



"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153**

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am and 1:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday through Friday:
8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am

**EXTRAORDINARY
FORM MASS (LATIN)**
1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

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www.straymonds.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

Angelus Academy

7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153
703-924-3996

Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

6:00-6:55 p.m. (during Exposition)

Saturday Morning

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon

3:00 - 5 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to marry must contact a parish priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Couples who are living together will be expected to live separately at least during the 3 months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM: Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Office ONE MONTH in advance. Parents must participate in a one-session pre-Baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child. You must be REGISTERED in the Parish 3 MONTHS prior to the Baptism.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit announcements in writing 10 days prior to publication.

The Spirit
drove Jesus
out into the
desert, and he
remained in
the desert
for forty days,
tempted by
Satan.
He was among
wild beasts, and
the angels
ministered
to him.

Mark 1:12,13

Pastor's Corner

Instead of a Lenten Series.... I'm sorry that we won't be able to have a Lenten Series this year. As I explained last week, with only one priest in the parish I just don't have the time to do it myself or coordinate other priests to do it. Also, I'm already asking and receiving help from over 6 priests to help with Masses and Confessions during Lent—you can only go to the well so many times before it runs dry.

But someone did suggest that I point out that you can go back and listen to past Lenten Series and talks on our website. I'm not sure everyone knows this but if you to the website, straymonds.org, and click the "welcome" at the top of the page, and then click "priests" you will see a list of many of the speakers we've had in prior years, including: Raymond Cardinal Burke, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Fr. Chris Pollard, Fr. Paul Scalia, Fr. Paul deLadurantaye, Fr. Mark Pilon and myself. If you click on those names, you can find recordings of some of their talks, including Lenten Series.

Also, I've decided to release a daily (Monday thru Saturday) short podcast throughout Lent. I am hoping to start this tomorrow—and that by the time you read this you will have received an email with more information and details. It will usually be on the readings from the Mass of the day, and last only 3 to 5 minutes. I hope this will be helpful to you. Call or email the office if you have any problem finding them.

Acts of Penance. During Lent Holy Mother Church calls on all who are able to perform acts of penance. I hope you've already picked out your penances for Lent, and that you don't wait until Holy Week to put them into action.

The three classic categories of penance are 1) prayer, 2) almsgiving (acts or gifts of charity), and 3) fasting (sacrifice: "giving up" something). I recommend you choose to do penances from all three of these categories—maybe a very small penance from two of them, and a larger "main" penance from the third. Maybe you could resolve to add one extra short prayer to your daily routine, maybe a Hail Mary, and to set aside one dollar every day to give to the poor box, and then do a larger penance of some sacrifice, like giving up your favorite beverage or food all during Lent.

Also, remember to pick penances that you are able to accomplish—don't be overly ambitious and try to carry a burden that is way too heavy for you. Penance should challenge us, but not overwhelm us. What often happens is we choose a penance that is too difficult for us in our present state in life, and then when we fail to keep it, we get discouraged and give up, and Lent is lost. So pick penances that are realistic.

Also, penances should be things that you can easily see that you are keeping. For example, if you resolve to just be "nice" to everyone, how do you evaluate your success in this? Rather, perhaps chose to try to be kinder to everyone, but to do so in a particular way to a particular person—e.g., to bring your office mate a cup of coffee every morning. Or if you resolve to "pray more," resolve specifically to pray an extra Hail Mary before bed, or an extra 5 minutes in the morning.

Also, try to choose penances that may address particular moral weaknesses you may have. For example, if you struggle with the sin of gluttony, a sacrifice related to food is a good idea. Or if you struggle from pride, maybe you could say the "Litany of Humility" every day, or to humble yourself by trying to hold the door open for others whenever you have the chance.

The Sacrament of Confession. Lent also involves a second type of "penance"—that is, the *Sacrament* of Penance (also called

"Confession" or "Reconciliation"). A few years ago I published a small pamphlet called "Making a Good Confession: A Brief Examination of Conscience and Guide to Going to Confession." Copies of this purple pamphlet can be found around the church. You can also find a copy on the website. I hope you will find it helpful in preparing for and making a good confession.

