

## Pastor's Corner

**MEN'S RETREAT AT ST. RAYMOND'S.** I invite all the men in our parish to attend a "Men's Day of Recollection" in honor of Christ the King. **Fr. Paul Scalia** will lead the day, with the theme: "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free, Breaking the Yoke of Slavery From Within and Without." When: **Saturday, October 24, 2020**, from 9:15 AM - 1:15 PM. Where: **at St. Raymond's**. Cost: **FREE** - donations gratefully accepted. Includes lunch and materials. The retreat is new to St. Raymond's but has been sponsored by the Women's Apostolate to Youth for 22 years. Questions? Please contact Robin Maas - [rmvmaas@gmail.com](mailto:rmvmaas@gmail.com), or call the parish office.

**SCHEDULE CHANGES.** With Fr. Willard's move last week to Our Lady of Hope, I will be the only priest assigned and/or in residence to serve our parish, probably until next summer. Please join me in begging the Lord to send us a good Parochial Vicar as soon as possible. Please also pray for me.

As has been previously announced, I am forced to make a few important changes to our schedule. As time goes on, if it seems I can expand our schedule, I will definitely do so. I'm very sorry to make these changes, but I hope you will understand and continue to support the parish, especially by your attendance. And to support your pastor, especially through your prayers.

All these changes were effective Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Our new Mass schedule is as follows:

Monday to Friday: 8:30am  
Saturday morning: 9:00am  
Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil): 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm  
Extraordinary Form Mass: 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7pm  
Mass on federal holidays: 10:00am Mass only

(Summary: There will be no changes to the current Mass schedule except that we will no longer have 6:30am weekday Masses, and when the Covid restrictions are lifted we will not return to having a Wednesday or Sunday evening Mass.)

Our new Confession schedule is as follows:

Wednesday: 6:00pm to 6:55pm  
Saturday:  
8:15am to 8:45am ("sharp")  
3:00pm to 5:00pm

(Summary: We will have very limited time for Saturday morning Confessions, and when the Covid restrictions are lifted we will not return to having Sunday morning Confessions.)

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

No change, but I ask that every adorer include in their prayers before the Blessed Sacrament a prayer for their pastor and for vocations.

Advent and Lent:

In general, the number of Confession times will be drastically reduced, i.e., I will not be able to hear confessions every night as usual, and priest help is especially difficult to

find during these seasons. I will try to provide both an Advent and Lenten Series for you.

**THE ELECTION.** We are a little over 2 weeks away from the Presidential election. Many struggle making a choice this year. But for me, it's pretty straight forward.

Four years ago I wrote here: "I see this election as voting mainly for the Supreme Court. As I've said before, the Justices (Judges) on the Supreme Court are the most powerful people in our government, as they regularly uphold or throw out decisions by our elected officials...as well as decades, centuries, and millennia of precedents and common sense assumptions of Western Society. For example, it was one vote (on a 5-4 vote), so one Justice, who overturned the immemorial unanimous belief that marriage was only between a male and female and it was one vote/Justice who kept abortion a fundamental inalienable right. On the other hand, it was one vote/Justice who protected the religious liberty of business owners (i.e., Hobby Lobby; and remember the Little Sisters of the Poor case currently before the Court), and it was one vote/Justice who *temporarily* stopped the President from forcing local schools to give special privileges to "transgenders." And that's what it comes down to for me: The Supreme Court and abortion, traditional marriage, religious liberty/freedom of conscience, and the attack on common sense (the transgendered issue)."

Well, it turned out a lot of Americans were thinking along the same lines; as the last four years have proven, we elected the President who would provide us with a sensible pro-life/marriage/family/religious-liberty court. And not just a 5-4 court, but a 6-3 court, with Number 6, Judge Amy, in the pipeline. And in my opinion she will be one of the most important justices in our history.

So, with a 6-3 pro-life/marriage/common-sense court soon to take the bench, does that mean we can base our voting choices on other issues? Sadly, no. Because if the pro-abortion candidate is elected, he has pledged to continue to fight for "abortion rights," "gay" and "transgender" rights, and to suppress religious freedom when it conflicts with those "rights" (he has publicly promised to force Christian employers, which includes the Little Sisters, to pay for contraception insurance). And he has promised to appoint judges and justices who agree with him. **Moreover, he claims voters don't "deserve" to know** if he supports his fellow party leaders' call to "**pack the court,**" that is, increase the number of Supreme Court Justices so as to be able to appoint a far left (pro-abortion/etc.) majority. So he refuses to tell us his position on this, but he did select a supporter of court packing as a running mate for Vice President. In fact, New York Times' Alex Burns reported last week that Sen. Kamala Harris, "told me in an interview actually that she was absolutely open to" packing the court. Of course, Harris is also rabidly pro-abortion/etc., and pro-suppressing conflicting religious liberties. **So the 6-3 pro-life/etc. Supreme Court could quickly become a 7-6, or 9-6 pro-abortion Supreme Court.**

I have a lot of reasons for supporting the candidate I do this year, but the bottom line is still formed by the issues of 2016: the Supreme Court, pro-life, marriage, religious liberty and common sense. One candidate is clearly on the pro-life/etc. side, the other is clearly on the pro-abortion/etc. side.

