

Pastor's Corner

Church Burnings, Etc. From the desecration of statues of Jesus, Mary, and saints, to the arson at San Gabriel Mission in California and Nantes Cathedral in France, attacks on Catholic Churches are dramatically on the rise, especially in the US. Some of this upsurge seems to be connected to the uptick in Marxist inspired riots and anarchy across the nation. The attack on San Gabriel Mission, in particular, seems to be directly related to this, as it was founded by St. Junipero Serra, who has been under attack as a supposed “racist” by Marxist inspired groups. Recently far-left activist Shaun King urged us to tear down statues of “white Jesus and His European Mother.”

And the attacks aren't just against Catholic Churches. Last Sunday a Bible study at Grace Covenant Church in Chantilly was attacked by a knife wielding assailant, who injured a pastor and 3 others (one of those was Fairfax County Police Chief, Edwin Roessler, a member of the congregation).

Please pray for an end of these senseless attacks on the Church, and an end to all the Marxist inspired attacks on our freedom.

Speaking of Racists. After years of denial, Planned Parenthood, at least part of it, is finally admitting its foundation as a racist organization. According to the New York Post: “Planned Parenthood of Greater New York on Tuesday [July 21] said it'll ditch the name of Margaret Sanger — one of the founders of the national organization — from its Lower Manhattan clinic over her “harmful connections to the eugenics movement.

“...Planned Parenthood dates its beginnings to 1916, when public health nurse Sanger...opened America's first birth control clinic in Brooklyn. Long viewed as a feminist hero for her pioneering views on women's right to choose, Sanger also supported eugenics — a discredited movement to promote selective breeding that often targeted people of color and the disabled.

“The removal of Margaret Sanger's name from our building is both a necessary and overdue step to reckon with our legacy and acknowledge Planned Parenthood's contributions to historical reproductive harm within communities of color,” Karen Seltzer, the chair of Planned Parenthood of New York, said in a statement. ‘Margaret Sanger's concerns and advocacy for reproductive health have been clearly documented, but so too has her racist legacy.’”

“The Planned Parenthood founder's troubling embrace of eugenics — which was later practiced by the Nazis — has come into focus in recent years.”

Interesting. Many of the most vocal in attacking our nation's history claim that racism was built into the founding of our nation and constitution, and so it must be torn down and rebuilt from the bottom up. I wonder ...Since Planned Parenthood (the nation's largest supplier of abortions) was founded as a fundamentally racist organization (and continues to kill a widely disproportionate number of black babies every year), perhaps it will be torn down too? By the left. And then rebuilt as pro-(Black)-life. Probably not.

St. Mary Magdalene. This last Wednesday, July 22, we celebrated the feast of this great saint. According to ancient Catholic tradition Mary was like many women you know today: she was the sister of Lazarus and Martha who grew up innocently enough in the small town of Bethany, but somehow left home and fell into a life mired in debauchery and filled with all seven deadly sins. In God's mercy, however, she eventually heard Jesus

preaching and was transformed by His words, grace and love, and her faith in and love for Him (“she has loved much”) led her to become the great repentant servant of the Lord Jesus, who would go on to stand at the foot of the Cross, be the first to see the Risen Christ, and the first to proclaim the Resurrection, even to the Apostles themselves.

As you know, I have been close to this saint since I was baptized in 1960 at St. Mary Magdalene Church. I grew up in that parish and school, and received all the sacraments of my youth there. My devotion grew over the years, until July 22, 2002, on her feast day, she interceded for me, as I was miraculously cured from “Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome” (ARDS) that was supposed to kill me that same day.

I commend her to you as an outstanding example for our times, to confirm our hope in the power of Christ to “make all things new.” And I commend you to her powerful intercession for yourselves, for our children, and for our culture. And I especially commend her to you during this pandemic: ARDS is often what kills people with COVID-19, and she's proven herself powerful in curing it.

Humanae Vitae. Yesterday, July 25, was the 52nd anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI's issuance of *Humanae Vitae* [1968], reaffirming the Church's ancient and constant teaching against contraception. It is important we remember his teaching, especially:

“[10] ...In the task of transmitting life, therefore, they are not free to proceed completely at will, as if they could determine in a wholly autonomous way the honest path to follow; but they must conform their activity to the creative intention of God, expressed in the very nature of marriage and of its acts, and manifested by the constant teaching of the Church.

