

Pastor's Corner

Summertime. These last few months have been a crazy anxious time for all of us. But now, in the middle of the Summer, we need to remember to try to relax, and to get outside and enjoy God's gift of creation.

I also hope you can take a vacation—to get away from home and maybe visits friends or relatives out of state, or just recharge your batteries after a long and stressful year. This would be very helpful to all us. In fact, this last week, Monday through Friday, I got away to friend's house in the Valley, played golf and rested. It was a simple vacation, but I really needed it.

But remember, we never take a "break" or a vacation from God or our Catholic faith. Remember to pray, love God, live in charity with others, and keep the commandments. Most importantly, remember to go to Sunday Mass, or at least try to watch it livestreamed. We are *temporarily* not under obligation to attend Sunday Mass right now—but why would you want to miss it? And if you do miss Mass, you still need to keep the Lord's day holy, with some prayerful activity, i.e., the rosary, reading the Sunday readings, etc.

And remember, even as we rest a bit this summer, **the Devil never rests**. So make sure you keep up with what's happening in the community and the country, and in the Church. But don't overdo it, watching tv or reading the news: keep informed but too much can be depressing. Take it from me, a reforming news addict.

Catholic Schools and Homeschooling. Many people have concerns about Fairfax County Public Schools' reaction to the coronavirus and reopening in the Fall. According to their website, parents have two choices:

- 1) "Full-time online instruction," **with no in-person classroom time.**
- 2) Or "at least **two full days of instruction in school** each week" with "independent study and work on the days they are not in the school building."

With all the ideological crud being forced on FCPS students, maybe it's time to consider removing your kids from the public schools and putting them in a good Catholic school, or homeschool them yourselves.

As far as **homeschooling**, while it's not "for" everyone, it's probably "for" a lot more folks than we normally think. And it's not the same as the homeschooling most of you did when the schools closed last year, which was a probably not as helpful and organized and effective as you would have hoped.

The homeschooling curriculums used by most homeschooling families today are very well organized and geared to the particular realities of homeschooling. There are also many groups and companies that supply homeschool curriculums and assistance. There are online options also, but options developed over years, and not thrown together at the last moment. There are also co-op classes taught to groups of homeschool kids on subjects parents might struggle to teach, e.g., biology, physics, advanced math, music, etc.. St. Raymond's hosts several of these in our classrooms.

And homeschool academics can be excellent. For example, one of our parish's "kid" was home schooled through 8th grade and then attended a Catholic high school and graduated as class valedictorian. He's now in a top rated doctoral program in biomedical engineering.

Although I used to have my reservations about it, I have become a big fan in recent years. I used to be especially concerned about "socialization" issues with homeschooling, but when I see how the homeschool families are so active together, in the parish and in the surrounding community those concerns are long gone.

If you have any questions about homeschooling, I suggest you go to our website and check out what St. Raymond's Home School Group is doing, and the information it can offer you. Just go to "straymond.org," and then click the "apostolates" menu, and then click "Home School Group."

As far as **Catholic schools**, there are several convenient to our parish that your children can attend. While most of them have not yet presented their reopening plans, I know that they DO plan to reopen and it looks like they will most likely offer 5-day in-person classroom plans. These plans should be revealed before the end of this month.

Also, I know that our friends at Angelus Academy, are planning to reopen in the fall, with their regular 5-day in-person classroom curriculum, complying with CDC guidelines. Angelus is a small independent school, but has a long history with our parishioners and provides a solid Catholic education. I am the chaplain, and say Mass and hear confessions there most weeks. Go to angelusacademy.org or call (703) 924-3996 for more information.

Scholarships. You should remember that the parish offers "scholarships" to assist parishioners both attending Catholic schools and to homeschooling families. For example, if you wish to attend one of the schools in another parish we will make up the difference in-parish vs. out-of-parish rates. Additional aid is available as needed.

Also, I have a particular offer from one couple to subsidize the tuition of a child in need who wants to transfer from the public schools to Angelus Academy.

Please contact me with any questions—I am eager to help.

Pray to our Heavenly Benefactors. With all the craziness and problems surrounding us, remember to always trust in Jesus and His love for you. And remember that in His love He has given us heavenly benefactors to protect us and console us: The Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Michael, our Guardian Angels, and our own patron saints, etc.. And of course, our dear friend and father, St. Raymond of Peñafort. Let us remember to seek his help every day and have confidence in his protection.

"Glorious Saint Raymond of Peñafort, wise and holy patron, come to the aid of those entrusted to your care, and all who flee to your protection.

