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"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
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Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
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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.



He saw
and
believed.

John 20:8

Pastor's Corner

Blessed and Happy Easter! Well, this is an Easter different than any I can remember. But it IS EASTER! The day Jesus Christ truly rose from the dead, the day of our salvation.

Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere! Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Even in the midst of the fear and stress of the coronavirus quarantine (whatever we call it), let this be a day of joyful celebration in your homes and lives. Remember, Jesus can conquer even death, He can conquer all of our problems—If Jesus is for us, “who can be against us.”

This has been an extra hard Lent on all of us. I know it has been for me. But I want to thank our parish staff for making it so much easier than it might have been. Thanks especially to Tom Browne, Luis Tapia and Dania Ochoa, for handling so adroitly all the cleaning and hygiene problems they were presented with. Thanks to Fr. Willard for all the confessions he heard, or waited to hear.

Thanks also to all of you who keep striving to stay close to Jesus and the parish by signing up for adoration and joining me for Mass every day online. I don't know what I'll be doing about livestreaming Masses in the coming weeks, but I think it has been a useful tool these last few weeks.

Let us keep each other in prayer, and hold tight to the hope of the Risen Christ.

Some Great News, For A Change. You will recall that several months ago I wrote about what seemed to me the unjust conviction on child abuse charges of Cardinal George Pell in Australia. Well on Monday, the Highest Court of Australia unanimously overturned the conviction and ordered him acquitted of all charges. Best news I've heard in a long time. Everyone knows I'm 100% in favor of rooting out the bad priests and bishops, but at the same time we have to protect the rights of priests, especially innocent priests. As the National Catholic Reporter wrote, in part:

“After an ordeal that began nearly four years ago, and more than 13 months of imprisonment, Cardinal George Pell is expected to be released from prison imminently, after his conviction for five alleged counts of sexual abuse was overturned Tuesday by Australia’s High Court. [note: he was released on Tuesday]...”

“The High Court found that the jury, acting rationally on the whole of the evidence, ought to have entertained a doubt as to the applicant's guilt with respect to each of the offences for which he was convicted, and ordered that the convictions be quashed and that verdicts of acquittal be entered in their place,” the court said in a judgment summary April 7...

“At issue in the appeal was whether the jury that convicted Cardinal Pell in December 2018 of sexually abusing two choristers could have plausibly found Pell guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, having heard the case presented by the prosecutors and the defense mounted by Cardinal Pell’s lawyers....”

“The Court’s April 7 release added that ‘The unchallenged evidence of the opportunity witnesses was inconsistent with the complainant's account, and described: (i) the applicant's practice of greeting congregants on or near the Cathedral steps after Sunday solemn Mass; (ii) the established and historical Catholic church practice that required that the

applicant, as an archbishop, always be accompanied when robed in the Cathedral; and (iii) the continuous traffic in and out of the priests' sacristy for ten to 15 minutes after the conclusion of the procession that ended Sunday solemn Mass.’”

Pope Francis, Text of Video Message for Holy Week 2020.

Dear friends, good evening!

This evening I have the chance to enter your homes in a different way than usual. If you allow me, I would like to have a conversation with you for a few moments, in this time of difficulty and of suffering. I can imagine you and your families, living an unusual life to avoid contagion. I am thinking of the liveliness of children and young people, who cannot go out, attend school, live their lives. I have in my heart all the families, especially those who have a loved one who is sick or who have unfortunately experienced mourning due to the coronavirus or other causes. These days I often think about people who are alone, and for whom it is more difficult to face these moments. Above all I think of the elderly, who are very dear to me.

I cannot forget those who are sick with coronavirus, people who are in [the] hospital. I am aware of the generosity of those who put themselves at risk for the treatment of this pandemic or to guarantee the essential services to society. So many heroes, every day, at every hour! I also remember how many are in financial straits and are worried about work and the future. A thought also goes out to prison inmates, whose pain is compounded by fear of the epidemic, for themselves and their loved ones; I think of the homeless, who do not have a home to protect them.

It is a difficult time for everyone. For many, very difficult. The Pope knows this and, with these words, he wants to tell everyone of his closeness and affection. Let us try, if we can, to make the best use of this time: let us be generous; let us help those in need in our neighbourhood; let us look out for the loneliest people, perhaps by telephone or social networks; let us pray to the Lord for those who are in difficulty in Italy and in the world. Even if we are isolated, thought and spirit can go far with the creativity of love. This is what we need today: the creativity of love. This is what is needed today: the creativity of love.

