

# St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

Detroit, Michigan



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2017



*We are the Catholic Community multicultural family of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel parish of Detroit. We share the love of Jesus by welcoming and serving friends and strangers, young and old, rich and poor. We are called to be the light of Christ in our neighborhood, strengthened by prayer and worship, especially the Eucharist.*

*We see ourselves as a rock in our community. We are dedicated to grow in unity with God and one another. We invite all to join with their time, talents and treasures in the journey toward building God's kingdom. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to keep a Catholic presence in our neighborhood.*

ST. RAYMOND-OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

Adopted: June 26, 2011

## REFLECTIONS WITH FATHER MICHAEL: **MOTHERS ARE OUR TREASURE!**

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2017 we celebrate Mother's Day, and say to all our mothers, "Happy Mother's Day. May you be abundantly blessed!" As we all know, there is always something special about Mother's Day. It is a day that brings fond memories of our beloved moms. For instance, I cannot think of Mother's Day without remembering the so many fond memories of that angel of love and care in my life---- my wonderful and Christ-centered mom.

She departed this life a few years after my priestly ordination. Because of my special relationship with her among her other children, it seemed that my entire world suddenly collapsed upon me when I received the sad news of her exit from this world. It was the worst and saddest news I ever received as a young priest. I had just returned from Mass that Sunday afternoon when one of my relatives arrived at the parish house with the ugly news.

Immediately when I saw him, I knew that something was wrong, because he was not known for visiting me at such an awkward time. Although he tried to put up a brave face,

I insisted that he tell me the reason behind his Sunday afternoon visit. He smiled and told me that he just felt like coming to spend some time with me that afternoon and share some family matters.

Discovering that I wasn't buying any of his answers, and was not ready to allow him to rest, he eventually disclosed his sad mission, but not until he had eaten the meal prepared for him. Heaving a very heavy sigh, he announced the death of my mom. I could not bring myself to believe what I was hearing. I hoped and prayed that he was mistaken, but people don't normally joke with such news. In other words, he was dead serious in what he was saying. My mom had become history. It was unbelievable. What a world of disappointment and sadness! What a devastating loss!



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The Appeal is now in progress  
Goal for our Parish: \$13,667

Please pick up your pledge card in the gathering area of the church (saves the parish postage)!



**THIS SUNDAY, May 14th**  
**All are invited**

Immediately following the 10:30 am Mass

**Detroit Mass Mob Celebration Next Weekend  
Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the 10:30 am Mass**

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When I visited her a few days earlier, precisely on Thursday of that week, she was complaining of feeling weak and tired, but she was able to prepare meal for me, which included my favorite chicken and rice. So, she wasn't so sick as to warrant any suspicion of something wrong happening in the near future. But, life doesn't often obey the law of logic. Before I left for the parish that evening, I advised that she make sure to go to the doctor the following day to find out why she was feeling weak and tired these days, and she agreed to go.

My fellow reflectors and friends, that was my last conversation with that lady of grace and class - my beloved mom who not only taught me how to pray but also drilled into me the difficult virtue of patience. Nothing seemed to unsettle her in life, because her faith in God was very strong. To encounter her meant encountering someone who valued prayer and the Eucharist so deeply. It is incredible what deep and dynamic faith can do in someone's life! I truly miss her every day, especially on every Mother's Day celebration, because she was a bright light that exited from my life and from our family. But the good Lord knows better and no one can question him with authority. All we can say is, "Lord, your will be done."

But, it wasn't easy for me to lose my dear mom as a young priest, and I guess it is no fun for anybody to lose his or her mom at any age at all. The truth of the matter is, moms are so precious and irreplaceable, that I would admonish those whose moms are still living to never toy with them. Take my word for it, please, treat them with great love and care. Learn to cherish and celebrate them, and treat them like "celebrities," because they are truly special. Even if your relationship with your mom is not as deep as mine, still know that moms are our treasure in this life. Do not take them for granted. I repeat, do not take your moms for granted.

As I conclude this special reflection this Sunday, I say to you moms in the pews this Sunday, "thank you for being moms and for all you do for your children. May God's smile rest upon you!

But to my mom of blessed memory I say, "Thank you for loving me so much, meeting my childhood needs, and for encouraging me to serve the Lord in the priesthood. You showed me the right path to life. May the Lord reward you in the company of His saints forever. Amen!

