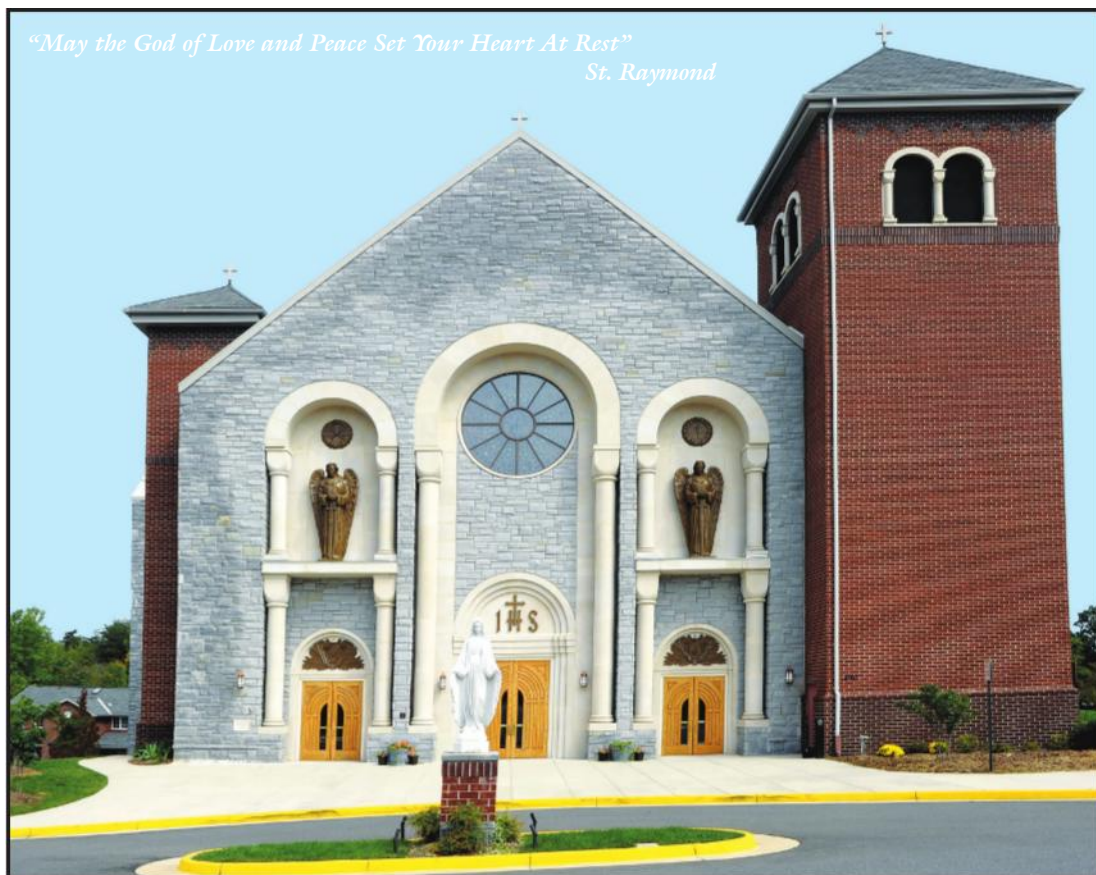


*"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"*  
*St. Raymond*



## **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  
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#### **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

**Sunday Mass Obligation returns!** You have probably heard by now that Bishop Burbidge has reinstated the obligation to attend Sunday (and all Holy Day) Mass for all Catholics in the Arlington Diocese, effective Sunday, June 27. As always, some people are exempt from the obligation: “those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions”; or those with “some other serious reason (for example, ... the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.” Of course, the Sunday obligation can be fulfilled on the previous evening at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

If you have any question as to whether you are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays let me know. Remember, as the Catechism states (2181) **“Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”**

I am very happy with this decision. I hope that Covid has taught us all how important the Holy Eucharist is, and the wisdom of the Church’s obligation to keep the Sabbath holy by attending Sunday Mass. I have been very edified by those who have told me they feel badly for missing Mass during the last few months, recognizing there is no “legal” obligation but feeling the personal sense of failure of piety, and recognizing that it is important we come together as One Church on Sunday, the Lord’s Day, united in the celebration of the One Eucharist throughout the world.

