



"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

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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Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
Mary Butler, Secretary
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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
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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

6:15-6:55 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

Easter Continues. The Easter Season continues through Pentecost, May 23, reminding us that the power of the Resurrection of Christ extends throughout the year, i.e., to every day of our lives. When I was younger it was popular to hear Catholics say, "we are an Easter people!" Of course this is true, but in doing this many were trying to avoid the fact that we are also a "Good Friday people," as St. Paul reminds us, "we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles." Nevertheless, the Resurrection is real, and has enduring effects: "by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." So, let this be a time of remembering with great joy the Lord's power revealed in His death and resurrection, and that His grace makes that power effective in our own lives.

Signing Up for Mass. Our church normally has a seating capacity of 850 people. But the Bishop's COVID rules currently require that capacity be limited to 50% of that 850, but also require social distancing, including keeping every other pew empty. This latter factor, social distancing, creates a much lower number than 50% of 850. Originally, we calculated the COVID-limited capacity to be 225 people. But experience has shown me that the capacity number is really more elastic, since 10 single unrelated people would require more space than 10 family members, since there is no social distancing in families. So, based on our experience in the last few months, I think we have a Covid-limited-capacity of between 225 and 300.

Very rarely does a Mass go over 225 in attendance, and then only by a few. Moreover, 1) Mass attendance is increasing, but still only slowly, 2) with the decline in COVID cases and rise in immunity, I can't help but anticipate that capacity limits will be eased in the near future.

So after careful consideration, observation and calculation, and considerable prayer, while **setting capacity limitations at 300**, it seems to me **unnecessary to require signing up for any Masses at this time**.

But please, use common sense and be careful. Above all, **be charitable** to those who might have a different perspective than yours!

Receiving Holy Communion. When we reopened for Masses last June I spent time at every Mass for several weeks coaching the congregation on how I wanted you to carefully receive Holy Communion during the pandemic. Since then, many more of you have returned to Mass and haven't received that same "coaching," and others may be forgetting what they had heard before.

So as a reminder, when you come up for Communion: you may receive either in the hand or on the tongue; hold your tongue or hand still until after the priest/EMHC removes their hands (DO NOT touch the priest's/EMHC's hand!);

If you receive in the hand, as you are about to receive, please lower your mask, so that when the Host is in your hand you are not fumbling with trying to move your mask hold your hand flat, like a plate, not like a bowl; do not move away from the altar rail (if you are kneeling do not stand) until you have placed the Host in your mouth.

Vacation. I really need a vacation. So I'm gone this weekend and will return next Saturday afternoon. Because I am the only priest in the parish, I have been able to arrange for visiting priests to fill in for me. However, while **all Masses will be offered as usual**, there will be **some cancelations of other "events"**: there will be **no Confessions** on Wednesday evening (April 21) or

Saturday morning (April 24); and there will be **no Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday (April 21) or Friday (April 23). Sacramental emergency calls should be directed to Nativity or St. Bernadette Parishes. Sorry. Pray for a new vicar in June!

Great Pro-Life News. Last week the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld an Ohio law. According to the Wall Street Journal:

"A splintered federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld an Ohio law that makes it illegal for a physician to perform an abortion upon learning that the patient wants the procedure because she fears the fetus has Down syndrome."

"In a 9-7 vote, the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati allowed Ohio to enforce the law..."

"The statute doesn't prevent women from terminating a fetus diagnosed with Down syndrome. But it prevents a physician from performing the procedure if the pregnant woman tells the doctor she is seeking the abortion because she has reason to believe the fetus has the genetic disorder."

"The dispute over the law expands a relatively new front in the legal battle over abortion. The Supreme Court has never reviewed the constitutionality of restraints on abortions performed because of predicted characteristics of the fetus, such as disability, race or gender. Tuesday's ruling marks the first time a federal appellate court has held that a statute like Ohio's doesn't violate the right to an abortion...."

"The court, whose composition swayed rightward under President Trump, then agreed to rehear the case before the full bench of active judges."

"In the opinion, Circuit Judge Alice Batchelder, a George H.W. Bush appointee, wrote that Ohio had legitimate reasons for enacting the law that outweighed the "minor burdens" on a woman's protected right to an abortion."

"She wrote that Ohio had an interest in both protecting the Down syndrome community from the stigma associated with Down-syndrome-selective abortions and "protecting pregnant women and their families from coercion by doctors who advocate abortion of Down-syndrome-afflicted fetuses"..."

