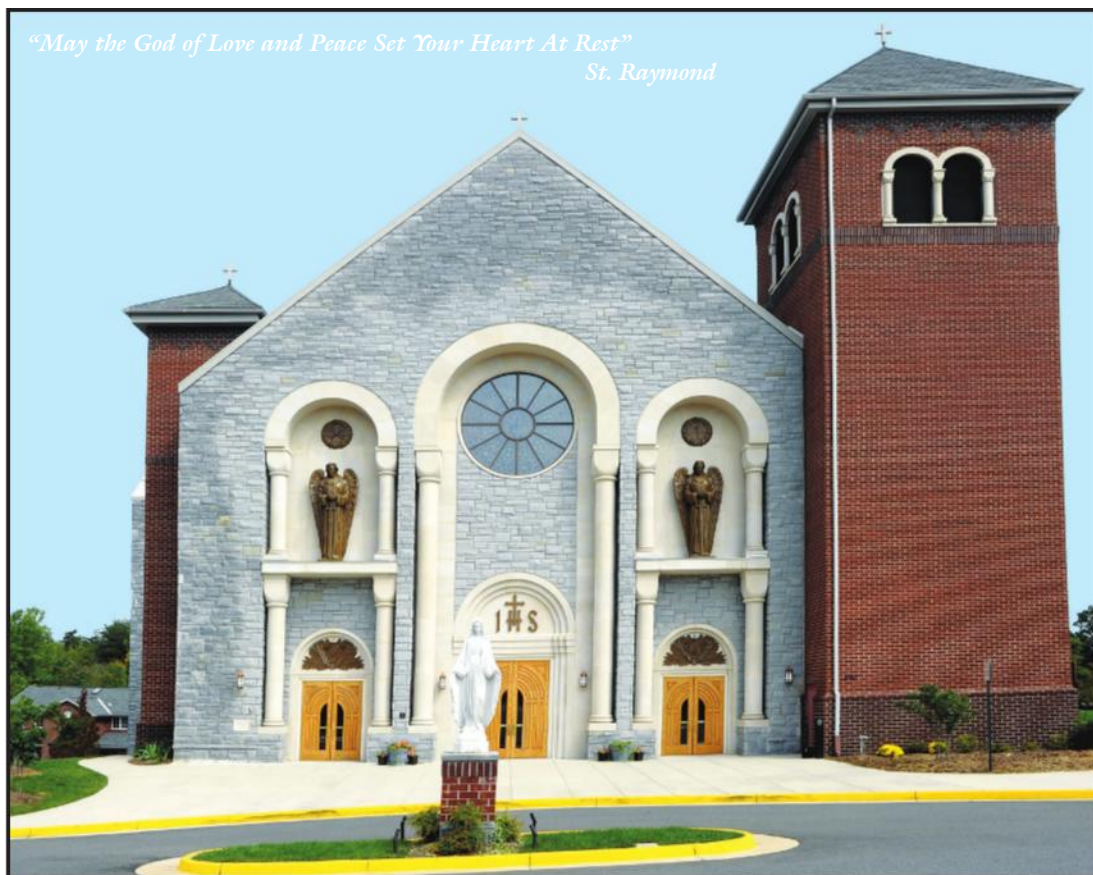


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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
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10:30 am and 12:15 pm &
5:00 pm

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6:30 am, 8:00 am
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Saturday: 9:00 am

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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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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

Impeachment. I write this on Wednesday as the Senate Impeachment Trial of President Donald John Trump has just gotten underway. How long will it last? Should it take place at all? What will be the verdict and the outcome? Where will it take us as a nation? How will history look back on it? These are questions yet to be answered. But one thing we know for sure, no impeachment trial of a president, whether of a guilty or innocent man, is good for the nation. Let us pray that God will guide the events of this trial and its aftermath, and that His will be done. God bless the Senate. God bless the President. And God bless America.

Vacation. Did I ever tell you I'm allergic to winter? Or so it seems, because the cold weather really does a number on my sinuses. Maybe it's the cold, maybe it's the barometric pressure, but I usually have some minor congestion, cough, sinus infection all winter. Because of that I spend an inordinate amount of time indoors during the winter, which means I tend to get less exercise and I am more easily depressed. Not a great combination.

Of course, I grew up in South Texas and never had this severe of a problem in winter until I moved up here 29 years ago. Thanks be to God, about 17 or so ago years it occurred to me that I should take a vacation after Christmas and go south for a week, to provide a respite and cure for my maladies. So every year me and my priest-friends headed to Myrtle Beach, SC, for a week of golf in January. Until 6 years ago when it snowed at Myrtle Beach, the day before we arrived. So for the last 5 years we've headed down to Orlando, FL.

That's where I was from the 9th to the 16th. I understand the weather was nice here, but it was great in Florida: mid-80s every afternoon, sunny skies, a cooling breeze, every day. That, 5 days of fun golf, good food and the price of our room (free! we stay at one of the priest's family's resort timeshare) made it a very refreshing getaway.

And then 2 days back in Virginia it's 23° and snowing. But I was ready for that—and for the rest of a cold winter. Thanks be to God!

