

## 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:

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#### **Office Hours**

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

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#### Website

www.straymonds.org

**TUITION ASSISTANCE:** Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

#### Angelus Academy 7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153 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

Mass Obligation. The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday (and other Holy Days) returns today, Sunday, June 27. This obligation applies to all Catholics, unless there is a "grave reason" (for example, illness, infirmity, or confinement [e.g., homebound, nursing home or hospital}, or some types of travel). The Bishop has also dispensed the obligation for "those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness...[and] those with serious underlying health conditions." As always, the obligation can be fulfilled at the Vigil Mass.

Please remind your friends and family in the Diocese of this renewed obligation. And remember, **failure to fulfill this obligation is grave matter** (i.e., a mortal sin if it is willfully and knowingly committed).

Mass and Confession Schedule. I recently emailed you a survey seeking your input regarding some post-Covid issues: specifically, Sunday Mass times and where to hear confessions. Response rate to the survey was gratifying, as 329 participated. Thank you for your help.

Regarding Sunday Mass times, 32% prefer to revert to the pre-Covid schedule, 35% prefer keeping the current schedule, and 33% have no preference—an even split basically. Personally, I'd prefer to keep the current times, as it gives us more flexibility for events at and between Mass. Some examples, 1) some Masses run longer than an hour due to the special feast day ceremonies or the length of homily (or the slower pace of the priest [e.g., me]); 2) it would be helpful when confessions between Masses return; 3) it would make it easier to have events like "Donut Sunday" between Masses. Therefore, reading the poll to say that 68% of you would have no problem with my preference, I have decided to keep the Sunday Mass times as they are: 7am, 9am, 11am, and 1pm.

Regarding Confessions, the issue is whether it would be okay to move the confessions out of the Flower Room and back to the actual confessionals. In response, 68% said that it would be okay to move back to the confessions, 26% said it didn't matter either way, and only 6% said they would "not go to confession in the Confessionals at this time." Of that 6%, about half of those are not going to confession now (because of Covid). Given that, **I have decided to move confessions back to the confessionals** effective this weekend (i.e., yesterday/Saturday June 26). For those who feel they cannot come to the confessional, please email or call me to make other arrangements (e.g., meet me in the flower room immediately before the regular confession times).

Also, I have decided not to return to having a 5pm Sunday Mass, at least for the foreseeable future. There are several "problems" that the 5pm Sunday Mass presents to me:

- 1) Most priests prefer to not say Mass at that time since it's at the end of a long busy day. This makes it extremely hard for me to find priests to take that Mass, which is a big problem given there's only me in the parish.
- 2) Being alone in the parish, if I have to say the 5pm Mass that makes for a very, very long and exhausting day, and in the current situation I have to force myself not to overextend myself.
- 3) The attendance at that Mass is roughly (guesstimate) half non-parishioners, which is fine, but other parishes offer 5pm Masses they can attend.
- 4) Many of our parishioners who attend that Mass regularly attend another of our parish Masses, and only use the 5pm as an occasional emergency Mass.
- 5) Almost all of our parishioners who regularly attend that Mass can and would attend another of our Sunday Masses.
- 6) Pre-Covid, 5pm had the lowest attendance by parishioners of all of our Sunday Masses.

7) With pre-Covid average total weekly Sunday (and Vigil) Mass attendance at 2,400, or 400 per Mass (2,400  $\div$  6 = 400) and a capacity of 850, it is hard to say that the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass is "necessary."

McAuliffe Dismisses Parents. According to an audio recording circulating in the media, former governor and current candidate, Terry McAuliffe, recently dismissed parents' strong objections to the racist Critical Race Theory being introduced in Virginia public/government school curricula

In the recording, a woman asks McAuliffe, "I was just wondering – with all of the Republicans talking about Critical Race Theory... What are you going to say to all of those people making education about that?" In response, McAuliffe says, "That's another right-wing conspiracy. This is totally made up by Donald Trump and Glenn Youngkin. This is who they are. It's a conspiracy theory."

But "Critical Race Theory" is not the false claim of a "right-wing conspiracy", it is a racist approach to education being forced on the children of Fairfax and Loudoun Counties. CRT argues that racism is the American way of life, all whites are racist, teaches white children to hate themselves and their parents, and teaches "children of color" to hate white kids. This is diametrically opposed to the fundamental rules of both loving your neighbor and respecting the dignity of every human being and his/her God-given inherent rights and liberties.

Every true Christian should find it despicable. And yet the Democrat Party's nominee for governor, Terry McAuliffe, thinks it isn't a problem at all—that we're just all right-wing conspiracists, like Glenn Youngkin, the Republican nominee, in the upcoming November (2021) election. Youngkin has stated his strong opposition to Critical Race Theory.

Good News on Religious Liberty, But Not Good Enough. Excerpt from *The Wall Street Journal, Editorial, June 18, 2021:* 

"The Supreme Court ruled 9-0 on Thursday (June 17) that Philadelphia can't tell a Catholic foster-care agency [Catholic Social Services (CSS)] to violate its faith as a condition of its city contract—a victory for religious liberty. ...

"The facts in Fulton v. Philadelphia show ...The Catholic Church has been caring for Philadelphia's orphans since at least 1798, long before foster care was a government service. ...This was the state of play until 2018, when a newspaper quoted the archdiocese's spokesman as saying that CSS couldn't certify a hypothetical gay couple seeking its services [Twenty-seven other groups currently do so]. ...The city then refused to renew CSS's contract. Foster parents sued...