Again, happy Mother's Day!

Fr. Michael Chidi Nkachukwu, Pastor

## **Volunteer Help is needed at the Thrift Store or may have to close it's door!**

Dolores McHale and company have done a great job of maintaining this shop for years. It serves as an "evangelization outreach" to our neighbors and the community. For this to continue it needs YOUR HELP. Otherwise it will close. If interested in giving a few hours of your time each month please call Dolores McHale at 586-777-4144.



## **MASS MOB MINISTERS NEEDED!**

**There will be a need for extra ushers and greeters on Sunday, May 21st for our Mass Mob Celebration. Please call Jerry Legge if you will be available to assist at 313-372-0437.**

## **Community Gardening to Begin!**

We will be having another Community Garden again this year, in the planting boxes next to the community center building. We are collecting seeds and coming up with a list of what to plant. If you have any suggestions, please contact Cy Chauvin or LaVera. We will post a list of what we hope to plant in the St. Vincent de Paul room at the back of church. You can also e-mail suggestions to: [peterpumpkincat@juno.com](mailto:peterpumpkincat@juno.com)



*Cy Chauvin*



As Fr. Michael announced last Sunday, I will be leaving the Office Manager position here at St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel after 15 years of service. On May 22, 2017 I will assume the responsibility of Ministry Coordinator at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish in Shelby Twp. It

was not an easy decision, but after much prayer and discernment I know this is what God wants of me.

I will still continue to be the Music Minister here on Sunday and will stay involved in areas where I can assist my parish. So, it is not a good bye, but just an adjustment for the Parish in the day to day operations in the office.

*John Karski*

# Next Sunday!



You are Invited  
to a

## Mass Mob Celebration

St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel  
Catholic Church

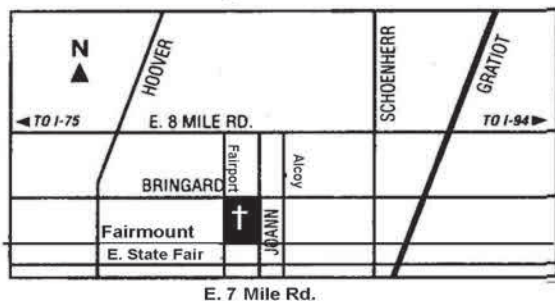
Sunday, May 21, 2017 – 10:30 am

As we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter

For more information: Visit the Parish Website at: [STRAY-OLGC.ORG](http://STRAY-OLGC.ORG)  
Facebook us at: DETROIT MASS MOB

A Polish Dinner Fundraiser will take place immediately following the Mass until the food runs out, for a donation of \$10. Also, Asian delicacies will be available from our Hmong Community!

### Secured Parking



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## of Sunday, May 14, 2017

1. The PPC and FC after a long discussion have reached a consensus to request the Good Shepherd Church property including the rectory, church and relevant land be sold to save Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd Parish the constant headache of taking care of properties at two locations, which continue to drain our parish's limited resources. This decision is expected to take effect as soon as Archbishop Vigneron and the Presbyteral Council give their approval.

2. We are glad to make available to all parishioners the highlights and the income and expenses of our church. It is our hope that this important exercise will be carried out every other month, if not monthly. The information is meant to open our eyes to see what it takes to run our church. Please, make time to read the update.

3. It has been decided to offer St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel financial assistance in the amount of \$50,000.00 to assist the parish in the next fiscal year beginning in July 2017.

4. As we await Archbishop Vigneron's Pentecost Proclamation on Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Detroit, let us get ready to roll up our sleeves to get down to work to continue to move our parish forward in the right direction. More importantly, let's continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our mission here. Without God we can achieve nothing of lasting value.

5. "Opening Doors to Encounter Christ", this year's CSA 2017 Campaign officially kicks off last weekend (May 6/7) in our parish. Let us get ready our gifts as we pick up our pledge cards in the gathering area of the church.



### Sign Up - Summer Camp—SVDP

For boys and girls 8 to 12 years old; 6 days at Campo Ozanam.

