

*"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)**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager  
Mary Butler, Secretary  
Eva Radel, Parish Secretary

### **PARISH OFFICE:**

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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.

**Angelus Academy**  
**7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153**  
**703-924-3996**

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

**Virginia March for Life This Thursday.** Thanks be to God, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) now has a majority of solid pro-life justices, and it seems very likely that sometime in the next few years the Court will reverse, in whole or in part, its 1973 “right to abort” decision in *Roe v Wade*. As the pro-abortion forces face this probability, they recognize that one likely result of a SCOTUS reversal will be to return the issue to the individual state governments to deal with.

Sadly, not every state government is ready to deal with the issue with true justice. In particular, Virginia’s new Democrat-controlled Senate and House of Delegates are working on bills to overturn years of pro-life legislation in the state. (See last week’s bulletin).

To counter that effort, pro-life groups have joined forces to organize the second annual **Virginia March for Life, at the State Capitol building in Richmond this Thursday, February 13**. There will be a Rally at the Capitol at 11:45am, with the March around Capitol Square at 12:45.

St. Raymond’s will be taking 2 buses down for the March. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. We will depart from St. Raymond’s at 8:30 a.m. (immediately following 8am Mass) and expect to return to St. Raymond’s by 5pm.

Please join us. For more information contact the office.

**General Assembly Attacks Religious Freedom.** The state senate and house are also attacking our religious freedom. As the Family Foundation writes:

*“...this week House will debate and vote on two bills HB 1663 (D-Sickles) and HB 1049 (D-Levine) which elevate the fluid concepts of “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” ...to protected classes in every part of our state law. In states where these measures have been passed they’ve been used to specifically target organizations and people of deep faith with the intent to tear down their ministries, livelihoods and reputations....*

*“.... If these bills are passed and become law there’s no doubt that cases like cake baker Jack Phillips in Colorado and florist Barronelle Stutzman in Washington, who refused to lend their artistic talents to same-sex weddings, will become common in Virginia. Already, owners of a wedding photography and videography business in Virginia, Brett and Alex Sandridge, have received backlash after politely declining their services to a same-sex couple....*

*“...What’s more, ...under these bills, churches, private Christian schools, as well as Christian colleges and universities...will be forced to allow biological males who identify as females to have access to female facilities and even room with students of the opposite sex. And...prohibit [faith-based child placement] agencies from being able to contract with the state and receive funding to carry out their mission.”*

**Super Bowl Commercials.** It was an exciting Super Bowl 2 weeks back. I hope your team won—mine did! Both my parents and all my brothers and sisters were born in Kansas City, so that explains that. (But thanks be to God, I was born and grew up in Texas, so I’m looking forward to the refurbished Cowboys beating the Chiefs in next year’s Super Bowl).

Besides the game, the commercials are always of interest. I particularly enjoyed the Jeep ad featuring Bill Murray on a takeoff on his classic movie “Groundhog Day” (one of my favorite movies). On the other hand, some of the ads were

simply inane or childish. Sadly, though, some of the commercials were downright offensive, even if subtly so. In particular, prominent commercials featured “LGBTQ” characters in prominent roles. For example, Ellen DeGeneres and her “wife” were a happy “normal” couple in an Amazon ad. Maybe you didn’t notice; I think we’re all getting a little too used to these things, which is exactly what they want: the normalization of degeneracy, desensitizing against the perverse.

But let’s not get used to. Rather, let us pray for people with LGBTQ problems, and continue to work to spread the truth.

**Slow Month.** I’m sorry to say that I haven’t gotten as much work done in the last few weeks as I would have liked. First there was a week of vacation, and then the last week or so I was significantly slowed down and hampered in my work by my annual major-winter-sinus-infection. Now I get word that a relative of mine has died out in Illinois, so I need to go out there for the funeral and will be gone from the parish for the next few days, including today/Sunday.

So, please let me apologize for my absences, and for my tardiness in responding to any emails or phone calls. If you are waiting for an overdue reply from me please try again—but after this Tuesday when I get back from Illinois.

When I was a young man, I used to work through any illnesses I had. But after too many times finding myself much worse off for doing that, and twice winding up in the hospital, in the last few years I’ve been much more careful about trying to avoid things that might lead me to get sick, and to take time off, or at least slow down and rest, when I do get sick. But I still feel guilty when I don’t give a full day and week of work.

I know a lot of you work very hard, even when you’re ill. Sometimes it’s because you have no choice (moms and dads!), but sometimes you have a choice, but don’t recognize it, or ignore it. There are lots of reasons for this, some noble and some not so noble. I encourage you all to consider this prayerfully. Remember that taking a sick day off from work sometimes not only saves you from getting sicker, but also winds up making you more productive at your work (including the work of parenting and studying). Also, sometimes we go to work (or church) when we have contagious illnesses, not thinking we can spread that to others.

I admire hard workers, and driven people. But I don’t like visiting them in the hospital.

Even so, I apologize for my unproductive month.

