

FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Agony in the Garden

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:45 am,
10:30 am and 12:15 pm &
5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday through Friday:
6:30 am, 8:00 am
Wednesdays 7:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am

**EXTRAORDINARY
FORM MASS (LATIN)**
1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Rev. Jordan M. Willard, Parochial Vicar
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
Vince Drouillard, Religious Education Secretary
Tom Browne, Plant Manager
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Eva Radel, Parish Secretary

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www.straymonds.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

Angelus Academy

7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153
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Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

6:15-6:50 p.m. (during Exposition); After 7 p.m. Mass

Saturday Morning

8:30 - 8:50 a.m.; After 9 a.m. Mass

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 - 5 p.m.

Sunday Morning

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.; 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.; 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to marry must contact a parish priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Couples who are living together will be expected to live separately at least during the 3 months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM: Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Office ONE MONTH in advance. Parents must participate in a one-session pre-Baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child. You must be REGISTERED in the Parish 3 MONTHS prior to the Baptism. There will be a maximum of 4 Baptisms on any given Sunday. Please schedule early!

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit announcements in writing 10 days prior to publication.

Pastor's Corner

Lenten Series. I'm really looking forward to this year's Lenten Series. In the past I've brought in experienced priests to give the whole Lenten Series, or I gave it myself. This year I thought I'd do something a little different: I've invited FIVE of the younger priests of the Diocese of Arlington to speak - a different priest for each night of the series. In these days when the priesthood is under attack - from both within and without the Church—I thought it would be good for all of us to see and hear what these good young priests have to say. (Note: I invited them long before I knew young Fr. Willard would be assigned here - in fact, before I even *knew* Fr. Willard at all.)

Last year I gave the series on the topic of the Agony in the Garden. I was originally going to devote only one talk to the Agony, and then the other talks on the rest of the Passion. But I soon realized that the Agony was worthy of its own more comprehensive treatment, so I gave the whole series just on the Agony.

So this year, you get “the rest of the story,” as the topic will be: **“The Passion of the Lord: From the High Priest to the Crucifixion.”**

The first talk will be this **Thursday, March 5, at 7pm**, given by **Fr. Joseph Bergida**, who will talk about: **“Jesus before the High Priest and Sanhedrin.”**

Fr. Bergida is the Parochial Vicar of St. Ambrose in Annandale. He was born in Minnesota, and spent the first two years of his life right outside the Twin Cities but they relocated to Northern Virginia where he grew up in Herndon, Centreville, and the Shenandoah Valley. After high school he attended Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, double majoring in philosophy and theology. Throughout high-school and college he worked summers with his dad in his real estate business. He entered seminary right after college and studied for two years at St. Charles Borromeo in Philadelphia, and then for five years in Rome at the North American College, where he earned his Licentiate in Sacred Liturgy. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2012, and served as Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew's in Clifton from 2013 to 2019. He is a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

I highly encourage all of you to attend. As we did last year, each talk will last about a half-hour and will be given during a Holy Hour in the Church, which will also include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and Benediction. Please see the insert in this bulletin for more details..

Meeting of Law Enforcement Officers. I am inviting all law enforcement officers, (past, present, or retired; military or civilian; local, state or federal), to meet with me on Monday, March 9 at 7:15pm in the church, to discuss safety and security in the parish. Because of the nature of this subject, the meeting will be closed, and I ask that all those interested in attending please pre-register by calling (703-440-0535) or emailing Eva Radel (eva.radel@straymond.org) at the parish office.

Parish News. We have a very vibrant parish, with many activities going on all the time. For this to continue it's very important that everyone is made aware of what's going on, and so we make use of several means of disseminating information to parishioners.

Of course, information is posted to the **Parish Website**, **Facebook** and **Twitter**. We also send **Constant Contact emails** to all parishioners (if we have their email address) for particularly important or time sensitive notices. We try to limit

these to the most important notices, so I hope you read them when you receive them. If you're not getting these emails, please let the office know, maybe we don't have the right email address for you.

We also use two less high-tech means of communication: **The Bulletin** and the Pulpit Announcements. The Bulletin is kind of like our parish newspaper, and as such is **the primary means of publicizing all parish events**, activities and liturgies, and other important information. It is available in hardcopy in the church and online at our parish website. **So please read the Bulletin every week.**

The Pulpit Announcements read before Mass are also an important way to get out important parish news. But while these announcements can be very helpful and effective, they rapidly reach a point of diminishing returns when they are too numerous or lengthy—there is a tendency to tune them out. Because of this, it is best to keep them short and to the point, and few in number. Unfortunately, in the last few years these announcements have become more numerous, and so less effective, not to mention distracting from the proper preparation for Mass.