Contact SVDP office at 313-372-0437 on either Tuesdays from 9:30-11 am or Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 pm

### REPORT OF YOUR GENEROSITY FOR THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH

For the week May 7, 2017

<b>Budget (weekly contributions):</b> .....	<b>1,805.00</b>
@ Mass ... (44 envelopes) .....	1,225.00
Loose Cash .....	66.00
Through the Week (0 envelopes) .....	0.00
<b>Total Contributed</b> .....	<b>1,291.00</b>
<b>Total Envelopes Used</b> (204 distributed) .....	<b>.44</b>

**This financial summary only covers 25% of our entire yearly budget ...**

### Motherhood

All mothers are working mothers.

—Anonymous



are being accepted. If you know of someone who would represent our parish on this consulting body to the pastor, please take time to fill out this form and drop in the offertory basket or send to the parish office.

Suggested Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting: \_\_\_\_\_



**Wednesday evenings with Fr. Tyrone in the Parish House at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.**

CLUSTER/COMPANION PARISHES OF  
ST. RAYMOND-OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL &  
OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN-GOOD SHEPHERD  
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**Pastor:** Fr. Michael Chidi Nkachukwu  
**Associate Pastor:** Fr. Tyrone Robinson  
(Residence: Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd)

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

M-Tues-W-Thurs. @ 8:30 a.m. @ OLQH-GS  
Sat 4:00 p.m. Sun 10:30 a.m. @ St.Ray-OLGC  
Holy Days - 12:30 pm

**RECONCILIATION (Confession):** Every Saturday, 3:45 pm or before Mass in Church; also by appointment.

**Baptisms, Marriage, Funerals,**

**Sacramental Records** Please call the rectory for arrangements

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm *Also by Appointment.*



**MAY 13/14 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**4:00 pm.** For the parishioners of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd Church.  
**10:30 am** Evelyn Williams (6 month anniv.) req by Parish; Maria Agostinelli, Flora DeChellis, Lucia Crognale req by family; Fritzie Auberlin req by Pat Connor; William J. Pavelek req by Kathy & Jerry Legge; Ronald Caponi (1st anniv.) req by mother, Eilene and family.

**MORNING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OLQH-GS CHURCH**

**Monday, MAY 15 - St. Isidore**  
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church:  
**Tuesday, MAY `16 - Easter Weekday**  
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church:  
**Wednesday, MAY 17 - Easter Weekday**  
 NO MASS  
**Thursday, MAY 18 - St. John I, Pope and Martyr**  
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church:  
**Friday, MAY 19 - Easter Weekday**  
 8:30 am Mass at OLQH-GS Church: For all the deceased listed in the Memorial section of the church paper.  
**Saturday, MAY 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**  
 4 pm Vigil Mass: (see intentions below)

**Readings for Next Weekend**

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).  
**Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).  
**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.  
**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or John 17:1-11a.



For the week of  
**May 14, 2017**

**Monday:**  
 Acts 14:5-18  
 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16  
 Jn 14:21-26  
**Tuesday:**  
 Acts 14:19-28  
 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21  
 Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:**  
 Acts 15:1-6  
 Ps 122:1-5  
 Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:**  
 Acts 15:7-21  
 Ps 96:1-3, 10  
 Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:**  
 Acts 15:22-31  
 Ps 57:8-10, 12  
 Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:**  
 Acts 16:1-10  
 Ps 100:1b-3, 5  
 Jn 15:18-21



Pray for the Sick

Don Allen	Marian Haas
Mary Allen	Gloria Janicki
Andrea Allison	Mary Jean Edwards-Levering
MaryAnn Baluch	Joan Lyczkowski
Sheila Barrows	Sandra McBroom
James Bartelotti	Carol McCloskey
Maria Benoit	Cathy McCloskey
Joann Brown	Carol Mitchell
Marge Bischoff	Long Moua
Matthew Colangelo	Dylan Nichols
Jim Connor	Claudia Neubauer
Millie Connor	Anna Polak
Marie Czantske	Roberta Preston
Diane Detloff	Michelle Rautenberg
Bernie Doebler	Pat Randolph
Jacqueline Dreary	Loretta Servo
Dustin Fielder	Fred Simpson
Darryl Fletcher	Mary Simpson
Joan Gawron	Martha Semrau
"Rachel" Beverly	Essie Taylor
Gietzen	Salwa Thomas
Donna Grammatico	Mary Thompson
Lisa Gray	Mary Tunesi-Kowtun
	Juanita Vazquez
	Marge Wisniewski

**AREA EMERGENCY FOOD OUTREACH PROGRAMS:**

« **St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
*"Food Cupboard"*  
 St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Community Center 20055 Joann Ave. (next to School building)  
 Tues. 9:30-11 am; Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm. Phone: 313-372-0437.

