

Pastor's Corner

Reopening Activities and Meetings. Since we are now well into Phase 3 of the “re-opening,” and public Masses are going well, I recently notified the “Heads of Committees” of the parish that we will now begin to re-open our other parish activities.

Generally, we will keep things simple for the time being. For all events from **now until December 31, 2020:**

- I will allow approved gatherings of less than 50 people, as long as the 6ft social distancing is observed.
- Participants will be expected to follow the Commonwealth's current directives on face coverings (which include exceptions for health and eating).
- Hand sanitizing should be promoted.
- Gatherings should take place outside or in the parish hall.
- Smaller venues, like the Maurer Room or Library, may be used by very small groups.
- Events will be scheduled so as to allow for necessary sanitizing/cleaning between events (there will be no "back to back" events).
- No food may be served without special permission and agreement to certain protocols.
- Drinks may be served on a “grab and go” basis.
- Organizers and participants are expected to follow the Bishop's guidelines that relate to them.
- ALL GATHERINGS must be specifically approved by me, after consultation with the parish staff.
- Requests/proposals may take place as soon as they can be arranged.

For all events in 2021, you should proceed as we have in the past, assuming we will be fully open without restrictions. I expect we will go slowly at first, and learn as we go. I know I can count on your charity and cooperation.

CCD/Religious Education Re-Opening. We will be re-opening our Religious Education classes in September. I strongly believe that **in-class participation** is very important to most students, and so we expect most students to attend class. But since we also respecting the rights of parents we will provide an “at-home” option for those with strong concerns about COVID-19. Mrs. Mary Salmon is contacting parents from last year's registration, but if you have any questions at all please contact her at mary.salmon@straymonds.org, or at (703) 440-0537.

Brown Scapular. Thursday, July 16, is the feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, and with this in mind, we will be enrolling folks in the Confraternity and investing them with the Brown Scapular after all Sunday Masses next weekend (including the Saturday Vigil). We will gather in the narthex after Mass, and scapulars will be provided, or you may bring your own.

The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel memorializes the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest, and her gift to him of the “Brown Scapular” on July 16, 1251. “Take, beloved son,” she said, “this Scapular of your order as a badge of my confraternity and for you and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in

this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant.” The Carmelites immediately began to wear this Scapular as part of their regular habit, and very soon many non-Carmelites also began to wear it, usually in a smaller form of a two small pieces of cloth bound by two strings, worn around the neck, hanging down in front and back.

From the beginning it was understood that in order to participate in Our Lady's promises the wearer of the Scapular must be officially associated with the Carmelite order. So the Carmelites established the “Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel,” which any Catholic may be enrolled in through a short ceremony conducted by a priest.

Even so, the Scapular is in no way a “a good luck charm.” Rather, as Pope Pius XII wrote, it “is a sign and a pledge of the protection of the Mother of God.” And as St. John Paul II wrote, it is a sign that evokes **“the awareness that devotion to her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in her honor on certain occasions, but must become a ‘habit’, that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, woven of prayer and interior life, through frequent reception of the sacraments and the concrete practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.”**

2 Supreme Court Victories. Praised by Jesus Christ, last Wednesday the Supreme Court ruled to protect religious liberty in 2 separate cases last week—both times voting 7-2.

In the first case, the court expanded the right of religious schools to fire religion teachers for reasons related to their religious mission. In the majority opinion Justice Samuel Alito writes, “[T]he Religion Clauses [of the First Amendment] protect the right of churches and other religious institutions to decide matters “of faith and doctrine” without government intrusion....And a component of this autonomy is the selection of the individuals who play certain key roles....What matters, at bottom, is what an employee does. And... training them [young people] to live their faith are responsibilities that lie at the very core of the mission of a private religious school...”

In the second case, we finally have a resolution of Obamacare's attempt to require all employers, including the **Little Sisters of the Poor**, to pay for contraception insurance for their employees. The Supreme Court had previously ruled twice in favor of the Little Sisters' appeal of this requirement and the Trump Administration subsequently issued regulations exempting employers who refused to comply “based on its sincerely held religious beliefs.”

But then the State of Pennsylvania relitigated the issue claiming the Trump regulations were invalid. The Court seems to have tired of this nonsense. As Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the Court in finding in favor of the Little Sisters: “For over 150 years, the Little Sisters have engaged in faithful service and sacrifice, motivated by a religious calling to surrender all for the sake of their brother.But for the past seven years, they...have had to fight for the ability to continue in their noble work without violating their sincerely held religious beliefs.”

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, July 13th**

8:30 am Edna LeMay +

Tuesday, July 14th

8:30 am Mary Boska +

Wednesday, July 15th

8:30 am Daniel Marcotte +

Thursday, July 16th

8:30 am Brittany Spinelli

Friday, July 17th

8:30 am Evelyn Hildebrand

Masses to be said Privately

July 13 Nancy Coleman
 July 14 Regine Benayoun Feuer
 July 15 Diane Walden +
 July 15 Tim Ferguson +
 July 16 Teresa Cruz +
 July 17 Daniel Noonan
 July 19 Lee Schichtel +

Saturday, July 18th

9:00 am Lorly Andal +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. Willard
 Jerry Fudeman +

Sunday, July 19th

7:00 am Fr. Willard
 John R. Hook +
 9:00 am Fr. De Celles
 Parishioners
 11:00 am Fr. De Celles
 Leonard & Bobbi Tiso
 1:00 pm Fr. Rippy
 Eduardo Visaya +

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
 Chris Quan
 Debra Henkel
 Daniel Moore
 Maria Daugherty

Michael Franetic
 George Thomas
 Rouson, Jr
 Howie DeWolf
 Lauren Hornsby
 Adeline Brickner
 Gaudencio Dizon
 Kitty Lynch
 Casey Boga
 Antoinette Baptist
 Courtney Wheeler
 David Snaveley
 Pam McLedon

**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: 11:00 am

In the Church

(in person, in the flower room),

Confessions

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
 Returns this Wednesday, July 15th**

Wednesdays 9:00 am until 7:00 pm

Fridays 9:00 am until 3:00 pm

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.

