

# Saint Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church

## January 24, 2021 – Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



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| <b>Mass:</b>          | Monday - Thursday at 8:00am<br>Saturday at 8:00am & 5:00pm<br>Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am   | <b>Confession:</b>    | Saturday from 4:30pm - 4:50pm<br>Sunday from 7:30-7:55am<br>Sunday from 9:30-9:55am  |

**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!**

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.*

### 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, Psalm 91, and intercessory prayer for those in need and beg God that His mighty power save us from this wretched virus.*

### Mass Intentions for the Week

|        |        |      |                           |
|--------|--------|------|---------------------------|
| Mon.,  | Jan 25 | 8am  | People of the Parish      |
| Tue.,  | Jan 26 | 8am  | Dorothy Foust             |
| Wed.,  | Jan 27 | 8am  | Martin St. John Sutton    |
| Thur., | Jan 28 | 8am  | Dorothy Foust             |
| Sat.,  | Jan 30 | 8am  | Frederick & Frances Sturm |
|        |        | 5pm  | Edward Odum               |
| Sun.,  | Jan 31 | 8am  | Marjorie Moody            |
|        |        | 10am | Frank Gilbert             |

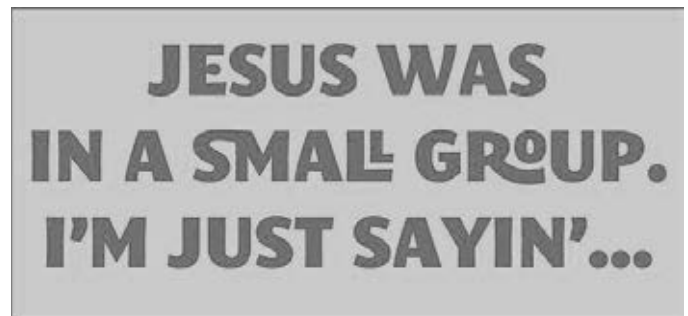
You are encouraged to attend Mass at 8am during the week if that is more comfortable for you than weekend Masses throughout the pandemic.

We are accepting requests for Masses in 2021; call Brandi in the Parish Office.

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Please remember what we are committing to as a Parish in order to keep others safe. With God and our good habits (include face coverings), we will survive! If you experiencing symptoms such as a cough, high fever, shortness of breath, or have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive with COVID-19 in the past 14 days (unless you serve as medical professional) please do not join us for worship. If you have concerns about something you observe, please let a member of the RESTORE Team know your concern. Pews and surfaces are wiped down after each Mass for your safety, your assistance is appreciated.



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful to all who made our MLK Prayer Service and our Reading Group such a wonderful experience. I appreciate the work of our Parish Staff (Arleen, Minta, Richara and Deacon Bill) as well as those who participated. If you missed the Prayer Service – please make time to experience it “on demand”, you can find it on Live Stream or YouTube through the parish website.

We have transitioned from Live Stream (which we have used since we started streaming many years ago) to YouTube. This happened a bit faster than we had planned because of software issues. I know there will be a learning curve for many as we find our way in this new platform, but in the long run it will be for the good. I am grateful to Richara who is leading the effort to build our “Digital Campus” and to the many people who are assisting her. I am also grateful to Rob Barrimond, Chris Bradley and the late Rasheem Davis who have laid a wonderful foundation for our digital ministry.

In the next few weeks, you will be invited to join a Small Group. We are blessed to have more than 20% of our active worshipping community in a Small Group. But, I am confident the Lord wants more of you. Groups meet online (zoom) and in person. Please consider it, especially if you have never joined one. They are a tremendous blessing. Need more information, call Minta Brown at the Parish Office and she will assist you.

As you prepare your taxes, please call the Parish Office if you desire a statement of your giving from 2020. I am grateful to each of you for all of your generosity that allows us to remain in such a good financial position. You are awesome!

Father Chris  
**021 Saint Raymond**



Is life meaningless? Are we just born to die? NO WAY! All High School students are welcome to join us for a three-week exploration of the ancient wisdom of another young seeker. Sessions are on Sundays: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, & Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-2:30 pm. Open to students in grades 9 - 12. Contact Richara for more information.



