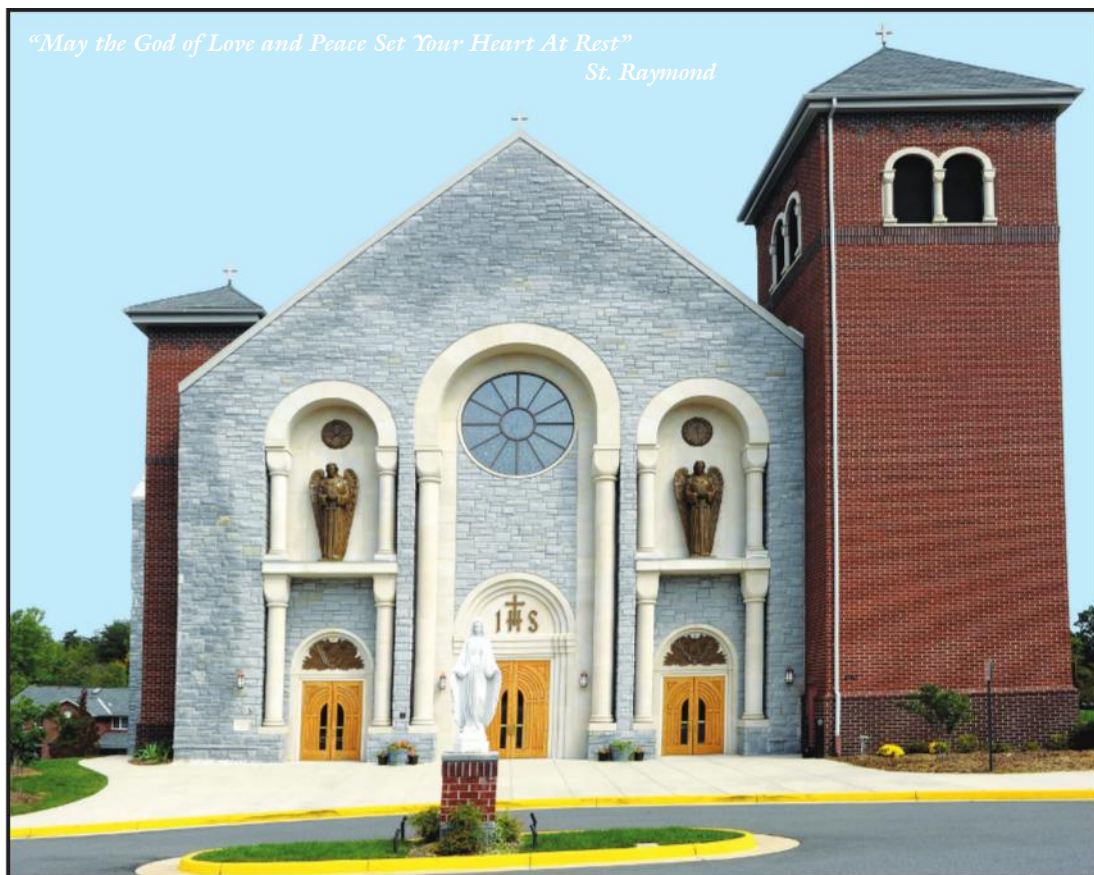


*"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"*  
*St. Raymond*



## **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)**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

Rectory: 703-440-0535  
Rel. Education: 703-440-0537  
Fax: 703-440-0538

### **Office Hours**

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

### **E-Mail**

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

### **Website**

[www.straymonds.org](http://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**

6:15-6:55 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.

## Pastor's Corner

**Return to Pre-COVID!** Praised be Jesus Christ! St. Raymond's is fully "open for business." After the Governor's and CDC's recent announcements, Bishop Burbidge is lifting almost all COVID restrictions throughout the Diocese of Arlington, effective Friday, May 28. This means:

- No occupancy/capacity limits on Mass attendance
- No social distancing
- No extra disinfecting or cleaning between Masses as expected during the pandemic
- No required face-coverings/masks in any setting, although unvaccinated persons are still encouraged to wear face coverings. But no one will be asked about their vaccination status or to wear masks in any parish setting

Also, the following liturgical elements that were suspended may now be reintroduced: Holy water, Processions, Collections, and Offertory processions.

The sign of peace (without physical contact between non-family members) is also allowed, but I will be holding off on this for a while.