“[11] These acts, by which husband and wife are united in chaste intimacy, and by means of which human life is transmitted, are, as the Council [Vatican II] recalled, “noble and worthy,” and they do not cease to be lawful if, for causes independent of the will of husband and wife, they are foreseen to be infecund, since they always remain ordained towards expressing and consolidating their union. In fact, as experience bears witness, not every conjugal act is followed by a new life. God has wisely disposed natural laws and rhythms of fecundity which, of themselves, cause a separation in the succession of births. Nonetheless the Church, calling men back to the observance of the norms of the natural law, as interpreted by their constant doctrine, teaches that each and every marriage act (quilibet matrimonii usus) must remain open to the transmission of life.

Thanks. I want to thank all of you who answered my invitation to help me celebrate my 10th anniversary here by sending me your family photo (it's not too late to send yours if you forgot). Also, thanks to so many of you who sent me cards and gifts. It was all much appreciated.

Back from a Break. The week before last, Monday to Friday, I took a short vacation out in the Blue Ridge and Shenandoah Valley. Using a friend's getaway cabin as base, I played golf, ate some good country food, and explored the beautiful and historic countryside of western Virginia. It was very relaxing and recuperative, especially after the stress and shutdown of these last 6 months. And, as always, it was good to come home to St. Raymond's.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	
<p>Monday, July 27th 6:30 am Tracy Lawson + & David Fording + 8:30 am Martha Riedel +</p> <p>Tuesday, July 28th 8:30 am George Gellis +</p> <p>Wednesday, July 29th 6:30 am Marguerite W Hillegass+ 8:30 am Margaret Woodrough+</p> <p>Thursday, July 30th 8:30 am Bernie Crum +</p> <p>Friday, July 31st 6:30 am Eugene Mindyas + 8:30 am Bernie Crum +</p> <p><u>Masses to be said Privately</u> July 28 Wian Coetzer + July 29 David Quan July 30 Keith McCready Aug. 1 Odonia Guzman +</p>	<p>Saturday, Aug. 1st 9:00 am Frances Mullen +</p> <p><u>Vigil Mass</u> 5:00 pm The Weinzerl Family +</p> <p><u>Sunday, Aug. 2nd</u> 7:00 am John R. Hook + 9:00 am Parishioners 11:00 am Bernie Crum + 1:00 pm Jennifer Anezin</p>

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

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss Tom Dietz Nena Brennan Michael O'Neill Cindy Laird Christine B Petitti Patricia Lewis Barbara McGinn Mai Pham Joan Opiela Donald Zacherl Leonora Ramos Jason Saenz	Phyllis Zitnik Mary K Randazzo Patricia Del Buono Joann Alba Michael Malachowski Juanita Boarman Angela Colom John Florio Debra Henkel Daniel Moore Maria Daugherty	Howie DeWolf Lauren Hornsby Gaudencio Dizon Antoinette Baptist Courtney Wheeler David Snavelly Jeannie Leson Greg Hatcher Kim Dwinell
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**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)**

Wednesday: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am – 9:00 am; and 3:00 pm - 4:45 pm
(No Sunday Confessions at this time.)

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Fridays: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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 to verify your email address.

Volunteer teachers/catechists, assistant teachers and aides (high school students) **are needed for the 2020-2021 Religious Education year.** If you would like to help, please fill out a gray Volunteer Registration form which can be found in the Narthex of the church, at the Groveland entrance, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. You may also find it on our website at: straymonds.org/religious-education/volunteer-registration-form/. Please complete and return the form to the Religious Education Office.

Financial Assistance Available: During this difficult time, we know that there are parishioners who have been financially affected by this crisis. Please know that the parish has funds available to financially help our parishioners or someone they know who is in need. Please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or e-mail eva.radel@straymonds.org, if you are in need of financial assistance or have any questions.

Public Masses

Weekday Masses will be :
8:30 am Monday thru Friday
6:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 am Saturday

Sunday Masses will be:
Saturday Vigil at **5:00 pm**
Sunday at **7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 1:00 pm**
(There will not be a 5:00 pm Sunday Mass at this time)

*Face Masks will be expected at all Masses.
Sign ups are required for 9am and 11 am Sunday Masses.
Contact the parish office.*

Altar Rail Project Update: The ship was due into the Bahamas this past week; at least we know that the marble is getting closer. With the Bahamian Government imposing new Coronavirus lockdowns, it was unclear at press time whether or not there would be any virus-related delays. Next stop for our marble: The Port of Baltimore, soon!

Parish Library: **The Parish Library will remain closed until further notice.** While there is nothing quite like a good book in hand, and we regret that we can not make them available for circulation from our parish library at this time, please do check out online possibilities for good Catholic reading and viewing. Additionally, Ignatius Press (ignatius.com) and Bethlehem Books (bethlehembooks.com) are wonderful publishers to purchase great literature for adults and children alike.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE - Our parish is looking for a full time Parish Secretary. For more information, contact Mary Butler at 703-440-0535 or mary.butler@straymonds.org.

