

Pastor's Corner

I'm leaving on vacation today (Wednesday) and not returning until this coming Friday (Sept. 4). I'm traveling to Alaska to visit some former parishioners (and preach at their daughter's wedding) and then to Oregon to visit some more former parishioners (including my youngest goddaughter).

But I've completely run out of time to prepare sensible columns for this Sunday and next. So, this and next week's column I will borrow from the great writer, theologian, philosopher, Pope and saint, St. John Paul II. Today, we have an excerpt from *Centesimus Annus*, his 1991 landmark encyclical commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first and foundational "Social Encyclical" of the Church, Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* (1891). The excerpt below discusses "Capitalism."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 42-43.

"Returning now to the initial question: can it perhaps be said that, after the failure of Communism, capitalism is the victorious social system, and that capitalism should be the goal of the countries now making efforts to rebuild their economy and society? Is this the model which ought to be proposed to the countries of the Third World which are searching for the path to true economic and civil progress?"

"The answer is obviously complex. If by 'capitalism' is meant an economic system which recognizes the fundamental and positive role of business, the market, private property and the resulting responsibility for the means of production, as well as free human creativity in the economic sector, then the answer is certainly in the affirmative, even though it would perhaps be more appropriate to speak of a 'business economy', 'market economy' or simply 'free economy'. But if by 'capitalism' is meant a system in which freedom in the economic sector is not circumscribed within a strong juridical framework which places it at the service of human freedom in its totality, and which sees it as a particular aspect of that freedom, the core of which is ethical and religious, then the reply is certainly negative.

"The Marxist solution has failed, but the realities of marginalization and exploitation remain in the world, especially the Third World, as does the reality of human alienation, especially in the more advanced countries. Against these phenomena the Church strongly raises her voice. Vast multitudes are still living in conditions of great material and moral poverty. The collapse of the Communist system in so many countries certainly removes an obstacle to facing these problems in an appropriate and realistic way, but it is not enough to bring about their solution. Indeed, there is a risk that a radical capitalistic ideology could spread which refuses even to consider these problems, in the a priori belief that any attempt to solve them is doomed to failure, and which blindly entrusts their solution to the free development of market forces.

"The Church has no models to present; models that are real and truly effective can only arise within the framework of different historical situations, through the

efforts of all those who responsibly confront concrete problems in all their social, economic, political and cultural aspects, as these interact with one another. For such a task the Church offers her social teaching as an indispensable and ideal orientation, a teaching which, as already mentioned, recognizes the positive value of the market and of enterprise, but which at the same time points out that these need to be oriented towards the common good. This teaching also recognizes the legitimacy of workers' efforts to obtain full respect for their dignity and to gain broader areas of participation in the life of industrial enterprises so that, while cooperating with others and under the direction of others, they can in a certain sense "work for themselves" through the exercise of their intelligence and freedom.

"The integral development of the human person through work does not impede but rather promotes the greater productivity and efficiency of work itself, even though it may weaken consolidated power structures. A business cannot be considered only as a "society of capital goods"; it is also a "society of persons" in which people participate in different ways and with specific responsibilities, whether they supply the necessary capital for the company's activities or take part in such activities through their labor. To achieve these goals there is still need for a broad associated workers' movement, directed towards the liberation and promotion of the whole person.

"In the light of today's 'new things', we have re-read the relationship between individual or private property and the universal destination of material wealth. Man fulfils himself by using his intelligence and freedom. In so doing he utilizes the things of this world as objects and instruments and makes them his own. The foundation of the right to private initiative and ownership is to be found in this activity. By means of his work man commits himself, not only for his own sake but also for others and with others. Each person collaborates in the work of others and for their good. Man works in order to provide for the needs of his family, his community, his nation, and ultimately all humanity. Moreover, he collaborates in the work of his fellow employees, as well as in the work of suppliers and in the customers' use of goods, in a progressively expanding chain of solidarity. Ownership of the means of production, whether in industry or agriculture, is just and legitimate if it serves useful work. It becomes illegitimate, however, when it is not utilized or when it serves to impede the work of others, in an effort to gain a profit which is not the result of the overall expansion of work and the wealth of society, but rather is the result of curbing them or of illicit exploitation, speculation or the breaking of solidarity among working people. Ownership of this kind has no justification, and represents an abuse in the sight of God and man.

"The obligation to earn one's bread by the sweat of one's brow also presumes the right to do so. A society in which this right is systematically denied, in which economic policies do not allow workers to reach satisfactory levels of employment, cannot be justified from an ethical point of view, nor can that society attain social peace. Just as the person fully realizes himself in the free gift of self, so too ownership morally justifies itself in the creation, at the proper time and in the proper way, of opportunities for work and human growth for all."