So, from now on, we will be more careful to limit the number of Pulpit Announcements (including those made informally by the priest at the end of Mass). If you have something you need to promote, please plan this in advance and coordinate it with Eva Radel in the parish office. And if you want to know what's going on, please consult the many other sources, especially the Bulletin.

Confessing Mortal Sins. Making a good sacramental confession is a very important part of Lent. To help with this, I encourage you to consult the violet pamphlet I prepared a few years ago, entitled, “**MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION...**,” which is available in the church. The following is an adapted excerpt from that pamphlet.

Before making a “good Confession” we need to examine our consciences for mortal sins we've committed, i.e., sins that involve *all three of the following criteria*: 1) *grave matter*, 2) *full knowledge* of the sinful character of the act, and 3) *complete consent*. If any one of these is lacking it is not a “mortal sin,” but may be a “venial sin.”

“*Grave matter*” means the act involves some very serious moral evil, found either in 1) the act itself or 2) the intention behind the act. Grave matter can be difficult to identify, but not always.

Note that some sinful acts are grave matter when they involve circumstances that are serious or very important, but are *not* grave matter if they involve only small or trivial things. These acts that can be either grave or not are said to “admit of parvity” (smallness). For example, a lie is always a sin, but lying under oath is grave matter, while lying about whether you like someone's outfit is not grave matter.

Also, in Confession *you must distinguish the “kind” of mortal sin committed*: be clear about what the sin was, but avoid graphic or long explanations. So it is not enough to merely say “I had bad thoughts” or “I acted inappropriately,” rather one should more specific, e.g. “I had lustful thoughts,” etc.

You must also give the number of times you committed particular mortal sins. Sometimes this is very difficult or even impossible to remember, in which case, try your best give the priest some idea of the frequency or number; e.g., “at least once a month for several years,” etc.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 2nd

6:30 am Kora Zaloumis
8:00 am Bianca Spinelli

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:30 am Sr. Mary Seton, O.P.
8:00 am Andreas Zaloumis

Wednesday, March 4th

6:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory +
8:00 am Barbara Blair
7:00 pm Edward Kendrick +

Thursday, March 5th

6:30 am Alejandrina del Rosario +
8:00 am Eduardo Visaya +

Friday, March 6th

6:30 am Youth of the Parish
8:00 am Lucila & Tomas Lopez +
7:00 pm EFM (Latin Mass)

Saturday, March 7th

9:00 am Jonanna Healy

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm
Merelyn & Nick Demus +

Sunday, March 8th

7:00 am
Joan Duncan +
8:45 am
Parishioners
10:30 am
RE Catechists & their families
12:15 pm
Donna Cook Montalbano +
5:00 pm
Steve Adragna

Please pray for our parishioners serving in Combat Zones and their families. If you have a relative serving in harm's way and would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please contact the parish office. **Also, please be sure to let us know when they return home.**

**Daniel Keller
Anthony Nsekela**

Stephen Aldridge

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss Tom Dietz Nena Brennan Michael O'Neill Cindy Laird Christine B Petitti Ofelia Vitek Patricia Lewis Barbara McGinn	Mai Pham Joan Opiela Donald Zacherl Leonora Ramos Jason Saenz Phyllis Zitnik Loretta Golinowski Mary K Randazzo	Patricia Del Buono Gerri Korpusik Jeanne Sause Joann Alba Michael Malachowski Juanita Boarman Joseph Chalk Jeff Cade
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- Mar. 1 Donut Sunday**
- Mar. 5 Lenten Series Begins**
- Mar. 6 Lenten Soup Supper**
- Mar. 6 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm**
- Mar. 6 EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm**
- Mar. 7 Men's Prayer Group**
- Mar. 7 Luminaries of Mary**
- Mar. 7 Women's Retreat**
- Mar. 7/8 Youth Apostolate Bake Sale**

Please Note: Due to concerns about the Coronavirus and the Flu, we will temporarily suspend the Sign of Peace at all Masses.

Confessions Every Weeknight during Lent! Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 pm—7:00 pm, Fridays: 6:00 pm—6:30 pm and Wednesday: 6:00 pm —8:00 pm (*including during Mass*).

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 6:30 pm. Please join us.

Lenten Soup Supper this Friday, 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Please join your fellow parishioners for a delicious but simple meal each Friday during Lent. The cost is either a pot of homemade meatless soup or a salad & bread to share. This week's soup supper is being hosted by our Gift Shop & Christ House Volunteers.

