

"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

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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

Communion Liturgies. Last weekend's Communion Services went very well, and I was very happy to see so many folks take advantage of them—a total of about 650 received Holy Communion. It was wonderful to see the devotion of the people, some moved to tears, after being unable to receive for 7 weeks. Thanks to all who came—for your reverence, as well as cooperation in making things go so smoothly. Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus and Ushers for acting as Porters at all the services.

This weekend we will repeat these liturgies/services, adding a few more time slots.

I've also been very glad to see our viewership of the livestreaming Masses remain steadily high. Last Sunday, we had over 650 households watching, which may translate into about 2,300 people—just about the total attendance we normally get on Sundays.

When is Public Mass Returning? Nothing is certain, but it is my sincere hope that next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we will be able to begin to implement the governor's "Phase I" rules, and have public Mass again, albeit with restriction on numbers. **So be on the lookout for emails this week** informing you of the restrictions, rules and how to sign up for a seat at Mass. Let's continue to pray for the end of this crisis, and a return to public Mass.

Ascension. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, commemorating the true historical event when Jesus of Nazareth, after dying on the cross and rising from the dead, ascended by His own power in His glorified human body into heaven, where He is now present, bodily, in eternity. The importance of the mystery of the Ascension is often overlooked or forgotten by Christians, but it must not be, since it is critical to our understanding of Christ and ourselves. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* summarizes:

665 Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence He will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides Him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

666 Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of His Body, may live in the hope of one day being with Him for ever.

667 Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Christ's Ascension into heaven also reminds us that the human body is not a useless thing to be thrown away, some machine our souls move around in until we go to heaven. The body is part of who we are, the part that reveals and communicates ourselves to others, and vice versa: we speak, hear and act in the body. In this we discover that the body is essentially about love: we communicate with others in order to enter and strengthen our love with and for each other. But at the same time, we discover that communicating hatred or disrespect through our bodies, or simply using our bodies or other person's bodies as mere objects for amusement, runs dramatically contrary to love and to the dignity of the human

person.

Moreover, the bodily Ascension reveals to us that even in heaven Our Lord remains both man and God, united with us and His Father, and so uniting us to His Father. And He reminds us that the things we do through, with and in our bodies have *eternal* effects—either leading us to heaven with Him, or to hell without Him.

Novena to the Holy Spirit. Immediately after the first Ascension Thursday, the apostles and the other disciples, with the Blessed Mother, began to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised. For nine days they prayed, and on the tenth day, Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit descended on them in a dramatic display of divine power. Those nine days of prayer are the origin of the pious Catholic custom praying of **novenas** (from "novem," Latin for "nine") for particular intentions.

The celebration of Ascension on Sunday complicates the idea of a "Pentecost Novena." Even so, I invite you to join me in praying a slightly shortened and simplified novena to the Holy Spirit, as we have in the past. First, form a particular intention for each day:

Sun.: *That St. Raymond's priests and parishioners may more actively exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit we have received.*

Mon.: *That the Holy Spirit may grant me an increase in His gift of wisdom.*

Tues.: *...His gift of understanding.*

Wed.: *...His gift of counsel.*

Thurs.: *...His gift of fortitude.*

Fri.: *...His gift of knowledge.*

Sat.: *...His gift of piety.*

Sun.: *...His gift of reverence, or fear of the Lord.*

And then, in union with the Blessed Mother say this prayer each day:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit that we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

College Students. The last 7 weeks have also been a time of having our college students back home. I'm sure this must be a particularly hard time for you—continuing to do your course work, but away from the academic setting and friends, and the relative freedom of college life. Not that you don't love being with your families, but it presents different and additional challenges. But it's still good to have you all home—even though I don't get to see you! (it was great to see some of you at the Communion Services).

And congratulations to our new college graduates. It is probably a huge disappointment for some of you not being able to go through the usual expected ceremonies. Sorry about that. But God bless you and "good luck" as you move forward into your next adventure in life. You are and will be in my prayers.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 25th

Memorial Day
For All Who Laid Down Their
Lives In Service To Our Country

Tuesday, May 26th

Farrell Family
Hilebrand Family

Wednesday, May 27th

Leo Nestor +
Bernie Crum +
Greg Farrell +

Thursday, May 28th

Dean Webster +
Evelyn Hildebrand +

Friday, May 29th

Elaine Klitzke
Paul Mullen +

Saturday, May 30th

Jeanne Sause

Vigil Mass

Mary Fescina & Eva Gress+

Sunday, May 31st

Bordonaro Family +
Parishioners
Gancio Family
DiMattino Family
Bellofatto 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

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

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Mary K. Randazzo

Patricia Del Buono

Joann Alba

Michael

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Juanita Boarman

Angela Colom

John Florio

Serrin Foster

James Bowling

Amy Thomason

Chris Quan

Debra Henkel

Daniel Moore

Maria Daugherty

Memorial Day Holiday is May 25th.

Parish Offices will be closed.

St. Raymond's All Day Adoration Weekdays

Adoration time:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

We are in need of Adorers to come and pray before our Lord. 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>.

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.

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.**

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.

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: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

In the Church

(in person, in the flower room),

Confessions

Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am - 9:00 am; and 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday through Friday: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

The Church will remain open, (except for during livestreaming of the Mass and Communion Services), Weekdays from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, Saturdays 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, and Sundays 7:30 am to 6:00 pm for individual prayer & meditation. The handicapped access door on the front of the church, (far right side as you face the church), will be unlocked. Please limit number of individuals in the church to no more than 10.

Watch for our Constant Contact Updates! If you are not receiving them, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org to verify your e-mail address.