Intercede for us in our need, and help us through your prayers, example, and teaching, to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to all we meet. And when we have reached the fullness of our years, we beseech you to guide us home to heaven, to live in peace with you, Our Mother Mary, And Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, July 20th**

6:30 am Forgotten Souls in
Purgatory +
8:30 am Jeanie Kantrowitz +

Tuesday, July 21st

8:30 am John Kurt +

Wednesday, July 22nd

6:30 am Jan Paul Fruiterman
8:30 am Fr. John De Celles

Thursday, July 23rd

8:30 am Wilfred Billerbeck +

Friday, July 24th

6:30 am Joseph Riggs +
8:30 am Donald Joseph Sena +

Masses to be said Privately

July 21 James Cade +
July 22 Geoffrey Bald +
July 23 Joan Marie Kick +
July 26 Bernie Crum +

Saturday, July 25th

9:00 am
Deacon Jay McClay+

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
Gina Suarez

Sunday, July 26th

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
John R. Hook +
9:00 am Fr. De Celles
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. De Celles
Repeal of Roe vs. Wade
1:00 pm Fr. Willard
Bernie Crum +

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

Howie DeWolf
Lauren Hornsby
Adeline Brickner
Gaudencio Dizon
Antoinette Baptist
Courtney Wheeler
David Snively
Pam McLedon
Douglas
MacDonald

Public Masses

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

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

**Monday through Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am
Saturday at 9:00 am
SUNDAY MASS at 11:00 am**

**Confessions in the Church
(in the flower room)**

Wednesday: 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

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

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.

Weekday Masses will be :

8:30 am Monday thru Friday

6:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 am Saturday

Sunday Masses will be:

Saturday Vigil at **5:00 pm**

Sunday at **7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 1:00 pm**

(There will not be a 5:00 pm Sunday Mass at this time)

Face Masks will be expected at all Masses.

Sign ups are required for 9am and 11 am Sunday Masses.

Contact the parish office.

Altar Rail Project Update: We are still waiting on arrival of Marble from Italy. We were hoping on an update, but it did not come in time for publication.

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 13:24-30

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying:
“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man
who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came
and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.
When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as
well.

The slaves of the householder came to him and said,
‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?’

Where have the weeds come from?’

He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’

His slaves said to him,

‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds
you might uproot the wheat along with them.

Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
“First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center which services over 250 families in the Springfield area. A collection box is in the Narthex and donations are collected and distributed weekly. Suggested food items are listed, but all donations are welcome (no clothing). For equitable distribution, smaller packaging is requested (i.e. 1 lb bags of rice vs. 5 lb. bags, 1 qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil). **During this crisis the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous. We can only accept non-perishable food items.**

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

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

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Though our weekly meetings are currently canceled - we are still praying! If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by e-mailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

SAINT RAYMOND’S RESPECTS LIFE

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

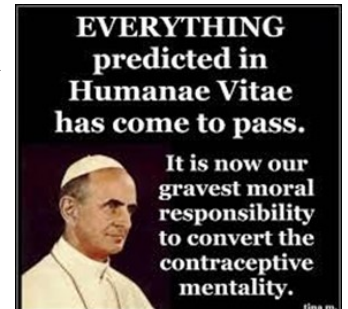
*Saint Pope Paul VI’s Predictions
from July 1968:*

The use of contraception will bring about:

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

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MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Thanks YOU! Again! 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.

CROSSROADS
Pro-Life Walks Across America

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

Crossroads Pro-Life

PO Box 2219

Columbia, MD 21045

(put “Scholarship Fund” in the check memo line).

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

Father James Waalkes, former St. Raymond's parishioner and teacher at Angelus Academy was ordained a Catholic priest on June 6, 2020! Fr. Waalkes now serves as parochial vicar at St. Anthony's in Falls Church. His advice: *"Pray to Him, Seek Him, and trust that He will bring you to your place."*



Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

You can register online at: <https://straymonds.org/religious-education/registration-3/> or pick up a bright orange registration form and return it to the Religious Education Office. **Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want. 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 8 Teacher

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

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

Grade 1 Assistant Teacher

Grade 2 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

Grade 6 Assistant Teacher

Grade 8 Assistant Teacher

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

Grade 1 Teacher

Grade 2 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

Grade 5 Assistant Teacher

Grade 7 Assistant Teacher

RCIC Teacher



St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights

of Columbus: Are you a man of 17 ½ years of more? Are you a practicing Catholic? Do you want to help others and preach the Gospel

by your life? Then we invite you to join the Knights! Contact Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Delaney (703-627-8090) or go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs to become a Knight today!

Church Persecuted

June 19th – rioters tore down a statue of St. Junipero Serra in Golden State Park, San Francisco.

June 19th – rioters tore down a statue of St. Serra in Los Angeles.

July 4th – rioters pulled down a statue of St. Junipero Serra at the California state capitol in Sacramento.

July 10th – vandals damaged a statue of the Virgin Mary at Cathedral Prep School and Seminary in Queens.

July 11th – massive fire destroys the roof and interior of the eighteenth century St. Gabriel Mission church established by Father Serra in 1771. The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are investigating the fire as a possible arson attack.

July 11th – a Florida man set fire to a Catholic parish in Orlando FL as parishioners were preparing for morning Mass.

July 11th – two statues of the Blessed Virgin were torched adjacent to Catholic churches in Boston.

(multiple sources from www.catholicnewsagency.com)

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

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.

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703-924-3996

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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 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	\$12,867.50
Family Assistance	\$909.00
Maintenance Fund	\$2,454.00
Church in Africa	\$1,130.00