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.

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.

**Public Masses Have Returned!
 Modified Schedules**

Weekday Masses will be :

8:30 am Monday thru Friday

(There will be no 6:30 am Mass this week only:

Fr. De Celles is away)

No EFM this 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 first of the new tile pieces was installed on Monday morning (June 29) and we are on track for completion of the flooring phase by mid-week the week of July 5. We look forward to unveiling the new flooring for Masses later this week. Unfortunately, we don't have an up-to-date status for the marble Rails and Ambo pieces as of this writing.

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.

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 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.

Such large crowds gathered around Him
that He got into a boat and sat down,
and the whole crowd stood along the shore.

And He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path,
and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep,
and when the sun rose it was scorched,
and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and
choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit,
a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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.

Help Needed! ABC Mobile Ultrasound and Pregnancy Resource Center abestchoice.us is a Christ centered ministry and the only mobile ultrasound and pregnancy resource center in the DC area. "We reveal the truth via ultrasound at a time when a mother is in the decision making process." **ABC is in need of a new ultrasound tech.** If you are skilled in this profession and interested in more information, please contact Angela Clark at 703-946-3077 or at abestchoiceforyou@gmail.com.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

The body within your body is not your body.

"America, defend life!"

Saint Pope John Paul II

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Thanks YOU!

From a note received from the MaRiH Director: "Wow, Christmas again at the center! ... Every month Saint Raymond's just steps up... We really need these sizes [of diapers]. Wow and wow again! Thank you so much!"

This is our MaRiH support weekend. Your continued generosity is truly life giving. God bless you.

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.

If you feel called to peacefully witness outside the Alexandria Women's (Abortion) Clinic near Landmark Mall, please contact Geneva Park at Jim.Geneva@cox.net

Do you have extra time on your hands? Special thanks to those who have been making such

beautiful blankets!! Our



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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: celi.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

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 - Alexandria: July 22

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



Sr. Theresa Tolpa...from St. Raymond's parishioner to Head of our Respect Life Committee, and now a sister with the Sisters of Life! Did you know that the Sisters of Life take the traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, as well as a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life? Learn more at <https://sistersoflife.org/>

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

IF IT IS YOUR INTENT TO HAVE YOUR CHILD TAKE PART IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD) DURING THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC

YEAR, please register sooner than later. Under the current circumstances, it is important we have an idea of how many students will be participating so we can make plans for the year.

You can pick up one of the bright orange registration forms in the Narthex of the church, at the Groveland entrance, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. **Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want. Keep in mind that we will be reducing the number of students enrolling in each class in case we need to incorporate social distancing requirements 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 will 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, found in the same places as the student registration forms, and return it to the Religious Education Office. We are in need of the following:

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

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

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

Grade 1 Teacher
Assistant Teacher
High School Aide
Grade 2 Teacher
Assistant Teacher
Grade 6 Assistant Teacher
Grade 8 Assistant Teacher

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

Grade 2 Teacher
High School Aide
Grade 3 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!

Church Persecuted

San Francisco shuts down Catholic Masses. In a letter to Archbishop Cordileone, the city of San Francisco demanded that the Archdiocese cease offering indoor religious services, except for funerals with up to 12 attendees; and that the face covering and social distancing requirements will be followed at all outdoor services.

Father Joseph Illo, pastor of Star of the Sea parish in San Francisco, commented that, "Clearly some people in the city government and the news media find religion intolerable. They hate religion. 'They may hate religion, and they may hate religious persons,' he added. 'They may not restrict our rights as free American citizens.' This became personal after he found a nail stuck into the tire of the motor scooter that he uses to get around.

Father Illo blogged, "The free exercise of religion is an essential activity in America, guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution...Fifty people crowd onto city busses...several hundred times a day.... Groups of twenty people gather in Golden Gate Park without masks.... Hundreds gather in Costco from 9-9 every day. Dozens of people eat at restaurants on the streets around my church, without masks. The mayor addresses hundreds of people in a protest at City Hall, many of whom wear no masks. **And the city is telling my church that we cannot have a gathering of more than 12 people, outside, for an activity that is specifically protected by the Constitution?**"

See <http://www.frilloblog.com> and <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/san-francisco-archdiocese-threatened-with-restraining-order-for-offering-indoor-masses>

Links to these and other articles can be found on the St. Raymond's parish website: <https://straymonds.org/religious-liberty-blog/>. Check it often during the week for updates.

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www.AngelusAcademy.org

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703-924-3996

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.

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 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	\$13,187.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,860.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,505.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 125.00

This Week's Second collection will be for Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa. This collection helps to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.