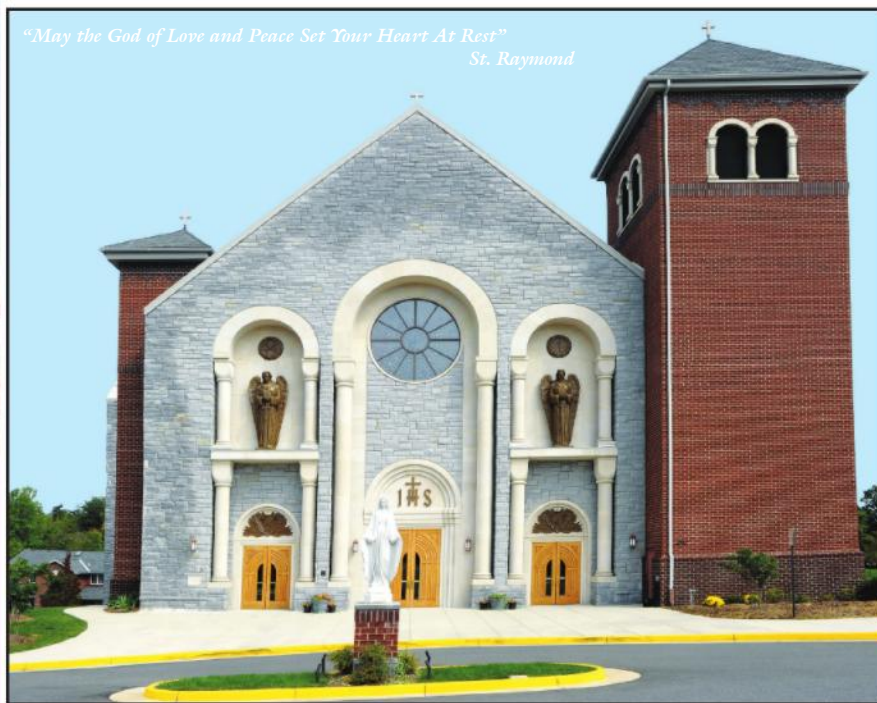




5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



"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

"The hour has come
for the Son of Man
to be glorified.
Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
ground and dies, it
remains just a grain
of wheat; but if it
dies, it produces
much fruit."

John 12: 23,24

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
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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Choirs: Music@straymonds.org

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

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: PASSIONTIDE. Today we cover the statues and crosses as we begin the last two weeks of Lent, called "Passiontide." Passiontide reminds us to refocus or deepen our attention on the season and its purposes of repentance of sin, conversion of heart, and appreciation of Christ's love manifested in His Passion and Cross. If you've been slacking in your observance of Lent, buck up. If you've neglected the season entirely, it's not too late. And if you've been having a good Lent, then consider how you might take it up a notch these last days.

Let us beg our Crucified Lord to shower us with His grace in these last two weeks of Lent, and that we may be open to His grace and love Him in return.

I also strongly encourage you to intensify your Lenten observance by taking greater advantage of opportunities offered in the parish, such as Confessions, Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6:30pm, and of course Mass: maybe you could attend at least one weekday Mass this week and next.

GO TO CONFESSION. Remember, evening confessions are from 6pm until 7pm and we will have 2 confessors available on Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not been to confession this Lent please try to go before Easter, remembering that during Holy Week the confession lines are very long and this year there will be fewer priests hearing confessions than in the past. So, if you haven't been to confession this Lent, **PLEASE COME THIS WEEK.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD. This coming Thursday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation, remembering the Archangel Gabriel's apparition to the Virgin Mary to announce, and receive her consent to, the miraculous conception of Jesus. Thus, it is traditionally understood to be a memorial of the event of Conception of Jesus, so that exactly nine months later, on December 25, we celebrate His birth. I encourage you all to celebrate by attending either the regular 8:30am or the specialty scheduled 7pm Mass.

COVID STUFF. It was one year ago this weekend that the "shutdown" began in our parish as the Bishop ordered that public Masses could not be celebrated until further notice. That was a dark time for all of us. Thanks be to God that He pulled us through, and we now have at least a partial opening. Unfortunately, we still are limited to 50% capacity, which with social distancing requirements reduces us to only about 30% capacity. And even with that, we're still only at about 40% of our pre-COVID attendance levels.

