

## Pastor's Corner

**LENT.** The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 17, 2021, with **Ash Wednesday**. As I've said many times, this is my favorite time of year, in that it gives us a great opportunity to meditate on the immense love of God that would lead Him to suffer and die for our sins. At the same time, then, it's also a time to consider our sins—how we have failed to love Him—and to work to overcome them, through our diligent efforts and cooperating with His grace. In short, it can be a time of intense growth in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lent, of course, brings a much busier parish schedule, which we've laid out in detail in this week's "**Lenten Schedule**" flyers. Please keep this flyer in a central place in your home—maybe on your fridge door—to remind you of the many opportunities for spiritual growth the parish offers this Lent.

**Ash Wednesday.** Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday: 6:30am, 8am, 12 noon, **5pm** and 7pm. Since ashes are merely symbolic (a "sacramental" not a "Sacrament") they may be received by anyone who wishes to repent their sins, Catholic or not, in "good standing" or not. (Note: There are no confessions scheduled on Ash Wednesday).

Due to COVID, the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments has allowed a modification in the distribution of ashes. Before the Priest gives the ashes individually, he will say the formulary to all present: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Then, those who wish to may come forward to have the ashes imposed on their foreheads.

Remember, Ash Wednesday is never a holy day of obligation, but we are highly recommended to attend Mass to begin Lent. Also, again, ashes are not a sacrament, and their imposition is not itself a blessing (although the ashes have been blessed). Even so, the ashes are an important sign of and PUBLIC WITNESS to our faith in Christ Crucified, His Gospel of repentance, and His grace of forgiveness.

Nota bene: For the distribution/imposition I will most likely wear a face mask, since it is radically different than distributing the Body of Christ in Holy Communion (Also, the ashes tend to mess with my sinuses—I'd almost wish I could wear a mask every year).

**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).

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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.

**Doing Penance.** Of course, all Catholics are encouraged to do personal acts of penance throughout the season of Lent, traditionally of three types: **almsgiving** (including acts of charity), **sacrifice** (what you "give up"), and **prayer**. Please choose your penances carefully, considering your health and state in life. Challenge yourself, but pick things you can actually do, rather than things that are so difficult that you may easily give up on them. Offer all this in atonement for your sins and as acts of love for the God who, out of love, died on the Cross for your sins.

**Sacrament of Penance.** Confession is key to a fruitful Lent. I strongly encourage that you take advantage of our extended Lent confession schedule—it is my plan to hear **confessions every day in Lent starting Feb. 22nd**, except Sundays, Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday (see today's "Lenten Schedule" flyer for exact times). This requires that I bring in some outside priest-help, so it's possible that some weeks I may have to modify the schedule, so it would be a good idea to check the parish website before you go to confession, especially on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please do not postpone your confession to the end of Lent. First of all, spiritually it's important to start the season on the right foot, repent early so that Christ's grace may flow freely and unimpeded throughout the season. But also, more practically, what so often happens is we have just a few people coming to confession every evening week during Lent, but then in the last week the lines are much longer.

**Lenten Series.** I am very sorry, but we will NOT have a Lenten Series this year. Even if we have visiting priests give the series, it always involves extra work on my part. This year, I just can't do that. I am more disappointed than you are.

**HOME REPAIR NEEDED?** With all the uncertainties of Covid, I've decided not to send our high school kids to the Diocesan Work Camp this year—their plans are just too "up in the air" for us to commit to them. As an alternative, **we'll be doing our own parish work camp**.

So, our High School Youth Apostolate is looking for opportunities to help St. Raymond's parishioners with intermediate skill projects and manual labor this summer, **June 21st-25th. Could you use help? We are looking for projects involving basic carpentry, landscaping, hardscaping, and home maintenance.** Examples include: deck repairs, fence repairs, walkway/patio repairs, staining, painting, power-washing, gutter work, etc. But there are some restrictions: All work must be outdoors; no project can require a county building permit; no projects higher than one story will be considered; projects that expose volunteers to mold, lead based paint, or asbestos will not be considered.

If you or someone in the local area that you know could use help, please email Jeanne at [youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) by March 1st with your/their name and contact information.

*Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles*

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday Feb. 15th****President's Day**

10:00 am The Doan Family

**Tuesday, Feb. 16th**

8:30 am Ofelia Cruz

**Wednesday, Feb. 17th****Ash Wednesday**

6:30 am The Elder Family  
 8:30 am The Fuller Family  
 Noon The Jarvis Family  
 5:00 pm Roland Escalante +  
 7:00 pm The Jensen Family

**Thursday, Feb. 18th**

8:30 am William Bihner +

**Friday, Feb. 19th**

8:30 am Laurel Stone  
 7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

**Masses to be said Privately**

Feb. 16 Joshua Schweitzer  
 Feb. 18 The Jerez Family  
 Feb. 19 The Lofgren Family

**Saturday, Feb. 20th**

9:00 am Charliann Pharse +

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles  
 Ellie Garcia

**Sunday, Feb. 21st**

7:00 am Fr. Rippy  
 Karol Golinowski +  
 9:00 am Fr. De Celles  
 Parishioners  
 11:00 am Fr. De Celles  
 Jerold M. Brown +  
 1:00 pm Fr. Miserendino  
 The McDonald Family

**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.**

Anthony Nsekela

Brandon Skiba  
 Colleen McFadden

**Please pray for the sick of our parish**

Glenn Bliss  
 Tom Dietz  
 Michael O'Neill  
 Cindy Laird  
 Patricia Lewis  
 Barbara McGinn  
 Mai Pham  
 Joan Opie  
 Donald Zacherl  
 Leonora Ramos  
 Jason Saenz  
 Phyllis Zitnik  
 Mary K Randazzo

Patricia Del Buono  
 Michael  
 Malachowski  
 Juanita Boarman  
 Angela Colom  
 John Florio  
 Debra Henkel  
 Daniel Moore  
 Maria Daugherty  
 Lauren Hornsby  
 Gaudencio Dizon  
 Antoinette Baptist  
 Margaret O'Neill

Ada Prabhavat  
 Julia Oaks  
 Paul Haynes  
 Minnie Taylor  
 Dwayne Taylor  
 Donna Foster  
 Mervyn Carter  
 Bernadette  
 D'Agostino  
 Judy Knight  
 Karen Salinetti  
 Christopher Quan  
 Al Piombo  
 Ted Tolpa

**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass**  
**at St. Raymond's!**

<https://straymonds.org/view-mass-online/>

Monday through Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am  
 Saturday at 9:00 am  
 SUNDAY MASS at 11:00 am

**Confessions in the Church**  
*(in the flower room)*

Wednesdays: 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm  
 Saturday: 8:00 am - 8:45 am, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Starting Monday, Feb. 22 we will have**  
**Additional Confession times for Lent!**

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 pm  
 Fridays at 6:00 pm

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm

*Please see the front of the bulletin for our current Mass,  
 Confession, and Adoration schedules.*

**Face masks are expected at all Masses unless you are  
 exempt.**

**The 1:00 pm Sunday Mass is "Masks Mandatory".**  
**Sign ups are required for 9 am and 11 am Sunday Masses.**  
**Visit our website or contact the parish office.**

**Watch for our Constant Contact Updates!** If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or [office@straymonds.org](mailto:office@straymonds.org) to verify your email address.

**Federal Holiday—Monday, Feb. 15th is Presidents' Day.**  
**One Mass only at 10:00 am. Parish Offices are closed.**

**Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17th. Mass times will be 6:30 am, 8:30 am, Noon, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses this day.**

**February 14 is VALENTINE's DAY!** The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0638 is selling Chocolate & Roses for Valentine's Day at all Masses this weekend (Feb 13/14). Please stop in the Narthex of St. Raymond's after Mass and purchase some delicious Ghirardelli Chocolate and lovely roses.

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**GOSPEL MK 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged Him  
and said,

"If You wish, You can make me clean."

Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand,  
touched him, and said to him,

"I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left Him immediately, and he was made  
clean.

Then, warning him sternly, He dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,  
but go, show yourself to the priest  
and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed;  
that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole  
matter.

He spread the report abroad  
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town  
openly.

He remained outside in deserted places,  
and people kept coming to Him from everywhere.

**St. Raymond's Lenten Women's Retreat** led by the Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY) will be on February 27, 2021 from 8:30am-1:30pm. This year's theme is **"Faithful and True: Confessing Christ in a Time of Testing"** and the retreat will include Mass, talks, Confessions, Adoration, and lunch. Please register on the parish website at <https://straymonds.org/womens-lenten-retreat/> or contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or [office@straymonds.org](mailto:office@straymonds.org) for help. **No cost to attend. Space is limited, so please register ASAP.**



**The St. John Bosco Council Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a blood drive**

on Saturday February 20, at the Church of the Nativity parish hall from 7:00 AM to 1:00 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.

