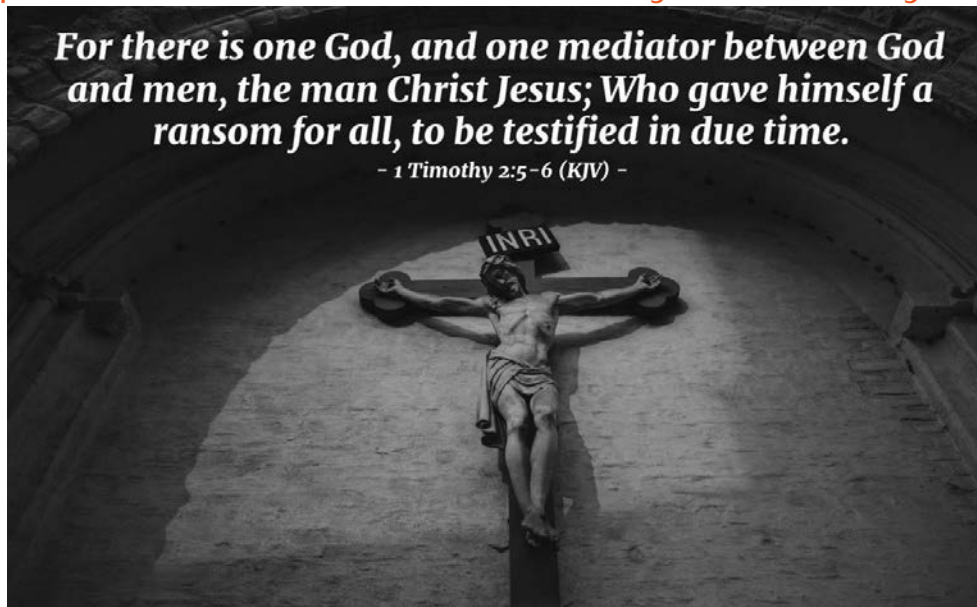


Saint Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church

September 22, 2019 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

- 1 Timothy 2:5-6 (KJV) -

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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! We rejoice knowing your gifts will enrich our Parish!

*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 (9/23): Following Christ (God in Scripture) 7pm
Tuesday (9/24): Join Us for Rosary after 8am mass
Wednesday (9/25): Bible Study - Hot Topics (The Legalization of Drugs) at 7pm
Thursday (9/26): Eucharistic Adoration 8:30am-4pm
Saturday (9/28): Annual Block Party 12pm-4pm
Sunday (9/29): Youth Service at St. Raymond House 12pm

Have you checked your closets recently for clothing to donate to our bin? Drop them off on Williams Avenue side of Rectory.
Catholic Call to Prayer continues at 6:30am, Monday to Friday. Call 1-857-232-0158, Enter Code 336656

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon.,	Sep 23	9am	Intentions of Richara Krajewski
Tue.,	Sep 24	8am	Thomas Lawlor
Wed.,	Sep 25	8am	People of The Parish
Thur.,	Sep 26	8am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat.,	Sep 28	8am	In Thanksgiving
		5pm	People of The Parish
Sun.,	Sep 29	8am	Donna Madden
		10am	Leroy Roberts

Can you join us for Holy Mass one day? Jesus is waiting for you to experience His love and mercy! The Holy Rosary is prayed on Tuesday and Thursday – Join Us!

Dear Friends,

Please attend our 4th HOT TOPICS this Wednesday as Richara addresses the issue of the legalization of drugs in America. It is happening little by little (if not becoming legal, certainly decriminalized) and the implication for our society could be huge. Why should Catholics care? How should we approach it when it comes up in conversation? Please join us live or thru Live Stream and be blessed by Richara's wisdom and insights.

Our Annual Church Block Party will be next Saturday, September 28th from Noon to 4pm. Sign-up in back of Church or call our Parish Office. We always need helpers so please consider volunteering for at least a few hours that day!

We mailed invitations to our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party which will take place on Monday, September 30th (6pm to 8:30pm) in our Hall. If you do not receive an invite, but you are involved in a Ministry, please give us a call. I apologize for the oversight and I want you to be recognized and appreciated for your contributions to our great parish. Do not feel awkward, please give us a call at 215-549-3760 and say "I think you forgot me...".

For the first time in many years we have many openings for Mass Intentions for our Masses during the week (8am in the Chapel). Is there someone you would like to have a Mass offered for (living or deceased)? The normal offering is \$10 but that is only a suggestion; do not let that prevent you in any way. Contact our Parish Office to arrange a Mass to be offered for your loved one.

Adoration returns to our Chapel from 8:30am until 4pm each Thursday. Please try to commit to 30 minutes or an hour so we have someone adoring Jesus throughout the day!

Please pray for me this week. I am headed to New Orleans to offer a workshop to the priests. I will be back on Thursday!