**Up-Coming Events: PARISH TOWNHALL MEETING**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2017 (following 10:30 Mass in gathering space)**  
**PARISH FESTIVAL DAY - Sunday, July 16, 2017 (on the grounds)**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 20/21, 2017**



Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20  
 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

DAY & TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	Celebrant	Proclaim the Word	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday, May 20 4:00 pm</b>	For the parishioners of St. Raymond-Our Lady of Good Counsel Church and Our Lady Queen of Heaven-Good Shepherd Church.	Fr. Michael	Eileen Vallejo Tom Vallejo	1. Deacon Joe	Volunteers
<b>Sunday, May 21 10:30 am</b>	James L. Connor (39th anniv.) req by Millie Connor and family; Anna Marie Barnes req by Parish; Cyrus Chauvin (4th anniv.) req by Cy Chauvin.	Fr. Michael & visiting Clergy	Anne Fracassa Audrey Arrington	Extra stations with pre-assigned Ministers	Jordan and Aaron Yang, Leo Randolph



**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



MASS WITH THE INTENTION OF THE NAMES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED LISTED BELOW, WILL BE CELEBRATED AT OUR CLUSTER PARISH, OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN-GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AND THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:30 AM.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Regina Adamek**  
12.04.21-12.08.13  
**Edward Adamek**  
07.13.20-12.31.06  
**Elizabeth Altermatt**  
03.17.1914-03.04.2007  
**Joseph Altermatt**  
07.21.1911-02.06.2006  
**Lillian Kaitz Altermatt**  
05.01.1935-03.05.2015  
**Tony Altermatt**  
08.27.1949-04.16.2015  
**Earl Ball**  
02.17.1908-12.08.1966  
**Lillian Ball**  
10.08.1918-12.08.2005  
**Gerald "Jerry" Baumgart**  
09.22.1932-09.29.2012  
**Harold Behnke**  
**Victoria Behnke**  
**Edward Benninger**  
02.23.1921-05.16.1999  
**Helen Benninger**  
03.25.1920-02.05.2012  
**Dennis J. Berd**  
07.18.1949-01.29.2016  
**John Berd**  
08.18.1917-09.21.2004  
**Theresa Berd**  
06.22.1919-07.15.2002  
**Edward Bialecki**  
09.29.1924-08.13.1984  
**Theresa Bialecki**  
05.31.1924-05.31.2016  
**Mario Biordi**  
05.01.1930-10.29.2005  
**Adeline Brdak**  
10.06.1923-10.29.2013  
**Edward Briske**  
11.19.1902-12.24.1975  
**Mary Ann Briske**  
03.14.1915-01.16.2010  
**Helen Brockert**  
02.01.1926-01-09-2017

**Lenus Brockert**  
09.26.1924-01.01.2006  
**Raymond Brockert**  
08.17.1948-11.25.2000  
**Thomas Brockert**  
09.16.1952-03.31.2014  
**Frances Cantin**  
01.12.2010  
**Robert Cantin**  
08.11.1991  
**Claude A. Caponi**  
03.25.1926-11.27.2010  
**Ronald Caponi**  
09.28.1958-05.23.2016  
**James L. Connor**  
05.20.1978  
**Susanne Connor**  
06.13.1944-12.30.1956  
**Daniel J. D'Orazio**  
01.07.1954-07.13.1999  
**Arvil DePetro**  
03.28.1923-07-05-2010  
**Irene DePetro**  
10.27.1922-06.02.2016  
**Louise Suwal-Denolf**  
11.06.1954-07.07.2015  
**Amada Dizon**  
08.09.1950-12.06.2012  
**Mary Fante**  
05.26.1913-02.12.2007  
**Raymond Fante**  
02.23.1911-02.10.1979  
**Jerome Gasior**  
09.28.1922-8.27.1994  
**Edward Groll**  
10.17.1926-02.06.2009  
**George Groll, Sr.**  
03.23.1928-06.12.2005  
**James Groll**  
06.19.1929-02.14.2009  
**Mark Gruca**  
12.30.1957-06.28.2012  
**Darlene Guzdziol**  
04.12.1939-05.26.04