**False Emails NOT from Me.** From time to time over the last few years parishioners will let me know that someone is sending out emails, or even text messages, that claim to be from me, but clearly are not. So be careful. I’m never going to send you an email saying something like, “hey, I need you to send me some cash” or “How are you? I need a help real quick. Email me back immediately.” These are false emails, scamming or “phishing.” Anytime you get an email that looks suspicious, that has no real content except to ask for money or just a response, email me at the parish email address on the front of the bulletin, or call the parish office, to see what’s what. And know that as pastor I have access to lots more cash (of the parish) than almost all of you have, so I will never say something like, “send money now.”

There are a lot of bad people out there. Pray for their repentance, and be careful.

*Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles*



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Feb. 10th**

6:30 am Gertrude Kirtland + &  
Ann Zeilinger +  
8:00 am Francis & Betsy Radel

**Tuesday, Feb. 11th**

6:30 am Mary Salmon  
8:00 am Rosalino Garcia +

**Wednesday, Feb. 12th**

6:30 am Wesley White  
8:00 am Buddy & Jerry  
Brown +  
7:00 pm Bea Brown +

**Thursday, Feb. 13th**

6:30 am Chuck Tiso +  
8:00 am Andy Yelenosky +

**Friday, Feb. 14th**

6:30 am Peter Steele Blair +  
8:00 am Thomas & Jessica  
Fisher

**Saturday, Feb. 15th**

9:00 am Marcia Bergeron +

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles  
Donald Young +

**Sunday, Feb. 16th**

7:00 am Fr. Rippy  
Bernie Michini +  
8:45 am Fr. Willard  
Parishioners  
10:30 am Fr. De Celles  
Joshua Schweitzer  
12:15 pm Fr. Daly  
Theresa Kannofsky +  
5:00 pm Fr. Willard  
Austin Hu +

**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	Jeanne Sause Joann Alba Michael Malachowski Bill Bihner Dennis Kruse Marion Sause Juanita Boarman Linda Landrum Barbara Lucas
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**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

Feb. 8/9	Youth Apostolate BAKE SALE
Feb. 8/9	AHG Chocolate & Roses Sale
Feb. 10	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
Feb. 12	Legion of Mary
Feb. 14	Catholic Book Club
Feb. 15	Men's Prayer Group
Feb. 15	Home School Information Workshop
Feb. 17	Presidents Day—Federal Holiday 1 Mass at 10:00 am Parish Offices are Closed
Feb. 22	WAY Mother/Daughter Retreat
Feb. 22	Parish Gift Shop Re-Opens
Feb. 26	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Mass times : 6:30 am, 8:00 am, Noon, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Mar. 7	Women's Retreat

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

**February 13th Virginia March for Life at the State Capitol in Richmond Virginia— We have buses going! Please sign up in the Narthex TODAY!**

**CHOCOLATE & ROSES SALE — This Weekend!**  
February 14th is ST. VALENTINE'S DAY! Celebrate early! The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0638 are selling Chocolate & Roses for St. 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.

**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](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com).

**Weekend Discernment Retreat for Men:** Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-55) February 29-March 1, 2020. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, and talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is \$60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). **Deadline to register is Friday February 14.**

**K of C Blood Drive:** The Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services at Nativity Parish on Saturday February 22, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please consider signing up for a 15 minute time slot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. You may sign up either on-line at [www.inovabloodsaves.org](http://www.inovabloodsaves.org) or in the Narthex after all masses in the coming weekends. If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at (703) 690-7285 or by email at [mam7253@msn.com](mailto:mam7253@msn.com).

**The Gift Shop** is closed for inventory 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.

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

The 2020 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend is February 22/23. Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no single parish could provide on its own. This important effort is a means by which we work together by sharing the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Please join us to continue God's work of spirituality, education and charity in our diocese through this appeal!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lsaenz1@verizon.net).

**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 website, [trailifeusa.straymonds.org](http://trailifeusa.straymonds.org). We offer home delivery for an extra donation. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at (703) 372-1240. *Thank you very much!*

#### 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.

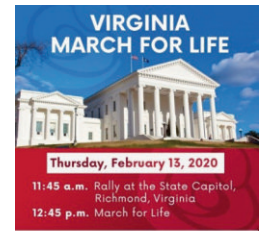
The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The \$55 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter.

**For more information and to register (by Feb. 10, 2020), visit <https://www.waywomen.com/daystar>**  
Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

## SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

**Make plans now to attend Virginia's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



Thank you for your continued generosity in support of the **MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center**. Last weekend's collection was a blessing to many mothers and babies in need.



**Spring Campaign Feb 26 – April 5. Our weekend to witness is April 4-5.**

**Watch the Narthex for sign-up sheets!**

***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. [tepeyacfamlycenter.com](http://tepeyacfamlycenter.com).

**Natural Family Planning.** A gift to your marriage. To register for local classes visit [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org). For additional info, contact Len Rice at (703) 222-5121 or Stan Greer at [vincegreer558@gmail.com](mailto:vincegreer558@gmail.com).

