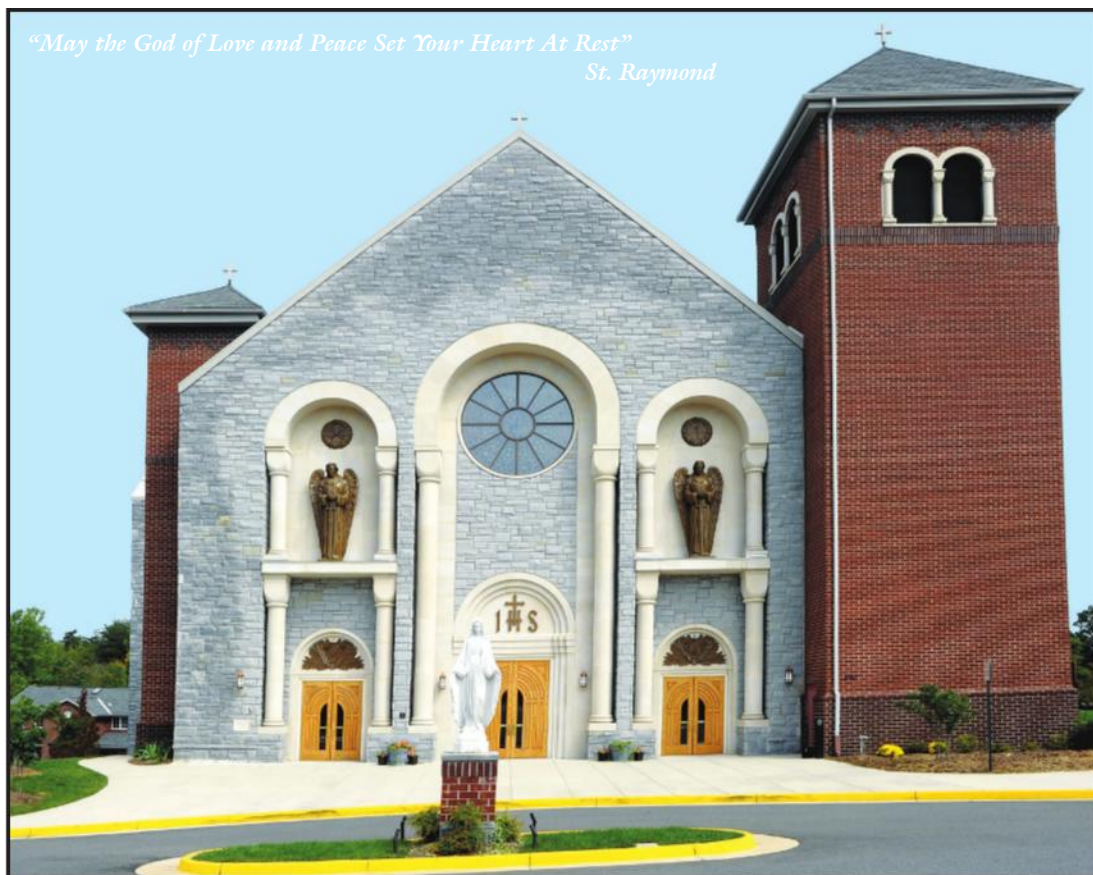


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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
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10:30 am and 12:15 pm &
5:00 pm

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1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

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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.

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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

This Friday, January 24 four busloads of St. Raymond parishioners will drive down to the Mall to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Life, including the Lord's call to all of us to love our neighbor, even if our neighbor is a tiny unborn baby. Sign-up sheets for the bus are located in the narthex of the Church today. Please join us for the March for Life in Washington.

I was on vacation this last week, so I thought I'd let a Saint take over my column today. I've printed it here before, but it is such an important text, we should revisit it again.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)

Pope John Paul II
March 25, 1995

62. The more recent Papal Magisterium has vigorously reaffirmed this common doctrine. Pius XI in particular, in his Encyclical *Casti Connubii*, rejected the specious justifications of abortion.[65] Pius XII excluded all direct abortion, i.e., every act tending directly to destroy human life in the womb "whether such destruction is intended as an end or only as a means to an end".[66] John XXIII reaffirmed that human life is sacred because "from its very beginning it directly involves God's creative activity".[67] The Second Vatican Council, as mentioned earlier, sternly condemned abortion: "From the moment of its conception life must be guarded with the greatest care, while abortion and infanticide are unspeakable crimes".[68]....

