PALM SUNDAY

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!"

Mark 11:9

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Christ's Entrance Into Jerusalem
- Bernhard Plockhorst

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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www.straymonds.org

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

HOLY WEEK. Today we enter the holiest week of the year, commemorating the holiest week of all time, when the God of heaven and earth, creator of all the universe, God the Son, eternally begotten of God the Father, condescended to suffer and die in our flesh for the sins of all mankind. The week Jesus offered Himself as a living sacrifice out of love for His Father and for us.

A week that changed the world forever, echoing throughout history until the end of time. And so today we remember it not just as something that happened 2000 years ago, but as something that is alive today. And we use the gifts of intellect, reason, sensation, emotion and faith to take us back, to be and walk with Jesus, and with Mary, John, Peter, Magdalene, Pilate and Caiaphas…and Judas. To see what they saw, hear what they heard, and feel what they felt.

This year, sadly, we will not be able to use the full resources the Church normally provides us in this regard during Holy Week. Most especially, with the limitations the government and Church have understandably placed on us, we will not be able to gather together for the beautiful and moving liturgies of the Triduum.

But we can still join in those liturgies remotely through television and the internet (see below). And we can still take advantage of the other resources at our disposal: families can sing hymns or watch religious movies together (watch Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*; you can read and listen to Scripture; pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, and the Stations of the Cross. And we can pray anywhere, but especially you can visit to pray in the church privately.

Again, I strongly encourage you to see the limitations on our freedom and regular activities as a penance Jesus has given us—completely in the spirit of Lent, and of the Cross. Remember, Jesus Himself prays on the Cross, "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me." But remember, as He well understood, those are the first words of Psalm 22, which later says, "You who fear the Lord, praise Him! ….For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted… but has heard, when He cried to Him." Jesus knew He was never abandoned.

Let all your fears, anxiety and pain, become a sharing in the suffering of Jesus on the Cross, as He has entered into our suffering by His suffering on the Cross.

STAY AT HOME ORDER. As you probably know, the Governor of Virginia has issued an Executive Order (55), that requires us all to "temporary stay at home."

My dear sons and daughters, in my opinion, this is a just mandate from the legitimate authority for a legitimate and just reason, so that even if we have a different opinion we are **morally bound to obey it.** Doing otherwise, in a substantial way and without a grave reason, would be **a SIN** and directly opposed to the whole meaning of Holy Week and the Cross. So, in humility, pick up this cross, accept it as part of God's will, and follow Jesus.

However, the order is not overly draconian. The exact wording that applies to parishes is:

"All individuals in Virginia shall remain at their place of residence, except as provided below by this Order and Executive Order 53. To the extent individuals use shared or outdoor spaces, whether on land or on water, they must at all times maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person, with the exception of family or household members or caretakers. ***Individuals may leave their residences*** *for the purpose of:…..* ***f. Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work…***

"All public and private ***in-person gatherings of more than ten individuals are prohibited****. This* ***includes*** *parties, celebrations,* ***religious****, or other social events, whether they occur* ***indoor or outdoor****."*

So **you can still come to church** whenever you want, as long as we all keep the 10 person rule. We have taken every precaution to help you feel safe in the church.

You can also come and walk around the grounds, if you like. Remember the outdoor Stations of the Cross that run around the back of "Lake Raymond" (the storm water pond). But please: cars be careful of pedestrians in the parking lot, and vice versa. Also, please do not walk behind the rectory: it is the priests' private home; be especially careful of walking on the driveway: when we back out of the garage our visibility is limited.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM. As I mentioned last week, because of the Coronavirus, Bishop Burbidge, in obedience to a special directive from the Vatican, has announced that pastors may either cancel or **only privately celebrate** the liturgies and devotions of the Triduum.

I have decided to privately celebrate, and LIVESTREAM the following Liturgies as originally scheduled: The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm on Holy Thursday; The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (veneration of the Cross) at 3pm on Good Friday; and the Easter Vigil (without the Lucenarium/Easter Fire and procession) at 8:30pm.

The only **Easter Sunday Mass** will be offered in private, and livestreamed, at 11am.

Because there are only 2 priests in the parish, the bishop has given me permission to have the assistance of up to 8 lay liturgical ministers, i.e., adult lectors and college aged altar servers.

Note, on Holy Thursday: keeping the 10-person limit, all are invited to keep "Night Watch" with the Lord from after the Mass to Midnight in the church. Contrary to the usual practice, the Blessed Sacrament will not be removed from the church's tabernacle until Midnight. Because of the 10-person rule we are asking people to sign up for times on the parish website.

LIVESTREAMED DAILY MASS. If you haven't heard, I will be livestreaming my private Mass today, Sunday, at 11am, and Monday through Wednesday, April 8, at 8:30am. You can also watch the video after the livestreaming.

DAILY EXPOSITION AND ADORATION. We will continue to with Daily Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the church, from 9am to 9pm, through this Wednesday. Please sign up for a time on our website (https://straymonds.org/adoration/). All are welcome, even without signing up, but the 10 person limit still applies—please self-enforce.

