



ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18, 2023**



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Confession: Saturday from 4:30pm - 4:50pm
Sunday from 7:30-7:55am
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!

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., June 17 8:00am Int. of McCormick Family
5:00pm Dorothea Wilson
Sun., June 18 8:00am William E Honesty
10:00am Joseph Black
Mon., June 19 8:00am Earnest Cooper Sr
Tue., June 20 8:00am Sick & Shut-ins
Thur., June 22 8:00am Violence in the World
Fri., June 23 8:00am People of the Parish
Sat., June 24 8:00am Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm Doris & Cleo Benton
Sun., June 25 8:00am In Thanksgiving
10:00am Joseph Black

There is a Eucharistic Holy Hour with the praying of the Rosary on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am to 9:30am. Please join us. Enter the Church through the ramp door.

Pastor's Corner:

June 18, 2023

I've been doing a deep dive into parts of a homily I gave a few weeks ago. I spoke about Four calls from God: The Call to Identity, The Call to Repentance, The Call to Forgiveness, and The Call to Mission. Last week I wrote about this first one, The Call to Identity. This week let's look at The Call to Repentance. This past weekend Archbishop Perez published a pastoral letter on the topic of racism. It was entitled, Archbishop Pérez Issues Pastoral Letter on Racial Healing: "We Are One Body." The US Catholic Church continues to invest resources into addressing the topic, and reality, of Racism. The US Catholic Bishop's Conference (USCCB) formed an Ad Hoc Commission on Racism. In 2018, the USCCB published a letter on the topic called "Open Wide Our Hearts, The Endearing Call to Love."

Archbishop Perez formed his own "Commission on Racial Healing" in 2021. Parishioners of St. Raymond have been asked to serve as members of this Commission, lead focus groups, provide talks at conferences, and to participate in other archdiocesan initiatives.

I read both documents. When applying the virtue and practice of repentance to racism, my questions was, "Where do you start?" This is a huge issue. What struck me from reading the articles, and my own brief experience is the overwhelming complexity of the issue. The documents pose poignant questions: How do we overcome this evil of rejecting a brother or sister's humanity, the same evil that provoked Cain's sin? What are the necessary steps that would lead to this conversion? Pope Francis said, "Let no one think that this invitation is not meant for him or her." I found that as a place to start however. Racism arises from suppressing the truth. So, acknowledge that it exists. Racism is real - and its real big. Don't remain silent. If you can't say a lot, say something. Action is needed. Take a first step and do something small to get some momentum started. We can find inspiration in the words of the prophet Micah:

You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Mi 6:8) First, on a macro level, justice recognizes and respects the legitimate cry of our brothers and sisters that what they say is true. On a micro level, to do justice requires an honest acknowledgment of our failures and the restoring of right relationships between us. "If we acknowledge our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 Jn 1:9). "We Are One Body" states that, "Societal realities indicate a need for further catechesis to facilitate conversion of hearts." As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice.' What does this have to do with repentance? The first step is to be aware of racism – in your neighborhood, in your company, in your family, school, church.... Second is to examine yourself. Is it possible, present and maybe even prevalent, in your heart, in your language, in your behavior? Next, if you can see this, admit and acknowledge it honestly. Then we can seek repentance from the Lord and others. In light of this, I have been fortunate, and honored, to be invited by several of our parishioners to engage in informal conversations about this topic. Since we're Catholic, this small group is doing what Catholics always do - we engage in table fellowship of bread and wine (with humus, other appetizers and alternative beverages available). The conversations have been deep, honest - sometimes brutally. The atmosphere is one of vulnerability, care, respect and forgiveness. I love it and it has been very helpful, revealing, and humbling. I showed this to a parishioner. They asked, "What's next?" My answer was, "I have no idea. This is too big for me. I am not ready to ask people what they should be doing. But, at least, it's a start."

Fr Charles Zlock

You can also use our Parish App for notes.

Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c); Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

Inspiration from the Word & Homily Preached:

AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN – AMEN

Upcoming readings for June 24th & June 25th:

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c); Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33



St. Raymond Summer Camp welcomes children in kindergarten - 5th grade to spend the summer with us! There will be games, weekly trips, bible study and more!! The Camp Day will run from 9 am - 5 pm, Monday - Friday. The first day of camp is July 10th and the last day is August 18th.

Please scan the QR code below for more information and to register your child!



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 us at 215-549-3760 or email Brandi at Brandi@saintraymond.net.



Jacqueline Roberts (19th); Debbie Briscoe (21st); Deacon Bill Bradley (22nd); Stephanie Hendrick & Kelly Upshaw (23rd); Lucretia Jones, Jaden Callands & Oneida Brooks (25th). If you would like to be remembered by our parish community, please sign the book in the back of church. *Good Samaritan Ministry.*

**Attention Ladies
Catholic Women's Conference
Sat. Oct. 28, 2023**

Registration Information Packets are located on the desk at the rear of the church. Please complete the pink form and return it to the basket provided to ensure that you are registered for the session of your choice. Please note, you may only select one session.



