



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



"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

He made a whip
out of cords and
drove them all
out of the temple
area. "Take these
out of here, and
stop making my
Father's house
a marketplace."

John 2: 15,16

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
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Vince Drouillard, Religious Education Secretary
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Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

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Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Website

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.

Pastor's Corner

Third Sunday of Lent. As Lent continues I encourage you all to let yourself enter more fully into the holiness of this season. Some of you may not have really turned your full attention to the penitence of the season yet, and some of you may be starting to wane in your sincere efforts. All that is understandable, but we must not let this great opportunity to draw closer to Christ slip away.

In this regard I urge you to pause every night before you go to bed and briefly examine your consciences, thinking both of your sins and of God's blessings of the day. Also take a moment to consider how you well you "kept Lent" that day.

I also encourage you to carefully review the Lenten Schedule we distributed two weeks ago (go to straymonds.org and click "Lent" at the top of the home page) and think about which of the various Lenten liturgies and activities you should take part in—and resolve to make it happen.

Looking over the schedule, I see the daily confessions—have you been yet? And the Friday Stations of the Cross—such a simple but profound devotion. Or maybe you can come to Exposition and Adoration on Wednesday or Friday. Or how about waking up early once a week to come to morning Mass before work or school, or to the Extraordinary Form Mass on the 1st and 3rd Fridays. Or go to Mass at another church during lunch. Or maybe listen to [my daily Lenten Podcast](#).

Don't let this opportunity to grow in holiness pass you by. Keep the love of Christ Crucified before your eyes at all times, so that your hearts may be transformed every day in Lent.

FORMED.ORG. Another great tool in Lent is the website FORMED.ORG. The website, run by the Augustine Institute in Denver, describes itself, quite accurately as: "a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from trusted partners like the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire. Catechism and Personal Faith Formation are at the fingertips of every parishioner." There's something good for the little ones, teens, middle-aged, seniors, neophytes, cradle Catholics, well-educated, not so well-educated, families, marrieds, singles, men, women—everyone. It really is great. Go to the site and see for yourself.

RCIA and RCIC. Please keep in prayer those adults and children who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church and/or be Baptized, Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. Even with the restriction of Covid they have been preparing diligently the last few months. Let us pray that they persevere in faith, and be open to all the graces God has in store for them. And may they be an example to the rest of us, reminding each of us of our own continuing need for personal conversion in the love of Christ.

New Vaccine. Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, have issued a statement (*see below*) on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the United States. Both are very good men, and their advice is sound.

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns

because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that 'when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the worldwide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good."

I would only add that each person must judge, according to one's own conscience, that there is a grave reason to take the vaccine—the CDF, referenced above, thinks there is, but some disagree. In no case are you required to take the vaccine: you are free to choose, following the Church's teaching and guidance. **If you choose to take the vaccine, you should still make your objections known.** For this you might want to see the sample letter on our website, on the "coronavirus" menu at the top of the front page.

New Altar Rail and Pulpit. On June 23, 2019, I announced plans to install a new marble altar rail and pulpit. Twenty months later, after multiple delays due to Covid—in the workshops in Italy and Maryland, and the ports in Italy, Bahamas, Miami and Baltimore, it's finally in place. Praised be Jesus Christ! And Our Lady of Ransom and St. Raymond.

Thanks to all the donors who made this possible; you'll be happy to know we had more than enough donations to pay for the project (I'll be in touch with donors about this soon). Thanks to the craftsmen who made and installed it all so beautifully. And thanks to all of you for your patience. I hope you like it, and pray that it will add to our reverent and devout celebration of the Holy Mass.

Parents' Rights. On December 23, the District of Columbia enacted a law allowing children age 11 and older to obtain vaccines without their parents' consent. Doctors will determine if their minor patients meet the standard for informed consent. The legislation also requires doctors to "seek reimbursement, without parental consent, directly from the insurer" and "submit the immunization record directly to the minor's school," rather than their parents. So, doctors, not parents, are in charge of our kids. Parents' rights be damned. Although the law only applies to the District, this kind of thing, as we have so often seen lately, spreads like the virus. Beware.