So, **come back to Sunday Mass**, not just because you have to, but because you know in your hearts that you really should be here—this is where you belong on Sunday. And don’t wait till the 26th/27th and the obligation. And kindly and respectfully remind and encourage your friends who are staying away to do the same.

That being said, I know some of you can’t come back for serious reasons, and so are not obligated. For many, this is a terrible sorrow. I understand and feel for you. Know you are in our prayers, and that there is no guilt, even though there may be sadness. God bless you!

**Corpus Christi Sunday.** All this makes today’s celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, or “The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ,” all that much more meaningful and important. It serves as a reminder every year, but especially this year, of how amazing and important the Eucharist is to our life in Christ.

How much of the truth about the Eucharist do we take for granted or forget? How much do we not even know? Over the last 50 years many of the truths about the Eucharist have been downplayed, ignored, or even denied in preaching and catechesis. Thanks be to God, St. Raymond’s parishioners have developed a strong devotion to the Eucharist. Our beautiful church building testifies to this, saying: “this is the house of the Lord, where He is worshipped adored and loved, and where He remains truly, bodily, present.”

Even so, there is still much work to do for all of us. As St. John Paul II used to say, “the body speaks.” The bodily Eucharistic presence of Jesus Christ speaks to us saying, “This is my body given up for you.” But how do our bodies speak back to Him? Our bodily expressions of faith and devotion toward the Eucharist speak volumes, both to others and to ourselves. **So please consider the following. DO WE:**

- \* genuflect before Our Lord present in the tabernacle? (we do not merely bow to Our Lord unless it is truly difficult to genuflect)
- \* chat loudly in church as if the Lord of Heaven were not present?
- \* spend time with Our Lord during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?
- \* dress modestly and respectfully at Mass?

- \* focus prayerfully on the miracle transpiring on the altar during Mass?
- \* receive Holy Communion reverently?
- \* observe the Eucharistic fast for one hour before Communion?
- \* examine our consciences so we don’t receive unworthily?
- \* refrain from receiving if we are not in the state of grace (an unconfessed mortal sin)?
- \* approach Communion prayerfully, not looking around or laughing?
- \* show some sign of reverence immediately before receiving Holy Communion: bowing or genuflecting, or even kneeling?
- \* If we receive in our hands:
- \* Did we wash our hands before Mass, or are we presenting dirty hands?
- \* Do we extend *both* hands, one on top of the other?
- \* Do we extend our hands flat, like a plate, not like a bowl?
- \* Do we immediately reverently **consume the Host at the altar rail?**
- \* Do we stay after Mass to give thanks?
- \* Do we teach our children to do these things?

I am always moved and edified by the level of reverence our parish displays at Mass and during Communion. But we can all use a reminder now and again.

**Transgender Pronouns.** In the last week or so you probably hear that a Loudoun County Public School gym teacher was suspended after publicly stating he would not bend to the LCPS policy to pretend that boys can be girls and girls can be boys. As the Washington Times reports:

*“Byron Tanner Cross told Loudoun County Public School board members at a meeting last Tuesday that the policy violates his Christian beliefs. ‘I’m a teacher, but I serve God first,’ Mr. Cross said. ‘I will not affirm that a biological boy can be a girl and vice versa because it’s against my religion, it’s lying to a child, it’s abuse to a child and it’s sinning against our God.’”*

*On Thursday, he received a letter saying he was being placed on administrative leave ...The draft of the policy at issue is called “Rights of Transgender and Gender-Expansive Students.” The proposal states that “LCPS staff shall allow gender-expansive or transgender students to use their chosen name and gender pronouns that reflect their gender identity without any substantiating evidence...”*

*...Glenn Youngkin, the Republican nominee for governor of Virginia, called on the school system to reinstate Mr. Cross ... “What we’re seeing right here right now in Loudoun County is the liberal left waging a cultural war and the victims are children. And who’s standing up for them? Not the politicians but in fact parents and teachers”....*

*A group of local parents last week issued an email stating that the school board “rolled” another teacher under the bus “in order to please their activist base.” The parents, who are part of a recently formed political action committee called Fight for Schools, have been at odds with the nine-member school board for months.*

....

