#### **Pastor's Corner**

Judge Amy Coney Barrett. Last Saturday President Trump nominated Judge Amy Barrett to be an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States. Of course whenever a Republican president names a new Justice the Democrats and all the radical left try to block the nomination by destroying the good name of the nominee. There are lots of reasons for this, but the most fundamental is that the Democrats et al embrace the right to kill unborn babies as if it were a sacrament and Republican presidents nominate people they think will overturn the right to abort.

This time they will certainly try to destroy Judge Barrett. Just as they tried to destroy so many in the past, like Clarence Thomas, Robert Bork, and Brett Kavanaugh.

But I want you to know: Amy Barrett is a wonderful woman. I know, because she's a friend of my family, very close to my sister and her family, with whom she lived for several years when she worked in Washington.

Besides being a brilliant lawyer, she's an amazing mother of 7 children, one of whom has Down Syndrome, and two of whom were adopted from Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

But what I imagine the opposition, including most of the press, will focus on is her membership in a Charismatic covenant community based out of South Bend, Indiana called "People of Praise" (POP). As *Newsweek* wrote last week, she "...is affiliated with a type of Christian religious group that served as inspiration for Margaret Atwood's dystopian novel, *The Handmaid's Tale*." Of course, the next day they had to admit that POP has nothing to do with that stupid novel: "A *New Y orker* profile of the author from 2017 mentions ...a different charismatic Catholic group, People of Hope. Newsweek regrets the error." LIES.

Here's the deal. Three of my siblings belong to POP, and my uncle was the head honcho at POP for about 10 years. They are not some kind of kooky cult, just a group of devout Christians (90% Catholic) who seek to establish a more committed form of life in Christ. They are free to come and go. There is no brainwashing. They work in cooperation with priests and bishops, and the Catholics are very orthodox in their doctrinal beliefs and active in their parishes. My experience with the Catholics in the group has been very positive, even though I don't agree with the charismatic form of prayer and worship.

But it's not POP that will bother the opposition—it is abortion

So pray for our sister in Christ, for her strength, courage and peace. And pray for those who will persecute her—and us—that they will be thwarted in their efforts. St. Raymond of Peñafort, patron saint of lawyers, pray for us.

**Attorney General Barr.** On September 23, 2020, our country's Catholic AG gave an amazing speech at the virtual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast. Here is an excerpt I'd like you to take to heart:

"In joining together to pray for the strength and health of our country, we carry on a tradition that goes back to the beginning of the Republic. During the summer of 1783, General George Washington gave his first major address following the Revolutionary War.... He delivered a famous prayer that continues to be read aloud every day at Mount Vernon. He asked God not only to protect the nation from external threats, but to maintain the character of its citizens: as he put it, to "dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy," and to comport ourselves "with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion," and

without which "we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

"As Washington and his fellow Founders understood, religion is at the heart of the American experiment in self-government. In his Farewell Address, Washington said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."...

"That crucial link between religion and liberty, so well understood at the Founding, is all too often forgotten today. In American public discourse, perhaps no concept is more misunderstood than the notion of "separation of church and state." Militant secularists have long seized on that slogan as a facile justification for attempting to drive religion from the public square and to exclude religious people from bringing a religious perspective to bear on conversations about the common good.

"Yet...separation of church and state does not mean, and never did mean, separation of religion and civics. As late as 1952, Justice William O. Douglas could write for a majority of the Supreme Court that "we are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being." Alexis de Tocqueville, the keenest observer of the early American republic, praised America's separation of church and state while extolling America's union of the "spirit of religion" and the "spirit of liberty" as the key to its success. And Tocqueville identified religion as perhaps the greatest bulwark against a descent into tyranny.