Father Chris

3rd Annual Grown Folks Festival on Saturday, October 5th from Noon to 4pm at St. Raymond. There will be lots of vendors, food, health information and resources for our seniors and the entire family. There will be face painting and moon bounces too! Spread the word and call Rep. Chris Rabb's Office for more information (215-242-7300). Join us to enhance to mind, body and soul of the citizens of Philadelphia!

Notes from the Sunday Eucharist

Inspiration from the Word: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke 16:1-13.

Inspiration from Music and Song:

Inspiration from the Homily Preached:

Inspiration from Quiet Prayer:

As I reflect on this week's Belief Statement, one question I have is...

Why not begin preparing for next week when the Scripture Passages will be: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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 welcomed 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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*If you or a loved one is sick, please notify Father Chris or Deacon Bill in the Parish Office. We want to try to not only pray for people but also visit them in their time of illness. In cases of emergency or a person is close to death, we want to minister to them. Please let your children know this as well for yourself when you are ill!*

*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!*



Craig Williams, Jerolynn Ouattara & Joanne Kline (22<sup>nd</sup>); Margaret Brown & Gloria Youmans (23<sup>rd</sup>); Rene' Koffi (24<sup>th</sup>); Jordan Patton, Ronnie Allen, Jr, Amy Quigg, Esq, Mary Namakula, Elizabeth Evans & Kelsey Bess( 25<sup>th</sup>); Ronald Ross, Amber Mays, Alfreda Henighan, Jameele Mitchell & Jania Phillips (26<sup>th</sup>); Cameron Callands, Norma Rodney & Zachary Jones (27<sup>th</sup>); Daisy Minyard, Lloyd Paige Jr & Kenneth Myers (28<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!



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. Join us Sunday, October 6 as we gather in the chapel from 9am-10am to pray intentionally for the needs of others. Please join us. **The special intention for October...**that the Holy Spirit will enliven the missionary spirit in our Church (and our parish).

**B.A.T.T.L.E Youth Ministry at Saint Raymond**  
**Become All That the Lord Expects.**  
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**Youth Service** Sunday @ St. Raymond House, Sunday, September 29th. 12-1:30 pm  
Sr. High Youth Group, Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm  
**Galilee Confirmation** " What Makes Me Happy?" Sunday, October 13th  
Galilee Fellowship and Choir Rehearsal after the 10 AM MASS

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HURTING FROM AN ABORTION? The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat serves men and women whose lives were impacted by an abortion. The next retreat is Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> in the Malvern area. Please call Lauren at 215-720-5828 for more information. If cost is an issue, Lauren will be in touch with father Chris to arrange payment while you maintain your anonymity.

**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 4pm 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!*

The **AFRICAN FAMILY HERITAGE MASS** will be held at St. Raymond on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. This gathering celebrates the many African Cultures united in Christ. All are welcome to join us for Mass and a reception following.

**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.*  
Name:  
  
Phone Number (and/or address):  
  
Comments:

**Liturgical Ministers for September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>:**

**Saturday at 5pm:** The Reader is: Elaine Linkewich; **Euch. Ministers** Maria Cruz, Belita Thornton & Melvin Thornton; **Altar Servers:** Zoe Mackey & Sean Bradley.

**Sunday at 8am:** The Reader is Janet Marshall; **Altar Servers** are Rowan Willis & Geeia Mahoney. **Sunday at 10am:** The Readers are Christopher Ouattara & Madison Wells-McPhee; **Euch. Ministers** are Margo Simmons, Ken Morris, Sabrina Harris, Donny Odey & Jerome Ouattara; **Altar Servers** are Marie A. Umuhzoa, Carlos Benise & Brandon Fenty.

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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK...NAME BY NAME**

*Remember our sick brothers & sisters in prayer...* Pope Benedict XVI, Glenn Adams, Robert Adams, Miriam Allen. Joan Baran, Rhonda Beasley, Lorraine Beauparlant, Johanna Bender, Cleo Benton, Juanita Berry, Ethel Black, Nathaniel Bennett, Barbara & Oscar Bowen, Larina Brooks, Gaybrella Bullard, Barbara Campbell, Cora Caviness, Louise & Mario Ciabarra, Joyce Coleman, Lillian Cooper, Valdez Coston, Cheryl Crockett, April DeMatto, Denise Derrick, Shirlae Devanport, Anne Durham, Marcellus Edwards, Carolyn Ervin, Elizabeth Evans, Joann Evans, Lonna Evans, Margaret "Peggy" Evans, Louise Faxton, Jack Feighan, Cayna Ford, Dorothy Foust, Patricia Gaither, Tina Glickman, Jordan Gumby, Tyrone Harris, Aisha Harrison, Meg Hayes, Jr., Marjorie Henry, Pat Hughes, Maria Isaacs, Martha Johnson, Mary Jones, Stanley & Sherry Jones, Valerie Jones, Yvonne Jordan, Martin Lentz, Delores Mason, Towanda Mays, Amara MacPhee, Kimberly McKee, Sherri McCullough, Jewel McLendon, Darlene McMillian, Lee McQueen, Maria Middleton, 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, Barry & Joan Quinn, Tracie Ragin, Totlyn Ricketts, Joel Rivera, Alice "Pat" Robinson, Eugene Rooker, Nichole Russell, Thomas Scharnikow, Lillian Scott, Jafus Simmons, Terry Simmons, Zonder Anthony Simminton, Martha Smith, Dr. Pete Smith, Theresa Spady, Steve Stoner, Mary Steward, Marvin Temple, Emmie VanSciver, Alicia Wells, Ahmaad Williams, Claudette Williams, Ellis Williams, Johnnie Williams, LaToya Williams, Jennifer Wright, Carolyn Wylie, Sr., 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*