We will celebrate Holy Week in a truly unusual way, which manifests and sums up the message of the Gospel, that of God's boundless love. And in the silence of our cities, the Easter Gospel will resound. The Apostle Paul says: “And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died for them and was raised again” (2 Cor 5:15). In the risen Jesus, life conquered death. This Paschal faith nourishes our hope. I would like to share it with you this evening. It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic. It is a hope: hope does not disappoint; it is not an illusion, it is a hope.

Beside each other, in love and patience, we can prepare a better time in these days. Thank you for allowing me into your homes. Make a gesture of tenderness towards those who suffer, towards children, and towards the elderly. Tell them that the Pope is close and pray, that the Lord will soon deliver us all from evil. And you, pray for me. Have a good dinner. See you soon!

Oremus pro invicem, Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

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

<p><u>Monday, April 13th</u> Rose King +</p> <p><u>Tuesday, April 14th</u> Tammy Fantz + Sam & Charlotte Roberts</p> <p><u>Wednesday, April 15th</u> Poor Souls in Purgatory + Justin Elmore Roland Donohue +</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 16th</u> Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Linda Pasternak +</p> <p><u>Friday, April 17th</u> Fr. Peter Okola Jack Mertinkovic +</p>	<p><u>Saturday, April 18th</u> Jose Cruz Mora Jimenez +</p> <p><u>Vigil Mass</u> Keo, Uant, Longma, & Vannala +</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 19th</u> Elizabeth Smith + Parishioners Helen Ambrow + Richard Pietraszko + Thong Sing Sengthongkham +</p>
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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 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 Mary K Randazzo Patricia Del Buono Jeanne Sause Joann Alba Michael Malachowski Juanita Boarman	Angela Colom Denny Kruse Gerri Korpusik John Florio Serrin Foster Patricia Richer Mary Smith Catherine Champine Helen Moore Beatrice Ormsby Paul Rizzo
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**St. Raymond's Adoration
Wednesdays, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Fridays, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

We are in need of Adorers to come and pray before our Lord every week. At least 2 adorers are needed per hour. Please contact Diane Spinelli at dispinelli5@gmail.com or Eva Radel at eva.radel@straymonds.org. Drop-ins are welcome, but please remember that we can only have up to 10 Adorers at a time.

Prayer to Jesus for Healing and Guidance

Jesus, Son of God,
you were sent by the Father
to bear our weakness;
be with us in this time of crisis.

Merciful Savior,
heal and comfort the sick,
so that, with health restored,
they may give you praise.

Divine Physician,
accompany our caregivers
so that, serving with patience,
they may heal wisely.

Eternal Wisdom,
guide our leaders
so that, seeking remedies,
they may follow your light.

Christ, the Anointed,
protect us in body and spirit,
so that, freed from harm,
we may be delivered from all affliction.

Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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

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

Monday April 13, 10:00 am
Tuesday through Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am
Saturday at 11:00 am
SUNDAY MASS at 11:00 am

Confessions

Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
No Confessions on Sunday, April 19th

The Church will remain open (except for during livestreaming of the Mass), weekdays from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm and weekends from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm for individual prayer & meditation. Please limit number of individuals in the church to no more than 10.

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.

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). **During this crisis the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous.**

EASTER SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems;
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
“The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL [JN 20:1-9](#)

On the first day of the week,
Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning,
while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
So she ran and went to Simon Peter
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,
“They have taken the Lord from the tomb,
and we don’t know where they put him.”
So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first;
he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.
When Simon Peter arrived after him,
he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
and the cloth that had covered his head,
not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.
For they did not yet understand the Scripture
that he had to rise from the dead.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

**We wish all of you a Holy, Happy, Healthy & Safe
Easter.**

Project Gabriel Mom needs your help! Needs clothes, diapers, infant car seat for son due to be born soon! To donate or for more information / questions, please contact Beth Berger at kmb43@verizon.net.

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.

SAINT RAYMOND’S RESPECTS LIFE

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

Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of **life** from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!” **Pope Saint John Paul II**

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Support. Wow!

