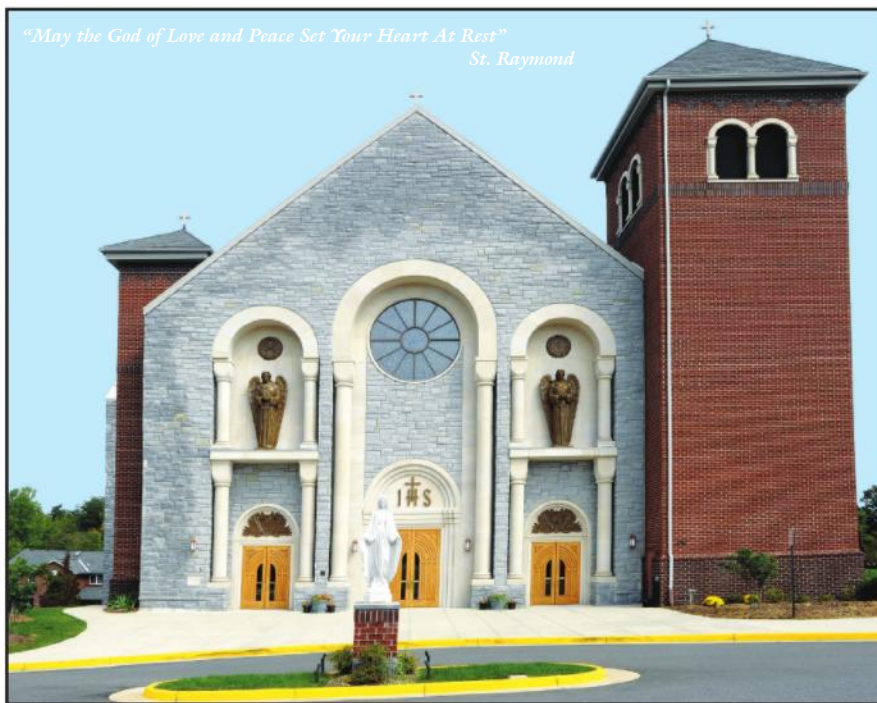


SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Scourging at the Pillar

SECOND 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
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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.

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The Flagellation of Our Lord Jesus Christ
William-Adolphe Bouguereau, 1880

Pastor's Corner

Lenten Series Continues. Our Lenten Series on the "The Passion of the Lord..." continues **this Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 pm. Fr. Richard Miserendino**, will talk about: "**Peter's Denial and Judas' Suicide.**"

I highly encourage all of you to attend, even if you missed last week. The half-hour talk takes place during a Holy Hour in the Church, which will also include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and Benediction.

Fr. Miserendino grew up in Burke and is a graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School. He went on to earn Bachelors' degrees from the University of Rochester in Physics and Applied Mathematics as well as a Bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music in Music Performance (Saxophone). After college he worked for a defense contractor for 2 years before entering Seminary, first for 2 years at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, and then for 4 years at the North American College in Rome. In Rome he earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB) degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2015. He currently serves as Parochial Vicar at Saint Bernadette.

What is an indulgence? This is a question that comes up a lot during Lent. So, let's look at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1471:

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead.

"To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

The forgiveness of sin and restoration of communion with God entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but temporal punishment of sin remains. While patiently bearing sufferings and trials of all kinds and, when the day comes, serenely facing death, the Christian must strive to accept this temporal punishment of sin as a grace. He should strive by works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the "old man" and to put on the "new man.""

In sum, while confession remits the eternal punishment of sin (i.e., Hell), indulgences are a plenary (total) or partial remission of the temporal punishment after death (i.e., Purgatory). They are granted by the power of the Church as

Christ's chosen instrument of redemption. One gains an indulgence by doing a particular pious work specified by the Pope.

To gain the plenary indulgence the prescribed work must also be done in connection with certain other specific conditions: 1) you must be a baptized Christian in the state of grace, 2) have at least the intention of receiving the indulgence for the work, 3) "exclusion from all attachment to sin, even venial sin," 4) & 5) reception of sacramental Penance and Holy Communion within several days before or after the work, and 6) prayer for the Pope's intentions. If these are not met, the indulgence gained is only partial.

The third of those conditions is the one that makes gaining plenary indulgences rather hard to gain: "exclusion from all attachment to sin, even venial sin." It might even seem impossible to do this. But it is not. What is meant here is, as one theologian writes: "the intention, the desire, not to sin even when realistically we know that we are still poor sinners in need of graces and mercy." Or as another puts it, "that there is no sin which the soul is unwilling to renounce."

For further reading I suggest you look at pg. 34ff in the violet booklets we use in the church for Stations. Or you can read, "The Handbook of Indulgences: Norms and Grants, 4th Edition," an official Vatican publication that contains a list and explanation of most of the Church's indulgences.