"...James Bopp, general counsel for the antiabortion National Right to Life Committee organization, said the ruling "debunks the idea that Roe v. Wade is absolute at least prior to viability and that there are no other potential interests that the state can assert to limit abortion."..."

Don't Trust the Media. I keep saying that most of the media lies when it comes to politics, almost always in favor of Leftists. This was dramatically confirmed this week in a widely reported story, as the New York Post tells us:

"A CNN staffer admitted in a secretly recorded video that his network produced "propaganda" to oust former President Donald Trump during the 2020 presidential election — and bragged about their success."

"Charlie Chester, a technical Director at the cable network, was filmed by Project Veritas...as he explained how they "got Trump out" of office."

"Look what we did, we [CNN] got Trump out. I am 100 percent going to say it, and I 100 percent believe that if it wasn't for CNN, I don't know that Trump would have got voted out," Chester said, adding that he came to work at CNN because he "wanted to be a part of that....Our focus was to get Trump out of office, right? Without saying it, that's what it was."

Most of the mainstream media hold in disdain folks who share our traditional Christian and American values. Why do we listen to them at all?

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday April 19th**

8:30 am Rick & Joan Crum

Tuesday, April 20th

8:30 am Victor John Costa, II+

Wednesday, April 21st8:30 am Charles & Marie
Perricone +**Thursday, April 22nd**8:30 am RE Catechists &
their families**Friday, April 23rd**

8:30 am Robyn Hatcher

Masses to be said Privately

April 21 Laura Schweitzer

April 21 John Tracy +

April 23 Leslie Welland

April 25 Peter & Monica
Bockelmann**Saturday, April 24th**

9:00 am Zachary Hoopes

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Ron Krosnick

Sunday, April 25th

7:00 am

Anthony Pomilla

9:00 am

Parishioners

11:00 am

Sally Christensen +

1:00 pm

Dominic Hamilton

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

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

Antoinette Baptist

Nena Brennan

Patti Eckels

Serrin Foster

Fr. Jerome Daly

Gloria Halm

Gloria Francis

Bill Hotz

Marcia Enyart

Michael Wheeler

Lois Schneemann

Keith McCready

Rachel McCready

Ken McCready

Linda McCready

**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass
at St. Raymond's!**

<https://straymonds.org/view-mass-online/>**Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am****Saturday at 9:00 am****Sunday Mass at 11:00 am****SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm

Masks Mandatory for the 1:00 pm Mass

Confessions in the Church*(in the flower room)***Wednesdays: 6:15 pm - 6:55 pm****Saturday: 8:00 am - 8:45 am, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm****Wednesday, April 21st evening and Saturday,
April 24th morning Confessions are CANCELED*****Face masks are expected at all Masses unless you are
exempt.******The 1:00 pm Sunday Mass is "Masks Mandatory".***

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.

**Adoration is canceled this week on both
Wednesday, April 21st and Friday, April 23rd.**

Catholic Book Club: The next Parish Book Club meeting is on Friday, **May 14th** in the Maurer Room at 10:00 am. There is limited space but virtual attendance is possible... The book for discussion is *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah* by Brant Pitre (240 pgs.). Newcomers welcome. If you have any questions or to register, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org

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 jpebt@verizon.net or by calling the parish office.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us on May 1st 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.

Spring/Summer 2021 Class to enter the Catholic Church (RCIA) - is being offered at St Raymond's Parish on **Monday evenings 7:30 to 8:30 pm until August 30, 2021 (except for Memorial Day, May 31, and July 5, 2021).** This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and designed to prepare 1) *baptized adult non-Catholics* to enter the Catholic Church, and 2) *baptized adult Catholics* seeking First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. **Also, anyone who desires a better understanding of Catholic teachings and practices are welcomed.** No advanced registration is required. The standard RCIA program will be offered beginning in September 2021. If you have questions call Bob or Bev Ward 703-644-5873 or via e-mail at rew6710@gmail.com.

CAR RAFFLE FINALE: A big thank you to the many Knights and parishioners who participated in the 2021 Car Raffle. All tickets need to be returned to All Saints Church by April 20th. You can drop them off at the Parish office by April 19th and I will take all the ticket sales and extra tickets to All Saints on Tuesday April 20th. Drawing takes place April 24th. Here is a link to watch the drawing live streamed at 7:00pm on the All Saint's Facebook page. <https://allsaintsvachurch.org/giving/5-car-affle/> I am praying that one or more St. Raymond parishioners get that happy phone call. Larry Saenz - lsaenz1@verizon.net

GOSPEL LK 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on
the way,
and how Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of bread.
While they were still speaking about this,
He stood in their midst and said to them,
"Peace be with you."
But they were startled and terrified
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
Then He said to them, "Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself.
Touch Me and see, because a ghost does not have
flesh and bones
as you can see I have."
And as He said this,
He showed them His hands and His feet.
While they were still incredulous for joy and were
amazed,
He asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
They gave him a piece of baked fish;
He took it and ate it in front of them.
He said to them,
"These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still
with you,
that everything written about Me in the law of Moses
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."
Then He opened their minds to understand the
Scriptures.
And He said to them,
"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in His name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things."