Donut Sunday Today, (Sunday, Mar. 1st:), after the 7:00, 8:45, and 10:30 AM Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy some treats and drinks, and meet your fellow parishioners. March's Donut Sunday will be hosted by the Respect Life Committee & the Library Volunteers.

Men's Prayer Group: The Men's Prayer Group meets twice monthly, the 1st and 3rd Sat., in the Library at 7:30 am. We have breakfast, pray the morning office, & read the scriptures for the following Sunday. We discuss the scriptures and how they fit our daily lives. By 9 am we are finished so those who wish can attend Mass. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information contact Dave Wilson at Maryndavew7705@gmail.com or call Dave at 703-455-1847.

Extraordinary Form/Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church This Friday, March 6th. St. Raymond's offers the Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also known as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite" (EFM), at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. For more information on this form of Mass, visit: <http://www.sanctamissa.org>.

2020 Lenten Series: "The Passion of the Lord: From the High Priest to the Crucifixion" This year's Lenten Series will take place during an Evening Holy Hour on **Thursdays (March 5 – April 2)** from **7pm to 8pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a half-hour Talk, praying the Rosary and Benediction in the Church. Five Priests of the Diocese of Arlington will present the meditation on the different aspects of the Passion of Lord. This week's topic is "Jesus before the High Priest and Sanhedrin" presented by Fr. Bergida. For more information, please see today's insert or call the Parish Office.

St. Raymond's Lenten Women's Retreat conducted by the Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY) on Saturday, **March 7th** - Topic: "ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX: Happy Victim of Merciful Love". Time : 8:30am -1:30 pm; Location: St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish Hall. The retreat will explore this very young, obscure French nun's conviction that Jesus wants above all else to be loved, not feared, and how accepting this as her mission led to a life of heroic sacrifice, intense suffering and to the devotion of countless Catholics today. Check in: 8:30am - 8:50am downstairs at the parish hall before going to 9:00am Mass, followed by continental breakfast, talks, confession/adoration, periods of silence, simple and delicious lunch, brief reflection and resolutions. Please rsvp on St. Raymond's parish website www.straymonds.org/lentenwomensretreat or contact St. Raymond's Parish Office (703) 440-0535 or email eva.radel@straymonds.org by March 3rd. **Space is limited, no cost to attend but please register early. All women of the parish are invited to join us.**

Legion of Mary: Do you want to develop a closer relationship with our Mother Mary and her Son, Jesus? The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Maurer Room. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome.

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: The Family of Jesus Prayer Group was formed in order to help individuals who are reaching out to God in the midst of difficulties. Prayer intentions are accepted in the petition box, which is located in the Narthex. The group meets each Monday evening in the church from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm to pray for these intentions. New members are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Elaine Perricone at 703-440-8356 or by e-mail at jpebtp@verizon.net.

5-Car Raffle: All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2020 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. You should have received your 20 tickets by this time. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. Remember to return unsold tickets and follow the instructions on the back of the green card. If you need more tickets call Larry Saenz 703-832-1042 or email at lsaenz1@verizon.net.

Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil! Prepare for spring lawn and garden care. Order online no later than March 2nd (we are no longer accepting orders via mail). Your support will help our troop buy camping gear, advancement and recognition badges and instructional material. You will find an order form and you can order online by going to the Troop's website, trailifeusa.straymonds.org. We offer home delivery for an extra donation. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at (703) 372-1240. *Thank you very much!*

Papal Blessing Parchments: The gift of an Apostolic Blessing, formally inscribed on parchment and sent from Rome, is a traditional means of marking milestone events such as wedding anniversaries, baptisms, first communions, confirmations and significant birthdays. These parchments are produced by the Holy See's Office of Papal Charities, or *Elemosineria Apostolica*, which is charged with exercising charity to the poor in the name of the Holy Father. Since the time of Pope Leo XIII, the production of these parchments has served as an important means of funding charitable works. Papal Blessing Parchments may now be ordered online directly from the Elemosineria Apostolica using their website, www.elemosineria.va (click on "Papal Blessing Parchments"). A number of beautiful formats are available for each type of event.

2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE

This weekend is our MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Support Weekend. Baby items up to 2T are welcome in the Narthex and Parish Hall during Donut Sunday! Thank you for your generosity!



Join the worldwide movement (855 cities in over 61 nations!) to save mothers and babies in this peaceful, prayerful, pro-life effort. We

witness Fridays from 10am-noon and all day 4-5 April. **Vigil location:** 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex!