The **dispensation from the Obligation** to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass **remains in effect** for now, but further announcements regarding this matter will be conveyed in the near future. **Nevertheless**, in my opinion, **all who are able should now return to Sunday/Holy Day Mass.**

Live-streamed Masses will still be offered for the homebound.

Finally, **Mass and Confession times will remain as they have been** for the last few months until further notice.

**Patience and Charity.** As we go back to normal PLEASE remember you are Christians and show patience and charity with each other as we all get used to "normal" again. If someone wants to wear a mask, that's okay. If someone wants to or doesn't want to get vaccinated, it's really up to them and not really our business. Let's just be glad for the freedom we have and pray for each other.

Also, be patient with me and the staff, as we adjust to re-opening. There will be a lot of "oh right, I forgot about that..."

**Trinity Sunday.** Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, celebrating the most sublime mystery of our faith: that God is One, in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a "mystery" in that it is something that we know only because God has revealed it to us, and is something we cannot fully understand because its divine nature is so far above our human intelligence and experience. This does not mean it is irrational or imagined—no more than Einstein's Theory of Relativity is irrational or imagined simply because it isn't fully understood by 99.999...% of human beings. I don't understand how the world was created—it's a mystery. But it happened.

I say it's "sublime" because it reveals something amazingly wonderful about God: that He is a personal communion of three persons sharing one life and one love. Hence, St. John would say, "God is love," and Pope Benedict XVI would say, "for God, life is love." So that at the heart of God's essence...His being...who He most truly is, is this eternal, total, complete, mutual self-gift between the three Divine Persons in love, that is at the center of their absolute unity.

And I say "most" sublime because it is really the beginning of all meaning in life and the end to which all life is

directed: living in the love of God. We are created in the image of this amazing Trinitarian love in order to share in it, both on earth (by loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and loving each other, beginning in the family) and in heaven. What a glorious Feast.

**Next Sunday: Corpus Christi.** Next week we will celebrate the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. Because we haven't had a chance to plan an outdoor Corpus Christi procession, we will do the same this year as we did last year: shortly after the 1pm Mass we will have an indoor procession in the church, followed by a short period of Adoration, followed by Benediction. Look for an email to come this week with more details.

**Memorial Day.** This Monday America celebrates Memorial Day, a day of honoring those in our military who have given their lives not merely for our nation, but for the life, liberty and happiness of each and every individual American. At the Last Supper Christ told His apostles, "No greater love has a man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." That saying pertains directly to the death He endured for our salvation on the very next day, and to a love beyond all measure. But this greatest love is reflected, in a very real way, in the death of every military man or woman who has laid down their lives for us. We owe them an incredible debt—one we cannot really repay. But we can try to, by living lives worthy of the sacrifice they've made for us—lives built on the idea of liberty as a freedom to become the best we can be, not a freedom to do as we please. Freedom to build a great nation not only of financial wealth or military strength, but of true virtue. Perhaps a soldier might die for their fellow countrymen's freedom to say or do foolish things, but should we repay that noble sacrifice by actually saying and doing foolish things—or leading immoral lives? I think not.

And there's another way we can try to repay them for their sacrifice: pray for them, that they might receive the heavenly reward for their great sacrificial love for us.

**Sacrament of Confirmation.** Last week, by special delegation from the Bishop, I was honored to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and a few others. Congratulations to them all! The sacrament, however is not a "graduation." Rather, it is the beginning of a new stage in the Christian life, as they receive the strengthening of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, along with His seven-fold gifts, to participate more fully in the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

By the way, all priests have the "power" to give this sacrament, but we usually don't have the authority to do so, unless the bishop specifically grants us that authority. The exceptions to this rule are when a priest baptizes an adult (or a baby in danger of death) or receives an already-baptized Protestant into the Catholic Church—then Canon Law gives the priest automatic authority to confirm them at the same time.

**Final Word.** I can't tell you how profoundly I was moved by the outpouring of kindness, affection, generosity and love directed toward me over the last week or so regarding my anniversary. I was truly overwhelmed, and humbled. Thank you so very much. What a gift this parish is to me, and all of you. I thank the Lord He has made me the Father of so many faithful sons and daughters. Praised be Jesus Christ!

*Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles*



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday May 31st**  
**Memorial Day**10:00 am For All Who Laid  
Down Their Lives in  
Service to Our Country +**Tuesday, June 1st**

8:30 am Laura Schweitzer

**Wednesday, June 2nd**

8:30 am Samuel Drouillard

**Thursday, June 3rd**

8:30 am Joey Santos +

**Friday, June 4th**8:30 am Joshua Schweitzer  
7:00 pm EFM (Latin)**Saturday, June 5th**

9:00 am Daniel Noonan

**Vigil Mass**5:00 pm Fr. De Celles  
Walter E. & Jean Seiberling**Sunday, June 6th**7:00 am Fr. De Celles  
Linwood Russell Turner

9:00 am Fr. Rippy

Parishioners

11:00 am Fr. De Celles

Petr &amp; Monica Bockelman

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 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 BuonoMichael  
Malachowski  
Juanita Boarman  
John Florio  
Debra Henkel  
Daniel Moore  
Maria Daugherty  
Lauren Hornsby  
Gaudencio Dizon  
Antoinette Baptist  
Ada Prabhavat  
Paul Haynes  
Minnie Taylor  
Dwayne TaylorBernadette  
D'Agostino  
Christopher Quan  
Ted Tolpa  
Nena Brennan  
Fr. Jerome Daly  
Donald Hale  
Christina Cautero  
Mary Gerken  
Bill Sencabaugh  
Ron Dietz  
Serrin Foster

**Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church This Friday, June 4th.** 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>.

**Monday, May 31st is the Federal Holiday for Memorial Day!**

**There will only be one Mass at 10:00 am (livestreamed)**

**Parish Offices will be closed.**

**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

**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**

**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](mailto:office@straymonds.org) to verify your email address.

**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.

**Rosary Promotion Weekend:** This weekend, 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!

**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 after Masses this weekend, May 29-30, or contact Judy Mayer at [jmayer9014@aol.com](mailto:jmayer9014@aol.com).

**Father's Day Triduum:** Sunday, June 20th is Father's Day. We will be honoring fathers with a Triduum of Masses on June 20-22. If you would like to include the special fathers in your life (i.e. Father, Grandfather, Godfather, etc.), cards are available at all the entrances after all Masses this weekend.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped with the receptions for Fr. De Celles' 25th anniversary. They would not have been possible without everyone who picked up donuts, set up, served food, and cleaned up. A special thank you to our Knights of Columbus for recruiting several men to step in. God bless you all!

**GOSPEL MT 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee,  
to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.  
When they all saw Him, they worshiped, but they  
doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them,  
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to  
Me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded  
you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the  
age."



**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](http://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](mailto:tdelaney51@verizon.net)

**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](mailto:prinn@verizon.net).

**St. Raymond's First Ever Young Adult Gathering!** Come meet fellow young adults (ages 21-40) from **2-4pm on Saturday, June 5th** in the parish hall/outside. Help us shape the future of our young adult community as we discuss potential activities going forward. Young families with kids are welcome. Refreshments provided.

**Natural Family Planning.** A gift to your marriage. For more info visit: [ccli.org](http://ccli.org).

**SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE**

Glory be to God, Who is  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
for the gift of life. Give us the  
courage and wisdom to  
persevere in loving and  
defending the sanctity of this  
most precious gift particularly  
in the least among us – the  
unborn.



*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](mailto:marihcenter@gmail.com) or visit [marih.org](http://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](http://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](http://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**, 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](http://amomspeace.org).

**Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project** helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife). For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or [GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org)

## St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

### Update on Jeanne's Jaw Situation :

Prayers have been answered!! It's been a long journey since I found out I needed to get both of my jaw joints (TMJs) replaced with prosthetics. I was pretty scared to undergo this rare and intense surgery in October 2019, but the really scary part came in December 2019 when I found out I caught an infection caused by a rare and aggressive bacteria. In fact, there is only one other person in the world (in India) who has ever been diagnosed with this as a result of this surgery and overcame it. Fortunately for me, it was my surgeon who came up with the treatment for that one other person. However, she was diagnosed much sooner than I was, so he wasn't sure it would work for me. I had some medical complications that kept me on the PICC line antibiotics several weeks longer than anticipated. I've been off those for over a year now, but due to the nature of the particular bacteria I had, I needed to remain infection free for a year before knowing whether or not it worked. Well, here I am to tell you that, as of last week, my oral surgeon has officially declared me infection free! This is nothing short of a miracle, a true testament to the power of your prayers! I cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support through all of this!! My doctor is going to write it up for the medical journals, that's how huge this is! Praised be Jesus Christ!