"How does religion preserve liberty? In the first place, as our Founders recognized, religion assists in the formation of virtuous citizens who are prepared to exercise liberty responsibly. Whereas in democratic times, individuals have a tendency to withdraw from public life and pursue private self-gratification, religion builds community, strengthens social cohesion, and turns our attention to the common good. At the same time, religion safeguards individual rights by warding off what Tocqueville called the "impious maxim" that "everything is permitted in the interest of society." For all of these reasons, Tocqueville referred to Americans' religion as "the first of their political institutions."

"Unfortunately, in the last half century, that foundation of our free society has increasingly been under siege. Traditional morality has eroded, and secularists have often succeeded not only in eliminating religion from schools and the public square, but in replacing it with new orthodoxies that are actively hostile to religion. The consequences of this hollowing out of religion have been predictably dire. Over the past 50 years, we have seen striking increases in urban violence, drug abuse, and broken families. Problems like these have fed the rise of an ever more powerful central government, one that increasingly saps individual initiative, coopts civil society, crowds out religious institutions, and ultimately reduces citizens to wards of the State.

"As patriotic Americans and people of faith, we cannot be complacent about these trends...."

Emotional Impact of Shutdown. The COVID crisis has been a huge strain on all of us. But I ask you to particularly consider the emotional and spiritual effect on children. Think particularly about the fear they see around them—especially in us. We should ask ourselves if the panic and fear we generate is really appropriate, especially when it radiates from us to affect our kids. Especially when they are restricted from their normal lives, their normal emotional and spiritual supports, and even hanging out with their friends.

And then consider, are you offering your children the peace that only comes from Jesus by praying with them, bringing them to Mass and Confession, and—so importantly—letting that peace show forth in your life?

Think about this. Pray about this.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, Oct. 5th

6:30 am Robert Dinh 8:30 am Elizabeth Brisson +

### Tuesday, Oct. 6th

8:30 am Geoffrey Bald +

#### Wednesday, Oct. 7th

6:30 am Tracy Frelk 8:30 am Bob & Bev Ward

# Thursday, Oct.. 8th

8:30 am Isabel Spinelli

### Friday, Oct.9th

6:30 am Youth of the Parish 8:30 am Robert & Beverly Ward

#### Masses to be said Privately

Oct. 6 Gerald Healey
Oct. 7 Eugene Bettwy +
Oct. 8 Mariter San Pedro
Oct. 11 RE Catechists & their
families

#### Saturday, Oct. 10th

9:00 am Christopher Anezin

#### Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Willard** Joseph Healy, Sr. +

#### Sunday, Oct. 11th

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
Vince & Nelly Drouillard
9:00 am Fr. Willard
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. De Celles
Catherine Spinelli
1:00 pm Fr. Daly
Jonathan & Kara Perricone

# 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.

**Religious Freedom Special Speakers Series** - Dr. Robert Royal is giving a talk at Saint Raymond's on Saturday October 10th entitled "The New Marxism and Anti-Christian Socialism" after the 9 am Mass. Please visit our website for more information and to register.

#### POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR

Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday**, **October 17**, **2020**. Come. 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.

**Altar Rail Project Update:** The marble has arrived in Miami! We still do not know yet when the marble will arrive at St. Raymond's, but hopefully soon...

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** 

**Brandon Skiba** 

## Please pray for the sick of our parish

Leonora Ramos	Debra Henkel
Jason Saenz	Daniel Moore
Phyllis Zitnik	Maria Daugherty
Mary K Randazzo	Lauren Hornsby
Patricia Del Buono	Gaudencio Dizon
Joann Alba	Antoinette Baptist
Michael	Chris Quan
Malachowski	Quentin Hoffman
Juanita Boarman	Christine Gloninger
Angela Colom	Brenda Starr
John Florio	Gavin MacDonald
	Jason Saenz Phyllis Zitnik Mary K Randazzo Patricia Del Buono Joann Alba Michael Malachowski Juanita Boarman Angela Colom

### **Public Masses**

#### **Weekday Masses**

6:30 am Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am Monday thru 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 (No 5:00 pm Sunday Mass at this time)

Extraordinary Form of Mass (Traditional Latin)
1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 pm

<u>Face masks</u> will be expected at all Masses. Sign ups are required for 9am and 11 am Sunday Masses. Contact the parish office.

