

"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
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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
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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

As I write this on Saturday, April 17, I am about to leave on a week's vacation, although I will return for Masses this weekend (24th). During my absence I will have to cancel some confessions and Exposition. Please let this remind you to **pray for priestly vocations**, and **pray for a new vicar** in the summer.

This week's column honors both Christ and my favorite theologian, as yesterday, April 16, we celebrated his 94th birthday.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

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Homily of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger St. Peter's Basilica, Holy Saturday, March 26, 2005

The liturgy of the holy night of Easter - after the blessing of the paschal candle - begins with a procession behind the light and towards the light. This procession symbolically sums up the entire catechumenal and penitential journey of Lent, but also calls to mind Israel's long journey through the desert towards the Promised Land, and lastly, it symbolizes the journey of humanity, which in the night of history was seeking light, seeking paradise, seeking true life, reconciliation between the peoples, between heaven and earth, universal peace.

Thus, the procession involves the whole of history, as the words of the blessing of the paschal candle proclaim: "Christ yesterday and today. The beginning and the end.... All time belongs to him. To him be glory and power through every age for ever..."

But the liturgy does not founder in general ideas; it is not content with vague utopias, but offers us very concrete instructions about the way to take and the destination of our journey.

Israel was guided in the desert at night by a column of fire and during the day by a cloud. Our column of fire, our sacred cloud, is the Risen Christ, symbolized by the lighted paschal candle.

Christ is light; Christ is the way, the truth, and the life; in following Christ, by keeping our hearts' gaze fixed on Christ, we find the right way. The whole pedagogy of the Lenten liturgy makes this fundamental imperative concrete.

Following Christ means first of all being attentive to his words. Participation in the Sunday liturgy week after week is necessary for every Christian, precisely to enable the person to be truly familiar with the divine word; the human being does not live on bread alone, nor on money or career; we live on the Word of God that corrects us, renews us, shows us the true structural values of the world and of society: God's Word is the true manna, the bread from heaven that teaches us life and how to be properly human.

Following Christ entails being attentive to his commandments - summed up in the twofold commandment to love God and our neighbour as ourselves. Following Christ means having compassion on the suffering, of having a heart for the poor; it also means having the courage to defend the faith against ideologies; it means trusting in the Church and in her interpretation and concretization of the divine word for our current circumstances.

Following Christ means loving his Church, his Mystical Body. By moving in this direction we light tiny lights in this world, we dispel the darkness of history.

Israel was journeying to the Promised Land. The whole of humanity is seeking something like the Promised Land. The Easter liturgy is very specific on this point. Its goals are the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, the Holy Eucharist.

The Church thus tells us that these sacraments are the anticipation of the new world, its presence anticipated in our lives.

In the ancient Church the Catechumenate was a journey step by step to Baptism: a journey of the opening of the senses, heart and mind to God, the learning of a new lifestyle, a transformation of personal existence into growing friendship with Christ in the company of all believers.

Thus, after the various stages of purification, openness and new awareness, the sacramental act of Baptism was the definitive gift of new life. It was a death and resurrection, as St Paul says in a sort of spiritual autobiography: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2: 20).

The Resurrection of Christ is not merely the memory of a past event. On Easter night, in the sacrament of Baptism, resurrection, the victory over death, is truly achieved.

Therefore, Jesus said: "[H]e who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life... he... has passed from death to life" (Jn 5: 24). And on the same topic he told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life..." (Jn 11: 25). Jesus is the Resurrection and eternal life; to the extent that we are united with Christ we have today "passed from death to life", we are already living eternal life, which is not only a reality that comes after death but also begins today, in our communion with Christ.

Passing from death to life: this, together with the sacrament of Baptism, is the real core of the liturgy of this holy night. Passing from death to life: this is the way by which Christ opened the door, the way the celebrations of the Easter festivities invite us to take.

Dear faithful, most of us received Baptism as children, unlike these five catechumens who are now preparing to receive it as adults. They are here ready to proclaim their faith in a loud voice.

But for most of us, it was our parents who anticipated our faith. They gave us biological life without being able to ask us whether or not we wanted to live, rightly convinced that it is good to be alive and that life is a gift.

They were equally convinced, however, that biological life is a fragile gift; indeed, in a world marked by so many evils, it is an ambiguous gift that becomes a true gift only if, at the same time, it is possible to administer the antidote to death, communion with invincible life, with Christ.

Together with the fragile gift of biological life our parents gave us the guarantee of true life in Baptism. It is now up to us to make this gift our own, entering more and more radically into the truth of our Baptism.

Every year the Easter Vigil invites us once again to immerse ourselves in the waters of Baptism, to pass from death to life, to become true Christians.