Given such unanimity in the doctrinal and disciplinary tradition of the Church, Paul VI was able to declare that this tradition is unchanged and unchangeable. [72] Therefore, by the authority which Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors, in communion with the Bishops--who on various occasions have condemned abortion and who in the aforementioned consultation, albeit dispersed throughout the world, have shown unanimous agreement concerning this doctrine--I declare that direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, always constitutes a grave moral disorder, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. This doctrine is based upon the natural law and upon the written Word of God, is transmitted by the Church's Tradition and taught by the ordinary and universal Magisterium.[73]

No circumstance, no purpose, no law whatsoever can ever make licit an act which is intrinsically illicit, since it is contrary to the Law of God which is written in every human heart, knowable by reason itself, and proclaimed by the Church....

99. In transforming culture so that it supports life, women occupy a place, in thought and action, which is unique and decisive. It depends on them to promote a "new feminism" which rejects the temptation of imitating models of "male domination", in order to acknowledge and affirm the true genius of women in every aspect of the life of society, and overcome all discrimination, violence and exploitation.

Making my own the words of the concluding message of the Second Vatican Council, I address to women this urgent appeal: "Reconcile people with life".[133] You are called to bear witness to the meaning of genuine love, of that gift of self and of that acceptance of others which are present in a special way in the relationship of husband and wife, but which ought also to be at the heart of every other interpersonal relationship. The experience of motherhood makes you acutely aware of the other person and, at the same time, confers on you a particular task: "Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the woman's womb . . . This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings not only towards her own child, but every human being, which profoundly marks the woman's personality".[134] A mother welcomes and carries in herself another human being, enabling it to grow inside her, giving it room, respecting it in its otherness. Women first learn and then teach others that human relations are authentic if they are open to accepting the other person: a person who is recognized and loved because of the dignity which comes from being a person and not from other considerations, such as usefulness, strength, intelligence, beauty or health. This is the fundamental contribution which the Church and humanity expect from women. And it is the indispensable prerequisite for an authentic cultural change.

I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves 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. To the same Father and His mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child. With the friendly and expert help and advice of other people, and as a result of your own painful experience, you can be among the most eloquent defenders of everyone's right to life. Through your commitment to life, whether by accepting the birth of other children or by welcoming and caring for those most in need of someone to be close to them, you will become promoters of a new way of looking at human life.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Jan. 20th****Federal Holiday**

10:00 am Jerold M. Brown +

Tuesday, Jan. 21st

6:30 am Ruby Maramba

8:00 am Matthew Siner +

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd

6:30 am Noli Baldovino +

8:00 am Madelene Ngo T
Xuan Minh +7:00 pm Andrew & Elise
Hamilton**Thursday, Jan. 23rd**

6:30 am Leonard Kelly +

8:00 am Floriska Harper +

Friday, Jan. 24th6:30 am Walter & Pauline
Rizzardi +8:00 am Derek & Stephanie
Shickel**10:30 am For The Unborn****Saturday, Jan. 25th**9:00 am Eugene &
Rose Marie Tougas +**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm

Eleanor Arnone +

Sunday, Jan. 26th

7:00 am

Virginia Jarvis

8:45 am

Parishioners

10:30 am

Linda Pasternak +

12:15 pm

Matt Riordan

5:00 pm

Nilda Ay-Ay +

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 Kay

Randazzo

Patricia Del Buono

Gerri Korpusik

Vincent Randazzo

Jeanne Sause

Barbara Gage

Joanne Alba

Michael

Malachowski

Anjane Balkissoon

Bill Bihner

Dennis Kruse


Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**Jan. 20****Martin Luther King Holiday****One Mass at 10:00 am****Parish Offices are Closed****Jan. 22****Legion of Mary 7:30 pm—Maurer Room****Jan. 24****Additional Mass at 10:30 am prior****to the March for Life****No Adoration****Jan. 25****Annual Volunteer Dinner****Feb. 1****Men's Prayer Group****Feb. 1****Luminaries of Mary****Feb. 1****K of C Italian Dinner**