Join Terry Beatley and friends of Hosea Initiative on Wednesday morning, March 4th outside the Supreme Court during oral arguments for a significant abortion case concerning admitting privileges law. The pro-abortion side will be well represented. **Pro-Lifers need to show up!** This is a spiritual battle. If you cannot be physically present, please pray that God's Will be done and the law is upheld. Hosea Initiative will be present with a large banner. For more info contact info@hsea4you.org

An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time. Don't forget the most important thing is to pray. Pray for the mom, the dad, the child, and for guidance in how you can give the best possible support. Pro Life **Tepeyac Family Center** in Fairfax welcomes OB/GYN referrals 703-273-9440. tepeyacfamilycenter.com.

A Project Gabriel Mom Needs Your Help: A mom in our parish is about to give birth and is in need of: a Stroller, Crib sheets, Formula, Diapers and Wipes, and Baby Boy clothes. If you have any of these items to share, please contact Beth Berger, kmb43@verizon.net, 703-220-4316.

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? Or perhaps you know someone in this situation. *A Mom's Peace*, A Lay Apostolate for Mothers of Miscarried and Stillborn Souls offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information, visit amomspeace.org

To those who have suffered an abortion: "The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. If you have not already done so, give yourself over with humility and trust to repentance. *The Father of Mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*"

St. Pope John Paul II

Project Rachel can help someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of a past abortion. (888)456-HOPE. Confidentiality always respected. www.helpafterabortion.org.

Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

3/01 High School Youth Group & Religious Education

6-6:30pm Dinner for High School Teens in Rel. Ed.
6:30-8pm Religious Education
8-9pm High School Youth Group

Steubenville Youth Conference (July 10-12, 2020)

(Open to current 8-12th graders)



Join us for Steubenville 2020! It is a weekend where you will encounter God on a deeper level through prayer, Adoration, Mass, Confession, dynamic speakers, and music with a few thousand other Catholics your age! It's a great opportunity to make new friends too!

Here's what some of our teens have to say...

★"This retreat completely changed my life."

"I was hesitant about attending the Steubenville Conference when my parents first approached me. I had never been so far away by myself and didn't have any friends attending. Eventually, I look their word for it and went. I had no idea how many friends I would make or the gift I would be given."

REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 31ST

Registration info. can be found on the youth bulletin boards and/or online, along with information about speakers, schedule, cost, etc. <http://straymondyouth.com>

*Financial assistance is available. Don't let money keep you from coming. Contact Jeanne with any questions.

High School Bake Night: 7-9pm Friday, March 6th

Help us make some goodies for the bake sale! Open to all High School students. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/BakeNight>

Bake Sale after Masses Next Weekend March 7-8th

Donations of individually wrapped, unpriced, baked goods are greatly needed & appreciated. (Donations can be dropped off in Parish Hall Friday 7-9pm or in the narthex on Saturday 4-5pm.) 7-12th graders & compliant adults are NEEDED to help man the table after all Masses. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/BakeSaleTable>

Diocese of Arlington Summer Discernment Camps for High School Students

Rising 9th through 12th grade boys: The Diocese of Arlington's Quo Vadis Camp 2020 will be July 12-16 at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Rising 9th through 12th grade girls: FIAT Camp will be July 19-23. The registration lottery will be open March 3-31. To be added to the email list, contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Sun. Youth Group Dinner Contributions Needed

We are in need of meal contributions for our Sunday Night High School Dinners. Can you help, or do you know someone who can? For more info.: <http://bit.ly/March2MayDinner>

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890
www.straymondyouth.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION 8th Grade parents:

- 1. Permission slips for the Confirmation Retreat must be completed and returned by March 5th** in order for your child to attend the Retreat on March 21st. If you did not receive the email with permission slip attached, please contact the Religious Education Office.
- 2. Gown Order Form is due by March 20th.**
- 3. Family Priest/Deacon Attendance form due by March 20th.**

Mothers Group—Moms Meet-Up: Do your young children seem to need a bit more excitement? Are you looking for Catholic friendship with fellow mothers? Come to the moms meet-up on Wednesday mornings! We alternate between meeting at our church and parks. Email Michelle for more information at mlcastry@gmail.com.

Bridge Club: All levels of players are welcome! We meet each Thursday from 12:00—2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Jay Kolakoski at jkolakos@verizon.net or by phone at 703-455-3009.

PVI Close Up Night at St. Paul VI Catholic High School at our Fairfax Campus- This is a special evening for all 8th graders and their families who are considering a Catholic High School Education. **Join us at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10th** at 10675 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax, VA and experience all PVI has to offer your high school student. Learn about our programs and get a sneak preview of our new Chantilly campus.