Thank you! You may not have seen or spoken to each other as you made your visit to church, but Our Lord saw each of you. What an amazing outpouring of charity to our brothers and sisters in need – especially at this challenging time for everyone.



God bless you all.

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 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

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

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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

High School Virtual Youth Group meets via Zoom on Monday nights at 8pm! RSVP to youth@straymonds.org for the link.

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 19-23. 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.

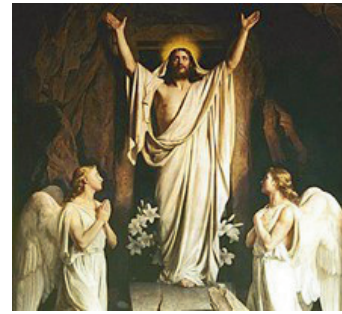
Jeanne Sause

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



HE IS RISEN.

**HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
FOLLOW HIM. DEPEND ON HIM. TRUST HIM.**

Heartfelt wishes for a blessed Easter during this very difficult time!



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!

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.** 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.

ECHO continues to respond to families struggling to cope with financial challenges and/or lack of food. Currently, the food pantry can use **any type of food or personal care items**. Because of shortages, we are asking for donations of **eggs and margarine**. We also especially need sliced bread, canned meats, boxed pasta, dried beans, canned tomatoes, flour, shaving cream, deodorant and toilet paper. We need cleaning supplies, wipes, and sanitizers. We have an urgent need for standard sized **brown paper grocery bags**. We are open to receive donations on weekdays from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA. Donors do not even have to get out of their cars, or bring bags or boxes to the door. Volunteers will come to your vehicle to get the donated foods.

Is the Lord Calling You? "The Lord is risen, it is true!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. Are you being called to proclaim the the Lord's resurrection? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Church Persecuted

Last week we found St. Francis Xavier bringing the faith to Japan and over the years setting up an organized Church with both priest missionaries and laity. The Church grew to several hundred thousand until the persecutions of the early 1600's documented martyrs among not only the laity, but also among the Jesuit, Franciscan, Dominican, and Augustinian priests (both missionaries and Japanese). By 1632 there was in fact no organized Church in Japan.

Fast forward to 1853. Commodore Matthew Perry (the brother of Oliver Hazard Perry who became famous for the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812) led an expedition into Japan to open the Japanese ports to U.S. trade. When he landed in Japan, he found that the Christian faith, after nearly 200 years of intolerance and persecution, was still alive. While there were no priests to administer the sacraments, returning missionaries found nearly 20,000 Christians living in Kiushu. They welcomed the missionaries asking for the sacraments. It was the early martyrs of Japan that left a legacy which was revered until this time.

As we are homebound for weeks without the Eucharist, think of those Japanese who had been without Jesus for nearly 200 years, but had nurtured remnants of the faith generation after generation during that time awaiting His return.

www.newadvent.org/cathen/09744a.htm

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

We are so grateful for **CL@H!** Continued Learning@Home 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.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 11,975.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,693.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,081.00

The Second Collection today 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.

FAITH DIRECT: Although public Masses, Religious Education, Bible Study, Apostolate events and events involving ten or more people at a time 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. Faith Direct is a safe and secure way to make your offertory. Please visit our website www.straymonds.org to join online or call directly at (866) 507-8757. You may also sign up through the mail using a downloadable form provided on our website or email mary.butler@straymonds.org. Please use our church code "VA64". If you have any questions or concerns, please call our church office at 703-440-0535.



Easter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although the celebration of Easter this year will be like no other due to the pandemic, the truths of this sacred day remain constant and unchanged. By His Cross and Resurrection, Jesus conquered the power of sin, darkness, suffering and death. We celebrate His victory on Easter as we proclaim together that Jesus has been raised from the dead and He is alive and with us!

In the midst of these unsettling times for all of us, I encourage you to share the Good News of Easter with others, as well as your love for God and your trust in Him. Show them that you find true happiness in following His ways and commands. Continue to share your time and resources with others, especially the weak, the vulnerable and those in most need. In all these ways, you help to reflect the presence of Christ to them.

With faith and in joyful hope, entrust your families, our nation and our world to Our Lord Jesus and His saving power. May He bless you and your families and fill you with His peace at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



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