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 703-440-0535 or e-mail eva.radel@straymonds.org, if you are in need of financial assistance or have any questions.

GOSPEL MT 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.
When they saw Him, they worshiped, but they doubted.
Then Jesus approached and said to them,
“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded
you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the
age.”

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.

“They received the Holy Spirit.” The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. Do you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg 703-841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

SAINT RAYMOND’S RESPECTS LIFE

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

The holiness of the family is the chief way and necessary path to construct a new and better society, and to restore hope for the future.

Pope Saint John Paul II *Familiaris Consortio*

The issue of **vaccines** will increase in the news as scientists work 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 Bioethic Center <https://www.ncbcenter.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions/use-vaccines/> provides answers to many initial questions. Please consult the parish website for more detailed information.

Have you been logging some extra walking miles these days? Now you can **Walk for Life!** Consider supporting or participating in this one mile fundraiser to benefit Divine Mercy Care, CareNet PRC’s and Catholic Charities. June 27th, Manassas <https://www.voice4life.org/bettertogether.html>.

Do you have extra time on your hands? 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 MaRiH collection box in the narthex.

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

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? Or perhaps you know someone in this situation. **A Mom’s Peace**, A Lay Apostolate for Mothers of Miscarried and Stillborn Souls offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit amomspeace.org

To those who have suffered an abortion 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

All **in-person** Youth Apostolate Events are canceled **further notice**. We will let you know when we can meet again.

Virtual High School Youth Group : 8pm Monday nights!

What we do varies from week to week. Some things we have done include virtual games, Lectio Divina with Fr. Willard, scavenger hunts, and prayer. Upcoming events include vocations panel, escape room night, and more games! **RSVP to youth@straymonds.org for the link to join us!**

Acting/Theater Opportunity: Social Distance Film Project

7-12th Graders interested in helping with a social distance film project? Our idea: 2 -5 minute film project that's made to look like it was filmed in a group setting, but wasn't. Artists would record themselves and submit the video or music for editing. Story: St. Raymond, the Surfing Friar. We are looking for actors, musical artists, writers, costume props advisor, video editor, etc. Email Jeanne if interested!

11th & 12th Grade Pro-Life Oratory Contest

It's virtual this year!

Calling all high school juniors & seniors to the Virginia Society for Human Life (VSHL) Pro-life Oratory Contest. Check out the website <https://bit.ly/oratorycontest> for more info. **Deadline May 27th.**

Every year, without fail, when we bring our teens home from WorkCamp and Steubenville, the part of these events that they tell me (time and time again) had the greatest impact on them was the time spent in Adoration. And right now we have an opportunity right here in our own parish to spend time with Jesus, face to face, every single day!



*Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Throughout the week.
See parish website for details.*

Sign up (encouraged, not required) here: <https://bit.ly/spendtimewithJesus>

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.

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

Thank you to our second and eighth grade students for being patient as you await the reception of the Sacraments for which you are well prepared. Thanks, also to your parents!!

Registration for the 2020-2021 Religious Education year has begun. You can pick up one of the bright orange forms in the Narthex of the church, at the Groveland entrance, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. You may also register online at the parish website. Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want.

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 same locations as the student registration forms. Please complete and return the form to the Religious Education Office.



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!

"KOVAR" is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity. It works to provide assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations. These organizations give training and assistance to persons with intellectual disabilities. We need your help through donations to fund this vital charity. KOVAR collections typically occur in May and this year will be different. Please see our website at www.straymonds.org/kovar/ for more information and how to contribute.

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. Volunteers will come to your vehicle to get the donated foods.

Online Virtus Sessions Available: For parishioners who plan to volunteer in parish activities which include substantial contact with children, Virtus compliance is required. This is a two step process: a background check and attendance at a Virtus seminar. To initiate a background check, contact the St. Raymond Virtus liaison: Vince Drouillard at vince.drouillard@straymonds.org. For the Virtus seminar requirement, the chancery is temporarily holding online "Zoom" seminars. To sign up for an online seminar, register at www.virtusonline.org.

Church Persecuted

Are church services an “essential business?” This past week, a federal judge in North Carolina apparently thinks so. He ordered a temporary restraining order to Governor Roy Cooper’s executive order which criminalizes churchgoers for attending indoor worship services of more than 10 people. Judge James C. Denver III wrote, “There is no pandemic exception to the Constitution of the United States or the Free Exercise Clause of the first Amendment.”

The churches in question were Berean Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and other plaintiff churches who sued the governor. The suit said that the governor specifically “targeted religious gatherings.” The churches are represented by Liberty Counsel, who noted that the “stay-at-home” order limiting gatherings to 50% capacity did not apply to churches. They were restricted to no more than 10 people. The judge noted that 15 other governors provided exemptions for religious gatherings from attendance limitations.

“The Governor has failed to cite any peer-reviewed study showing that religious interactions in those 15 states have accelerated the spread of COVID-19 in any manner distinguishable from non-religious interactions. Likewise, common sense suggests that religious leaders and worshipers (whether inside or outside North Carolina) have every incentive to behave safely and responsibly whether working indoors, shopping indoors, or worshipping indoors,” wrote Judge Denver.

<https://lc.org/newsroom/details/051820-judge-rules-no-pandemic-exception-to-constitution-1>

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.

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.

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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 mail to, or dropped off at, 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. Please visit our website www.straymonds.org to join online or call directly at (866) 507-8757.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 7,583.00
Family Assistance	\$ 85.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 190.00
Diocesan Retired Priests	\$ 837.00

This week's Second Collection will be for Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of funds collected remain here in the Diocese of Arlington to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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