

Ascension of the Lord

"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
Joe Marquart, Plant Manager
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

Telephone Numbers:

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Office Hours

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

E-Mail

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Rel. Ed.: ReligiousEducation@straymonds.org
Choirs: Music@straymonds.org

Website

www.straymonds.org

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 - 4:45 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.

ADMISSION 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.

Pastor's Corner

Ordination Anniversary. This coming Tuesday, May 18, I celebrate the **25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood**. It was, and remains, the happiest day of my life. What a phenomenal gift the Lord gives to priests. And yet it is a gift not really meant for us personally, since the whole purpose of the priesthood is to serve God's Church and all of His people.

But that just makes the gift the priest receives that much more wonderful. As you know, I entered seminary when I was 31 and had spent about 11 years building a life as a lay man living in the world. I had a relatively successful career as a certified public accountant, I owned my own practice and my own home; I had a lot of good friends and I was active in my parish. Life was pretty good. Which is why I had a particularly hard time understanding why God seemed to be calling me to the priesthood—for the longest time I kept asking myself: why would he give me so many good things if he wanted me to give them up to be a priest? Eventually, that question sort of answered itself: what good is a sacrifice if it's not the sacrifice of a good thing, or even the best thing? And why would God call me to the priesthood as a form of escape from unhappiness? So, 30 years ago this August, with not a little fear, but with a lot of encouragement and prayers from friends and family, I packed up and left my home in San Antonio and drove to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland to prepare to become a priest for the Diocese of Arlington.

It has been a long hard road since then, in seminary and in parish life as a priest, filled with many heartaches and frustrations. I've had more people than I can count tell me that I'm the worst priest they've ever known, a hateful and cruel person, or a miserable excuse for a man. Seriously.

But it's also been **the most wonderful of adventures**, filled with joys, exhilarations and spiritual rewards beyond anything I could have ever imagined or hoped for: so many people telling me I changed their lives, brought them closer to God, lifted their spirits out of the darkness of sin and despair, even healed their illnesses, and saved their souls. Not to mention strangers telling me that I'm the greatest priest in the world, and that they love me. It's an incredible gift, this priesthood. But of course all this has very little if anything to do with me, really. **It is Christ who has done any good that has been done through me.** I know I am a man of many flaws and sins. Yet, what a wonder and sacred privilege to be allowed to be an instrument of His ineffable grace.

And this is only scratching the surface; by far, the most profound and inexplicably glorious aspects of the gift are those received in being so intimately close to Christ sacramentally, especially in the Eucharist and Penance.

I write this to you today not because I feel the need to draw your sympathy or praise, or relish the opportunity to bare my soul by revealing such private thoughts. Over these last 11 years here at St. Raymond's, you probably have come to understand that I am an introvert, and a very private person. I do not relish sharing this part of my soul.

But sometimes it is clearly necessary to give witness to the generosity of Jesus Christ, even if it means doing what you don't wish to do. Especially in these days when so many young men are called to the priesthood, offered this incredible gift by Jesus Christ Himself, and don't ever even bother to consider the offer seriously. They should. They must.

Because, again, the gift, the vocation, is not so much about them, as it is about the rest of God's children. Who will feed His sheep and tend His lambs, if not them? Who will forgive sins, change the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, if not them? How will anyone understand God's word if no one will explain it to them? How will they receive the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit if there is no one to lay hands on them?

How will any of this happen if there are no priests? If those who are called will not answer because it seems too hard, too boring, or too foreign to their understanding of life, or their ambitions in life?

It is a challenging life, but not so much so that with His grace it can't be lived and relished. And see the rewards it brings like no other life—it is never ever "unrewarding" or "boring." And it is indeed foreign to what most people think of as an "ordinary life," but who wants ordinary when you can have *extraordinary*? And it may be contrary to your ambitions, but why set your ambitious sights so *low*, when Christ calls you to share in the exalted kingly office of the Son of God, by becoming a servant of the servants of God?

My brothers and sisters, my beloved sons and daughters: pray for your priests as they remember their ordinations this month and next—pray especially for me and my 13 classmates ordained on May 18, 1996. But also pray that young men will have the courage, the boldness, the faith, to accept the call of the Lord Jesus, and join the priests you know in this great adventure, this great vocation of the Holy Priesthood. Especially if one of those young men is your friend, your brother or your son—or you, yourself.