Support those that March for Life: Your prayers, Mass attendance, and, yes! crock pot specialties are all needed to support those who will visibly stand for life in D.C. on Friday, January 24th. We need 25 crock pots to feed the 4 busloads of parishioners attending the event. Please sign up to drop off a labeled pot of chili, soup, or pan of mac & cheese to the parish hall **before/after the 10:30 Mass or at 3:00 pm** on the date of the march to help welcome home the marchers. Then join them for dinner at 4:30 and hear about their experiences witnessing for life. If you cannot stay, please pick up your crock pot by 7:00 p.m. Rolls, cookies, and fruit are also needed. **Remember, you don't have to march to support the March for Life! Kitchen helpers are needed too!** Please sign up with your specialty via easy to use Signup Genius link on the PARISH WEBSITE, or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4aa5ab28a7fe3-march2> or contact Sheri Burns at burnsfamily92@gmail.com to let her know how you can help.

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.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us to honor the Blessed Mother's request for making the 5 First Saturdays on Feb. 1st, 2020: Mass at 9am, then meet in the Maurer Room for Rosary, meditation and Gospel reflection. All are welcome.

ATTENTION ADULT VOLUNTEERS: Please mark your calendars for January 25th! Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be on Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 pm. **All Adult Volunteers & their Spouse / Guest are invited.** Please RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 21st to the parish office.

St. Raymond's Dinner at Christ House is on Friday, January 31— We are serving Shepherd's Pie, Green Salad/Ranch Dressing, Rolls, Pumpkin or Apple Pie, Hot Cocoa, fresh fruit, granola bars, and bottled water. Please sign up for these or other requested items at <https://www.perfectpotluck.com>. The username is January Meal. The password is 3333. Monetary donations will be accepted at the parish office through Monday, January 27. **Please deliver items to the kitchen window in the Parish hall on Thursday, January 30 (4 pm - 5 pm) or Friday, January 31, (6:20 am to noon).** Questions may be directed to the Christ  Committee at ChristHouseCommittee@St.Raymonds.org. **We are looking for a volunteer to help transport meal items on Friday, leaving the parish at 2 pm and volunteer is NOT required to stay.** Thank you for helping us serve Jesus in our brothers and sisters in Christ. <https://www.perfectpotluck.com>.

Catholic Book Club: The Parish Book Club meets next on Friday, Feb. 14th in the Parish Library at 10:00 am. (New Time) The book for discussion is: *"With God in America: The Spiritual Legacy of an Unlikely Jesuit,"* by Walter Ciszek, SJ (240 pages). Newcomers welcome. If questions, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

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).

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.

St. Raymond 2019-20 Snow Team: Your Parish needs your HELP! St. Raymond's is seeking industrious, able-bodied persons to join the 2019-20 Snow Removal Team. The Snow Team will work with the Plant Manager to clear and de-ice the sidewalks and paved walkways around the property during ice and snow events. Equipment is provided; sidewalks and aprons must be cleared no less than 30 minutes before the first Mass of the day (and as needed thereafter). Snow Team members must have reliable transportation that enables them to get to the Church in bad weather. \$20.00 per hour. For more information or to apply, please contact our Plant Manager, Tom Browne at the Parish office, 703-440-0535 during office hours.

K of C Council #12846 Free-Throw Competition: The Knights of Columbus annual free-throw competition will begin with council-level competitions on Thurs., Jan. 23 at 6:15 p.m. This competition will be held at Newington Forest Elementary School. The contest is open to parish youth ages 9-14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of Jan. 1. Contestants will attempt 15 consecutive free-throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line. Winners in each age group will advance to the district-level competition on Feb. 16. District winners are eligible to compete in the state championship in Richmond on Mar. 14. Please contact Ed Gloninger at edgloninger@gmail.com if you plan to attend or would like additional information.