*Meanwhile, the Loudoun County Democratic Party is calling on Mr. Hamrick to recant the “inflammatory and insidious remarks....”*

God bless Mr. Cross, Mr. Youngkin and the parents in “Fight for Schools.” While we don’t have to fight every battle, **we can NEVER lie by calling a boy a girl or a girl a boy—or use feminine pronouns for boys and vice versa.** That is not only a lie but an affirmative verbal approval of the greater lie of transgender theory.

*Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles*



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, June 7th**

8:30 am Eduardo Visaya +

**Tuesday, June 8th**

8:30 am Meredith Hoopes

**Wednesday, June 9th**8:30 am Joe (+) & Elaine  
Perricone**Thursday, June 10th**

8:30 am Fr. Jordan Willard

**Friday, June 11th**

8:30 am Thomas Turner

**Masses to be said Privately**

6/10 Fr. Charles Smith

**Saturday, June 12th**

9:00 am Gail Frances

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm

Walter Jr. Seiberling +

**Sunday, June 13th**

7:00 am

Anilu Varela +

9:00 am

Parishioners

11:00 am

Anne Hansen

1:00 pm

Patrick &amp; Reniah Gelbach

**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 Buono  
Michael  
Malachowski  
Juanita 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'Agostino  
Christopher Quan  
Ted Tolpa  
Nena Brennan  
Fr. Jerome Daly  
Donald Hale  
Christina Cautero  
Serrin Foster

**Corpus Christi Indoor Procession Today, Sunday, June 6th:** Bring your family for an indoor procession, Adoration and Benediction to publicly honor and worship Jesus in the Holy Eucharist in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi today following the 1 pm Mass (approx. 2 pm). There will be an ice cream social immediately following in the Parish Hall.

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS** recovered over the last 15 months will be in the Parish Hall this weekend, June 5th and 6th. If you might have lost anything (glasses, clothing, purses, wallets, books etc), please be sure to check out the items we have found. Any orphaned items not claimed by June 7th will be donated or disposed of, as appropriate.

**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.

**Family of Jesus Prayer Group:** Though our weekly meetings are currently canceled - we are still praying! If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at [jpebtp@verizon.net](mailto:jpebtp@verizon.net) or by calling the parish office.

**Bridge Club:** We will play Bridge every Thursday at 12 noon. New members welcome. Contact Lois Kotlowski 703-455-6567 or James Kolakoski 703-455-3009.

**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 by contacting 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 in the narthex 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 on Saturday, June 19th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

**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).

**GOSPEL MK 14:12-16,22-26**

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,  
when they sacrificed the Passover lamb,  
Jesus' disciples said to Him,  
"Where do you want us to go  
and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"  
He sent two of His disciples and said to them,  
"Go into the city and a man will meet you,  
carrying a jar of water.  
Follow him.

Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house,  
'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room  
where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'  
Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and  
ready.

Make the preparations for us there."

The disciples then went off, entered the city,  
and found it just as he had told them;  
and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating,  
He took bread, said the blessing,  
broke it, gave it to them, and said,  
"Take it; this is My body."

Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them,  
and they all drank from it.

He said to them,

"This is my blood of the covenant,  
which will be shed for many.

Amen, I say to you,

I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine  
until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Then, after singing a hymn,  
they went out to the Mount of Olives.



**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:**

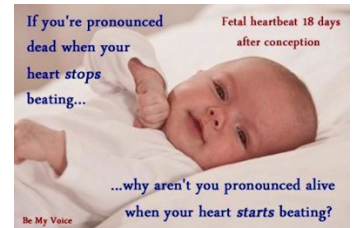
KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for KOVAR outside the main entrance of the Church after each Mass the weekend of June 12/13. Please be generous 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>

**Luminaries of Holy Mary:** Come join us on July 3rd 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.

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

**Praised be Jesus Christ  
whose Sacred Heart  
beats for love of each  
one of us beginning at  
the moment of  
conception.**



Do you know that there is a **Memorial to the Unborn** on parish property? It is in the corner of the parking lot near the Parkway and Pohick Road. Please feel free to visit the Memorial to pray for the Unborn and for a return to the sanctity of life in our nation.