**ANNUAL FIVE-CAR RAFFLE:** Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. Through ticket sales, charitable causes and parishes (including our own) throughout the area are able to provide for many needs such as family assistance. In addition, each purchaser has a chance to win five cars! This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity – just show them the ticket – it will sell itself! Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints. Please mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. Checks should be made payable to ALL SAINTS. Questions? Contact Larry Saenz at [lsaenz1@verizon.net](mailto:lsaenz1@verizon.net) or 703-832-1042

**Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil!** Trail Life Troop 0683, the troop 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. Your support will help our growing troop buy camping gear, advancement and recognition badges and instructional material. You can mail in your order or order online. You will find instructions for ordering at: <https://straymonds.org/trail-life/>. We offer home delivery for an extra donation. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at 703-372-1240. **Thank you very much!**

**SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE**

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

*"The real question today is not when human life begins,  
but what is the value of human life?"*

*President Ronald Reagan*

**Thank you for your continued generosity to the MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center.** Your generosity - accompanied by your prayers - is so very much appreciated. God bless you!

**Please see the parish website for updated information regarding COVID-19 Vaccines and their relation to aborted fetal cell lines. You can speak up!**



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.** Spring Campaign Feb 17- Mar 28. **Our Parish Witness Weekend will be March 20/21. Sign Ups are in the narthex and on the parish website.**

**Bishop Burbidge will celebrate a Mass for Life** on Saturday Feb 27 at 12:30 at St James Church. A Rosary will follow in front of the Falls Church abortion clinic 900 S Washington Street. All are welcome.

**Save the date! The 3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Virginia March for Life** is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, in Richmond. Stay tuned for details.

**Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare.** [tepeyacobgyn.com](http://tepeyacobgyn.com) 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

**Natural Family Planning.** A gift to your marriage. For more info visit: [ccli.org](http://ccli.org).

**Special thanks to those who have been making such beautiful blankets!!** Our **Wrapped In Love** program is up and stitching. Pray for the mothers and babies who will be wrapped in love by your efforts as you create baby blankets for distribution at Pregnancy Care Centers or for use by sidewalk counselors – wherever we find a need. God bless you for your efforts. Blankets may be delivered to the parish office or MaRiH collection box in the narthex.

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:** 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).



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## St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

### Junior High or HS Youth Group will NOT meet 2/14

However, HS Girls' WILL meet 7-8:30pm on Monday 2/15! Both Jr. High & HS Youth Group will resume Sunday 2/21.

### Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group MONDAY! 7-8:30pm Monday, February 15th (Parish Hall)

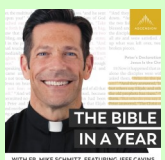
Join us as we cultivate and witness authentic community, friendships, and space to share our faith, learn and encourage one another in ways to practically apply the faith to our daily lives. New girls always welcome! Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming. **YES, we ARE meeting on the holiday**

### WorkCamp (June 19th-25th) Update!

Due to a variety of factors, St. Raymond's will be holding our own version of WorkCamp this summer. WorkCamp is open to current 9-12th graders.. See "**Home Repair**" note above. We will have daily Mass, work in crews on projects, have evening program etc. but sleep at home. More details coming soon!!

### Youth Apostolate Participation 2 REQUIRED Forms

Forms can be found online at <http://bit.ly/YAforms>



**Podcast: The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz** With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

**Each episode is only 20-25 minutes & includes:**

- Two to three scripture readings
- A reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- A guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word

To listen, search for "Bible in a Year" on your favorite podcast app or go to <http://bit.ly/biblepod> to listen online.

**Jeanne Sause**

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)  
[youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) Call/Text: 571-334-9890  
<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There **WILL BE NO CCD classes tonight, Monday and Tuesday, February 14-16 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.**

**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 4th.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Parents of 8th grade

**Confirmation candidates:** Please make note of a **change in venue for the Confirmation Retreat** - the Retreat will be held here at St. Raymond's on March 13th and not at St. John Paul the Great High School. More information will follow.

**Family of Jesus Prayer Group:** Though our weekly meetings are currently canceled - we are still praying! If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at [jpebtp@verizon.net](mailto:jpebtp@verizon.net) or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

**Catholic Book Club:** The next Parish Book Club meeting is on Friday, March 12th in the Maurer Room at 10:00 am. There is limited space but virtual attendance is possible... The book for discussion is: *Dangers to the Faith: Recognizing Catholicism's 21<sup>st</sup>-century Opponents* by Al Kresta (208 pgs.) Newcomers welcome. If you have any questions or to register, please contact Jim Mault at [bookclub@straymonds.org](mailto: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 any non-perishable food donations are welcome. For equitable distribution, smaller packaging is requested (i.e. 1 lb bags of rice vs. 5 lb. bags, 1 qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil). During this crisis the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous. The St. Martin de Porres committee thanks all of the parishioners for your food donations. Your generosity really makes a difference in helping the needy, especially during the pandemic.