But I never publicly endorse candidates.

*Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles*

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Oct. 19th**

8:30 am Lee &amp; Margaret Schichtel +

**Tuesday, Oct. 20th**

8:30 am Araya Zerihun +

**Wednesday, Oct. 21st**

8:30 am Stella Hatcher

**Thursday, Oct. 22nd**

8:30 am Robert &amp; Beverly Ward

**Friday, Oct. 23rd**

8:30 am Phyllis D. Deeney

**Masses to be said Privately**

Oct. 19 Christine Schy +  
 Oct. 20 Dolores M Greenfield +  
 Oct. 21 Susan Sundberg +  
 Oct. 22 Ursula Castillo + & Alberto Rojas +  
 Oct. 23 Joseph Fallon +  
 Oct. 25 Lee & Kara Waldrup

**Saturday, Oct. 24th**

9:00 am Julian Jensen +

**Vigil Mass**5:00 pm Fr. De Celles  
Stacy & Eric Fleming**Sunday, Oct. 25th**

7:00 am Fr. De Celles  
 Lorie Maser +  
 9:00 am Fr. Rippy  
 Parishioners  
 11:00 am Fr. De Celles  
 Mae Licitra +  
 1:00 pm Fr. Daly  
 Edna LeMay +

**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: 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm

Saturday: 8:15 am - 8:45 am, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**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](mailto:office@straymonds.org) to verify your email address.

**Altar Rail Project Update:** The marble is still on the ship just outside of Miami! We still do not know yet when the marble will arrive at St. Raymond's, but hopefully soon...

**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](http://jpthegreat.org) today!

**Increased Access to Parish Library.** Patrons may access the Parish Library for a private, in-person visit by contacting the parish office for an appointment. Alternatively, patrons may contact Mary Hansen at [straylibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:straylibrarian@gmail.com) for an electronic catalog inquiry and/or check-out request. She will leave your materials with the Parish Office for easy pickup during regular business hours. "You will not find anyone who is truly striving after his spiritual advancement who is not given to spiritual reading." - St Athanasius

**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**

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  
 Michael  
 Malachowski  
 Juanita Boarman  
 Angela Colom  
 John Florio  
 Debra Henkel

Daniel Moore  
 Maria Daugherty  
 Lauren Hornsby  
 Gaudencio Dizon  
 Antoinette Baptist  
 Chris Quan  
 Brenda Starr  
 Donald Hale  
 Fr. Paul Richardson  
 Ron Osella

**Public Masses**

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

**Extraordinary Form of Mass (Traditional Latin)**

1st & 3rd Fridays at 7:00 pm

*Face masks will be expected at all Masses.*

*Sign ups are required for 9 am and 11 am Sunday Masses.  
 Contact the parish office.*

**We are Looking for Families for our Christmas Giving Tree.** Each year, St. Raymond's "adopts" families who need help with Christmas. This year with the COVID-19 virus and the closures it has caused, there are more families in need than ever! If your family or someone you know could use help providing gifts for their children, please let Kirsti in the parish office know. The information is kept completely confidential! Office phone number is 703-440-0535 or email [straychurch@aol.com](mailto:straychurch@aol.com).

**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 [spoiledk9s@verizon.net](mailto:spoiledk9s@verizon.net). If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email [virginia.osella@straymonds.org](mailto:virginia.osella@straymonds.org). Drop-ins are always welcome!

**Luminaries of Holy Mary:** Come join us on Nov. 8th to honor the Blessed Mother's request for making the 5 First Saturdays: Mass at 9am, then meet in the Parish Hall for Rosary, meditation and Gospel reflection. All are welcome.

**GOSPEL MT 22:15-21**

The Pharisees went off  
and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech.  
They sent their disciples to Him, with the  
Herodians, saying,  
"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man  
and that you teach the way of God in accordance  
with the truth.  
And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion,  
for you do not regard a person's status.  
Tell us, then, what is your opinion:  
Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"  
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,  
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?  
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."  
Then they handed Him the Roman coin.  
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose  
inscription?"  
They replied, "Caesar's."  
At that He said to them,  
"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar  
and to God what belongs to God."

**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.

**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.

**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 [jpebtp@verizon.net](mailto:jpebtp@verizon.net) or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

**Adult Formation Opportunities:**

**2020-2021 RCIA** every Monday evening

**2020-2021 Adult Bible Study** every Tuesday morning & again in the evening. **Both are held via ZOOM this year!**

Contact Bob Ward at 703-644-5873 or email [biblestudy@straymonds.org](mailto:biblestudy@straymonds.org) for info & a link!

**SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE**

*Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH.*

*Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*

**"Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us.** Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. ... **It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life...**"— Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*



**Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare.** [tepeyacobgyn.com](http://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. <https://www.ncbcenter.org/resources/>. Visit [cogforlife.org](http://cogforlife.org) for current information regarding ethical vaccines.