Pope-Emeritus Benedict and Cardinal Sarah versus Pope Francis? Or so some in the media have been saying the last week or so, in response to a new book co-authored by the former pope and the current head of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship.

Of course, Benedict and Sarah are not challenging or placing themselves "versus" Pope Francis. Their new book is merely a passionate defense of the Church's discipline of priestly celibacy, largely in response to many who have been trying (especially at October's "Amazon Synod") to convince Pope Francis to abandon or make optional this apostolic discipline. In response to those who see the book as a challenge to Pope Francis, Vatican Press Office Director Matteo Bruni reminded us this week of Pope Francis' comments on January 28, 2019, in which he said "personally, I think that celibacy is a gift to the Church. I would say that I do not agree with allowing optional celibacy, no." Although Pope Francis went on to add, as Bruni paraphrased, "there is room to consider some exceptions for married clergy in the Latin rite 'when there is a pastoral necessity' in remote locations due to lack of priests, such as in the Pacific Islands." Bruni also noted Francis' quotation of the words of St. Pope Paul VI: "I prefer to give my life before changing the law of celibacy."

So where is the fuss coming from? Be careful what you read in the media.

The book is entitled "From the Depths of our Hearts: Priesthood, Celibacy and the Crisis of the Catholic Church." and is scheduled to be released in English on March 12. I look forward to reading it, as I have all of Benedict XVI's and Cardinal Sarah's books.

Mass Attendance Count. Over the weekends of this last October we took our annual Mass attendance count required by the Bishop. I forgot to share the results with you, but am reminded of this as I received the report from the chancery this week which summarizes the results of the whole diocese.

While the Diocese as a whole saw a 1.3% *decline* in attendance from the prior year, I'm happy to report St. Raymond's saw a slight *increase* in attendance of .8%. Moreover, while the Diocese as a whole saw 29.3% of all registered parishioners attending Mass, 40.5% of St. Raymond's all registered parishioners attended Mass.

Specifically, sampling 3 weeks in October, St. Raymond's averaged 2,362 in attendance every week. The breakdown by Mass is as follows: 5pm Saturday = 399; 7am Sunday = 231.; 8:45 am Sunday = 332; 10:30 am Sunday = 606; 12:15 pm Sunday = 405.; 5pm Sunday = 389.

Now you know.

Sunday Confessions. One thing I really like about our parish is the Sunday morning Confessions. But, please remember that we have only 2 priests assigned to the parish, and usually one of them is offering Mass, and sometimes the other is unavailable due to illness, vacation, etc.. Also, sometimes a priest will start confessions late (less than 30 minutes before Mass) because his other obligations have detained him (including greeting parishioners after Mass, which I consider very important). In any case, even when confessions start late, confessions should normally end once Mass has begun (the priest may extend this, but that should not be taken for granted, and they should never go later than the start of the Gospel).

Also, while all are welcome, these confession times are provided specifically to meet the genuine needs of those who truly cannot attend on other days, especially for those who have a specific need to go to confession before Sunday Mass. This means you should not plan to go to confession on Sunday merely because it is more convenient than some other day/time, or to make merely a devotional confession. Parents, in particular, if you follow the admirable practice of monthly family confessions, please do this on Saturdays or Wednesdays, but not on Sunday mornings. And little children, in particular, would probably not have a genuine need to go to confession at this time. Of course, if the line is short on Sunday, then certainly anyone should feel free to take advantage, but if the line is longer, be considerate of others with a genuine need.

Thank you for your patience, and for going to confession!

VOLUNTEER! I know everybody's busy, and many of you are already serving the Lord in many ways outside of the parish. But I beg you to think and pray seriously about the specific ways you can volunteer in our parish. We need your help. To jog your thoughts here, see the insert in this bulletin for list of the various parish committees/activities that need your help. Please, look over the insert, and ask God to show you where He wants you.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Jan. 27th**

6:30 am Carol Ann Sliwka +
8:00 am Walter Boser +

Tuesday, Jan. 28th

6:30 am RE Catechist & their families
8:00 am Constain Nsekela +

Wednesday, Jan. 29th

6:30 am Braeton Howard & Adora Sagalang +
8:00 am Anthony Kuders +
7:00 pm Daniel Shickel

Thursday, Jan. 30th

6:30 am Nativida Hontiveros +
8:00 am William Daly +

Friday, Jan. 31st

6:30 am Bella Page
8:00 am Mark French +

Saturday, Feb. 1st

9:00 am Dr. Robert Sebold +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Rachel Laura Deitch +

Sunday, Feb. 2nd

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Elsie Jarvis +
8:45 am **Fr. Willard**
Parishioners
10:30 am **Fr. De Celles**
Nances Marie Bennett +
12:15 pm **Fr. Daly**
Anthony Hansen
5:00 pm **Fr. Willard**
RE Students & their families

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

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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Feb. 1	Men's Prayer Group
Feb. 1	Luminaries of Mary
Feb. 1	K of C Italian Dinner
Feb. 7	EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
Feb. 14	Catholic Book Club
Feb. 15	Home School Information Workshop
Feb. 22	WAY Mother/Daughter Retreat

Save the Date February 13th Virginia March for Life at the State Capital in Richmond Virginia—We will have buses going!

