

# Saint Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church

March 18, 2018 – Fifth Sunday Of Lent



## PRAY FOR THE GRACE TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR MISSION

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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<sup>rd</sup> 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 Daily Mass  
**Tuesday:** Join us for the Holy Rosary after Mass; No Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study  
**Wednesday:** Join us for Mass at 8am  
**Thursday:** Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am – 4pm; Living Stations of the Cross at 7pm (Church)  
**Friday:** Gospel Choir Practice at 7pm  
**Saturday:** Weight Watchers at 10am  
*Catholic Call to Prayer continues at 6:30am, Monday to Friday. Call (NEW NUMBER) 1-857-232-0158, Enter Code 336656 and join us in prayer each day!*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon., Mar. 19** 8am Intentions of Kevin Drayton  
**Tues., Mar. 20** 8am People of The Parish  
**Wed., Mar. 21** 8am Robert Brown, Sr.  
**Thurs., Mar. 22** 8am Dorothy McKee  
*Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am – 4pm*  
**Sat., Mar. 24** 8am In Thanksgiving  
5pm Jim & Vera Sousa  
**Sun., Mar. 25** 8am Msgr. John O'Brien (Birthday)  
10am Harriet James  
Can you join us for Mass one day? Jesus is waiting for you to experience His love and mercy!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In recent weeks a group of very talented parishioners have been meeting to launch our newly “renovated” Health Care Ministry. In the months to come they will offer a great variety of opportunities for us to gather and learn about how we can be good stewards of our bodies and our health. We are blessed that these social workers, nurses, physicians and other concerned Christians are placing themselves in our service. I am hopeful that we can each overcome the SIN OF SLOTH in the way it impacts our eating as well as exercising, getting to our medical appointments and the like. God needs you on earth for many years in His service. Please pay attention to their good news!

On Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am I invite you to join us to **decorate** the Church for Easter. As you can imagine it is a lot of work, but with lots of hands it gets done much quicker. Can you give us two hours of your goodness?

Finally, please note the schedule below – put things on your calendar TODAY!

Father Chris

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Confessions:** Palm Sunday from Noon to 3pm

**Holy Thursday Mass:** March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Good Friday Service:** March 30<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

**Good Friday Fish Fry:** Food available 12-6pm

**Seven Last Words:** March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Easter Vigil:** March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

**Easter Sunday Masses** at 8am and 10am.



Throughout the year our parish provides support to the INTERFAITH HOSPITALIY NETWORK – an amazing group that cares for families experiencing homelessness. We will be a part of this effort again from April 8 to April 21 and we need help! We are blessed with many in our parish who provide the evening meal but are always in need of people to spend the night as a HOST. You arrive by 8:30pm, meet the guests, receive some instructions and then are able to sleep. This year we are at a Church in Germantown. Your car will be in a secure lot. You will have wifi access. You can leave at 7am to get on with your day. Able to help? Please call Jenn at 267-987-1797 if you can serve as an overnight host!

***Notes from the Sunday Eucharist***

*Inspiration from the Word* Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:3-15, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:26.

*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 50:4-7, Psalm 22:8-24, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47.

**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.

*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!*

*Happy Birthday*

Diane Askew & Brittany Washington (18<sup>th</sup>), Jalen Cobb (19<sup>th</sup>), Sharon Simmons (20<sup>th</sup>), David Stanley & Johathan Morris (21<sup>st</sup>), Barbara Moragne & Cecilia Allen (22<sup>nd</sup>), Shondell Younge & Samuel DiGiuseppe (23<sup>rd</sup>), Bernadette Neal (24<sup>th</sup>). 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 and Tots Café:** Holy Saturday falls on our week Ladies! Let's plan to gather for a brief reception with treats and Mom and Tots selfies after the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **B.A.T.T.L.E. Youth Ministry at Saint Raymond**

**Become All That The Lord Expects.**

Senior High School small group began. It's not too late to join us! We meet via video app, so no need to leave home! Please contact Ms. Richara today, we want YOU to join us!