**Blessing of the Animals**: In honor of the feast of St. Francis, we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals **TODAY**, Sunday, October 4th, at 2:30 pm in front of the rectory.

**VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE**: St Raymond's will host a Voter Registration Drive after Masses this weekend, October 3-4, in the Narthex. The registration deadline is **October 13**, so do not delay! The safest way to vote absentee is in-person at one of the many satellite locations. No mail is involved and you can even vote curbside and not enter the building. Information will be available at the table or on <a href="https://straymonds.org">https://straymonds.org</a>.

St. Raymond's has Adoration every Wednesday and Friday! 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 need of adorers for Wednesday (9 am to 7 pm) and Friday (9 am to 3 pm). If you are interested in Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email <a href="mailto:spoiledk9s@verizon.net">spoiledk9s@verizon.net</a>. If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email <a href="mailto:virginia.osella@straymonds.org">virginia.osella@straymonds.org</a>. Drop-ins are always welcome!

**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.

#### **GOSPEL MT 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:
"Hear another parable.

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.

Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

When vintage time drew near,

he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.

Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones,

but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.'

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,

'This is the heir.

Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'
They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"

They answered him,

"He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Therefore, I say to you,

the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

FOOD DRIVE for ECHO: Saturday, Oct. 17th from 10 am until 2 pm in the Church Parking Lot. ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) is in urgent need of nonperishable food and personal items for those in need in the Springfield/Burke communities. Because of the current pandemic, ECHO is distributing more food than ever before. As a member congregation of ECHO, we will be sponsoring a food drive to help replenish the ECHO food room. Please bring donations in the back of your car, drive up to the delivery area, and volunteers will take donations from the car. Please wear masks - safety first for everyone! For more information about ECHO, and the current needs, please visit the website: <a href="mailto:echo-inc.org">echo-inc.org</a>, or call Kathy Siner at 703-405-8164. Thanks for helping those in need in our community!

**Men's Prayer Group:** On the first and third Saturdays of each month a group of men meet in the parish hall to pray and read the scriptures. They are neither theologians, philosophers, nor great scholars. Just some guys, coming together to pray, read, and share a simple breakfast. Everyone is welcome. Please join us at 7:30 am next Saturday. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

#### **Adult Formation Opportunities:**

2020-2021 RCIA every Monday evening 2020-2021 Adult Bible Study every Tuesday morning & again in the evening.

Both held through ZOOM this year!

Contact Bob Ward at (703) 644-5873 or via email at biblestudy@straymonds.org, for info & a link!.

#### SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center This is our collection weekend! God bless you all for your continued generosity.

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

**Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN:** Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare. tepeyacobgyn.com 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

**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. <a href="https://www.ncbcenter.org/resources/">https://www.ncbcenter.org/resources/</a>

Visit **cogforlife.org** for current information regarding ethical vaccines. Please consult the parish website for more detailed information.

Life Chain. This SUNDAY AFTERNOON!! October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30 along Franconia Road across from Key Middle School. Life Chain is a nationwide peaceful, prayerful and mostly silent witness. Signs (non-graphic) will be made available in the front of the key Middle School Parking lot (as usual). Bring your friends and family!

#### **College Scholarship Available:**

Visit 40daysforlife.com/scholarship



Fall Campaign Prayer Vigil Outside Falls Church 'Healthcare' Center 900 S Washington St, Falls Church

Our witness weekend will be Oct 31 / Nov 1 as well as every Friday during the campaign from 10am - noon. See the parish website for Sign Up Genius – or the Constant Contact you received via email.

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 <a href="https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife">www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife</a>. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or <a href="mailto:GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org">GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org</a>

# St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

# **Youth Apostolate Participation: 2 REQUIRED Forms**

**2020-2021 YA Info. Sheet** is to be completed annually for every child *prior* participating in any Youth Apostolate function on or off site.