"Awake O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light", says an ancient baptismal hymn that St Paul cited in his Letter to the Ephesians (5: 14). "Awake, O sleeper... and Christ shall give you light", the Church says to all of us today. Let us awaken from our weary Christianity that lacks dynamism; let us stand and follow Christ the true light and the true life. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday April 26th**

8:30 am Edward Murphy +

Tuesday, April 27th

8:30 am Phil Ciarlo Family +

Wednesday, April 28th

8:30 am David Quan

Thursday, April 29th

8:30 am Meghan Anezin

Friday, April 30th

8:30 am John Paul Spinelli

Masses to be said Privately

April 26 Samuel Karikari +

April 27 Larry Smith +

April 28 Dennis Spiegel +

April 28 James Peter Butler

April 29 Elizabeth Hurley +

April 30 Linda & Jacques

Anezin

May 2 RE Catechists &
their families**Saturday, May 1st**9:00 am Erica & Chris
Anezin**Vigil Mass**5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
Julian & Isabel Santos +**Sunday, May 2nd**

7:00 am Fr. Rippy

Edward Maloy +

9:00 am Fr. Morey

Parishioners

11:00 am Fr. De Celles

Gloninger Family

1:00 pm Fr. De Celles

RE Students & their families

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

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**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**

**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.

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

Mother's Day Triduum- Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day. We will be honoring mothers with a Triduum of Masses on May 9-11. If you would like to include the special mothers in your life (ie. Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, etc.), cards are available in the narthex of the church or at the parish office. You may also call the office to add names and have a card sent.

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.

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.

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 - Friday July 30th**. Inquiries may be made to: ChristHouseCommittee@StRaymonds.org.

GOSPEL JN 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs
away,

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern
for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

and I know Mine and Mine know Me,

just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father;

and I will lay down My life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear My voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves Me,

because I lay down My life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own.

I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up
again.

This command I have received from My Father."



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!

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.

Gift Shop: Sale in the Narthex this weekend, April 25/26, 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.

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.

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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!

Get the TRUTH ABOUT THE EQUALITY ACT.

Go to arlingtondiocese.org/equalityact to learn about the dangerous implications of the Equality Act and what you can do to try and stop its passage.

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 25th 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.

High School Youth Group 8-9pm Sunday, April 25th (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, April 27th (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!

Art, Drama, Musical Theatre Camps for the Arts for K-12

Into its 17th summer hosted by our local Catholic 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. 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 and through April, **all camps are \$20 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.** Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com



Podcast: The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

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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: First Holy Communion is next weekend (May 1-2) during regularly scheduled Masses: please be sure to attend the Mass for which you signed up. If you are not sure which Mass that is, please contact the Religious Education Office.

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.

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year has begun. You can pick up one of the bright yellow forms in the Narthex of the church, at the Groveland entrance, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. You may also register online at the parish website. Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want - class size is limited to 15 students.

Volunteer teachers/catechists, assistant teachers and aides (high school students) are needed for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year. If you would like to help, please fill out a green Volunteer Registration form which can be found in the same locations as the student registration forms. Please complete and return the form to the Religious Education Office.

For Parents of students preparing for Confirmation 2022: your child's Saint report **was due April 23rd.** You can drop it off during regular business hours - Sunday 4-8:30 p.m. or Mon -Thurs 9:30-4:30. You may also slide the report under our door or place it in the document holder outside our office outside of regular business hours.

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 all donations are welcome (no clothing). For equitable distribution, smaller packaging is requested (i.e. 1 lb bags of rice vs. 5 lb. bags, 1qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil). **During this crisis the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous.**

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.

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 is welcome.** 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.

Church Persecuted

Kidnappings have become a common occurrence Haiti. Kidnappers, apparently belonging to a gang known as 400 Mazowo, struck on Divine Mercy Sunday. They abducted 10, including 7 Catholic priests, a French nun, and relatives of a priest. They were en route to the installation of a new parish priest.

The ransom of \$1 million is being demanded. Kidnappings in which the victims are held for ransom have become more common in Haiti, the poorest country of the Americas. Apparently, the kidnappers felt that the Catholic church had the money to pay the ransom. As of April 19th, there has been no word on the release of the captives.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince has condemned the actions noting that the level of violence has increased to “unprecedented” levels. They were calling on the government of President Joveles Moïse to do more. “The public authorities who are doing nothing to resolve this crisis are not immune from suspicion. We denounce complacency and complicity, wherever they come from,” said a statement released from the Archdiocese.

This one is not the first recent attack against a religious community. On April 1st, a livestreamed Holy Thursday evangelical service on the outskirts of the capital was interrupted by armed marauders who kidnapped the pastor and three others. They were released three days later after an unspecified ransom was paid.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/247250/haitian-bishops-condemn-kidnappings-of-catholic-priests-nuns>

Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, May 15, here at St. Raymond's parish hall from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please consider signing up for a 15-minute time slot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. You may sign up either online at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the Narthex after all masses in the coming weekends. If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at 703-690-7285 or by email at mam7253@msn.com.

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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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On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

John Paul the Great 9th Annual Gala: Join the Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School community for an evening of fun, food, and fundraising on Saturday, May 8! Enjoy dining al fresco under a beautiful open tent on JP's beautiful campus. Visit jpthegreat.org for ticket information.

John Paul the Great Virtual Open House: Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School will host a virtual open house, live online from May 1-15, with a Zoom Q&A Panel on May 2 from 7:30-8:30pm. Visit jpthegreat.org to register!

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	\$ 12,264.25
Family Assistance	\$ 769.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,505.47

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