Gift Shop Sale in the Narthex this weekend, April 17/18, after all the Sunday Masses. The shop carries a variety of gift items: 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.
Note: next Sale Dates: **April 25/26.**

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

Volunteers Needed! St. Raymond's is looking for additional volunteers to read at Mass. Being a lector is very inspiring and helps you become more involved in the Mass. You will only be scheduled for the Masses you request. Please consider this awesome opportunity and if interested, contact Phil Bettwy by phone at 703-690-6379 or by email at PBettwy@aol.com

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

The Easter Season is a season of life. May Christ's Victory over death encourage us to continue to pray daily for an end to abortion.

"... Society as a whole must defend the conceived child's right to life and the true good of the woman who can never, in any circumstance, find fulfillment in the decision to abort."

Pope Benedict XVI

The MaRiH center
An Alternative to Abortion

Volunteers needed! The MaRiH Center is a Pro Life Pregnancy Support Center operating on Duke Street in Alexandria since 1974. We are seeking volunteers! Spanish language skills are especially desirable but not required. The MaRiH Center, entirely volunteer run and donation based, is open Monday-Thursday from 10-3 and on Sat. from 10-1. 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! **Our next Parish Support Weekend for baby items is May 8-9. Donations welcomed in the narthex.** May God bless you for your continued support!

Join Bishop Burbidge for Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on Saturday, April 24 at 8 am at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. Immediately following Mass, Bishop will lead a rosary on the sidewalk in front of the abortion facility at 5999 Stevenson Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. For more information, please contact respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org.

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: ccli.org

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, April 18th (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, April 18th (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.

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group

7-8:30pm Monday, April 19th (Parish Hall)

Join us as we cultivate and witness authentic community, friendships, and space to share our faith, learn and encourage one another in ways to practically apply the faith to our daily lives. You are welcome here! Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

Jr. High BASH: Family Edition!

Saturday, April 24, 2021. 3:30pm-8:00pm.

at Bull Run Special Events Center, Centreville, VA

BASH is the largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) in the Diocese of Arlington every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. BASH: Family Edition is for all Diocese of Arlington families, but especially those with Middle School students! Family participation is encouraged to assist in maintaining an environment consistent with diocesan and state COVID regulations. BASH: Family Edition will include a Sunday Vigil Mass with Bishop Burbidge as principal celebrant, keynotes by national speaker Jackie Francois Angel and Joel De Loera (new Director of the Spanish Apostolate), and a show by Christian illusionist Danny Ray. A pizza dinner, ice cream, and event T-shirt will be provided to all participants, and there will be inflatables, a rock wall, local Catholic vendors, and a scavenger hunt. **St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate is NOT taking any youth to this event, therefore you must coordinate rides and responsible adults on your own. For more info. and/or to register go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth-ministry/bash/>**

IMPACT YOUR CHILDREN'S FAITH

One day, your children will leave home. Sadly, for most young Catholics that means abandoning their faith. But it doesn't have to if you impact their faith now. Get started with a **Holy Family Fest**—a God-centered family vacation—at Catholic Familyland®. Here, each member of your family can encounter Jesus Christ in a way that makes the Faith come alive. Visit AFC.org to learn more.

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

BLESSED AND HAPPY EASTER SEASON to you all!!

2021-2022 CCD Registration forms are going home THIS WEEK with the oldest or only child from each family. Please complete and return as soon as possible; classes are filled on a first come, first served basis. Online learners will receive an email with registration information.

Parents of children preparing to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time in May:

First Holy Communion Mini-Retreat will be held NEXT Saturday, April 24th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. You should have received an email with details about the retreat. If you did not receive an email, please contact the Religious Education Office.

For parents of students preparing for Confirmation in May 2021: You should have received a letter from Mr. Drouillard as to paperwork/requirements which are still outstanding. Please bring the missing documents to the RE office if your child wishes to receive the Sacrament in May.

For parents of students preparing for Confirmation in May 2022: your child's Saint report is due April 23rd. Please check the Confirmation Supplement which you received in September for dates of paperwork which should have been submitted by now.