GOSPEL MT 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried
in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and
buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.”

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, 1 qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil). **During this crisis the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous. We can only accept non-perishable food items.**

The House of Mercy (HOM) has reopened! St. Raymond's is now accepting donations for HOM. **HOM will only be accepting a limited number of items currently: accepting only clothing and small household items that can fit in regular trash bags.** NO boxes, furniture, or large items will be accepted at this time. All donations must be placed in plastic trash bags before being deposited at St. Raymond's (outside the library door inside the church door nearest to the rectory). POC is Jim Mault (jmault1@cox.net).

Angelus Academy is currently accepting resumes for part-time teachers of art, music/choir, and Spanish and for a part-time preschool aide. Please contact Mrs. Vivian Zini, Director of School Mission, at employment@angelusacademy.org to apply. Positions may be combined to create a half- or full-time position.

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 e-mailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

Wednesday Adoration: Would you like to spend an hour in silent prayer and reflection with our Lord during weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament? We are in immediate need of permanent adorers for Wednesday Adoration. In particular 2 adorers are every needed every Wednesday for the 9-10 am hour; 1 adorer is needed for both the 10-11 am and 2-3 pm hours. If you are interested please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email to spoiledk9s@verizon.net. And we can always use substitute adorers!

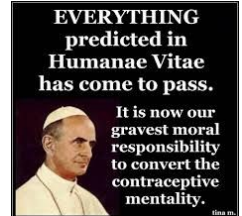
SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

*Saint Pope Paul VI's Predictions from
July 1968:*

The use of contraception will bring about:

- *An increase in marital infidelity
- *A general lowering in moral standards
- *A loss of respect for women
- *Coercive government intervention in citizens' reproductive lives



Read *Humanae Vitae* yourself!! papalencyclicals.net/paul06/p6humana.htm

Natural Family Planning. A gift to your marriage. For more info visit: ccli.org

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Thanks YOU! Again! Your continued generosity is truly life giving. **Our next support weekend is August 1-2.**

The issue of **vaccines** is in the news as scientists strive to find relief from the COVID19 virus. Many vaccines presently in use for various diseases have been derived from aborted fetal cell lines. Catholics should educate themselves on the pertinent concerns that fact presents. The National Catholic Bioethics Center can answer many questions. <https://www.ncbcenter.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions/use-vaccines/> Visit cogforlife.org for current information regarding ethical vaccines. Please consult the parish website for more detailed information.

For the past many years Saint Raymond's has sponsored courageous young adults (including 4 parishioners) who have dedicated their summer to walking across our great nation witnessing to the sanctity of human life – especially in the unborn. Sadly, **CROSSROADS** could not fulfill their mission this year because of COVID19 concerns. They are dedicating any funds raised this summer to a “**CROSSROADS** Scholarship Fund”. Donations can be mailed to: (put “**Scholarship Fund**” in the check memo line).

**Crossroads Pro-Life
PO Box 2219
Columbia, MD 21045**

HOPE AFTER ABORTION **POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR WOMEN:** An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday October 17, 2020.** Come. Begin your healing journey. 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 at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@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

Class of 2020: College Nights

Attention Class of 2020: The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes:

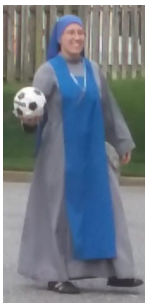
St. Mary - Fredericksburg: July 29

College Nights are free to all students and provide resources and support for keeping your Catholic faith when entering college this fall. Catholic student representatives from George Mason, UVA, the University of Mary Washington, William & Mary, Virginia Tech, and other private and public schools will be on hand to share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college only a few months away. The Nights begin at 7:00 PM, and students are encouraged to wear their college t-shirt to the event! To register for one of the College Nights and for additional information, visit our website at www.asjb.org. Registration is limited to 50 students per night. ** Our College Nights will be held according to all Virginia Covid-19 Guidelines for social distancing and group size.

Heading Off To College?

The Arlington Diocese Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministry encourages you to go to <https://bit.ly/CampusMinistryStudentInfo> to enter your information. They will then send this information to the campus ministry at the college where you plan to attend. (This includes community college so that we can add them to our database of current community college students!) This is critically important this year because campus ministries typically rely on summer orientation to gather student information.