But what is the Sacrament of Penance itself all about? What follows are some short excerpts from the **"CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"** to provide a brief refresher:

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

1440 Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance...

Reconciliation with the Church. *1444 In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Simon Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head."*

1445 The words bind and loose mean: whomever you exclude from your communion, will be excluded from communion with God; whomever you receive anew into your communion, God will welcome back into his. Reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God....

The sacrament of forgiveness. *1446 Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification....*

1447 Over the centuries the concrete form in which the Church has exercised this power received from the Lord has varied considerably. During the first centuries the reconciliation of Christians who had committed particularly grave sins after their Baptism...was tied to a very rigorous discipline, according to which penitents had to do public penance for their sins, often for years, before receiving reconciliation...During the seventh century Irish missionaries...took to continental Europe the "private" practice of penance, which does not require public and prolonged completion of penitential works before reconciliation with the Church. From that time on, the sacrament has been performed in secret between penitent and priest...

1448 Beneath the changes in discipline...that this sacrament has undergone over the centuries, the same fundamental structure is to be discerned. It comprises two equally essential elements: on the one hand, the acts of the man who undergoes conversion through the action of the Holy Spirit: namely, contrition, confession, and satisfaction; on the other, God's action through the intervention of the Church. The Church, who through the bishop and his priests forgives sins in the name of Jesus Christ and determines the manner of satisfaction, also prays for the sinner and does penance with him. ...

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday Feb. 22nd**
8:30 am Sally Crosby +**Tuesday, Feb. 23rd**
8:30 am Louise Ward +**Wednesday, Feb. 24th**
8:30 am Noah Shealy**Thursday, Feb. 25th**
8:30 am Jaxon Perricone**Friday, Feb. 26th**
8:30 am Denise Anezin**Masses to be said Privately**Feb. 22 The Minogue Family
Feb. 23 Eugene Tougas +
Feb. 24 The Nochera Family
Feb. 24 The Pacheco Family
Feb. 25 The Quiwa Family
Feb. 26 Michael Hurley +
Feb. 28 Mother Antoinette
Marie Walker**Saturday, Feb. 27th**
9:00 am Ella Fettig Bowling**Vigil Mass**
5:00 pm
Isabel Santos +**Sunday, Feb. 28th**
7:00 am
John & Regina Lallo +
9:00 am
Parishioners
11:00 am
Joseph Maines +
1:00 pm
The Randall Family**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
Colleen McFadden****Please pray for the sick of our parish**Glenn Bliss
Tom Dietz
Michael O'Neill
Cindy Laird
Patricia Lewis
Barbara McGinn
Mai Pham
Joan Opiela
Donald Zacherl
Leonora Ramos
Jason Saenz
Phyllis Zitnik
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Michael
Malachowski
Juanita Boarman
Angela Colom
John Florio
Debra Henkel
Daniel Moore
Maria Daugherty
Lauren Hornsby
Gaudencio Dizon
Antoinette Baptist
Margaret O'NeillAda Prabhavat
Julia Oaks
Paul Haynes
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Dwayne Taylor
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Christopher Quan
Al Pionbo
Ted Tolpa
Dennis Kruse**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)****Wednesdays: 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 8:45 am, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm****Starting Monday, Feb. 22 we will have
Additional Confession times for Lent!****Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Fridays at 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm****Stations of the Cross****Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm*****Please see the front of the bulletin for our current Mass,
Confession, and Adoration schedules.******Face masks are expected at all Masses unless you are
exempt.******The 1:00 pm Sunday Mass is "Masks Mandatory".
Sign ups are required for 9 am and 11 am Sunday Masses.
Visit our website or contact the parish office.*****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.**St. Raymond's Lenten Women's Retreat** led by the Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY) will be on February 27, 2021 from 8:30am-1:30pm. Check-in will be in the parish hall before the 9:00 parish Mass, and the retreat will conclude with lunch. Please register on the parish website at <https://straymonds.org/womens-lenten-retreat/> or contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org for help. **No cost to attend. Space is limited, so please register ASAP.****Fasting and Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. Failure to "substantially" keep these penances is grave matter (e.g., potentially a mortal sin). The law of abstinence requires that no meat may be eaten on these days, and binds all Catholics who are 14 years old or older. No other penance may be substituted. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The Church defines "fasting," for these purposes, as having only one full meal a day, with two additional smaller meals permitted, but only as necessary to keep up strength and so small that if added together they would not equal a full meal. Snacking is forbidden, but that does not include drinks that are not of the nature of a meal. Even though these rules do not bind all age groups, all are encouraged to follow them to the extent possible. Children in particular learn the importance of penance from following the practice of their older family members. The sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other folks with special physical circumstances may be partially or totally exempt from these rules—use good judgment and take care of yourself.