Hopefully, with all the positive things happening the limitations will be lifted soon. Until then, we trust in Jesus and keep the faith. Please keep coming to Mass if you can, and if you can't, at least watch the Mass reverently and prayerfully on the internet or TV.

6 Feet? One thing that might change, I hope soon, is the "6-foot rule." From the beginning of the shutdown I have read that 3 feet distancing is as effective as 6 feet. In fact, the 3-foot rule was the rule provided by the World Health Organization and so followed by many countries and applied in some US schools. Now a major study published in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases* confirms that:

"Among 251 eligible school districts, 537,336 students and 99,390 staff attended in-person instruction during the 16-week study period...Student case rates were similar in the 242 districts with ≥ 3 feet versus ≥ 6 feet of physical distancing between students ...; results were similar after adjusting for community incidence.... Cases among school staff ...were also similar... Conclusions. Lower physical distancing policies can be adopted in school settings with masking mandates without negatively impacting student or staff safety."

Did you know that there is very little science to support the 6-foot rule? It's apparently based on 80-year-old observations and is widely questioned by scientists and doctors today, including important studies at MIT and Oxford. Maybe now this will change, so that even with the 50% rule our capacity in the church would actually approach 50%, vs. 30% (see above), and so allow for the same attendance numbers as before the shutdown. We'll see what happens....

Slippery Slope. As I've mentioned many times, part of my "job" in the last year has been to balance concerns, and even fears, regarding spreading COVID on the one hand and the slippery slope of losing individual and church liberties on the other. Both concerns are real, and both merit respect. And I share both.

An example of how allowing governments to exercise "emergency" authority can be a slippery slope to wider loss of liberty is found in a recent case in New York City. As reported in various media sources, because Dr. Micheline Epstein, *a family physician*, refused to wear a mask outside her daughter's school, on the public street, the school said that she was no longer allowed to drop off or pick up her daughter. Then a judge took away her shared custody of her daughter (she had previously shared custody with her estranged husband), and ordered that she is not permitted to remove her daughter from school. All because Epstein, a physician, wouldn't wear a mask while she was on a public street.

Concerns about COVID and loss of freedom are real. Let's respect and pray for an end to both.

"ROE V. WADE," THE MOVIE. Thanks to all who attended the two special screenings of *Roe V. Wade* last Sunday. I was very happy to see a "full house," (with 25% capacity limits). I especially thank Mary Butler, Liz Hildebrand, Beth Berger and Mary Belle Reese for coordinating everything for us. Also, the folks at the Cinemark Fairfax Corner 14 Theater were more than gracious to us.

The movie tells the story, from the perspective of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, of the lies and politics behind the infamous Supreme Court decision that established a constitutional right to abortion. Dr. Nathanson was the co-founder of National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, or NARAL (now NARAL-Pro-Choice America). The movie includes lots of facts not found in the papers or the pro-abortion propaganda.

For those who were unable to attend I encourage you to watch it when it becomes available to the public on demand in April 2021. I will give you more information on that when I have it.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday March 22nd**

8:30 am Nicolas Prabhavat +

Tuesday, March 23rd

8:30 am Mary Spinelli

Wednesday, March 24th

8:30 am Elaine Munsterman

Thursday, March 25th

8:30 am RE Students & their families

Friday, March 26th

8:30 am Julianna Elmore

Masses to be said Privately

March 22 Robert Gaither
 March 23 Joan Danzig +
 March 24 Richard Schilling+
 March 26 Edward Murphy +
 March 28 Sr. Francine Amiee+

Saturday, March 27th

9:00 am Laura Brooks

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
 Gregory S. Kuzniewski, Jr +

Sunday, March 28th**Palm Sunday**

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
 Louis Le Dao +
 9:00 am Fr. De Celles
 Parishioners
 11:00 am Fr. De Celles
 Catherine Hansen
 1:00 pm Fr. Daly
 Kirsti Tyson

**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

LENTEN Confessions in the Church

Monday, - Thursday: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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

No Confessions on Holy Thursday, April 1st

Stations of the Cross March 26th 6:30 pm

***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.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

**Sign ups are required for all Liturgies & they will also be
 Livestreamed**

Holy Thursday, April 1st,**No morning Mass**

**7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by
 Night Watch in the Parish Hall until Midnight**

Good Friday, April 2nd

**Confessions 11:00 am- Noon, 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm, & 7:30 pm
 until the line runs out**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Veneration of the Cross &
 Communion Liturgy) 3:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