**AHG Tiny Saints Fundraiser:** Have you ever seen an adorable saintly zipper pull hanging from someone's jacket or backpack, and wondered where they got it? Likely from the Tiny Saints website! This site features 100+ saints in cute charm form, as well as some sweet board books, plush animals, and even a rosary! **For the month of February**, if you select "**American Heritage Girls Troop VA0683 - Alexandria, VA**" from the drop-down menu (we are third on the list!), our troop will receive 25% of all purchases. Please check out this great site for uniquely Catholic gifts for birthdays, Easter, or just to make someone smile, and support our AHG troop at the same time! [tinysaints.com](http://tinysaints.com).

**Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women** in English and Spanish: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, March 20, 2021.** Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry 703-841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

## Church Persecuted

(Continued from last week)

Dr. Ryan Anderson, the new president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, spoke at St. Raymond's several years ago about making the case for protecting religious freedom. In a recent op-ed in the Wall Street Journal ("Religious Liberty Isn't Enough," 2/1/2021, pg. A17), he reminds us that, "The left would love to frame these issues as if they pitted reason and science against superstition. But on all of these issues [Mexico City policy, repeal of the Hyde Amendment, gender ideology, abortion, etc.], social conservatives are on the side of the biological facts....The scientific point of view confirms the biblical teaching that humans are created male and female. It requires no faith to know that a boy who 'identifies' as a girl isn't one and shouldn't be allowed into private female spaces."

It doesn't take a Christian to believe that "all people are made in God's image, it requires no faith to see that an unborn child is a child. Even atheists post ultrasound images of their kids. When they shoot off pink confetti for the gender reveal, they reveal that they know the biological sex isn't 'assigned at birth.'" Anderson argues that we should not frame these issues as "sectarian religious issues," but biological facts. He suggests that we leave the "legal arguments, rooted in the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the separation of powers" to the lawyers.

**FAITH DIRECT:** Although public Masses are limited and many parish events have been canceled, **our parish is still in need of your donations. We have operating costs (utility, maintenance, service contracts, supplies and staff payroll and benefits) that must continue.** Now more than ever we have requests for FAMILY ASSISTANCE to support those members of our parish who are in need of help. Please visit our website [www.straymonds.org](http://www.straymonds.org) to join online or call directly at 866-507-8757.

**Legion of Mary:** The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held Virtually on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome. For more information, please contact Tom Delaney at 703-690-1930 or by e-mail at [tdelaney51@verizon.net](mailto:tdelaney51@verizon.net).

# FORMED

Get In-Formed!

**The Search Episode 1 - What Do You Seek?** In Episode 1, we open hearts with a look at the question "what do you seek?" What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? For some, this question is on their minds every day. For others, life goes by in a flash without even asking the question.

**Be Led by the Spirit this Lent and**

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

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Questions? Need help? Email us at: [formed@straymonds.org](mailto:formed@straymonds.org)



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Pre K—8th

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We are thrilled to be offering in-person instruction, 5 days a week!

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Thank you for your prayers and support. With God, nothing will be impossible!

[www.AngelusAcademy.org](http://www.AngelusAcademy.org)

7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153  
703-924-3996

**The BLA** provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries, and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessing that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a BLA pledge. Every donation is vital to the success of the BLA. You may go online to [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org), or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!

**Men's Prayer Group:** On the first and third Saturdays of each month a group of men meet in the parish hall to pray and read the scriptures. They are neither theologians, philosophers, nor great scholars. Just some guys, coming together to pray, read, and share a simple breakfast. Everyone is welcome. Please join us at 7:30 am Saturday, Feb. 20th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

**Please remember that our parish's expenses continue during this crisis! Your donations may be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or given online through Faith Direct.**

## FAITH DIRECT JANUARY 2021

Sunday Offertory	\$ 54,810.50
Family Assistance	\$ 2,179.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,731.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,562.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 1,104.00

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 17,090.00
Family Assistance	\$ 5,091.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 4,576.00
Diocesan Newspaper	\$ 1,087.00

**The Collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Church in Eastern & Central Europe.**

**The Second Collection next week is for Black & Indian Missions here in the U.S.**