Welcome Back Fr. Daly! After several months of Covid shutdown in his retirement community, Fr. Daly is back with us today, celebrating the 1pm Mass. I can't tell you how happy both he and I are about his return. At 89 years he's a real trooper, a great example to all of us, especially to us priests. We've missed his great homilies and strong and kind presence. God bless you, Fr. Daly.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday March 8th**

8:30 am The Nguyen Family

Tuesday, March 9th

8:30 am Bart Perricone

Wednesday, March 10th

8:30 am Andreas Zaloumis

Thursday, March 11th

8:30 am Rebecca Joy +

Friday, March 12th

8:30 Louise Ward +

Masses to be said Privately

March 8 Paul Bennett +
 March 9 Katherine Beutner
 March 10 Mary Ellen Browne +
 March 10 Luca Velleco +
 March 12 Peter Auger, Jr. +
 March 14 David McClintock +

Saturday, March 13th

9:00 am Pope Francis

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
 Knights of Columbus &
 their families

Sunday, March 14th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippey**
 Jack Kearnes +
 9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Parishioners
 11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Elizabeth Ruth Brisson
 Hinkley +
 1:00 pm **Fr. Daly**
 Mary Friend +

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 Opie
 Donald Zacherl
 Leonora Ramos
 Jason Saenz
 Phyllis Zitnik
 Mary K Randazzo

 Patricia Del Buono
 Michael
 Malachowski
 Juanita Boorman
 Angela Colom
 John Florio
 Debra Henkel
 Daniel Moore
 Maria Daugherty
 Lauren Hornsby
 Gaudencio Dizon
 Antoinette Baptist
 Ada Prabhavat

 Julia Oaks
 Paul Haynes
 Minnie Taylor
 Dwayne Taylor
 Bernadette
 D'Agostino
 Christopher Quan
 Ted Tolpa
 Dennis Kruse
 Antoinette Baptist
 Kimberly Dwinell

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
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.

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.

Roe vs. Wade Movie: Please join us for a private viewing of the 2020 movie, *Roe vs. Wade*, on Sunday March 14th, with showings at 3:00pm and 5:30pm at the Fairfax Cinemark Theater (11900 Palace Way, Fairfax). Tickets are required but free and available on the parish website. Donations accepted. This movie is rated PG-13. To learn more about the movie, visit: www.roevwademovie.com/about-the-movie

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 lsaenzi@verizon.net or 703-832-1042.

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 JN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near,
Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
He found in the temple area those who sold oxen,
sheep, and doves,
as well as the money changers seated there.
He made a whip out of cords
and drove them all out of the temple area, with the
sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money
changers and overturned their tables,
and to those who sold doves He said,
"Take these out of here,
and stop making My Father's house a marketplace."
His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me.
At this the Jews answered and said to Him,
"What sign can you show us for doing this?"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
The Jews said, "This temple has been under
construction for forty-six years,
and you will raise it up in three days?"
But He was speaking about the temple of His body.
Therefore, when He was raised from the dead,
His disciples remembered that He had said this,
and they came to believe the Scripture
and the word Jesus had spoken.
While He was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover,
many began to believe in His name
when they saw the signs He was doing.
But Jesus would not trust Himself to them because He
knew them all,
and did not need anyone to testify about human nature.
He Himself understood it well.



The Knights of Columbus St John Bosco Council at St. Raymond's welcome all men of the parish (18 years old or older) to join our council. After all Masses on March 13th and 14th, Knights will be available in the Narthex to provide information and show the great things Catholic men can accomplish together. To kick off the weekend, we will celebrate **our annual Knights Mass at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass** on Saturday, March 13th. Join us to celebrate.