**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.** **Our next support weekend will be June 19-20 in honor of Father's Day. God bless you for your continued generosity!**

**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.** Learn about its dangerous implications.  
[arlingtondiocese.org/equalityact](http://arlingtondiocese.org/equalityact)

**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

**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](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>

### **Volunteers Needed June 21st-25th!**

We are in need of many volunteers to help make St. Raymond's WorkCamp 2021 a success! More specifics including times and sign-up genius links will be in next weekend's bulletin, but help will be needed in the following areas:

- Set-up/Serve/Clean-up daily continental breakfast
- Order, Pick-up, Set-Up, Serve & Clean-up dinners
- Compliant adults to drive teens to worksites after 8:30am Mass and back to Church at 4:30pm (furthest site is 10 minutes from St. Raymond's). We also need two "on-call" drivers daily.

### **Food & \$\$ Donations Needed for WorkCamp!**

The total cost of St. Raymond's WorkCamp will be around \$13,000-\$15,000. To raise money we are raffling off something last year's WorkCampers made (pics next week) <http://bit.ly/WCraffle21>. If not interested in the raffle, you can make a tax-deductible donation at <http://bit.ly/WCdonation21> (just make sure to note "for WorkCamp" in the notes section if you want to ensure the \$ is only used for WorkCamp & not other Youth Apostolate needs/events). To help keep costs down, we are also looking for food/drink donations this year. A sign-up genius link for these tangible donations will be in next week's bulletin.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS & SUPPORT!!**

**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

**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.**

**2021-2022 Religious Education volunteers needed: 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. We are in need of the following:

### **SUNDAY (5:30-7:00 p.m.)**

Grade 4 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 5 Teacher  
 Grade 6 Teacher

### **MONDAY (4:45-6:15 p.m.)**

Grade K Assistant Teacher  
 High school aide  
 Grade 1 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 3 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 6 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 7 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 8 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher

### **TUESDAY (6-7:30 p.m.)**

Grade 1 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 2 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 3 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 5 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 7 Teacher  
 Assistant Teacher  
 Grade 8 Assistant Teacher

RCIC (sacramental preparation)  
 Teacher

**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.**



## Church Persecuted

A Catholic school that requires a faculty member to sign “an agreement to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church in word and deed” cannot allow a teacher who entered into a same-sex union to continue to teach in the school. So said the Marion County (Indiana) Superior Court in throwing out a lawsuit by the teacher against the Archdiocese.

The facts are simple. A Catholic high school teacher at Cathedral Catholic High School (Indianapolis, IN) entered into a same-sex union and the school did not renew the teacher’s contract. The teacher sued and recently the lawsuit was thrown out. The precedence for this was the unanimous decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *EEOC v. Hosanna-Tabor* and *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru*, in which the Supreme Court “affirmed the right of religious organizations to ‘autonomy’ in matters of faith, doctrine and internal governance.”

The simple lesson from this case is that Catholic schools must have rigorous written standards to ensure that they are truly Catholic in more than just name. See the link below to the Cardinal Newman Society for standards in human sexuality for Catholic education.

<https://www.becketlaw.org/media/indiana-court-upholds-religious-freedom-for-catholic-schools/>

<https://newmansociety.org/human-sexuality-catholic-education/>

**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!

**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).

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Watch now at [www.straymonds.formed.org](http://www.straymonds.formed.org)

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Questions? Need help? Email us at: [formed@straymonds.org](mailto:formed@straymonds.org)



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Pre K—8th

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Do you love a rising 6th, 7th or 8th grader?

Will their current learning community and curriculum help them to build the spiritual armour and academic skills they need for high school and beyond? Call or email us to discuss enrollment for the 2021-22 school year.

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!**

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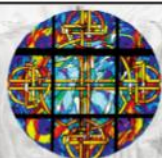
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