please call the Parish Office to reserve your seat (and please honor your reservation). You are also welcome to meet us there (limited parking at the Cathedral Lot). St. Martin de Porres, Pray for us!*

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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.



The parish remains so grateful for your continued generosity and goodness. Our collection for Oct. 6th & 7th was \$11,118 with \$24 from our youth. Our weekly average is now \$9,107. Thank you for keeping us on budget and able to do so many wonderful things! ***Did you know that St. Raymond offers electronic giving? Visit our website and go to Stewardship section.***



Join our parish on **Friday, October 19th** for an hour of peaceful prayer outside of Planned Parenthood in Center City. Offer hope to couples in need. Fight the power of Satan who lies to these young people about the beauty of their unborn child. We will provide you training to equip you for the day! Call Father Chris or Richara for more information.



The Knights of Columbus (St. Jude Council #4273) will host a Community Breakfast at St. Raymond on Sunday, November 11th following the 10am Mass in our Hall. Catering Done Wright will provide the meal; tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children. Please call Atiba at 215-900-4125 for information of a ticket.

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Mark Your Calendars for St. Raymond School Alumni Weekend 2018. All who attended St. Raymond School in the past are invited to the festivities! Family and friends are welcomed as well. Celebrate with the Classes of 1958 and 1968 on Saturday, Oct. 20th from 6pm-9pm. There will be food, drinks, music and mingling at this special fundraiser for the school. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$60 for couples. Celebrate the Alumni Mass on Sunday, Oct. 21st at 10am. Refreshments will be served immediately after Mass. Take a tour of the school. Share a part of your history with family and friends!

A SOULFUL CHRISTMAS

The Catholic Mass Choir will join other Choirs again this year for the Kimmel Center's Soulful Christmas on Tuesday, December 11th at 7pm. Tickets are \$40 and include transportation from St. Raymond. We have 80 tickets and they will sell very quickly. The bus will depart at 5:30pm from St. Raymond School parking lot (we will gather in the School Hall). Contact Michelle at the Parish Office at 215-549-3760 for information. To purchase your ticket, please drop off cash or check with your name and phone number to the Parish Office.

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. **Paula Manchester will lead the session on November 11th, the topic will be "The World Encounters Jesus".** Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. Join us!

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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Comments:

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