MASS INTENTIONS**MODIFIED Mass Schedule****Monday, Aug 31st**

8:30 am Randazzo Family

Tuesday, Sept. 1st

8:30 am Elizabeth Brisson +

Wednesday, Sept. 2nd

8:30 am Mason Shealy

Thursday, Sept. 3rd8:30 am Bishop Emeritus
Paul S. Loverde**Friday, Sept. 4th**8:30 am Mandy Shealy
7:00 pm EFM (Latin)**Masses to be said Privately**Aug 31 Robert O Williams +
Sept 1 Scott Shipe, Jr. +
Sept 2 Vivian Zini
Sept 2 Rick & Joan Crum
Sept 3 Steve & Allie Schweitzer
Sept 4 Donald Spinelli, Sr. +
Sept 6 Kathryn Quan**Saturday, Sept. 5th**

9:00 am

Patricia Kolakoski

Vigil Mass5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**

Arroyo Family

Sunday, Sept. 6th7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**

Lloyd H. Robertson +

9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**

Parishioners

11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**

Cesar & Rosalino Garcia +

1:00 pm **Fr. Willard**

Robert Beggs +

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
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
Debra Henkel
Daniel Moore
Maria Daugherty
Howie DeWolf

Lauren Hornsby
Gaudencio Dizon
Antoinette Baptist
Chris Quan
Dennis Taylor
Louis Porter
Margot Blair
Rosa Mendez
Aryel Ochoa
Kathy Scully
Dennis Taylor

Public Masses**Modified Schedule**
Aug. 31st—Sept. 4th**Weekday Masses will be:**

8:30 am Monday thru Friday
(No 6:30 am Mass this week)

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
(No 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.

**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.

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.

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 7th is a federal holiday. There will be only one Mass at 10:00 am. It will be livestreamed. Parish Offices will be closed.

Altar Rail Project Update: Still waiting on word of when the ship (and marble) will leave the Bahamas! At press time, we don't have the timing of the ship's departure from Freeport or its arrival in Baltimore, but hopefully soon...

Annual Back to School Sock & Underwear Drive: The St. Martin de Porres Committee is again sponsoring a "Back to School" drive for low income families in the Springfield area. We will be accepting donations of NEW Socks & Underwear for school-aged children (7-14) this weekend Aug. 29-30. For health code reasons, we can only accept NEW items. A collection box will be in the Narthex. Items requested are:

Boys: Socks, Undershirts, Briefs & Boxers

Girls: Socks, Tights, Undershirts, Camisoles & Briefs


Thank you for your continued support!

GOSPEL MT 16:21-27

Jesus began to show His disciples
that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly
from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised.
Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke Him,
“God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”
He turned and said to Peter,
“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to Me.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”
Then Jesus said to His disciples,
“Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow Me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world
and forfeit his life?
Or what can one give in exchange for his life?
For the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father’s
glory,
and then He will repay all according to His conduct.”

Luminaries of Mary are resuming the First Saturday devotions and will gather on September 5th in the church hall after the 9:00 Mass. Everyone is welcome. Come pray the rosary at our Blessed Mother’s request at Fatima. 9:45 am- 10:30 am.

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 emailing Elaine Perricone at ijebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

 **POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR WOMEN:** An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2020**. Come. Begin your healing journey. Experience God’s hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE(4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Registration for Christendom Graduate School’s Fall semester, which runs Sept. 8 through Dec. 19 is open! Courses are offered on campus in Alexandria & are also available online in both live & prerecorded formats. This Fall students will explore topics in Sacred Scripture, Trinitarian Theology, Church History, and more! Courses may be taken for credit toward a Master’s degree or certificate. Casual students and auditors are also welcome. There is a special discount audit rate for catechists, seniors and religious. For details, please visit our website <https://graduate.christendom.edu> or contact the office at 703-658-4304 or graduate@christendom.edu. The Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College has been forming the faithful for more than 50 years. Join today!

Parish Library Access Available. While it is not yet possible to open the Parish Library as usual, folks who would like to visit the library and check out materials during business hours may do so by contacting the Parish Office.

SAINT RAYMOND’S RESPECTS LIFE
*Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH.
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MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center Thanks YOU! Our next support weekend is September 12/13. God bless you all for your continued generosity.

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Vaccines are in the news as one way for scientists to 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/>
Visit cogforlife.org for current information regarding ethical vaccines. Please consult the parish website for more detailed information.



Needed: Faithful Citizens to Shape the Future of Virginia Sat. Sept. 12, 9-12:30 (Mass at 8am) Respect Life Conference at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (Annandale). Join us for an assessment of current and potential threats to human life and dignity and suggestions for effective practical grassroots response. Opening Prayer and remarks by Bishop Burbidge. **Keynote Address by Victoria Cobb, Family Foundation President.** This event will also be livestreamed. More info & registration arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/respect-lifeconference 703-841-2550.



September 23 – November 1. Stay tuned for details

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

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

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.