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.

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.

Fr. Tony Mannarkulam: We regret to inform our long time parishioners that Father Antony Mannarkulam (from the Archdiocese of Changanacherry, Kerala, S. India) died January 10th. He was in residence here at Saint Raymond's several times starting in 2008. He was known as "Father Tony". He earned his Doctorate in Spiritual Theology from Gregorian University, Rome and another Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from St. John's University, New York. For 30 years Father Tony was a professor of Theology and Psychology at St. Thomas Major Seminary in India. He worked actively with Mother Teresa of Calcutta in that city for four years. For several decades he was Director for the caring of up to 200 mentally challenged individuals from the streets in Kerala housed in four facilities called Mother Teresa homes. Father Tony was in the process of building a facility for children under 16 with ADHD problems. There isn't such a facility in South India. He pioneered this project much as he pioneered the Rehabilitation of the Mentally Challenged in 1992. Father Tony was a priest for over 51 years. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil!

Trail Life Troop 0683, sponsored by St. Raymond of Peñafort, is kicking off its annual mulch and topsoil sale to help parish families prepare for spring lawn and garden care. Please support our troop. Your support will help our growing 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 web site, trailifeusa.straymonds.org. We offer home delivery for an extra donation. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at (703) 372-1240. **Thank you very much!**

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

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.

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.

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

CHOCOLATE & ROSES SALE — February 8 – 9: February 14th is ST. VALENTINE's DAY! Celebrate early! The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0638 will be selling Chocolate & Roses for Valentine's Day February 8 and 9, 2020. Please stop in the Lobby of St. Raymond's after Mass and purchase some delicious Ghirardelli Chocolate and Roses.

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>

Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

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THANK YOU to all who participated in the **47th Annual National March for Life!** And our gratitude to those who welcomed our parish marchers back home with incredible food and fellowship. We must continue to pray and to march and to witness for the sanctity of life... and to support each other in these efforts.

Make plans now to attend Virginia's 2nd March for Life, Our presence at the state level in Richmond is extremely important. **We will be sending two buses.** Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.



Next weekend is our monthly support weekend for **MaRiH CROSSROADS Pregnancy Care Center**. Thank you for your continued generosity of material goods up to size 2T!

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.

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.straymondvouth.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



1/26 High School Youth Group & Religious Ed.

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

6:30-8pm Religious Education

8-9pm **High School Youth Group : Holy Hour with a reflection by Fr. Willard**

Note: There will be NO Youth Group or Religious Ed. on 2/2

Sons of Thunder High School Guy's Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday 1/28 (Maurer Room)

Come join the brotherhood! Dive deeper into your faith and learn how to LIVE it out. Great food! All 9-12th grade guys are always welcome! Contact Anthony tonypva@gmail.com



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 ASAP. Space is limited.

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

Parents of Second Grade students: First Penance is scheduled for next Saturday, February 1st at 10 a.m. – Please consider attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass with your child that morning to prepare for this wonderful Sacrament of Healing. All students - whether they attend Mass or not - are to gather in the Narthex no later than 9:45 a.m. and should check in with their teacher; home school and Catholic School students should check in with Mr. Drouillard or Mrs. Salmon. At least one parent should remain at the church; the children will be released after reception of the Sacrament and completion of their penance.

HELP NEEDED: we are in need of the following:

First Grade assistant teacher on Tuesday evenings (6-7:30 p.m.)

Fifth Grade assistant teacher on Tuesday evenings (6-7:30 p.m.)

We are also in need of substitute teachers.

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

There will be **NO CCD CLASSES** on Sunday, February 2nd – enjoy the Super Bowl! There **WILL BE CCD classes on Monday and Tuesday, February 3rd and 4th.**

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.

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

The Gift Shop is closed for Inventory beginning this weekend and will re-open on Saturday, February 22, before Ash Wednesday. If you have any questions about or need for sacramental or religious articles during this time, you may call the parish office to leave a message for Gift Shop volunteers.

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.

Church Persecuted

For the past several years this column has highlighted the atrocities that the Chinese government has imposed on Catholics living there. For many, the provisional accord which the Chinese and the Vatican signed September 2018 was thought to end (or at least diminish) these occurrences. This provisional accord has not been public since its signing by either government.

CatholicNewsAgency.com (Jan 6, 2020) reports that on December 30th, Chinese authorities issued a new "Administrative Measures for Religious Groups" which is their operational document to "control every aspect of religious activity within China and will mandate that all religious and believers in China comply with the regulations issued by the Chinese Communist Party." For the Catholic Church, this appears to be the implementing instructions for the September 2018 accord.

This presents several problems, one of which is that the controlling authority for religions in China is not the tenets and beliefs of the religions themselves, but those of the Chinese Communist Party. Next week we will continue this article with examples of some of the articles of this document.

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.

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.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed Him." Let us answer God's call to make our marriages the best they can be by attending a **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.

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	\$ 20,227.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,785.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 240.00

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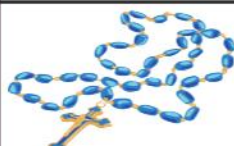
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