**To all the leaders of Sons of Thunder & Talitha Koum, our HS Guys' & Girls' Groups, on behalf of the teens whom you so generously served, mentored and inspired this year, we thank you!!** **Anthony Pomilla**, thank you for being the fearless leader of the Sons of Thunder! **Phil Bettwy, Nate Smith & Kirt Wlaschin**, thank you all for giving your time and sharing your faith and your lives with our young men! Likewise for Talitha Koum...**Rebecca Boak**, thank you for diving in full force in leading our young ladies in Talitha Koum! **Amanda Fields** and **Megan Golinowski**, thank you for your dedication to our young ladies and all 3 of you, for being such joyful witnesses of the abundant life in Christ!

**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 Frederickburg**

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](http://www.asjb.org)

### **John Paul SUMMER CAMPS for Rising 4th-9th Graders**

- Intro to Sports for rising 4th-6th graders (July 12-16)
- Girls Volleyball for rising 5th-8th graders (July 19-23)
- Boys Basketball for rising 6th-9th graders (July 5-9)
- Girls Basketball for rising 6th-9th graders (July 12-16)
- Boys Soccer for rising 4th-8th graders (July 19-23)
- Boys Football for rising 5th-9th graders (July 12-15)
- Cheerleading for rising 4th-8th graders (July 19-21)
- Photography for rising 6th-9th graders (July 12-16)
- STEM In Action Camp for rising 5th-6th graders (July 26-30)
- STEM In Action Camp for rising 7th-8th graders (July 19-23)
- Camp Quintessential for rising 4th-8th graders (July 12-16)

**For more info or to register, check out their website at:**

<https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>

**Jeanne Sause**

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)  
[youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) Call/Text: 571-334-9890  
<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 24th and May 27th.** We are very proud of you! You are now strengthened to go forth and be witnesses and defenders of the Faith. We pray for God's continued blessings on each one of you!

**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, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. **Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want.**

### **TIME CHANGE FOR 2021-2022 SUNDAY NIGHT**

**CCD:** Beginning in September 2021, Sunday night CCD session will meet from 5:30-7 p.m.

**2021-2022 Religious Education volunteers needed:** If you love Christ and His Church and want to pass the truths of our awesome Catholic faith to the young people of St. Raymond's, please pick up and complete a green volunteer registration form, found in the same places as the student registration forms, and return it to the Religious Education Office.

**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](mailto:biblestudy@straymonds.org).

**Home School Group:** for more information visit our website [www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/) Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at [straymondhsg@gmail.com](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com).



## Church Persecuted

On May 20, 2021, Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials arrested the bishop of Xinxiang, 10 priests, and 10 seminarians in an apparent further attempt to apply pressure to the underground Catholic Church in China – not the one controlled by the Chinese government. They were taken to a hotel, kept in solitary confinement and were subjected to “political sessions” to “indoctrinate them with the CCP’s understanding of religious freedom.”

Bishop Guiseppe Zhang Weizhu is a member of the underground Catholic Church faithful to Rome and recognized by the Holy See but not the Chinese communist government. This is not the first time that he has been imprisoned. The 10 priests are also considered to be criminals for their refusal to join the state-run Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association as required by the government. Additionally, the seminarians were studying in a seminary “operating out of a factory.” They were returned to their families and prohibited from continuing with their studies.

<https://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2021/05/25/chinese-communists-arrest-bishop-ten-priests-as-church-prays-for-china/amp/>

**John Paul the Great Returns to In-Person Learning:** Saint John Paul the Great looks forward to bringing students back into the building full-time for Fall 2021! Applications are being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year, and we look forward to getting to know your family! Visit [jpthegreat.org](http://jpthegreat.org) for more information, to schedule a tour, or to begin your application today!

**Courage Support Group for Those Experiencing Same-Sex Attraction.** COURAGE is a group that meets regularly to offer fraternal, moral, and spiritual support for those who experience same-sex attraction and desire to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Meetings are for men and women and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more information, please contact [Courage@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:Courage@arlingtondiocese.org) or visit <http://couragec.net/index.htm>

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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](http://www.AngelusAcademy.org)

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**Bishop’s Lenten Appeal (BLA) Pledges:** Thank you to everyone who pledged to the BLA! This appeal funds Seminarian education and formation, Youth Ministry, Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, Religious Education programs as well as many others. If you mailed in a pledge that is being paid in installments, you should be receiving monthly reminders statements. Or, you also may go online to make a payment at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org). For questions, please call the BLA office at 703-841-2570.

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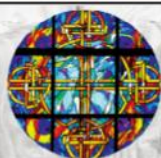
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