**Emily Guzdziol**  
06.06.1915-04.11.2006  
**Joseph Guzdziol**  
01.05.1912-11.13.1980  
**Judith D. Iskra**  
04.22.1941-04.17.2005  
**Henry Jamroz**  
**Lillian Jamroz**  
**Generoso M. Jaramillo**  
07.03.1919-05.27.2012  
**Clemens (Rocky) Karski**  
08.23.1917-07.01.2008  
**Marie Karski**  
09.30.1923-03.06.2001  
**Anthony Keller**  
**Elizabeth Keller**  
**Bill Klucens**  
03.08.1921-07.22.2011  
**Edna Klucens**  
06.17.1921-12.04.2010  
**John Kociemba**  
05.28.1927-03.11.2014  
**Margaret Kociemba**  
12.17.1928-11.04.2016  
**Charles Koskos**  
02.08.1915-05.27.1966  
**Eugenia Peggy Koskos Randazzo**  
01.24.1924-08.12.2016  
**Byron LaMonde**  
02.28.1913-03.24.1987  
**Veronica LaMonde**  
01.27.1915-04.29.2015  
**Earl J. Lange**  
10.05.1920-12.02.2001  
**Florence Lange**  
01.18.1920-09.10.2011  
**Ronald McCloskey**  
12.04.1926-05.04.2016  
**James E. McHale**  
12.06.1928-02.04.2015  
**Larry McHale**  
09.06.1963-10.11.1984  
**Barney Olex**  
06.12.1920-11.20.2011

**Gertrude Olex**  
03.10.1918-11.05.2001  
**Patricia H. Rautenberg**  
01.29.1926-03.19.2008  
**Ralph A. Rautenberg**  
04.21.1924-02.07.1992  
**Joseph Reuter**  
01.18.1898-05.31.1959  
**Helen Reuter**  
03.10.1933-07.10.1979  
**Theresa Reuter**  
09.13.1904-03.27.2005  
**Douglas Roback**  
07.10.1955-05.17.2013  
**Alvin Simek**  
04.16.1919-12.09.2012  
**Elizabeth Simek**  
12.12.1921-02.23.2016  
**Kenneth Skowronek**  
05.16.1958-11.30.2014  
**Lucy Skowronek**  
01.17.1932-09.09.2008  
**Edmund Slowinski**  
09.01.1918-09.05.2003  
**Sonja Slowinski**  
10.01.1922-02.01.2007  
**Amelia Stepien**  
06.29.1922-12.20.2013  
**Joan Stepien**  
02.20.1961-04.21.2016  
**Rudolph J. Stepien**  
02.21.1918-05.05.1994  
**Jason Stewart**  
03.08.1979-04.28.2014  
**John Stewart**  
07.17.1960-02.09.2004  
**Edward Suwal**  
03.01.1924-01.04.2013  
**Bill Szulczewski**  
08.24.1916-12.27.2015  
**Cecelia Szulczewski**  
12.29.1920-11.22.1998  
**Deborah Szulczewski**  
01.25.1955-11.27.2004

**Walter Szymanski**  
05.05.1918-03.13.1989  
**Ludmila Szymanski**  
03.05.1918-05.22.2002  
**Mary Trocino**  
11.29.1923-12.21.2011  
**Robert Tumavitch**  
08.22.1939-03.16.2010  
**Arthur Tyll**  
07.03.1930-11.30.2006  
**Brian Tyll**  
09.23.1957-12.28.2015  
**Cathy Tyll**  
07.31.1930-03.23.2009  
**Dave Tyll**  
08.21.1958-11.1985  
**Larry Tyll**  
09.03.1959-06.03.1997  
**Steve Tyll**  
06.11.1955-07.24.1980  
**Archie Tyll**  
05.22.1966-09.09.2000  
**Robert Eric Urban**  
10.23.1966-09-10-2016  
**Harry Westrick**  
10.18.1919-10.14.2015  
**Sophine Wierzbinski**  
03.19.1916-01.01.1979  
**Raymond Wierzbinski**  
08.06.1914-03.31.2010  
**Elizabeth Wilhelm**  
05.28.1910-03.08.1991  
**Steve Wilhelm**  
06.07.1908-03.06.1974  
**Irene Wojcik**  
05.27.1919-04.02.1986  
**Martin Wojcik**  
10.19.1917-05.05.1992  
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