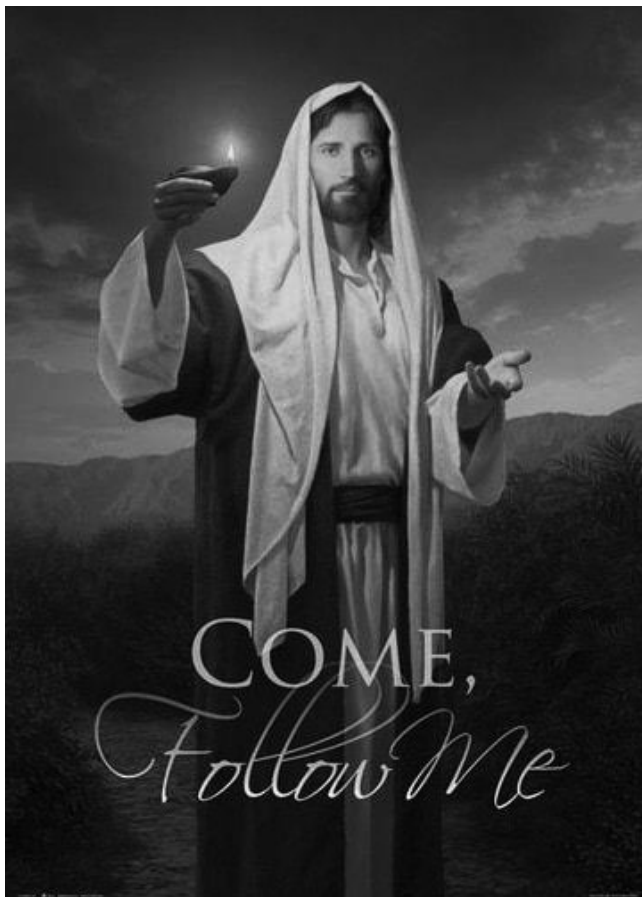
# FORWARD IN CHRIST



Worship – Equip – Invite – Share  
Are you moving forward in Christ?

## A Prayer for our President

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America, especially a peaceful transition of power. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world. We lift up President Biden, Vice President Harris, all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.



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Michael Powell, Tabe Hence, Jada Temple (25<sup>th</sup>); Jacqueline Nisbett (27<sup>th</sup>); Louise Ciabarra, Stephen Mathis & Christopher Patton (28<sup>th</sup>); Dawn Williams & Nakya Allen (30<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.*



Due to the Covid Restrictions, we will not be having an in-person Children's Liturgy of the Word until further notice. However, each week a video teaching for our young disciples is emailed and they can participate through YouTube. Questions? Contact Arleen at 215-549-3760.

**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, especially for a daily devotional!

## 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, especially those from our Parish.** Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to be faithful to the Gospel as we announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth! Please Father God, make them, and all who serve, holy like You O God! AMEN.

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Are you suffering from the wound of abortion? A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. Come experience the mercy and compassion of God by attending the upcoming retreat. The experience will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul. Post-Abortion Healing Retreat - March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern, Pennsylvania For information call: Georgeann 484-955-4278 or Susan 610-716-4795



As you prepare your taxes, Brandi in our Parish Office is happy to provide a statement for your 2020 Giving. Please call her at 215-549-3760. Statements can be picked up, emailed or mailed (mindful of delays in Postal Service at times).

***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!

Please pray for couples facing an unplanned pregnancy...may they know they are loved and that resources are available to help them.



*Have you opened the book we gave out at Christmas? If you need a copy, please see Deacon Bill or Fr. Chris after Mass. It will help build your life of prayer!*

***Notes from the Sunday Eucharist***

*Inspiration from the Word:* Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a); 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

*Inspiration from Songs/Music:*

*Inspiration from the Word & Homily Preached:*

*Inspiration from Quiet Prayer:*

*As I reflect on this week's message, I feel called to...*

Why not begin preparing for next week when the scripture Passages will be: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8); 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

**AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN**

**COVID TESTING AT SAINT RAYMOND**


Please call 1-833-533-3463 to make an appointment (Thursday 11-7; Saturday 8-4). You should have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID. Insurance covers the cost of the lab tests; no one is turned away or charged anything.