Home School Group: for more information visit our website www.homeschoollife.com/va/straymondhsg. Please join us for weekly co-op classes, fun activities and more. Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at straymondhsg@gmail.com.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. Failure to "substantially" keep these penances is grave matter (e.g., potentially a mortal sin). The law of abstinence requires that no meat may be eaten on these days, and binds all Catholics who are 14 years old or older. No other penance may be substituted. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The Church defines "fasting," for these purposes, as having only one full meal a day, with two additional smaller meals permitted, but only as necessary to keep up strength and so small that if added together they would not equal a full meal. Snacking is forbidden, but that does not include drinks that are not of the nature of a meal. Even though these rules do not bind all age groups, all are encouraged to follow them to the extent possible. Children in particular learn the importance of penance from following the practice of their older family members. The sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other folks with special physical circumstances may be partially or totally exempt from these rules—use good judgment and take care of yourself.

Church Persecuted

Two years ago, this column touted the work of the Knights of Columbus in assisting displaced Christians in the Nineveh region who were forced out of their homes by the militant Islamic state five years ago and fled to Erbil, Iraq. At the time, the first Christians along with Catholic priests were returning to the area and were speaking of their plans to rebuild. Additionally, about 25% of the families opted to remain in Erbil overwhelming the resources of the Catholic archdiocese there. The Knights of Columbus, assessing the situation, provided over \$2 million to assist in the relocation of the displaced families.

Now two years later, the McGivney House in Erbil, Iraq, which opened last November, promises a new beginning for families after many nomadic years. The 140-unit apartment building was constructed by the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil with the assistance and funding by the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, in February, the first floor of this building will now accommodate a 20-unit assisted living facility for the elderly, staffed with an on-site medical team. Here one also finds a new Sts. Peter and Paul Church and a Christian school. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and their direct assistance, Christian families in Iraq can now have some sense of hope for the future.

“Haven of Hope,” *Columbia Magazine*, February 2020

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.” If the devil tempted Jesus, who was God, how much more will he tempt us into sin. Bring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit into your marriage to help you resist temptations. Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** on Mar 20-22, 2020 in FAIRFAX, VA and Sep 18-20, 2020 in FAIRFAX, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us to honor the Blessed Mother’s request for making the 5 First Saturdays on April 4th, 2020: Mass at 9am, then meet in the Maurer Room for Rosary, meditation and Gospel reflection. All are welcome.

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For Kids! The Young People’s Book of Saints
by Hugh Ross Williamson

Saints are the men and women who best love Christ and His Church. They may be kings or queens, statesmen or soldiers, scholars, visionaries, workmen or beggars. They teach us the real meaning of human history, and they show us how to live in any walk of life or set of circumstances.

Included in this anthology are famous saints—Francis of Assisi, Dominic, Joan of Arc, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila—but also more obscure ones, such as Raymond Lull and Hugh of Lincoln.

Many of these saints were martyrs, killed in periods of persecution. Others died trying to bring the knowledge of Christ to pagan tribes. Yet others built up the Church through their example and their teaching, but were never called upon to shed their blood.

Watch now at www.straymonds.formed.org

Questions? Need help? Email us at: formed@straymonds.org



Angelus Academy

Pre K—8th

Offering a liberal arts education in the classical tradition.

John Bosco Campaign: On January 31, the Feast of St. John Bosco, Angelus Academy kicked off its annual fundraiser, which will continue until the Feast of St. Joseph on March 19. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to support Catholic education in our area! Donations may be made online (AngelusAcademy.org; click the "Donate" button) or by mailing a check to the school. Thank you for your generosity.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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THE LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING THE CLOISTERED NUNS OF ST. DOMINIC’S MONASTERY SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

You are cordially invited to attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic’s Monastery, Linden, VA. The Laetare Benefit is our annual fundraising dinner. As cloistered nuns, they depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence. They have needs for everyday items such as food and healthcare, and are also trying to build a much-needed Chapel at the Monastery. Please join us for a reception, dinner, & auction on **Sunday, March 22, 2020** from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the **Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Virginia. RSVP by March 16, 2020.** Tickets are \$175 each, if purchased by **March 9** (\$200 each after March 9). Please send a check payable to *Friends of St. Dominic’s Monastery*, 524 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or to purchase tickets online through Faith Direct, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/3950#divTicketSelection>. For more information, please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center which services over 250 families in the Springfield area. A collection box is in the Narthex and donations are collected and distributed weekly. Suggested food items are listed, but all donations are welcome (no clothing). For equitable distribution, smaller packaging is requested (i.e. 1 lb bags of rice vs. 5 lb. bags, 1qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil).

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 18,722.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,360.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 420.00

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