Finally, it's important to remember what St. Pope John Paul II wrote about indulgences (General Audience, 29 September 1999):

"...indulgences, far from being a sort of "discount" on the duty of conversion, are instead an aid to its prompt, generous and radical fulfilment. This is required to such an extent that the spiritual condition for receiving a plenary indulgence is the exclusion "of all attachment to sin, even venial sin"... Therefore, it would be a mistake to think that we can receive this gift by simply performing certain outward acts. On the contrary, they are required as the expression and support of our progress in conversion..."

Stations of the Cross. One excellent example of a "pious work" involved in gaining an indulgence is the praying the 14 Stations of the Cross "legitimately erected," e.g., in a church, or our outside Stations on the back of the property. You (or if done communally, the priest or other leader) must move from one Station to the other while meditating on each of the individual 14 mysteries of the Stations. Of course, you can pray the Stations on your own (perhaps using the violet booklets found in the church), and I recommend it. Or you can pray it with the parish - every Friday in Lent at 6:30 pm. Last week we had about 150 people attend—why don't you join us this Friday?

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 tomorrow, Monday, March 9, at 7:15 pm 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@straymonds.org) at the parish office.

CYO Basketball. Congratulations to St. Raymond's 5th grade girls' and 5th grade boys' basketball teams, for winning their respective championships last Sunday. Thanks to all our kids who participated in our program. I'm especially proud of their reputation for perseverance and sportsmanship. Thanks too to all the dedicated coaches and parents.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, March 9th**

6:30 am Mike Yelenosky +
8:00 am Bart Perricone

Tuesday, March 10th

6:30 am Sarah Mandes
8:00 am Lucian Spataro, Sr. +

Wednesday, March 11th

6:30 am Norma Larraga
8:00 am Mary Boska +
7:00 pm Peter Collins +

Thursday, March 12th

6:30 am Theresa Kannofsky +
8:00 am Louise Ward +

Friday, March 13th

6:30 am Pope Francis
8:00 am Pat McHale+

Saturday, March 14th

9:00 am
Robert "Bobby" Rusin +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Gertrude Seiberling +

Sunday, March 15th

7:00 am **Fr. Daly**
Patricia Glass +
8:45 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
10:30 am **Fr. Willard**
Doris Dellen +
12:15 pm **Fr. Rippy**
Eleanor Hickman +
5:00 pm **Fr. Willard**
Mary Kozich +

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
Angela Colom
Denny Kruse

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Mar. 7/8 Youth Apostolate Bake Sale
Mar. 11 Legion of Mary
Mar. 12 Lenten Series
Mar. 13 Lenten Soup Supper
Mar. 13 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Mar. 13/14 Trail Life Mulch Delivery/Pick up
Mar. 20 EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
Mar. 21 Men's Prayer Group
April 4 Luminaries of Mary

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.

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.

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!

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 (through 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 "Peter's Denial and Judas' Suicide" presented by Fr. Richard Miserendino. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

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 CYO Basketball Volunteers.

The SHROUD OF TURIN talk and replica presentation is coming to St. Lawrence Catholic Church (6222 Franconia Road Alexandria), Sunday March 22 at 2:30 p.m.

Don't miss this great opportunity to experience the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in a way that can make this an **unforgettable event in your life**.

Considered one of the greatest mysteries of our time, the Shroud of Turin continues to amaze and baffle scientists, doctors, historians, artists and theologians. Scientists cannot explain the source of the image which contains photographic and 3-D properties on a cloth centuries old. But is this the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ?

Bill Wingard, a speaker for the Shroud, will present the case for authenticity that has already been delivered on the east and west coasts including M.I.T., and you can be the judge. Come see a full size replica of the Shroud and the photographic negative images that sparked an explosion of scientific interest and debate over a century ago which continues today. What message does the Shroud have for each of us? Bring others including teens on up and your cameras. RSVP helpful for refreshments but not mandatory: <http://bit.ly/377D4FN>

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.

Trail Life Troop mulch sales pick-up next weekend! Attention, customers who bought mulch or topsoil from Trail Life Troop 0683: If you did not make a donation for delivery, your bags will be ready for pickup at the Church parking lot this coming Friday, March 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 14. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at 703-372-1240 or mulch@straymonds.org.

The Gift Shop has re-opened. Stop by and shop for your *Lenten devotions*. Fr. Calloway's NEW book, **Consecration to St. Joseph** & Fr. Gaitley's NEW book, **Greater Glory**, and his classic **33 Days to Morning Glory** are in! as well as **Missals** for toddlers, **MagnifiKids** and **Magnificat** and its *Lenten Companion*! One can start these consecration books anytime! **OTHER NEW ITEMS:** *Divine Mercy Chaplet *Prayer to St. Joseph & Our Lady Untier of Knots *FullofGrace journals & cards *Baptism gifts, including handmade cards by our friends the Dominican nuns *Divine Mercy images *travel size holy water bottles *tall votive candles *Liturgy of The Hours/Shorter Christian Prayer * The Shop is open after Saturday 5 pm Mass and after Sunday Masses through the 12:15 pm Mass. Would you like to share your time and good cheer and volunteer as a Sub in the Shop, e-mail us at giftshop@straymonds.org. **Oh, and good news:** the Shop is accepting Visa and MasterCard.

MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR PAST

This Lent, Come Home to God

Day of Prayer & Healing for Women Wounded by Abortion

English: Sat., March 21st & Sat., Oct. 3rd

Spanish: Sat., March 28th

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For more info and/or to register: 703-841- 2504

info@helpafterabortion.org

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

Thank you for your generous outpouring of love for those in need. Last week's collection of baby items for MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center was again overwhelming. May God continue to bless you for your goodness.

Save the date. On Saturday April 4th, Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the 8:30 am Mass at Saint James in Falls Church. Immediately following Mass he will lead the Rosary at our 40 Days for Life Vigil Site. Plan to join us in prayer.



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 April 4-5.

Vigil location: 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex!

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.

Natural Family Planning. A gift to your marriage. To register for local classes visit www.ccli.org.

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

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!

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://straymondyyouth.com>

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

Bake Sale after ALL Masses THIS WEEKEND

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!

3/8 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

Friday Morning Mass During Lent! All high school students are invited to join us for 6:30am Mass on Fridays during Lent followed by a simple breakfast (cereal, yogurt, oatmeal, fruit). Compliant adults will drive you to school by 8am. We currently drive kids to W. Springfield and South County with the possibility for others as well. Email Jeanne by Thursday if you plan to come so we have enough food & drivers.

Sons of Thunder High School Guy's Group 7-8:30pm Tuesday 3/10 (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

Diocese of Arlington Summer Discernment Camps for High School Students: *Rising 9th through 12th grade boys: The Diocese of Arlington's Quo Vadis Camp is July 12-16. Rising 9th through 12th grade girls: FIAT Camp is July 19-23. Both camps are at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open March 3-31. 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.straymondyyouth.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents of 8th grade candidates for

Confirmation: Confirmation Gown Order form is due in the Religious Education Office by March 20th.

Parents of 7th Grade students please check out Confirmation requirements as outlined in the *Supplement to Parent/Student Handbook for Confirmation 2021* which you received in your red folder at the parent meeting in September.
Sponsor Interview is due by March 26th.

Parents of students preparing for Confirmation 2020:

Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for March 21st.

Permission slips were due in the Religious Education Office on March 5th. If you have not turned one in by now, we assume your child is not attending our retreat; you will need to find a retreat for your child to participate in BEFORE Confirmation on May 19th.

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.

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

(First of a three-part series)

Theresienstadt (Terezín) (about 30 miles north of Prague, Czechoslovakia) is the setting of a World War II Nazi Concentration Camp. A famous German rabbi, Leo Baeck, was confined in Terezín in 1943. Also imprisoned since 1941 a brilliant young Czech conductor, Rafael Schächter. Despite the harsh prison conditions, Baeck wrote, "In the sheltering darkness of the long evenings, they were together in the cold and gloomy attic of a barrack, close under the roof. There they stood...to hear a talk about the Bible and the Talmud, about Plato, Aristotle, Maimonides, about Descartes and Spinoza, about Locke and Hume and Kant...about the Commandments, the Prophets, and the Messianic idea....They were hours of freedom."

On the other hand, Schächter exercised his leadership and asked and received musical instruments for the prisoners "to enrich their souls through music." There, under most extraordinary circumstances, he recruited and trained 150 fellow prisoners and taught them the classical Verdi's *Requiem*. (Yes, primarily Jewish prisoners performing the music of a Catholic *Requiem* Mass). The rehearsals were long and tedious, especially after a hard day of forced labor. Next week you will learn what happened next.

www.defiantrequiem.org/film/description

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).

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For Kids! Twenty Tales of Irish Saints by Alice Curtayne
Saints have over the years inspired many tales that go beyond what we know about them. For the lovely legends of the saints that have come down to us reflect not only the holiness but also the gaiety of the saints. These Irish legends are in that tradition. Patrick, Brigid, Columcille—"the three brightest jewels in Ireland's crown"—are here, and Canice, Finbarr, Cormac, Finnian, Brendan, Gall, and others.

Here's the moving story of what happened when Patrick baptized the daughters of the King of Connaught and the shocking tale of the spike that pierced Aengus, the courageous Prince of Munster, just as Patrick baptized him. The spilled jar of milk that led Adamnan to become the Abbot of Iona; how Colman's alarm clocks (a mouse and a rooster) took turns waking him; and a dozen or so other charming tales.

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Pre K—8th

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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.

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