Noon—Blessing of the Food

1:00 pm—3:00 pm Confessions

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Masses at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am (livestreamed) & 1 pm

**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 Opielea
 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
 Ada Prabhavat
 Julia Oaks
 Paul Haynes
 Minnie Taylor
 Dwayne Taylor
 Bernadette
 D'Agostino

Christopher Quan
 Ted Tolpa
 Dennis Kruse
 Antoinette Baptist
 John Gill
 Linda Gill
 Rachel Valdez
 Michael Buzas
 Ellen Trayer
 Julie Carroll
 Anna Ramos
 Ann DeLong
 Bob DeLong
 Ellen Enzweiler

Mulch Pick-up: Attention, customers who bought mulch and
 topsoil from Trail Life Troop 0683: If you did not make a
 donation for delivery, your bags will be ready for pickup at the
 Church parking lot this coming Friday, March 26 from 4 to 7
 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March
 27. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at 703-372-1240.

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.

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 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the
Passover Feast
came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee,
and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."
Philip went and told Andrew;
then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.
Jesus answered them,
"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.
Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.
Whoever serves Me must follow Me,
and where I am, there also will My servant be.
The Father will honor whoever serves Me.
"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?
'Father, save Me from this hour?'
But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
Father, glorify Your name."
Then a voice came from heaven,
"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."
The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder;
but others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."
Jesus answered and said,
"This voice did not come for My sake but for yours.
Now is the time of judgment on this world;
now the ruler of this world will be driven out.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to Myself."
He said this indicating the kind of death He would die.

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. We will not be meeting on April 3rd, Holy Saturday. Please join us at 7:30 am Saturday, April 17th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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.

Gabriel Project of St Raymond's is helping two moms this Lent! One mom is preparing for her baby's birth and needs our help with the following: First aid kit and Baby grooming kit, Baby carrier, Bottles, Shampoo for baby and lotion/rash/powder, Bibs, Nasal Aspirator & Thermometer, Diaper Bag, Bedding Set, Swaddles / blankets, Burp clothes, Pacifier. Also, another mom needs help celebrating her son's first birthday. If you would like to contribute any of the following, it would be so appreciated: Clothes size 18 months, Shoes size 4, Books, Toys, Socks 12 to 18 months, Baby gates. Any questions or for more information please contact Beth Berger, 703-220-4316 or email, kmb43@verizon.net

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE
*Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH.
Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*

The Spring Campaign is in full swing and **this is our parish Witness Weekend!** Signs Up and information are available in the narthex and on the parish website. **Won't you spend an hour praying for the least of our brethren?**



The MaRiH center
An Alternative to Abortion

Volunteers needed! The MaRiH Center is a Pro Life Crisis Pregnancy Center operating in Alexandria since 1974. We are seeking volunteers! Spanish language skills are especially desirable but not required. The MaRiH Center is open Monday-Thursday from 10-3 and on Saturday from 10-1. MaRiH is entirely volunteer run and donation based. Please call 703-370-4774 or email marihcenter@gmail.com for additional information and a tour. Or visit marih.org. We look forward to volunteering with you! **May God bless you for your continued support!**

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

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: celi.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 amomsppeace.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

Confirmation Retreat Update: Thank you for praying for our Confirmandi and the team giving the Confirmation retreat last week. The Holy Spirit was very present and is doing a mighty work in our youth! Please continue to keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they continue to prepare to be sealed with the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation in May.

Junior High (7th-8th Grade) Youth Group **5-6:30pm Sunday, March 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, March 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.

Sons of Thunder High School Boys' Group **7-8:30pm Tuesday, March 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!

WORKCAMP June 19th & 21st-25th **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!**

St. Raymond's will be holding our own version of **WorkCamp this summer, June 19th & June 21st-25th. Teens must commit to the full day for all 6 days in order to participate.** We will have daily Mass, work in crews on projects, have dinner & fun and evening program etc. but will sleep at home. **WorkCamp is open to current 9th-12th graders.** We will be helping a total of four St. Raymond's families with some pretty exciting projects! No prior WorkCamp, construction, or tool knowledge is necessary as everything will be taught on site and supervised by our contractors. **Cost is \$100**, but we would never want cost to be the reason someone does not participate, so please contact Jeanne if this is an issue. Go to the website <http://bit.ly/workcamp2021> for more info and/or to register.