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.

St Raymond Home School Information Workshop will be Saturday, February 15 from 9 am to noon in the Parish Hall. Speaker Topics include Getting Started in Home schooling, Home schooling through High School and much more! Questions? please email straymondhsg@gmail.com

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Mark your calendar: **The 47th National March for Life** Friday, January 24, 2020. Bus sign-ups are in the narthex. **Buses are free but you must reserve a seat!** When we return from the March, head straight to the parish hall for the fellowship of a wonderful warm Chili Dinner!



Make plans now to attend Virginia's 2nd March for Life, Thursday, February 13, 2020, Richmond. Our presence at the state level in Richmond is extremely important. **We will be sending two buses.** Stay tuned!

Ladies, **RETREAT!** The Sisters of Life offer weekend retreats throughout the spring for women 18 years and older. Please visit <https://sistersoflife.org/what-we-do/retreats/> for more info. "Come away by yourselves, and rest awhile." Mark 6:31

CROSSROADS
Pro-Life Walks Across America

Are you at least 18 years old and wondering what to do with your summer?! How about something simple and worthwhile like walking across our great nation witnessing to the sanctity of the unborn child! Contact <https://www.crossroadswalk.org/summer-walks/> for more information.

Thank you to those who so lovingly craft blankets for sidewalk counselors to distribute to mothers who are contemplating abortion or to Pregnancy Care Centers who help Moms in need. Your generosity enables a mother to feel that both she and her

unborn child are  **Wrapped in Love**  – for indeed they are. God bless you for using your time and talent to touch a heavy heart in need of support. **Donations may be brought to the parish office.**

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

www.straymondyouth.com is up to date. Please check it out, bookmark it and use it to access:

- ★ YA Info. Sheet, Permissions Slips, etc.
- ★ Signups (Sunday Dinners, Bake Sales, etc.)
- ★ YA Calendar of Events & lots more

Last weekend's Bake Sale brought in \$481.00

Thank you to all who helped with our bake night, and to ALL who baked goodies, ran the table after Mass, and bought the baked goods and gave donations to support our youth!

High School Youth Group & Religious Ed.

NO Meeting this week 1/19. Join us next week 1/26:

6-6:30pm Dinner for High School Teens in Rel. Ed.

6:30-8pm Religious Education

8-9pm High School Youth Group

March for Life Rally: Life is Very Good



Thursday, January 23rd (6:30-10:30pm)

Cost: \$18 (Financial assistance available.)

Permission slips & payment are due TODAY!

All 7-12th graders are invited to join us at GMU's EagleBank Arena to pray for the success of this year's March for Life.

There will be Adoration, Confessions, music, 1000s of teens from across the country, and an **incredible lineup of dynamic youth speakers** who you won't want to miss! See email or flyers & permission slips on youth bulletin board for more details. Compliant adults are needed to drive/chaperone.

MARCH FOR LIFE (January 24th)

Permission slips are due TODAY!

The national March for Life is *typically* treated as an **EXCUSED ABSENCE**, so long as you communicate with the school in **advance** about your absence. There are hundreds of thousands of young people who fundraise all year long to be able to come from all over our country to attend the March for Life each year. We are fortunate to not have to travel far at all. Let us not be lazy! Talk to your school today and encourage your friends to join you in standing up for LIFE. **Students grades 7-12 are encouraged to go together with the youth apostolate on the bus.** No charge! Email Jeanne to save a seat.

2/1 Axe Throwing: High School Guys Outing

Sons of Thunder invites all High school guys to a morning of Axe Throwing (8:30am-12:30pm). Permission slips (found in email and on youth boards by church entrances) and payment of \$30/person are due to the parish office by 1/22/20. Questions? Contact Anthony 703-731-0438

TonyPVA@gmail.com

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? Check the link for more info.:

<http://bit.ly/JanFebDinner>

Jeanne Sause

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THERE ARE NO CCD CLASSES this week January 19, 20 and 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Attention parents of students in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation (grades 7 and 8):

For 2020 Confirmation candidates (8th grade) the following is due **January 24th**:

- Sponsor Eligibility letter (if sponsor is NOT a member of St. Raymond parish)
- Statement of Sponsor form

For 2021 Confirmation candidates (7th grade), the following paperwork is due **February 6th**:

- Confirmation Registry Form with copy of Certificate of Baptism (unless child was baptized here at St. Raymond parish)

ATTENTION 8th Grade parents: the Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st at St. John Paul the Great High School. Any student who is preparing for Confirmation this year is required to attend. If your child cannot attend the St. Raymond Retreat, you must make arrangements for them to attend another Confirmation retreat in the Diocese BEFORE the Confirmation Mass in May.