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](http://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](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

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

## St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

### Upcoming Events:

2/8-2/9 Bake Sale to support Youth Apostolate  
2/9 High School Youth Group & Religious Ed.  
2/11 Sons of Thunder  
2/13 Virginia March for Life

### Bake Sale After ALL Masses This Weekend: 2/8-2/9

100% of proceeds go towards our Youth Apostolate, from making activities, outings, WorkCamp, Steubenville, etc. affordable, to providing food & materials for the various meetings we have throughout the year. **Thanks for your support!**

### 2/9 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

### 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>

### Sons of Thunder High School Guy's Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday 2/11 (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

### From Bishop Burbidge to FCPS Parents:

*Fairfax County Public School System recently adopted a new policy that allows students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade an excused absence for a day of protest or social engagement, which will be in effect by the date of the Virginia March for Life. In an effort to encourage as much participation as possible for this year's march, I ask that our Fairfax County Parishes promote this as opportunity to our parishioners for whom this policy directly affects. ~Bishop Burbidge*



All 7-12th graders are strongly encouraged to join us for this Virginia March for Life. If your child would like to attend, and you (parent) cannot go with them, they are welcome to come on the bus under the supervision of the Youth Apostolate. We will meet for Mass at 8am and expect to return by 5pm. Permission slips (found on the youth bulletin boards) are required for any teens coming without a parent, and are due February 10th.

### Steubenville Youth Conference: July 10-12

St. Raymond's will once again be taking a group of teens to Franciscan University for their summer Youth Conference! All students currently in grades 8-12 are invited to join us. Seats are limited. Mark your calendar for July 10-12. More info. to come!

Jeanne Sause

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students** : Confirmation Registry form with Certificate of Baptism attached was **due in the Religious Education Office on February 6th.**

**REMINDER:** There **WILL** be CCD class on Sunday **February 16th** to make up for no class on Super Bowl Sunday.

There are **NO CCD classes February 17-18** in observance of the President's Day federal holiday.

**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of substitute teachers. Please contact the Religious Education Office if you would like to help us out.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jkolakos@verizon.net) or by phone at 703-455-3009.

**Home School Group:** for more information visit our website [www.homeschoollife.com/va/straymondhsg](http://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](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com).

**Luminaries of Holy Mary:** Come join us to honor the Blessed Mother's request for making the 5 First Saturdays on March 7th, 2020: Mass at 9am, then meet in the Maurer Room for Rosary, meditation and Gospel reflection. All are welcome.

**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'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/lenenwomensretreat](http://www.straymonds.org/lenenwomensretreat) or contact St. Raymond's Parish Office (703) 440-0535 or email [eva.radel@straymonds.org](mailto:eva.radel@straymonds.org) by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Space is limited, no cost to attend but please register early. All women of the parish are invited to join us.**



### Church Persecuted

"With a very heavy heart, I wish to inform you that our dear son, Michael, was murdered by the bandits on a date we cannot confirm," Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah of Sokoto, Nigeria, said in a statement released February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Four seminarians, including Michael Nnadi, were kidnapped from their residence at Good Shepherd in Kaduna on January 8<sup>th</sup> by gunmen, disguised in military uniforms. On January 20<sup>th</sup>, one was found along a roadside having been dumped there with extensive injuries. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, two more seminarians had been released. The fourth seminarian was Michael Nnadi.

Good Shepherd Seminary has nearly 270 seminarians. It is located just off an expressway which is "notorious for criminal gangs kidnaping travelers for ransom." While no one has taken responsibility for the kidnappings, the Islamic State has been operating in the region and Christians have been abducted, robbed, and murdered because there is no protection from the state.

(CatholicNewsAgency.com/news/kidnaped-nigerian-seminarian-has-been-killed-44478)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending 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](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

**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](mailto:Maryndavew7705@gmail.com) or call Dave at 703-455-1847.

## FORMED<sup>®</sup>

Get In-Formed!

### For Kids! Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes

It's February 11, 1858. Three girls from Lourdes, France, gather firewood in front of a grotto. Suddenly one of them, Bernadette Soubirous, 14, drops to her knees, gazes ecstatically at something beautiful that only she can see, and starts to pray. Soon the town buzzes: Has Bernadette, poor, sickly, and always behind in school, really seen a Lady from Heaven? Then a spring bubbles up from nowhere and withered arms and sightless eyes are cured. At last, the Lady tells Bernadette her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes, is the exciting true story of a visit by the Queen of Heaven that left the entire world a source of health for body and soul.

Watch both now at [www.straymonds.formed.org](http://www.straymonds.formed.org)

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### St. Raymond Policy for Weather Closings

In the event of Weather or Emergency closings, St. Raymond's Parish will follow Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) decisions on closings and cancellations. This information is normally available on radio (e.g., WTOP) and TV, and on the FCPS website (<http://www.fcps.edu/news/emerg.shtml>).

In short, if FCPS cancels "all activities," so does the Parish: no parish office hours, no CCD classes, no prayer meetings, no privately scheduled meetings with a priest, no Knights of Columbus, no Soup Suppers, etc., nothing.

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- 1) regularly scheduled Masses will never be cancelled,
- 2) meetings of very small groups that receive the pastor's personal permission, in which case members will be notified of the exception personally by their group leader, and
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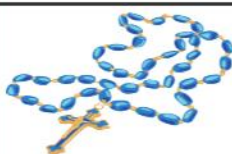
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