GOSPEL MK 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and He remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to Him.

After John had been arrested,

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."



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!

ANNUAL FIVE-CAR RAFFLE: Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle tickets—special thanks to those who have requested extras to sell to their relatives, friends, co-workers, bowling team, etc. Sales are off to a great start! Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints. Please mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. Questions? Contact Larry Saenz at lsaenz1@verizon.net or 703-832-1042.

Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil! Trail Life Troop 0683, the troop sponsored by St. Raymond of Peñafort, is kicking off its annual mulch and topsoil sale to help parish families prepare for spring lawn and garden care. Your support will help our growing troop buy camping gear, advancement and recognition badges and instructional material. You can mail in your order or order online. You will find instructions for ordering at: <https://straymonds.org/trail-life/>. We offer home delivery for an extra donation. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at 703-372-1240. *Thank you very much!*

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us on March 6th 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.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held Virtually on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome. For more information, please contact Tom Delaney at 703-690-1930 or by e-mail at tdelaney51@verizon.net

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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"The holiness of the family is the chief way and necessary path to construct a new and better society, and to restore hope for the future."

~ Pope Saint John Paul II

Thank you for your continued generosity to the MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center. Your generosity - accompanied by your prayers - is so very much appreciated. Our next support weekend is March 6-7. God bless you!

Please see the parish website for updated information regarding COVID-19 Vaccines and their relation to aborted fetal cell lines. You can speak up!



Spring Campaign Feb 17- Mar 28. Our Parish Witness Weekend will be 20/21 March. Sign Ups are in the narthex and on the parish website.

Bishop Burbidge will celebrate a Mass for Life on Saturday Feb 27 at 8:30am at St. James Church. A Rosary will follow in front of the Falls Church abortion clinic 900 S Washington Street. All are welcome.

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

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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 parish office or MaRiH collection box 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.

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.

Home Repair Needed?

Our High School Youth Apostolate is looking for opportunities to help St. Raymond's parishioners with intermediate skill projects and manual labor this summer, June 2nd -25th. Could you use help? **We are looking for projects involving basic carpentry, landscaping, hardscaping, and home maintenance.** Examples include:

- deck repairs, fence repairs, walkway/patio repairs, staining, painting, power-washing, gutter work, etc.
- All work must be outdoors.
- Project cannot require a county building permit.
- Projects higher than one story (including gutters and roofs) will not be considered.
- Projects that expose volunteers to mold, lead based paint, or asbestos will not be considered.

If you or someone in the local area that you know could use help, contact Jeanne youth@straymonds.org 571-334-9890 March 1st with your/their name and contact information.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

Junior High (7th-8th Grade) Youth Group **5-6:30pm Sunday, February 21st (Parish Hall)**

Come eat pizza, make new friends and have fun all while growing in your faith! All 7th-8th graders are welcome! You do not have to be a parishioner, or even Catholic for that matter, in order to attend. There is no charge, however, we do need the forms (below) on file before you come. If possible, please RSVP by emailing Jeanne, to give an idea of how much pizza we will need.

High School Youth Group **8-9pm Sunday, February 21st (Parish Hall)**

All students grades 9-12 are invited to join us to grow in faith & fellowship! No RSVP required. Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

WorkCamp (June 19th-25th) Update!

Due to a variety of factors, St. Raymond's will be holding our own version of WorkCamp this summer. WorkCamp is open to current 9th-12th graders. See "**Home Repair**" note above. We will have daily Mass, work in crews on projects, have evening program, etc. but sleep at home. More details coming soon!!