HELP NEEDED: we are in need of the following:

First Grade assistant teacher on Tuesday evenings (6-7:30 pm)

Fifth Grade assistant teacher on Tuesday evenings (6-7:30 pm)

We are also in need of substitute teachers.

Please contact the Religious Education Office if you would like to help us out.

Virtus Seminar at St. Raymond's: There is a Virtus Seminar scheduled at St. Raymond church hall on Thursday, January 30th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required (in addition to a background check) for anyone who has substantial contact with youth as part of their volunteer activities at St. Raymond. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required only once in a lifetime. You can register for the Virtus Seminar at virtusonline.org. Any questions, contact Vince Drouillard at 703-440-0537.

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.

2020 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS!

In January, the mailing for the 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) was sent to all registered diocesan households. The theme for the 2020 BLA is "*Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope.*" After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serves thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.

Church Persecuted

January 22nd marks the anniversary of *Roe v Wade* opening the pathway for abortions on demand in the United States. The pro-abortion advocates have continued to use this ruling as a weapon to demonize anyone who would oppose it. We have recent incidents where these advocates in the U.S. Senate (many whom profess to be Catholic) use it as a litmus test trying to prevent the approval of federal judges and administration appointees. Catholic refugee service offices, the largest group in the U.S. who have cared for victims of human trafficking, had been prevented from renewing contracts with Obama administration because they would not agree to provide, among other things, abortion services. Catholic teenagers attending government schools are continually lectured about the availability of confidential abortion counseling and services. In many places, they are prohibited from wearing pro-life clothing or insignias in public since it may offend someone. Even though science continues to prove that life begins at conception, thus abortion is the taking of a human life, this information has been suppressed from the American educational system.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT

The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat, **"On the Road to Joy- the True Meaning of Friendship"** (for girls in grades 7-9) on **February 22nd**. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to the great Archangel St. Raphael--chosen by God to accompany young women on their journey through life and to bring them safely to their destination and to the companions God has prepared for them.

The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The \$55 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter.

For more information and to register (by Feb. 10, 2020), visit <https://www.waywomen.com/daystar>

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Littles in the Library: It's time for a story at Angelus Academy! Join us **Thursday, January 23 from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** as we gather to share books and sing songs. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Contact Mrs. Karako at library@angelusacademy.org for more information.

St. Ray's Moms with babies and toddlers: Join us for fun conversation and playtime, Wednesday, February 5, 10:00 AM.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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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 will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you. Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. We are stuffing envelopes in the parish hall on Saturday January 25th from 8am -12pm. Just one hour would help your parish a great deal. Just stop in.

2020 Men's Conference: All Catholic men in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to the 2020 Men's Conference on March 7 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA. The Conference is an annual gathering of more than 700 men in the Diocese for a day of faith talks, Holy Mass, and panel discussion. This year's theme is *Noble and Bold: Taking a Cue from St. Joseph*. Speakers include Rev. Roger Landry (columnist and author), Dr. Mark Miravalle (internationally renowned mariologist and professor at Franciscan University at Steubenville), and Bishop Michael Burbidge. To REGISTER, please go to: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men>. Slots fill up fast, so please register well in advance. Our Parish Coordinator is John Rossi (JERJMD@yahoo.com).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 17,331.00
Family Assistance	\$ 520.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,327.00
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 12,462.00

Next week's second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministries all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

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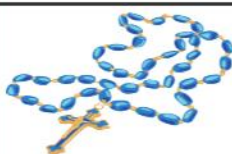
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