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, mark your calendars!!!

No CCD classes March 28, 29 and 30: Holy Week

No CCD classes April 4, 5 and 6: Easter Week

Return to regular schedule of CCD classes April 11, 12 and 13

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

1. Sponsor Eligibility letter (from sponsor's home parish) was due March 19th.
2. Statement of Sponsor form was due March 19th.
3. Confirmation Gown Order form is 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.**

Parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time in

May: First Holy Communion mini-retreat is scheduled for Saturday April 24th. More information to follow.

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, **April 9th** in the Maurer Room at 10:00 am. There is limited space but virtual attendance is possible... The book for discussion is *From the Depths of Our Hearts* by Benedict XVI and Cardinal Robert Sarah (148 pgs). Newcomers welcome. If you have any questions or to register, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org

Gift Shop: Our next Sale in the Narthex will be on **March 28** after each of the Sunday Masses. You can also make an appointment to visit the Shop during the week by calling the parish office. **Thinking about gifting a sacramental item for that special sacramental occasion?** The shop carries a variety of gifts: Baptism frames and baby medals, simple to elegant Rosaries, simple to sterling silver and pewter medals and chains, bracelets, wood crucifixes, St. Joseph statues, and many other gift ideas for First Holy Communicants, Confirmandi, and RCIA candidates. The gift shop also has gift item ideas for Mom on Mother's Day. **Note:** future Sales Dates: **April 10** (after 9 am Saturday morning Mass), **April 18** and **April 25** after the weekend Masses.

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

Church Persecuted

Sometimes religious persecution occurs within the Church itself. Some may recall the date: July 25, 1968. Pope Paul VI issued the historic encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. It was a short document, a 16-page booklet. The document reiterated the Church's long-standing prohibition against using contraception and sterilization for birth control purposes. The public opinion in favor of contraception was fomented by the likes of Father Charles Curran, then a professor at The Catholic University of America.

A week later, a young priest "was invited to attend a meeting in the basement of a rectory in Baltimore with 54 of his fellow priests... Each attendee was asked to sign a statement of dissent to the encyclical that would be published the next day in the *Baltimore Sun*.... There would be no time for discussion. They were asked to sign on the dotted line."

This young priest stood out as the only one who would not sign because "he had not read the document" (and neither had anyone else in the room) and because as a priest, he was faithful to encyclicals issued by the Church.

"The leader of the dissenters tried several times, using strong, coercive tactics and verbal abuse, to change the mind of this priest. None of his fellow priests came to his defense. Rather than the scorecard reading 55 to 0. It was 54 to one." (to be continued next week – see both columns at Religious Liberty Blog - Saint Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church (straymonds.org).

(Source: <https://ccli.org/2013/07/part-5-humanae-vitae-45-years-later-is-it-still-relevant>)

Fr. James Gould, our former pastor while we were building our beautiful church, **will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination** this year! His current parish, St. Francis de Sales, is asking for pictures and stories from his prior assignments. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send it to: Sandy Twetten at sandra@onmessageinc.com. Any questions, please call her at 703-872-9880. They are also seeking prayer offerings for a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Gould. Please e-mail them to maria.nog.byrd@gmail.com or call Maria at 205-362-7514 with questions.

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The Search Episode 6 - Am I Saved? What Jesus did for us through his life, death and resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. He saved us. He did this for each one of us. Personally. But some might feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn't come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal, he came to enter into our messy human condition. To fix us from within. To transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous the love of God really is. We don't deserve God's love, but that's the amazing reality of God's mercy. This relationship with God isn't all about our love for Him. It's about His love for us that changes our lives forever.

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We are currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. There is limited space available, so please apply soon. Our online application form and other enrollment information can be found at <https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>.

Looking for a gentle introduction to school for your 3-4 year old? Our Little Messengers program, held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, includes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium).

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

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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Lenten Podcast. Join Father De Celles for a brief daily reflection by subscribing to his podcast (Apple Podcasts/iTunes, Spotify, Google Podcasts, etc.) on your smartphone or visit our website. New episodes air Monday - Saturday through Easter. If you have missed any, you may listen to them by going to our website.

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!*

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: 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	\$ 15,308.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,220.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,055.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,804.00

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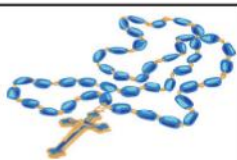
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