Final Exams will be administered May 10, 11 and 16: Parents, please work with your children in learning the material in the Second Semester section of the Basic Study Questions booklet for their grade level.

ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12:

Into its 17th summer hosted by All Saints & Nativity Churches, instructors for these camps combine their professional arts backgrounds and faith to create a marvelous experience in July for high school teens, middle school, and elementary youth.

Broadway Spotlight and Drama Bootcamp include presenters from the *Kennedy Center*, *Off-Broadway*, *Ringling Brothers*, and a *VA Teacher of the Year*. **Art Camps** are taught by *Diocesan Catholic School Art Teachers with award winning backgrounds*. Young people from various experience levels are welcome. Camps are designed to both be fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts. This month, **all camps are \$20 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.**

Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

John Paul Open House (Limited Space Available):

Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School is hosting an in-person Open House on Tuesday, April 20! Join us from 3:30-5pm or 5-6:30pm to learn more about our school! Email admissions@jpthegreat.org to RSVP, as limited space is available to attend this event. For more information about John Paul, visit jpthegreat.org.

Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we were able to raise \$105,000 for the cloistered Dominican nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery!!! This is simply amazing, and exceeded our expectations. We were frankly worried that people would be fatigued by all the virtual events, but all of you rose to the occasion in a grand way. Thank you! Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery

Church Persecuted

“Get out! Get out!” yelled Polish pastor Artur Pawlowski of Calgary Street Church in Calgary, Canada, as police were trying to disrupt his Passover service on Holy Saturday. He didn’t stop there, but told them, “Immediately get out of this property! I don’t want to hear anything! ... Until you get a warrant, out! Immediately go out and don’t come back!” He likened them to his childhood days under Communist rule in Poland where he witnessed police entering homes unannounced.

The six police officers and a health official were there trying to stop the service, citing COVID-19 restrictions. The local police indicated that, “No tickets were issued at the time and it will be up to our partner agencies to determine subsequent enforcement activity in response to this situation.” Interestingly, Canadian law specifically prohibits the disruption of a religious service.

Rev. Gerald Murray, of the Papal Posse on EWTN commented, “We have laws based on our Christian western legal tradition designed to protect precisely this, the ability of citizens to carry on their lives, including their religious duties without needing to get government’s permission.” On the same program, Robert Royal summarized the discussion with, “Something is going on, and I connect it, I think not illegitimately, with an overall sense that many things are essential to human life, and religious worship...is not; [particularly for] people who are in positions of authority and can make decisions about where police show up and what kind of restrictions are imposed.”

Christ House Dinner: Our parish Christ House Committee provides a meal every quarter for Christ House Catholic Charities guests who are homeless or food insecure. To sign up to volunteer for the April 29/30 Meal, go to: <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/FADQ3154>. Sign up to donate food/water/paper/toiletry items or to make sandwiches and bag meals. **No time to buy items to donate?** You may drop off or mail a monetary donation to the parish office. Mark your calendars for our **NEXT Bagged Meal Dinner - Thursday April 29 & Friday April 30**. Inquiries may be made to: ChristHouseCommittee@StRaymonds.org.

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Just for Kids! The Slugs and Bugs Show – It’s a great day for The Slugs & Bugs Show! Join musician Randall Goodgame, Doug the Slug, Sparky the Lightning Bug, Morty and Maggie Raccoon, and a slew of special guests inside the brand-new Slugs & Bugs Workshop. Imaginations are kindled, songs are sung, and hijinks are discovered, along with timeless truths about life and faith. From a producer of VeggieTales®, The Slugs & Bugs Show is delightful, quirky, hand-crafted fun for kids of all ages.

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



Angelus Academy

Pre K—8th

Offering a liberal arts education in the classical tradition.

We are 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/>.

Angelus Academy is celebrating 20 years!

Please join our Gala celebration on the afternoon of Sunday, May 2 at Springfield Golf & Country Club. To purchase tickets, be a sponsor, or make a donation please visit www.charityauction.bid/AngelusAcademy.

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

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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SHREDDING May 1. The Knights of Columbus and Marian Homes will run a Shredding event from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, May 1st. Donations will support housing for the intellectually disabled and vocations. Bring your old documents, cancelled checks and such. No 3-ring binders, hard drives or metal objects other than staples and paper clips please. For more information call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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, May 1st. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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

Offertory	\$ 11,283.10
Add’l Easter	\$ 4,127.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,665.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,839.00

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Catholic Home Missions.

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