Mark Your Calendars: Sat., March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. praying with the Holy Eucharist (music, prayer and friends)

Sr. High Youth Group Stay connected: Text @holymixers to 81010 for reminders and updates; Jr. High Youth Group Stay connected: Text @mrsrichara to 81010 for reminders and



**Easter Outreach:** Join us on Saturday, March 24, from 12pm-2pm, as we go out to invite others to celebrate the Resurrection with us! Many people think about returning to Church on Easter, and we want to let them know they are welcome to be with us. No experience needed and we promise an amazing experience of grace! Contact Richara, our Pastoral Associate at richara@saintraymond.net or at 215-549-3760.

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**New Church Missals are in the PEWS!** We are still accepting donations to cover costs. Use the fliers in back of the Church to make a \$25 donation to place the book "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" someone. 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 4:00pm 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!*

**Lenten Rosary:** We will be praying the Rosary 30 minutes before all of the Masses for the Weekends of Lent. Please plan to join us for this beautiful time of prayer and reflection. If you would like to help lead please contact Richara. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.** We will give you all the support you need.

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.

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3. Follow instructions to set up your own account and be formed in Christ!

**Did you know...** Formed has great resources to help you with your life as a Disciple. **YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD THE "FORMED" APP TO MAKE YOUR ACCESS EVEN EASIER.**

**Galilee Confirmation Candidates:** We will meet on March 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss: Relationship than Honor God. Please pray for our young people preparing for the Holy Spirit.

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**Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week:**

**Saturday at 5pm:** The Readers are Elaine Linkewich & Sr. Sharon; **Euch. Ministers** are Dwight Carter & Louise Ciabarra; **Altar Servers** Taylor Yates & Zoe Mackey.

**Sunday at 8am:** The Readers are Tajmah Kelley & Richara Krajewski; **Altar Servers** are London & Mason Powell.

**Sunday at 10am:** The Readers are Lucretia Jones & Dan McVay; **Euch. Ministers** are Vincent Beasley, Ella Cooper, Olive Crumpler & Deborah Kerrin; **Altar Servers** are Carlos Bencie, Brandon Fenty & Milan Johnson.

**Holy Thursday (29<sup>th</sup>) at 7pm:** The Reader(s) are Richara Krajewski & Araminta Brown; **Euch. Ministers** are Chris & Marsha Bradley; **Altar Servers** Taylor Yates, Zoe Mackey, Brandon Fenty, Jakar Frasier & Daniel Blackstock.

**Good Friday (30<sup>th</sup>) at 3pm:** The Readers are Cindy Bradley & Sr. Sharon; **Altar Servers** are Sean & Donovan Bradley.

*Please be faithful to your service; we need you!*

**Want to play some BINGO and help kids at the same time?** Building a Bridge to Uganda will host their "Designer Bag Bingo" (you can win a nice purse with each game) on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm (doors open at 6pm), at Archbishop Wood High School. The cost is \$30. Call Teresa Lamore at 215-437-5449.



We will be hunting for Easter Eggs at St. Raymond on Easter Sunday! We are accepting all of the candy you abandoned for Lent. Especially: Fruit Snacks, Dum Dums, Toostie Pops, Swedish Fish, Chocolate Mini Eggs, Starbursts. Small individual packets greatly appreciated. Bring to Parish Office or leave at Info Desk in the back of Church (please do not give any candy to Fr. Chris).

**SLOTH**  
The Sin That Needs No Effort

**Remember our sick brothers & sisters in prayer....** Pope Benedict XVI, Glenn Adams, Robert Adams, Joan Baran, Rhonda Beasley, Lorraine Beauparlant, Johanna Bender, 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, 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, Stanley & Sherry Jones, Valerie Jones, Yvonne Jordan, Martin Lentz, Janet Marshall, Delores Mason, Lillian Mathis, 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, Helen Pettit, Richard Pickett, Gloria Price, Iris Pugh, Barry & Joan Quinn, Tracie Ragin, Totlyn Ricketts, Joel Rivera, Eugene Rooker, Lillian Scott, Mary Shambor, Zonder Anthony Simmonton, Martha Smith, Dr. Pete Smith, Mary Steward, 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**

**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. **Wanda Graham will lead the next session on April 8<sup>th</sup> on the topic of Praying Your Way Through Life**". Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. Join us!



On Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with a Holy Hour in our Chapel from 9am until 10am. At this time Confessions will be available and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. Join us!

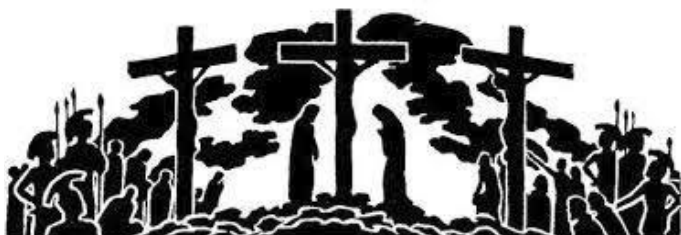
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**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

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 four black men discerning a call to the priesthood for Philadelphia, please continue to pray for young people from our community to be raised up in service to the Church!!!*



The parish remains so grateful for your continued generosity and goodness. Our collection for March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> was \$9650 including \$63 from our youth. Our average is now \$8615 (our budgeted average is \$8600 a week). *Did you know that St. Raymond offers electronic giving? Visit our website and go to Stewardship section.*



The Living Stations will be presented by The Eighth Grade Students of St. Raymond School on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. All are Welcome

**Bereavement Support Group...** *St. Luke the Evangelist Church (Chapel House, 2330 Fairhill Ave., Glenside) support group next session dates and topics are on Tuesdays from 7pm-8:30pm: March 27<sup>th</sup>, "Special Days 7 Dates"; April 10<sup>th</sup>, "The Emotional Roller Coaster"; April 24<sup>th</sup>, "Adjusting to a Changed World"; May 8<sup>th</sup> "Belongings & Reminders"; May 22<sup>nd</sup>, "Reinvesting in Life"; June 5<sup>th</sup> "Does Grief End?". The group meets bi-weekly from March through June. This group is sponsored by: William R. May Funeral Home (Easton Rd. & Keswick Ave.); Facilitated by Deborah Gawthrop, M.S., G.M.S. For more information please call 215-624-8190 or dgawthropcnlt@verizon.net*

**Fifth Week of Lent....Encounter Resilience**

We have been working together with CRS and YouthBuild International to build and strengthen at-risk youth in El Salvador, by forming an alliance to respond to the challenge of youth employability while also creating alternative pathways to crime and violence. YouthBuild opens a space for young people to leave difficult situations and advance and transform their lives. It provides an opportunity to reclaim their educations, gain the skills they need for employment, and become leaders in their communities. These newfound skills make them a better person, allowing them to support their families without hurting themselves or community or family even during devastating events. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? You can place donations in the BLE\$\$ING BOX at the doors of Church. May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter our neighbors, our God and ourselves!

**Attention all 7th Graders! Archbishop Wood High School** will be hosting a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Exam on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. There is a \$45 non-refundable fee. Please register online at [www.archwood.org](http://www.archwood.org) or for more information, contact Patricia Roschetz Director of Admissions at [proschetz@archwood.org](mailto:proschetz@archwood.org). **Bishop McDevitt High School** will be hosting a Practice 7th Grade Scholarship Exam. This will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 9:00 am. You can register online at [www.mcdevitts.org](http://www.mcdevitts.org). If you have any questions please contact Megan Gerhard, Director of Admissions at (215)-887-5575 ext. 255. **Roman Catholic High School** will hold a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 12pm. This is an opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup> graders to prepare for the Scholarship Entrance Test required in the Fall of 2018. Online registration is available at [RomanCatholicHS.com](http://RomanCatholicHS.com). Roman will hold a Spring Open House intended for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm. Registration is available online at [RomanCatholicHS.com](http://RomanCatholicHS.com). For additional information or questions regarding either event contact 215-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or email [admissions@romancatholichs.com](mailto:admissions@romancatholichs.com). **Fr. Judge High School** will hold a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Practice Test on Saturday, April 21 & 28 at 8am. You must pre-register at [fatherjudge.com](http://fatherjudge.com).

**Please mark your calendar and begin inviting someone to join us for Holy Week and Easter!**

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