Sons of Thunder High School Boys' Group **7-8:30pm Tuesday, February 23rd (Parish Hall)**

9th-12th Grade Guys, come join the brotherhood! Sons of Thunder meets 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Hall. Come learn more about your faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, and hang out with other guys in a chill atmosphere. Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming. New folks always welcome.

Youth Apostolate Participation 2 REQUIRED Forms
Forms can be found online at <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890
<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents of 7th Grade students : Confirmation Registry form with Certificate of Baptism attached **was due in the Religious Education Office on February 4th.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Parents of 8th grade Confirmation candidates: Please make note of a **change in venue for the Confirmation Retreat** - the Retreat will be held here at St. Raymond's on March 13th and not at St. John Paul the Great High School. More information will follow.

Parents of 2nd grade and 8th grade students: You should have received an email the week of February 7-12 with information regarding the sacraments your children are preparing for. If you did NOT receive the email, please contact the Religious Education office.

8th Grade Confirmation candidates, please make note of the following documents due to the Religious Education office on **March 19:**

Sponsor Eligibility Letter (from Sponsor's home parish) and Statement of Sponsor

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 or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

Catholic Book Club: The next Parish Book Club meeting is on Friday, March 12th in the Maurer Room at 10:00 am. There is limited space but virtual attendance is possible... The book for discussion is: *Dangers to the Faith: Recognizing Catholicism's 21st-century Opponents* by Al Kresta (208 pgs.) Newcomers welcome. If you have any questions or to register, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

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. The St. Martin de Porres committee thanks all of the parishioners for your food donations. Your generosity really makes a difference in helping the needy, especially during the pandemic.

AHG Tiny Saints Fundraiser: Have you ever seen an adorable saintly zipper pull hanging from someone's jacket or backpack, and wondered where they got it? Likely from the Tiny Saints website! This site features 100+ saints in cute charm form, as well as some sweet board books, plush animals, and even a rosary! **For the month of February**, if you **select "American Heritage Girls Troop VA0683 - Alexandria, VA" from the drop-down menu** (we are third on the list!), our troop will receive 25% of all purchases. Please check out this great site for uniquely Catholic gifts for birthdays, Easter, or just to make someone smile, and support our AHG troop at the same time! tinysaints.com.

Church Persecuted

National polls always seem to portray a high percentage of Americans who identify as pro-choice compared to those who identify as pro-life. They ask the broad question, "Are you pro-life or pro-choice?" When Marist College recently asked the question as part of an annual survey sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the numbers showed 53% pro-choice and 43% pro-life. When additional questions were asked, the poll produced strikingly different results.

- More than three quarters of Americans (76%) including a majority who identify as pro-choice, want significant restrictions on abortion.
- 77% of those polled either "oppose" or "strongly oppose" using tax dollars to support international abortion (Mexico City policy). This is up from 75% who answered the question similarly each of the past two years (Democrat – 55%, Republican 95%, Independent – 85%).
- Only 19% of Americans either "support" or "strongly support" funding abortions outside the U.S., while another 4% are unsure.
- Even among those who identify themselves as "pro-choice" in the current poll, over 6 in 10 (64%) say they are opposed to using tax dollars to support abortion in other countries.
- A majority of Americans (58%) oppose using taxpayer money to fund abortions within the United States (Democrat – 31%, Republican 83%, Independent – 65%)

More data from this poll which has been conducted annually since 2008 next week.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/polls/kofc-americans-opinions-on-abortion012021.pdf>

"Christ suffered for sins once for all." Is He asking you to suffer with Him and bring others to God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

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The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries, and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessing that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a BLA pledge. Every donation is vital to the success of the BLA. You may go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org, or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!

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 Saturday, March 6. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

ENCOURAGE - a Catholic support group for parents, family and friends of loved ones experiencing same-sex attraction. Meetings involve prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Meets monthly at St. Michael's Parish in Annandale, VA. Call Jim at (703) 765-2751.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 9,403.00
Family Assistance	\$ 735.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,512.00

The Second Collection this week is for Black & Indian Missions here in the U.S.

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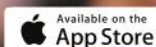
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