**Youth Ministry Participant Waiver**, a one-time form is to be signed and turned in for every youth *prior* to participating in any St. Raymond's Youth Ministry activity/event on or off site.

- This is a separate form from that required for CCD.
- Only one form per family is required, listing ALL of the children who participate in ANY of the activities covered by that form (e.g., AHG, Trail Life, and Altar Servers, among others, are all covered by the Youth Ministry Waiver).

Forms can be found online at <a href="http://bit.ly/YAforms">http://bit.ly/YAforms</a> and should be emailed to Jeanne at <a href="youth@straymonds.org">youth@straymonds.org</a> or turned in to the main office.

Sunday Night CCD began Sept. 13th Sunday Night High School Youth Group begins Tonight October 4th (8-9pm)

# **VOLUNTEERS, especially YOUNG ADULTS... Our Youth Apostolate Needs YOU!**

# We are in need of volunteers for the following: In-Person High School Youth Group

- -Time Commitment: 7:45-9:15pm most Sunday Nights -Volunteers (age 20+) to hang out with, journey along-
- side and share your love of Jesus with our teens **in person**. **In-Person** Junior High (7th & 8th grade) Youth Group
- -Meeting Dates/Times TBD
- -Volunteers (ages 18+) willing to help out with our **in person** junior high youth group.

Virtual Junior High and/or High School Youth Group

- -Meeting Dates/Times TBD
- -Volunteers to participate in zoom meetings if/when we have them for, both junior high and high school meetings.

#### Please pray about these opportunities.

Our teens, perhaps more than any of us, are in great need of the ability to meet with one another, especially during these times of so much isolation. The only way to make this happen is through having enough committed volunteers. Is the Holy Spirit nudging you?

"A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."

He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

~John 21:16

#### **Interested in volunteering?**

Email Jeanne with what you are interested in helping with and/or with any questions you may have.

#### **Jeanne Sause**

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12) <a href="mailto:youth@straymonds.org">youth@straymonds.org</a> Call/Text: 571-334-9890 <a href="https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/youth-apostolate/">https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/youth-apostolate/</a>

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



The annual parish Holy Hour and Rosary is scheduled for Thursday October 15th at 6:45 p.m. All are invited to attend. This is a good opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to earn two Prayer Service Hours!! Please sign up if you plan to attend: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAA92F4-holy">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AAA92F4-holy</a>

<u>Planning ahead:</u> There will be no CCD classes on October 11, 12 or 13 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Parents of CCD students and Home School students preparing to receive sacraments (grades 2, 7 and/or 8): If you were unable to attend one of the Parent Sacramental Information Meetings last week, please come by the Religious Education Office to pick up the folder which contains important sacramental information for your child.



**St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus:** Are you a man of 17 ½ years of more? Are you a practicing Catholic? 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!

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge: Boy & Girls, ages 9–14 are eligible to compete in the annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020. Just show up anytime between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the field behind Holy Spirit School. The goal will be divided into a series of five scoring zones and each participant will have an opportunity to take 25 shots on goal to earn points. Certificates and prizes will be awarded for council and district winners. For more information, please contact Ed Gloninger at <a href="mailto:edgloninger@gmail.com">edgloninger@gmail.com</a>.

All Knights of our Council and all men of St. **Raymond's** age 18 or over are invited to attend the initial session of the "Into the Breach" program on Oct. 17th, 10:30 -This will replace the annual 12:00 in the Parish Hall. Oktoberfest this year due to social distancing restrictions. "Into the Breach" is inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix. KofC produced a 12-part video series, which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. The goal of the program is to help men grow in their faith and become the men that God is calling them to be. Pre-registration is required and registration is limited to 30 attendees. Socially-distanced fellowship will follow the session. Please view the trailer at: https://www.kofc.org/en/ campaigns/into-the-breach.html. For more information and to register, please contact Pat Franco at (703) 220-2403 or at popsfr8@aol.com.