"The Priest," a Poem. Consider the poem written by the great Dominican priest, Fr. Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, OP:

*To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures;
To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none;
To share all suffering; To penetrate all secrets;
To heal all wounds;
To go from men to God and offer Him their prayers;
To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope;
To have a heart of fire for Charity, and a heart of bronze for Chastity; To teach and to pardon, console and bless always.
My God, what a life; and it is yours, O priest of Jesus Christ.*

Praised by Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday May 17th**

8:30 am Maria & Chris Zott

Tuesday, May 18th8:30 am Bishop John R.
Keating +**Wednesday, May 19th**

8:30 am Michael Harvey +

Thursday, May 20th

8:30 am Pauline Drouillard

Friday, May 21st8:30 am Zachary Hoopes
7:00 pm EFM (Latin Mass)**Masses to be said Privately**5/17 Anna Anezin +
5/18 Fr. John C. De Celles
5/23 Rita McCauley + &
John Schoener +**Saturday, May 22nd**9:00 am Theodore Gerald
Buckless +**Vigil Mass**5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
Larry Crum**Sunday, May 23rd**7:00 am Fr. Miserendino
Rita W. Hart +
9:00 am Fr. De Celles
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. Rippy
John Tracy +
1:00 pm Fr. C. Vaccaro
Family of Jesus Prayer Group

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.**

Brandon Skiba

Colleen McFadden

Please pray for the sick of our parishGlenn 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
MalachowskiJuanita Boarman
John Florio
Debra Henkel
Daniel Moore
Maria Daugherty
Lauren Hornsby
Gaudencio Dizon
Antoinette Baptist
Ada Prabhavat
Paul Haynes
Minnie Taylor
Dwayne Taylor
Bernadette
D'AgostinoChristopher Quan
Ted Tolpa
Nena Brennan
Fr. Jerome Daly
Donald Hale
Christina Cautero
Fr. Paul Richardson
David Warren
Catherine Gancio
Ofelia Lana
Donna Foster
Kelly Wallace
Rigby
Sean Carter

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church This Friday, May 21st. St. Raymond's offers the Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also known as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite" (EFM), at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. For more information on this form of Mass, visit: <http://www.sanctamissa.org>.

**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 - 4:45 pm

Face masks are expected at all Masses unless you are exempt.

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.

Rosary Promotion Weekend: The weekend of May 29-30 the Legion of Mary will host the parish's annual Rosary promotion. They will be set up in the narthex and have rosaries and holy cards to share with parishioners. Please stop by their table!

Fr. De Celles celebrates 25 years of priesthood on May 18th! Please come help Father celebrate next weekend. We will have a reception following each Mass (except 7:00 am) on Saturday and Sunday May 22/23. There will be light refreshments available in the parish hall and out on the patio; this is a great opportunity for fellowship with other parishioners. Please plan to attend and thank our pastor for his dedication to our parish and the Church. Please call the parish office if you have questions.

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.

St. Raymond's Wedding Assistant Committee has openings for women of the parish to join this joyful ministry. We offer guidance to couples with their liturgical choices, assist with the wedding rehearsal and offer support the day of the wedding. For more information, please contact Pam Rinn at 703-690-4420 or at prinn@verizon.net.

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, June 5th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us on June 5th 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.

GOSPEL MK 16:15-20

Jesus said to His disciples:
"Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.
Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;
whoever does not believe will be condemned.
These signs will accompany those who believe:
in My name they will drive out demons,
they will speak new languages.
They will pick up serpents with their hands,
and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.
They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
So then the Lord Jesus, after He spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took His seat at the right hand of God.
But they went forth and preached everywhere,
while the Lord worked with them
and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.



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!

Knights of Columbus Annual KOVAR Collection: KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for KOVAR outside the main entrance of the Church after each Mass the weekend of June 12/13. Please be generous in your support. Donations can be cash, check or via debit/credit card using this link:
<https://knightsofcolumbusstjohnbosco.givingfuel.com/kovar-donations-kofc-st-john-bosco-council>

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

Pilgrim Virgin Statue / Sacred Heart Home Enthronement: Upon the relaxing of COVID guidelines, the Legion of Mary will once again be bringing the Pilgrim Virgin statue to parishioner homes. You can sign up in the narthex the weekend of May 29-30, or contact Judy Mayer at jmayer9014@aol.com.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women in English and Spanish: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry 703-841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

"The greatest destroyer of peace in the world is abortion."

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world . . . for she alone can save it."

(Our Lady, July 13, 1917)

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

--- Pope Saint Pius X ---



The MaRiH center
An Alternative to Abortion

Thank you for your generosity! The MaRiH Center is a Pro Life Pregnancy Support Center operating in Alexandria since 1974. We are seeking volunteers! Spanish language skills are desirable, not required. Please call 703-370-4774, email marihcenter@gmail.com or visit marih.org for additional info. **Material donations welcomed in the narthex.** God bless you for your continued support!

Please see the parish website for info regarding COVID-19 Vaccines and their relation to aborted fetal cell lines. You must speak up! Sample letter to pharmaceutical companies urging ethical practices available in the narthex and on the parish website.

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.