Our collection for September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> was \$8,327, including \$13 from our youth. Our new Fiscal Year average is \$8913. We also received \$3015 for the Collection to assist the people of the Bahamas (all donations need to be at the Parish Office by Monday). Thank you for your generosity! Thank you for your amazing goodness that helps us share the Good News of Jesus! *Did you know that St. Raymond offers electronic giving? Visit our website and go to Stewardship section.*

**USE YOUR SMART PHONE FOR PRAYER**

*Do you have our Parish APP on your phone?* 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! Join the many who use it each day to read the Daily Mass readings, listen to podcasts or even pray the Liturgy of the Hours (the "official" prayer of the Church)! You can also get daily news updates from the Catholic world and easily email the Parish Staff!

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
**HOT TOPICS:**  
**SCRIPTURE, THEOLOGY, AND BURNING QUESTIONS**

Wednesday Night Bible Study with HOT TOPICS each week at 7pm! Please join us live (in rectory basement) or via Live Stream! Sept 25<sup>th</sup>: "It Doesn't Hurt Anybody" (A Christian Perspective on the Legalization of Drugs and the Drug Culture). Oct. 2: Is Homosexuality the new Civil Right?

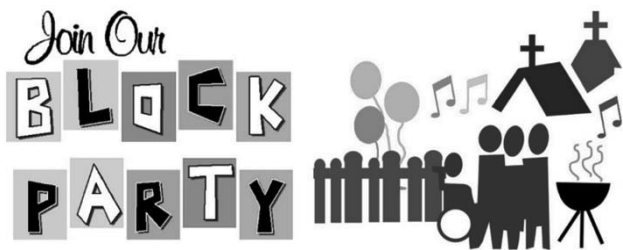
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The American Red Cross will host a Blood Drive at St. Raymond on Tuesday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Academy (Church Basement) from 2:30pm to 7pm. Sign up at the back of the church on September 28 & 29; October 5, 6, 12 & 13.

**Registrations for PREP:** Any child in grades K – 7<sup>th</sup> who does not attend a Catholic School and has not yet received the sacraments...contact Arleen or Richara at 215-549-3760 for more information.



***Our Annual Church Block Party will be Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4pm. Mark your calendars to join us and sign up to let us know you will be with us! Flu shots will be administered by Sav-On Pharmacy at the Parish Block Party. Free to seniors on Medicaid & Medicare Part B. Please bring your insurance card with you.***

**Do you often have LEFT OVERS at dinner?** Why not package them for Aid for Friends. Containers are located in the Sacristy. We are in constant need of a variety of meals for ailing seniors. Frozen meals can be dropped off at the Rectory (even on Sundays). Volunteers are also needed to deliver meals to seniors on a weekly basis. For more info, contact Arleen at 215-549-3760.

**Do you have a gluten allergy? Low Gluten hosts are available for Holy Communion. See Fr. Chris.**

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The Msgr. Mitchell Scholarship benefits Catholic students attending a Catholic High School. We have had many young people from our parish receive these over the past 8 years. Their annual dinner is Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Tickets are \$60 per person. Please contact Deacon Bill if you wish to attend this wonderful event.

*Archbishop Chaput will turn 75 and retire in September. Let us begin begging God for a grace filled successor.*

#### **A Prayer for a New Bishop**

Father, you have given us your Son, Jesus Christ to teach, sanctify and govern your people. You also gave us the gift of your Holy Spirit so that we may forever remain One in your name. We thank you for your promise to always guide your Church, including the Church of Philadelphia. Father, we ask that you look with favor upon those in our church, who will prayerfully select our new bishop. Give them a Spirit of wisdom and counsel that they may discern your will. We ask in the name of your Son, that you bless our future bishop. Provide him with the gifts he will need to carry on the ministry of Jesus in our diocese. Grant him the heart of your Son, the heart of the Good Shepherd. Bestow upon him the zeal of St. Paul in preaching the Good News; the pure heart of St. Charles Lwanga; the energy of St. John Neumann to reach every corner of our diocese; the humility of St. John Vianney in caring for our priests; the compassion of St. Vincent DePaul in serving those most in need; the wisdom of St. Augustine in teaching the doctrine of our church; and the justice of St. Katherine Drexel in seeking racial reconciliation and healing. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, mother of all disciples. Amen.

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