## **Church Persecuted**

In last week's bulletin, both Father De Celle's *Pastor's Corner* and this column were devoted to the plight of the Catholics of San Francisco. We will continue with segments from Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone's op-ed in the *Washington Post* on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

"We Catholic are not indifferent to the very real dangers posed by covid-19. This is one of the reasons Catholic churches have developed rigorous protocols to protect public health in our facilities. We submitted our safety plans to the city in May along with other faith communities, and while indoor retailers had their plans approved and went into operation, we are still waiting to hear back.

"Meanwhile, the scientific evidence from other jurisdictions is clear: These safeguards are working. As three infectious-disease specialists who reviewed the evidence on more than 1 million public Masses over the past few months concluded, there have been no documented outbreaks of covid-19 linked to church attendance that follow the protocols. We have demonstrated that we know how to hold Mass safely. There is no reason not to allow us to put that knowledge into practice....

"As one of my parishioners...wrote recently, 'Even more than food for the body, this is food for my soul. I need it." (see <a href="https://straymonds.org/religious-liberty-blog/">https://straymonds.org/religious-liberty-blog/</a>) for entire op-ed)

As the bulletin goes to print, the San Francisco mayor announced that churches may increase indoor attendance to 25% capacity up to 100 people and outdoor church attendance capacity up to 200 people.

**Virtual Open House, (Oct. 25 – Nov. 7)** Get to know Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School! JP's annual Fall Open House has gone virtual and will be jam-packed with great information for all families with elementary and middle school children! Reserve your spot online at jpthegreat.org today!

Men's Retreat: Gentlemen: The civil turmoil and political division in our country presents a major spiritual challenge to all of us. What is being asked of faithful Catholic men in this time of trial? The 22nd Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by The Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia, will be held on Sat. Oct. 24 from 9:15am-1:15pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, There is no charge for this event, but you must register before Oct. 20 to attend. Attendance is limited. To register visit <a href="https://www.waywomen.com/mensretreat">www.waywomen.com/mensretreat</a> For more information, contact Robin Maas at <a href="majority101/monspect">mmylmaas@gmail.com</a>.

# **FORMED**°

#### **Get In-Formed!**

Called to Holy Orders with Fr. Paul Hoesing - Every baptized Christian is supposed to make the priesthood of Jesus real in this world. However, God calls some men to serve the Church within Holy Orders, acting in the person of Jesus to give the grace of the Sacraments to all. How can young men know if they're called to this special role?

Watch and Learn now at <a href="https://www.straymonds.formed.org">www.straymonds.formed.org</a>
The best Catholic content in one place - movies, programs, talks, dramas, & ebooks—just one click away!

Questions? Need help? Email us at: formed@straymonds.org



# Angelus Academy Pre K—8th

Offering a liberal arts education in the classical tradition.

We are thrilled to be offering in-person instruction, 5 days a week!

2020-21 Admissions: Tuition assistance is available for all parishioners. Share the treasures of a solid Catholic education with your child(ren)/grandchild(ren). Visit "Admissions" on our website for our application and more information.

Looking for a gentle introduction to school for your 3-5 year old? Our Little Messengers program (MWF mornings) includes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium).

Thank you for your prayers and support. With God, nothing will be impossible!

www.AngelusAcademy.org 7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153 703-924-3996

**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 <a href="mailto:ipebtp@verizon.net">ipebtp@verizon.net</a> or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

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 <a href="https://www.straymonds.org">www.straymonds.org</a> 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 SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday Offertory	\$41,754.00	
Family Assistance	\$ 1,558.00	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,571.00	
Catholic University	\$ 606.00	
Religious Education	\$ 1,369.00	

# LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$13,647.37	
Family Assistance	\$	629.00
Maintenance Fund	\$	365.00

The second collection today is for Porto Charities "Special Kids, Special Needs." This collection helps provide the resources needed for the children within our diocese who are intellectually or developmentally challenged. Please be generous.