God, our Father
Bless these men,
that they may find strength as fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love
shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.



June 18, 2023

Join us for **Adoration of Jesus** Tuesday & Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:30am.
O Come Let Us Adore Him...



In Need of Healing...

Robert Adams, Miriam Allen, Rhonda Beasley, Lorraine Beuparlant, Johanna Bender, Nathaniel Bennett, Ethel Black, Clifford Boddie, Sr. Mimi Bodell, Bill & Cindy Bradley, Max Bonhage, Barbara & Oscar Bowen, Gregory Bowens, Theresa Brooks, Larina Brooks, Patricia Brockington, Corricka Brown, Cora Caviness, Rosie Chamberlain, Tommy Chamberlain II, Louise & Mario Ciabarra, Joyce Coleman, Carmelo CoValdez Coston, Cheryl Crockett, April DeMatto, Shirlee Devanport, Carole Anne Dominello, Donald Dougherty, Marion Dunlap, Charlotte Dutthie, Marcellus Edwards, Carolyn Ervin, Elizabeth Evans, Joann Evans, Margaret "Peggy" Evans, Lonna Evans, Louise Faxton, Cayna Ford, Patricia Gaither, Diane Gilbert, Alethia Goins, Tyrone Harris, Aisha Harrison, Meg Hayes, Jr., Patricia Height, Meghan Herron, Merle Heyward, Ruby Hill, Hank Hingley, Pat Hughes, Maria Isaacs, Daisy Jenkins, Stanley & Sherry Jones, Valerie Jones, Khalil Jones-Smith, Kathleen Kelly, Flavia Langan, Patricia Laughlin, Martin Lentz, Stephen Mathew, Towanda Mays, Amara MacPhee, Charles Marable, Jeannie McAfee Jones, Kimberly McKee, Sherri McCullough, Anthony McLaughlin, Jewel McLendon, Darlene McMillian, Lee McQueen, Berta Morris, Bonnie Wynn Morris, Ken Morris, Darryl Myers, Altamesecarolye Neal, Rahniya Nealand, Bennie Noble & Family, Tyrone Palmer, Jacqueline Peyton, Barry & Joan Quinn, Tracie Ragin, Kelli Renn, Totlyn Ricketts, Paul Rippa, Joel Rivera, Jason & Jaxson Rivera, Alice "Pat" Robinson, Eugene Rooker, Christine Russell, Hazel Scott, Lillian Scott, Baby Liam Shiver, Preston Scott, Jafus Simmons, Terry Simmons, Zonder Anthony Simmonton, Martha Smith, Theresa Spady, Steve Stoner, Mary Steward, Marvin Temple, Wendy Marie Thomas, Jeri Thomas, Kevin Turner, Alicia Wells, Ahmaad Williams, Cynthia Williams, Ellis Williams, Johnnie Williams, Jennifer Wright, Carolyn Wylie, Wendell Wylie, Sarah Wylie and all those recovering from injuries sustained in combat, those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Diabetes, Cancer, AIDS, the Corona Virus and Addictions.

Our Lady of Lourdes: Heal our Sick and Suffering

If you have extra time during the day, why not spend some time learning more about your faith?

Have you logged into "FORMED" yet?

1. Visit www.formed.org
2. Follow instructions to set up your own account and be formed in Christ!

Formed.org offers you many wonderful resources to help you live as a Disciple of Jesus. Please consider signing up for a daily email with a video reflection!



Any graduates in your family? Special rewards received? Email Brandi at brandi@saintraymond.net. We want to acknowledge all of our achievers!!

MARRIED COUPLES – "Live your best life in love" in 2023: Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Summer 2023 in-person experience is July 7-9 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.



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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, we have survived! Please continue to sanitize hands and be courteous when sneezing or coughing. If you have questions, see a Bethany Team Member. If you are feeling overwhelmed or anxious during this COVID season for any reason, do not hesitate to reach out for prayer, counsel or a friend on our Church Staff. Please never hesitate to share your fears or concerns with Father Charles and the Parish Staff. God is able!



**“Let the children come to me,
do not prevent them for theirs
is the Kingdom of Heaven”.**

The most precious gift that you can give your child is the gift of Faith Formation.

Religious Education classes are available for your child, Sunday Mornings 8:45 to 9:45 in church basement. Contact Arleen Daniels arleen@saintraymond.net or 215-549-3760.

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2023 Philadelphia March for Life

March for Life will be June 24, 2023.

Please plan to join others on a walk to save our unborn Children.

9:00am-Mass at the Cathedral

10:30am-March down Race Street

11:30am-Rally at Independence Mall

Town Hall Meeting on the Sin of Racism

Saturday, June 24, 2023; 9 AM - 12 PM

Registration and Refreshments at 8:30 AM

Mount Saint Joseph Convent Auditorium

9701 Germantown Avenue

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Register by June 19th at:

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3-6 p.m. Afternoon Tea and Program

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Vendors - Door Prizes

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us!!***

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