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING from 8:00am - 12:00pm you have an opportunity to pray with others from Northern Virginia at the Falls Church Women's Healthcare Center (900 S. Washington St.). Your united prayers and physical presence are powerful deterrents to those entering the facility for abortion. Be part of the year-round movement to save lives and souls.

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

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? Or perhaps you know someone in this situation. [A Mom's Peace](http://AMomsPeace.org), 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

Attention 8th Graders: You are invited to come to Jr. High youth group THIS Sunday, May 16th (5-6:30pm) and/or High School youth group (8-9pm)!

Attention 6th Graders: You are invited to come to Jr. High youth group THIS Sunday, May 16th (5-6:30pm)! Join us for pizza, faith & fellowship! Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

Jr. High Youth Group: Last Sun. Night Mtg. this year!
5-6:30pm Sunday, May 16th (Parish Hall)

Come eat pizza, make new friends, have fun and grow in your faith! All 6th-8th graders are welcome! You don't have to be a parishioner in order to attend. No charge, however, we do need the forms (below) on file before you come.

High School Youth Group: Last Sun. Night Mtg. this year!
8-9pm Sunday, Sunday May 16th (Parish Hall)

All students grades 8-12 are invited to join us to grow in faith & fellowship! Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group
7-8:30pm Monday, May 17th (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. Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

Class of 2021 Senior Send-Off!

Wednesday, May 19th 6-9pm (at St. Raymond's)

St. Raymond's class of 2021 are invited to a Holy Hour followed by an ice cream social with Fr. De Celles & current/recent college students! Come hear wisdom, stories and college advice! RSVP to Jeanne youth@straymonds.org

Class of 2021: College Night!

The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes beginning at 7pm:

June 30 - St. Michael's

July 7 - Nativity

July 21 - St. Mary's Basilica

July 28 - St. Mary's Fredericksburg

College Nights are free to all students and provide resources and support for keeping your Catholic faith when entering college. Catholic students from several private and public schools will be on hand to share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. This is a great opportunity to network with other Catholic students and to receive resources for the transition to college. To register or for more info: www.asjb.org

Scholarship Opportunity: Associates of St. John Bosco offers scholarships to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. They are pleased to offer 3 scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 and one scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 to a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults after college. The application is due May 18th. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program>

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

SUNDAY CCD CLASSES meet tonight for the last session of the academic year!

Have a wonderful Summer, everyone!

We look forward to seeing ALL of you (grades K-12) - on site - next year!!

2021-2022 Religious Education Registration Forms are available in the Narthex of the church, in the Parish Office, outside the Religious Education Office and on the Parish website. Class assignment is made on a first come, first served basis with class sizes limited to 15 students. Register early to get your first choice!!

The Conferral of Confirmation without Mass will take place on May 24th and May 27th. Parents should have received an email with specific information; please let us know if you have not received the information.

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects non-perishable 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.**

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.** 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 biblestudy@straymonds.org.

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.

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.

Church Persecuted

The Walt Disney Company is no longer the family/religion-friendly Disney of old, but laced with overt anti-Catholic bias. As Disney is falling all over itself apologizing for its sins of the past, somehow apologizing to Catholics hasn't happened yet.

Disney recently put disclaimers on their blockbuster movies, "The Jungle Book", because it perpetuates a stereotype of African Americans; "Peter Pan" offends Indians; "Swiss Family Robinson" offends pirates; "Aladdin" offends Arabs; etc. "The Muppet Show" offends not only Native Americans, but also Arabs and East Asians. But what about the Catholics?

The 1997 movie, "Nothing Sacred", portrayed a priest "at war with the Catholic Church's sexual ethics....He was tired of being a 'sexual traffic cop.'" The 1998 movie, "That's Life", "was one long assault on virtually every aspect of Catholicism." Released during Holy Week, it "was a vicious mockery of the suffering and death of Jesus." In 2002, "The Magdalene Sisters" depicted nuns as lying and being vicious as they worked with wayward women in Ireland.

In 1995, Disney bought Capital Cities/ABC. Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect" bashed the Catholic Church on a regular basis as did "The View" during the time when Barbara Walters was the co-producer and a panelist. These are the highlights, read the link for more.

[\(https://www.catholicleague.org/disneys-anti-bias-campaign-excludes-Catholics/\)](https://www.catholicleague.org/disneys-anti-bias-campaign-excludes-Catholics/)

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



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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). <https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>.

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

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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"And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them." If you are discerning a vocation to proclaim the Gospel as a priest or consecrated religious, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, by email at michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or by calling 703- 841-2514.

Please remember that our parish's expenses continue during this pandemic! Your donations may be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or given online through Faith Direct. Please visit our website www.straymonds.org to join online or call directly at 866-507-8757.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 14,931.01
Family Assistance	\$ 869.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,501.00
Parish Special Needs	\$ 3,828.00

The second collection this week is for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Arlington to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

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