Vocations Spotlight



An active member of St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate, Sr. Mary of the Transfiguration, has since graduated from Ave Maria University and is about to begin her 3rd year as a religious sister in the order of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara. Prior to entering the convent, Sr. Transfiguration said, "The more I went to adoration and the more I gave of myself to bring joy by performing music... the thoughts in my brain clicked better in realizing what I am currently called to do with my life."

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890
<https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/youth-apostolate/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IT IS TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE 2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD)

You can register online at: <https://straymonds.org/religious-education/registration-3/> or pick up a bright orange registration form and return it to the Religious Education Office.

Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want. We are reducing the number of students allowed in each class in order to incorporate social distancing in the classroom.

We have classes for high school students on Sunday (6:30-8 p.m.). The goal of the high school program is to help our young people mature in their faith and to equip them to meet challenges which they face in the culture in which we live. Our high school team of teachers is top notch and there is no fee to participate in the program.

Attention 2020-2021 home school parents: if you have a child in a sacramental preparation year (grades 2, 7-8) it is necessary to register the child with the Religious Education Office in order to receive information regarding the sacrament they are preparing to receive.

2020-2021 Religious Education volunteers needed: If you love Christ and His Church and want to pass the truths of our awesome Catholic faith to the young people of St. Raymond's, please pick up and complete a gray volunteer registration form. We are in need of the following:

SUNDAY (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Grade 8 Teacher
 Grade 9 Teacher (Advanced degree in Philosophy or Theology required)

MONDAY (4:45-6:15 p.m.)

Grade 1 Assistant Teacher
 Grade 2 Teacher
 Assistant Teacher
 Grade 6 Assistant Teacher

TUESDAY (6-7:30 p.m.)

Grade 1 Teacher
 Grade 2 Teacher
 Assistant Teacher
 Grade 5 Assistant Teacher
 Grade 7 Assistant Teacher
 RCIC Teacher



St. John Bosco Council #12846

Knights of Columbus: Are you a man of 17 ½ years of more? Are you a practicing Catholic? Do you want to help others and preach the Gospel by your life? Then we invite you to join the Knights! Contact Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Delaney (703-627-8090) or go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs to become a Knight today!

Home School Group: for more information visit our website www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/ Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at straymondhsg@gmail.com.

Church Persecuted

We don't have the space in this column to keep up with the attacks against the Catholic Church. At <https://straymonds.org/religious-liberty-blog/> you will find (1) the recent writings of Father De Celles on the topic, (2) a chronology of attacks on Catholic Church facilities and statues over the past two months, and (3) copies of previous columns.

This week we focus on attack last week on St. John's Church in New Haven, CT. The church doors were vandalized with anarchist and satanic symbols. The significance of the church is that it is part of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven which is where Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882.

To follow up on an incident previously reported here where a church was damaged with a vehicle attack in Ocala, FL. "The sheriff's detective said that the suspect has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and is not taking his medication," reported a local newspaper.

"The suspect told the detective that what he did was 'awesome,' and he smiled and laughed while he was questioned at the sheriff's office," the newspaper added. "Referring to himself as the 'king' and saying he was on a 'mission,' the suspect told the detective he has problems with the Catholic Church and made reference to several Bible passages, including the Book of Revelation."

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/catholic-church-in-connecticut-vandalized-with-anarchist-and-satanic-symbols>

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Get In-Formed! Mary of Nazareth

Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with His Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at His Resurrection.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. Parental Guidance is recommended before watching with children.

Watch now at www.straymonds.formed.org

Questions? Need help? Email us at: formed@straymonds.org



Angelus Academy

Pre K—8th

Offering a liberal arts education in the classical tradition.

2020-21 Admissions are ongoing: Tuition assistance is available for all parishioners. Share the treasures of a solid Catholic education with your child(ren)/grandchild(ren).

Looking for a gentle introduction to school for your 3-5 year old? Our Little Messengers program (MWF mornings) includes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium) sessions.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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

Please note the parish schedule on the front of the bulletin is our normal Mass and Confession Schedule. Please reference the second page of the Bulletin for our current "temporary" schedule or visit the parish website.

Please remember that our parish's expenses will continue during this crisis, We need your continued support! Your donations may be mailed to, or dropped off at, the parish office or sign up to give online through Faith Direct.

FAITH DIRECT: Although public Masses are limited, Religious Education, Bible Study, Apostolate events and other 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 our help. Please visit our website www.straymonds.org to join online or call directly at (866) 507-8757.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year? Were you married in 1970 or 1995? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2020 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 4th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, Va. Contact the parish office to register no later than September 18th. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$13,677.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,952.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,350.00