**College Scholarship Available:**

Visit [40daysforlife.com/scholarship](http://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 SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE NARTHEX**

**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](http://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](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

***Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project*** helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife). For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or [GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org)



## St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

### HS Youth Group 8-9pm Sunday, October 17th

Every Sunday night all students grades 9-12 are invited to join us for faith, fun & fellowship! Meet in the parish hall. Dress for the weather as we will try to stay outside until it gets too cold to do so. Please make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.



### 7-8th Grade Service Opportunity: Yard work 9am-2pm Saturday, October 26th

Great opportunity to help a few of our older parishioners with yard work while making new friends! You must sign up in advance to help so that we can keep COVID protocol. A YA Form and COVID waiver must also be on file/turned in. Please email Jeanne (below) if you would like to help. **Compliant adults are also needed!**

### Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping with our 7-8th grade youth group? We are in need of more volunteers so we can get our junior high program up and running. Please pray about this opportunity or call Jeanne with questions.

### 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 <http://bit.ly/YAforms> and should be emailed to Jeanne at [youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) or turned in to the main office.

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

[youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) Call/Text: 571-334-9890

<https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/youth-apostolate/>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**THANK YOU** to all the CCD families and members of the parish who attended the Parish Holy Hour and Rosary last Thursday. Please continue to pray for our Religious Education program, for our Church and for our country.

**PARENTS please note:** Even though FCPS has student holidays scheduled for November 2-3, there **WILL BE CCD classes November 1, 2, and 3.**

Planning ahead....there **will be CCD class** on Sunday **November 22nd**, but **no CCD classes November 23, 24 and 29** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



In thanksgiving to God and with deep pride, the Religious Education (CCD) Office would like to acknowledge the outstanding commitment of our CCD volunteers. Limited room in the bulletin makes it necessary to print the names in three separate bulletins. Here are the names of our **Monday & Tuesday night volunteers:**

Joe Adelman  
Elizabeth Brewer  
Colleen Crowley  
Tom Crowley  
Bob Ferguson  
Pauline Ferguson  
Marie Fletcher  
Jeanne Igo  
Sophia Kramer  
Teresa Kramer  
Jackie Kruse  
Catherine Mirch  
Suzy McCready  
Maria Sanchez-O'Brien  
Mary Belle Reese  
Matt Riordan

Bill Roche  
Molly Sause  
Maureen Smith  
Ginger Avvenire  
Lourdes Costacamps  
Tito Costacamps  
Carmelita Gamallo  
Elizabeth Healy  
Beth Holst  
John Larvie  
Mike Miller  
Diane Swengros  
Debbie Tolpa  
Alyssa Wells  
Audrey Wells



### 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](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs) to become a Knight 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 [www.waywomen.com/mensretreat](http://www.waywomen.com/mensretreat) For more information, contact Robin Maas at [rmvmaas@gmail.com](mailto:rmvmaas@gmail.com).

### Church Persecuted

The “cancel culture” is out to destroy any individual, business, organization, or institution that does not subscribe to its distorted value that free speech is only free if it supports their twisted beliefs. Particular targets include businesses that refuse to cater to the irrational “same-sex marriages,” religious institutions that still retain an aura for the Almighty, businesses that operate in a Godly way, and individuals past and present of many kinds and backgrounds.

For Catholics, such evidence is portrayed by a case before the U.S. Supreme Court this term (*Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*, discussed here previously) whereby activists are attempting to cancel Catholic Charities adoption agencies because they refuse to allow adoptions to same-sex or transgender couples. In California, the cancel culture tried to remove St. Junipero Serra from the history books, and unjustly limited the number of congregants in a Church.

On a positive note, a district court in New York issued a temporary injunction allowing the New Hope Family Services, a 50-year-old adoption agency based in Syracuse, NY, to continue allowing adoptions only to married males and females. In Florida, a court recently required Florida State University to reinstate a Catholic on the Student Senate after he was voted off merely for defending his Catholic Faith.

As you head to the polls to vote in the next weeks, remember that “Religious Freedom” and the “Cancel Culture” are both on the ballot.

**Home School Group:** for more information visit our website [www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/). Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at [straymondhsg@gmail.com](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com).

## FORMED®

### Get In-Formed!

**Mary of Nazareth** – Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

Watch now at [www.straymonds.formed.org](http://www.straymonds.formed.org)

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Questions? Need help? Email us at: [formed@straymonds.org](mailto:formed@straymonds.org)



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Please prayerfully consider a donation to the **Messengers of Hope** campaign. As an independent Catholic school, we receive no funds from the Diocese or the state; we rely entirely on tuition and donations to cover our expenses.

To donate, please go to [AngelusAcademy.org](http://AngelusAcademy.org) and click on “donate” or mail a check directly to the school: 7644 Dynatech Court, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

**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](http://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.**

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$12,089.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,935.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,855.00

The second collection this week will be for World Missions.