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

Gearing up for the new year

Please keep the Youth Apostolate in your prayers as we gear up for a new year, which undoubtedly will have its challenges as we continue to face the unknown in light of Covid-19.

We are in need of more volunteers, particularly young adults, to help out with our high school youth group during the school year, which meets on Sunday nights from 7:45-9:15pm. Please contact Jeanne for more info.

Adults: Do you have a particular gift/talent to share?

Perhaps you are good at painting and could lead a paint night? Are you a talented guitarist? Perhaps you can lead praise and worship around the campfire? Do you have a gift for knitting/crocheting that you could teach our youth? We had a mom recently offer her skills in creating films, using green screens, and video editing and were able to produce the amazing film, "St. Raymond the Surfing Friar" (see below). What we are able to offer our teens largely depends on the skills we have available. Is God calling you? Contact Jeanne if you have an idea of something you may be able to share.

St. Raymond the Surfing Friar!

COVID-19 has allowed for some incredible talent to shine here at St. Raymond's! 14 of our teens have been busy putting together an amazing little film about St. Raymond the Surfing Friar! **Watch the movie at:**

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/svSP>



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

Religious Education classes begin September 13th! If you have not registered your child, please do so immediately, keeping in mind you may not get your first choice of class session.

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. We are in need of the following:

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

Grade 6 Assistant Teacher
Grade 8 Teacher

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

Grade 5 Assistant Teacher
Grade 7 Assistant Teacher
Grade 8 Teacher
RCIC Teacher

PLEASE NOTE: If we are unable to fill teacher and/or assistant teacher vacancies, we will cancel the class and move the students to another day.

Please mark your calendars: PARENT MEETINGS are scheduled to take place the week of September 27th while CCD classes are in session. Please make plans to attend one of the three meetings.

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 any non-perishable food donations are welcome. 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.**

Chicken Dinner "DRIVE THU" at St. Mary's Historic Church, 5216 Ox Rd. at Fairfax Station Rd. Fairfax Station, Va. Labor Day, Sept. 7th from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or until all the dinners run out. Dinners are \$8, consisting of BBQ split chicken breast, baked beans, corn on the cob and cookies. Meals can be purchased in advance at <http://www.koc.org/> or on Labor Day. Only credit cards will be accepted. Food Donations for the Parish Food Bank will also be accepted. Please place donated food items in the trunk or back hatch area of your car so volunteers can easily remove the items as you enter the "DRIVE THRU" line. For more information contact gk@koc8600.org

Father Tad Returns to St. Raymond's September 18th! Father Tad will be giving a talk on "New Ethical Challenges in the Midst of COVID." Registration is required. Please visit our website (straymonds.org) for more information and to register.

Church Persecuted

Over the next several weeks, we will devote this column to a review of the Democrat and Republican party platforms as they pertain to those issues which directly impact the ability of a Catholic to practice his/her faith both privately and in the public square, with an emphasis on issues regarding the protection of human life. This week we will focus on abortion rights.

Democratic platform: "Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally...that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood...."

Republican platform: "We call for a permanent ban on federal funding and subsidies for abortion and healthcare plans that include abortion coverage."

Comment: "Reproductive health rights" mean creating a universal right for access to contraceptives, sterilization for reproduction purposes, and both surgical and chemical abortions through all stages of a pregnancy. It was the inclusion of this in the Affordable Care Act that the Little Sisters of the Poor fought against and won twice at the Supreme Court. It was the requirement that this provision be provided in faith-based business health insurance plans that Hobby Lobby successfully appealed at the Supreme Court.

More next week – Hyde Amendment's prohibition to federal funding of abortions.

(The entire series of party platform articles and other articles can be found at <https://straymonds.org/religious-liberty-blog/>.)



St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus: Are you a man of 17½ years or 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!

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.

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Pre K—8th

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703-924-3996

Wednesday and Friday Adoration at St. Raymond's:

Would you like to spend an hour in silent prayer and reflection with our Lord during weekly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament? We are in immediate need of permanent adorers for Wednesday and Friday Adoration. ON WEDNESDAYS, 1 adorer is needed for the 10-11 am hour. ON FRIDAYS in particular 1 adorer is needed for the 10-11 am, 11 am-12noon and 2-3 pm hours. If you are interested in Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email spoiledk9s@verizon.net. If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email virginia.osella@straymonds.org. And we can always use substitute adorers!

FAITH DIRECT: Although public Masses are limited and many parish events 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 help. Please visit our website www.straymonds.org to join online or call directly at 866-507-8757.

Please remember that our parish's expenses continue during this crisis! Your donations may be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or given online through Faith Direct.

FAITH DIRECT AUGUST 2020

Sunday Offertory	\$ 52,170.50
Family Assistance	\$ 1,623.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,431.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 1,685.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 11,529.00
Family Assistance	\$ 637.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,306.00
Assumption of Mary	\$ 210.00