CONFESSIONS. Don't forget **we have Confessions all week** (except Holy Thursday). Confessions are being heard in the Flower Room and, if necessary, in the "Family ("Cry") Room," where we can practice social distancing. See the schedule below for times.

IN NEED OF HELP? If you are someone you know is in need of assistance during this time, do not hesitate to contact the office or me directly. If we can help, spiritually, financially, whatever, we will. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, and I am your father in Christ, so do not hesitate. And know you are all in my prayers.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

These Masses will be said Privately by our Priests this week.

Monday, April 6th
Martha Riedel +
Elizabeth Niedzwiecki

Tuesday, April 7th
Shelly Benham +
Sr. Elizabeth Ann

Wednesday, April 8th
Grace Radel +
Averie Hand
Linda Anezin

Thursday, April 9th
Holy Thursday
Anna & Jean Anezin +

Friday, April 10th
GOOD FRIDAY—No Mass

Saturday, April 11th
Holy Saturday—
No Morning Mass

Easter Vigil Mass

For those brought into the Church at the Vigil

Sunday, April 12th
Easter Sunday

All Masses are for the Celebrant's Intention

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

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

Palm Sunday Mass at 11:00 am
Monday to Wednesday Daily Mass at 8:30 am
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion (*not Mass)* at 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm
EASTER SUNDAY MASS at 11:00 am

Confessions during Holy Week!

Monday & Tuesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm,
Wednesday: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Holy Thursday - No Confessions
Good Friday: 11:00 am—12:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm until the line runs out
Holy Saturday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Easter Sunday No Confessions on Easter Sunday
(Confessions will be in the Flower Room, and, if necessary, in Family "Cry" Room)

2020 Lenten Series: "The Passion of the Lord: From the High Priest to the Crucifixion" IS CANCELED.
You may listen to the audio for 3 of the talks on the parish website.

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 **Stephen Aldridge**

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss	Joan Opiela	Juanita Boarman
Tom Dietz	Donald Zacherl	Angela Colom
Nena Brennan	Leonora Ramos	Denny Kruse
Michael O'Neill	Jason Saenz	Gerri Korpusik
Cindy Laird	Phyllis Zitnik	John Florio
Christine B Petitti	Mary K Randazzo	Serrin Foster
Ofelia Vitek	Patricia Del Buono	Patricia Richer
Patricia Lewis	Jeanne Sause	Mary Smith
Barbara McGinn	Joann Alba	Catherine Champine
Mai Pham	Michael Malachowski	

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Through April 8 Adoration 9:00 am —9:00 pm

St. Raymond's All Day Adoration until Wednesday, April 8.

Adoration time: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Church

We are in need of Adorers to come and pray before our Lord for the end of the coronavirus. At least 2 adorers are needed per hour. No sign-in sheet will be available. We can only have up to 10 Adorers at a time. Please sign up spend time with our Lord so that we know that the Lord will not be left alone. To sign up, please visit our parish website at https://straymonds.org/adoration or go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054AAFAF2AA6F94-election.

The Church will remain open weekdays from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm and weekends from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm for individual prayer & meditation.

Rules of 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.

APRIL 5TH GOSPEL MT 27:11-54

Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate, who questioned
him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And
when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no
answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things
they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one
word, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now on the
occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the
crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a
notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled,
Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you,
Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of
envy that they had handed him over.
While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a
message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man.
I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests
and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to
destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two
do you want me to release to you?" They answered, ABarabbas!"
Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"
They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil
has he done?" They only shouted the louder,
"Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding
at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead,
he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd,
saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."
And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon
our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had
Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.
Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium
and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his
clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a
crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his
right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail,
King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept
striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they
stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led
him off to crucify him. As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian
named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.
And when they came to a place called Golgotha — which means
Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall.
But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had
crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they
sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his
head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the
Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right
and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their
heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it
in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come
down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and
elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save
himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the
cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him
deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"
The revolutionaries who were crucified with him
also kept abusing him in the same way. From noon onward,
darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And
about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why
have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
"This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a
sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed,
gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, 'Wait, let us see if Elijah
comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and
gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in
two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs
were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep
were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his
resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many.
The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over
Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was
happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

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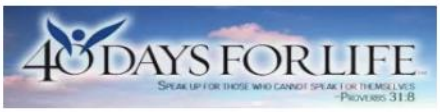

April 4th and 5th were to have been St Raymond's days to witness at the Falls Church abortion clinic from 7am – 8pm. While we are not encouraged to witness onsite, we CAN 'Pray in Place'! Please consider offering an extra Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on both of these days for an end to the scourge of abortion and in particular for the conversion of the abortionists and staff at this particular clinic.
*Also… **40 Days for Life** has always been a threefold effort of prayer, fasting and community outreach.* ***Please continue to pray and fast for an end to the scourge of abortion – in all seasons.*** *Thank you for your continued support.*
For daily emails, please subscribe to 40daysforlife.com
For daily podcasts, please subscribe to 40daysforlife.com/podcast

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Support. *There is an increased need for baby items at our local Pregnancy Care Centers.* If you have baby items (up to 2T) to donate to the MaRiH Center, instead of bringing them to 'Donut Sunday', please bring them to the narthex where there is a collection box. Items will be delivered to the MaRiH Center for you! ***Thank you.***

Do you have extra time on your hands? Our Wrapped In Love program is still up and stitching! What? You don't know how to crochet or knit? Online lessons abound! Or try 'no-sew- blankets. Pray for the mothers and babies who will be wrapped in love by your efforts as you create baby blankets for distribution at Crisis Pregnancy 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 to the MaRiH collection box in the narthex.