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20 Weeks - End of Month 5  
"Mommy felt me kick today!"




I am 5 months old now. I'm 12 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! Thank you for praying for me!



We are now mid-way through the pregnancy! Your spiritually adopted baby is growing stronger each day, and now can kick hard enough for his mother to feel.

This month, please say a special prayer to St. Joseph for the father of your spiritually adopted baby, that he the courage and strength he needs to support mom and baby.



<http://www.archbalt.org/family/life/respect/life/spiritualadoption> Information on the developing baby was taken from: Abortion: Questions and Answers, Dr. and Mrs. John C. Wilke, © 1985, Hayes Publishing Company, Inc., Cincinnati, OH. Illustrations(c)L.Brenegan 2001 – may not be reprinted without express permission of the artist.

Dear Jesus, Word made flesh and splendor of the Father, our Light and our Life, I pray to You for the life of the unborn child I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Please give to the parents of this child the grace and the courage to bring their baby to birth and to the fullness of life you desire.

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 LOVE support  
 treasure PLEDGE giving  
 faith caring  
 community time

Our collection for January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> was \$10,634. Our average is \$10,087 a week. ***If you are aware of someone facing financial or food needs, please call the Parish Office and speak with Deacon Bill.***

**HAVE YOU STARTED READING THE BOOK "AND GOD LAUGHED" THAT WAS GIVEN OUR AT CHRISTMAS? PLEASE START!**



***Remember our sick brothers & sisters in prayer...*** Pope Benedict XVI, Robert Adams, Miriam Allen, Joan Baran, Rhonda Beasley, Lorraine Beauparlant, Johanna Bender, Cleo Benton, Ethel Black, Nathaniel Bennett, Max Bonhage, Barbara & Oscar Bowen, Larina Brooks, Barbara Campbell, Cora Caviness, Louise & Mario Ciabarra, Joyce Coleman, Lillian Cooper, Valdez Coston, Cheryl Crockett, April DeMatto, Denise Derrick, Shirlae Devanport, Donald Dougherty, Anne Durham, Marcellus Edwards, Carolyn Ervin, Elizabeth Evans, Joann Evans, Lonna Evans, Margaret "Peggy" Evans, Louise Faxton, Jack Feighan, Cayna Ford, Patricia Gaither, Diane Gilbert, Tyrone Harris, Aisha Harrison, Meg Hayes, Jr., Marjorie Henry, Meghan Herron, George House, Pat Hughes, Maria Isaacs, Mary Jones, Stanley & Sherry Jones, Valerie Jones, Yvonne Jordan, Earlene King, Martin Lentz, Delores Mason, Towanda Mays, Amara MacPhee, Jeannue McAfee Jones, Kimberly McKee, Ernestine & Sherri McCullough, Anthony McLaughlin, Jewel McLendon, Darlene McMillian, Lee McQueen, Berta Morris, Darryl Myers, Altamesecarolye Neal, Rahniya Nealand, Bennie Noble & Family, Msgr. John O'Brien, Tyrone Palmer, Richard Pickett, Gina Pine, Benny Pinn, Barry & Joan Quinn, Tracie Ragin, Kelli Renn, Totlyn Ricketts, Joel Rivera, Sterling Robinson, Alice "Pat" Robinson, Eugene Rooker, Christine Russell, Thomas Scharnikow, Lillian Scott, Preston Scott, Jafus Simmons, Terry Simmons, Zonder Anthony Simmanton, Martha Smith, Theresa Spady, Steve Stoner, Mary Steward, Marvin Temple, Ahmaad Williams, Claudette Williams, Ellis Williams, Johnnie Williams, Jennifer Wright, Carolyn Wylie and all those recovering from injuries sustained in combat, those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Diabetes, Cancer, AIDS, the Corona Virus and Addictions.

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