Knights of Columbus – Polar Plunge: The annual Virginia Knights of Columbus Polar Plunge is just a little different this year. If anyone wants to take part in their own created and virtual polar plunge you are most welcome to do so in order to raise funds for the mentally and physically handicap of our state. Come up with your own polar plunge idea, get sponsors to financially support, record your "plunge", and then upload the video on the Virginia Polar Plunge website. The Polar Plunge is ongoing through March 15. For more info <https://www.polarplunge.com/> or text or call John Crennan at 339-223-0887.

Reminder:

Daylight Savings Time begins Next Weekend!

Do not forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour next Saturday night (March 13th)

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



To those who have suffered an abortion: A Day of Prayer and Healing. Saturday March 20th. Project Rachel Abortion recovery retreats are confidential group healing events open to any woman who has experienced abortion trauma and grief. To learn more, please call 703-841-2504 or email info@helpafterabortion.org

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 March 20/21. Sign Ups are in the narthex and on the parish website.

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

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

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.

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

Junior High (7th-8th Grade) Youth Group 5-6:30pm Sunday, March 7th (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. **Note: Jr. High youth group will NOT meet on Sunday, March 14th.**

High School Youth Group 8-9pm Sunday, March 7th (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. 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, March 9th (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!



Podcast: The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz

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- A guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word

To listen, search for "Bible in a Year" on your favorite podcast app or go to <http://bit.ly/biblepod> to listen online.

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

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

1. Confirmation Retreat will take place NEXT Saturday, March 13th. Please drop your child off at the Parish Hall at 8:30 am
 - Your child will need to bring their lunch with them.
 - Please pick your child up at 4:45 p.m.
2. Sponsor Eligibility letter (from sponsor's home parish) is due no later than March 19th
3. Statement of Sponsor form due no later than March 19th.
4. Confirmation Gown Order form due by April 15th.

Attention parents of 7th Grade students please check out Confirmation requirements as outlined in the *Supplement to Parent/Student Handbook for Confirmation 2022* which you received in your red folder at the beginning of the academic year. **Sponsor Interview is due by March 26th.**

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.

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 20. 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. 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.

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.

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.

Church Persecuted

Much has been written about the damage that the Equality Act can do to religious organizations (see Father DeCelles' columns in previous bulletins). There are several other executive orders, cabinet-level directives, and pending bills in Congress which also can eliminate or severely restrict the First Amendment religious protection afforded to religious organizations, and in particular Catholic colleges and schools. The information below is extracted from a recent memorandum The Cardinal Newman Society sent to Catholic school, college, and diocesan leaders.

Executive Order 13988 on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) was signed by President Biden on his first day in office. This pertains to the Supreme Court's *Bostock* ruling - finding that:

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Fair Housing Act, and other laws include "transgender" and homosexuality within the scope of sex discrimination. Among other things, the Order could require that children share restrooms and locker rooms with those of a different birth gender, and that biological males be permitted to participate on female athletic teams.

What we see here is the Biden administration "covering as many bases as possible" (author's words) so they may be able to force this immoral discrimination into the public square.
(Continued next week)

"We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God." Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

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. 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. **Orders must be received no later than March 15th.** Questions? Contact Eric Michael at 703-372-1240. *Thank you very much!*

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"The Laetare Benefit" will be held virtually on **Sunday, March 14, 2021**. It is the annual fundraising event for the *Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery* in Linden, Virginia. Tickets are available through "Faith Direct"

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6090> or <http://lindenopnuns.org/laetare-benefit/> Tickets are available for \$175 each and at the sponsor level, from \$1,750 to \$10,000 and are fully tax-deductible. All ticket purchasers will receive a link to a video program and Angel Auction which will go live at 5:00 pm on Laetare Sunday. RSVP by **March 10**. Thank you for your support! Visit their website and send them your prayer intentions. <http://www.lindenopnuns.org/>

Encourage One Another by Word and Deed: The BLA is 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 blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider supporting the BLA this year. Please go online: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla scan the QR code below, or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. *Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!*



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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 13,142.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,155.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 760.00

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