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

As of March 12th **with the exception of WorkCamp and Steubenville, ALL Youth Apostolate Events are canceled effective immediately, until further notice.** We will let you know when we can meet again.

Canceled Events include:

- CCD
- Sunday Night Dinner & Youth Group
- WorkCamp Raffle March 28-29th (WILL be rescheduled)

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!

New Deadline: April 19th

Registration info. can be found on the youth bulletin boards and/or online, along with information about speakers, schedule, cost, etc. **http://bit.ly/Steubenville2020**

***Please Note*: If the Conference ends up being canceled due to COVID-19, you will receive a FULL refund.**

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

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 19-13. Both camps are at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. Contact:* vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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

Parents: please continue to work with your children to complete the CCD assignments sent to you up to this point - be sure to return all completed assignments to their teachers. **You should not receive any new assignments this week (5-10 April) or the week after (12-17 April) because this is our scheduled Easter break.**

Because everything with regard to the coronavirus is changing from day to day, **it is important you read all emails from the Religious Education Office (from Vince Drouillard or Mary Salmon) or from the Parish Office,** so you do not miss important information - especially information about conferral of sacraments.

May God bless all of you during this very difficult time!

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.

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.

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!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Tickets Refunds are available by contacting Scott Staron (**scottstaron@msn.com**). Please provide your ticket number(s).

5-Car Raffle: The drawing is April 25th. If at all possible, please purchase or sell your tickets and return them to All Saints as soon as possible. The deadline for returning tickets to All Saints is April 21. You may drop them off at St. Raymond's through April 11. Early returns will assist in even volumes for processing. As nice as it is to have a "burst" towards the deadline, it is even better for our volunteers who are counting and processing tickets to have most of the returns before the last couple of weeks. If you need more tickets call Larry Saenz 703-832-1042 or email at lsaenz1@verizon.net.

Church Persecuted

Catholic missionaries were extraordinary persons who took seriously Christ's command, "Go make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). In the early 16th century, St. Francis Xavier became one of the first Jesuits and was sent on a missionary expedition to the East Indies and then in 1549 on to Japan…being the first Catholic missionary in that country. Upon arriving in Kagoshima, he was able to convert about a hundred to the faith until the authorities became "suspicious and forbade further teaching." Francis moved to Hirado which is located north of Nagasaki where he was welcomed by the local ruler. Over the next several years Francis and his companions were able to move freely in several areas and baptized about two thousand new Christians.

These Catholics and the missionaries who were left behind were fervent in their faith and by 1587 there were 200,000 Christians in Japan. In that year, the persecutions began with 140 churches destroyed and missionaries were condemned to exile and went underground. In spite of these obstacles, baptism continued and 100,000 more Japanese took on the faith. In 1597, 26 Christians (6 were Franciscan missionaries) were crucified at Nagasaki. "The love for Christ had grown strong…and it became easier for the faithful to give the Savior that greatest proof of love by laying down their lives in a cruel death for his sake." Over the next 35 years, persecutions of Christians continued to the point where there were no priests, no sacraments (no Eucharist), and no organized Church in Japan. But that is not the end of the story. We will continue next week.
(www.newadvent.org/cathen/09744a.htm) (Butler's Lives of the Saints, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier)

THE LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING THE CLOISTERED NUNS OF ST. DOMINIC'S MONASTERY SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020 - HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SEPT. 27, 2020 For more information, please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com.

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Divine Mercy Chaplet - Franciscan Friars of the Renewal
"Have mercy on us and on the whole world." Join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and asking God to shower His mercy upon us. We encourage all people to pray that God's mercy helps to console the suffering, give peace to the anxious, wisdom to our pastors, and renew all people in their trust in the Lord: Jesus, I trust in you!

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Angelus Academy

Pre K—8th
Offering a liberal arts education in the classical tradition.

We continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

We are so grateful for **CL@H**! **C**ontinued **L**earning@**H**ome is how our students, teachers and parents stay in touch while our school building is closed. And, most importantly, we stay united in prayer.

A heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to the Saint John Bosco Campaign to support Angelus Academy. We reached our goal through the generous donations of many benefactors!

Rolling admissions for 2020-2021 remain open. Please contact admissions@AngelusAcademy.org for more information. Our Admissions Team welcomes your questions and looks forward to sharing information with you about our mission, curriculum and school traditions.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	**$ 4,855.00**
Family Assistance	**$ 832.00**
Maintenance Fund	**$ 540.00**

The Second Collection on Easter is for our Long Term Maintenance Needs. As our building ages, the costs of maintaining it will continue to rise. In the not to distance future, we will have the replacement of HVAC equipment, roof maintenance & other major expenses. We need to save for these items now. Please be generous.

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

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