"The good news is that no Justice took Philadelphia's side... In this case the key precedent is Employment Division v. Smith (1990), which said the First Amendment isn't necessarily offended when a "generally applicable" law places "incidental" burdens on religion. ... [The Opinion of the Court, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, found] that Philly's nondiscrimination demand didn't count as "generally applicable," since the city's foster contracts reserved the right to make exceptions....

"The pessimistic view is that the majority used casespecific facts to dodge the real question...When Philly issues its next foster contracts, Justice Alito asks [in his concurring opinion], what if it simply deletes the exemption clause? "Voilà...today's decision will vanish—and the parties will be back where they started." ...[Alito] argues persuasively that Smith is contrary to the meaning of the First Amendment..."

I agree with this good-news/not-best-news assessment. But I also think the Court is setting up for a major good-news decision on the issue.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

#### MASS INTENTIONS Monday, June 28th Saturday, July 3rd 8:30 am James Leo Mault + 9:00 am Madalyn Cain Wejman + Tuesday, June 29th 8:30 am Mary Windsor Wednesday, June 30th 8:30 am Julian Santos + Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Fr. De Celles Thursday, July 1st Eduardo Visava + 8:30 am John & Julia Meszaros + Sunday, July 4th 7:00 am **Fr. Rippy** Friday, July 2nd Tao Dao + 8:30 am Isaac & Gladys 9:00 am Fr. De Celles Watson + Parishioners 7:00 pm EFM (Latin) 11:00 am Fr. De Celles Elisabeth Turco 1:00 pm Fr. C. Vaccaro World Leaders

**Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church This Friday, July 2nd.** 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

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 <a href="mailto:office@straymonds.org">office@straymonds.org</a> to verify your email address.

Sunday Mass Obligation returns! You have probably heard by now that Bishop Burbidge is reinstating 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. You can contact Fr. De Celles if you have any questions about your obligation.

**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.

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 Paul Haynes Dwayne Taylor	Bernadette D'Agostino Christopher Quan Ted Tolpa Nena Brennan Fr. Jerome Daly Donald Hale Christina Cautero Serrin Foster Judy Knight Normand Bedard Molita Burrows				

#### **Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

June 28	Legion of Mary - 5:00 pm
June 30	Adoration 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
July 1	Bridge Club 12:00 pm
July 2	Adoration 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
July 2	EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
July 3	Men's Prayer Group 7:30 am
July 3	Luminaries of Mary 9:00 am
July 5	Federal Holiday for Independence Day
	One Mass at 10:00 am
	Parish Offices are Closed

**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.

**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 on Monday afternoons at 5:00pm in the Maurer Room. 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 tdelanev51@verizon.net.

**Pilgrim Virgin Statue** / **Sacred Heart Home Enthronement:** 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 <a href="mayer9014@aol.com">imayer9014@aol.com</a>.



**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 <a href="www.KofC.org/JoinUs">www.KofC.org/JoinUs</a> to become a Knight today!

St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus: Did you know your parish Council has a Facebook page? Indeed, go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KofC12846">https://www.facebook.com/KofC12846</a>. Check out the activities the Knights are involved with to see where you might want to pitch in. Our primary goal is to assist our Pastor and promote our parish community.

Contact Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Delaney (703-627-8090) to learn more. You can also go to <a href="https://www.KofC.org/JoinUs">www.KofC.org/JoinUs</a> to become a Knight today! A Knight of Columbus will reach out to you.

**Good News!** The Parish Library will be reopening on July 24! Open hours are scheduled to be Saturdays from 1-5 and Sundays from 10-2. The Library can only be open if we have volunteer librarians. Would you like to join our ranks? No experience necessary! Spend two hours a month in the company of the saints and some of the greatest Catholic minds throughout history! If interested, please contact Liz Hildebrand at <a href="mailto:hildebrandseven@gmail.com">hildebrandseven@gmail.com</a>.

**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.

**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). **This year the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous.** 

St. Raymond's has Adoration every Wednesday and Friday! Would you like to spend an hour in silent prayer and reflection with our Lord during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament? We are in need of weekly adorers especially at 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 6:00 pm on Wednesday, and 2:00 pm on Friday. We also need volunteers to be on our substitute list. If you are interested in Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email <a href="mailto:spoiledk9s@verizon.net">spoiledk9s@verizon.net</a>. If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email <a href="mailto:virginia.osella@straymonds.org">virginia.osella@straymonds.org</a>. Drop-ins are always welcome!

Arlington Catholic Diocese has two full time positions open in their Communications Office. The "Digital and Social Media Specialist" for the ACH could be someone right out of college or with less than 2-3 years of experience. The "Digital and Social Media Manager" for the Diocese, however, will need to be someone with at least 3-5 years of experience. Below are links to the respective positions.

Digital and Social Media Manager:

https://jobs.jobvite.com/arlingtondiocese/job/oQgCffwH

Digital and Social Media Specialist:

https://jobs.jobvite.com/arlingtondiocese/job/oN8qffwk

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

The LORD bleff thee, and keep thee:

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Shank you

for what

you have done

The MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center THANKS YOU for your outpouring of generosity to those in need. Your Father's Day support contributed to one once abortion minded dad

being able to say, "The duties of fatherhood once scared me, but through the help of the MaRiH Center, I feel that I am ready to be the best father that I can be." God bless you all!

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

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. arlingtondiocese.org/equalityact

Call and urge our Senators to oppose the Equality Act: Sen. Kaine: (202)224-4024. Sen. Warner: (202)224-2023

**EVERY SATURDAY MORNING from 8:00am** - **12:00pm** join with others to pray 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.

**Natural Family Planning:** <u>A gift to your marriage.</u> ccli.org

**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*, 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 <a href="https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife">www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife</a>. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or <a href="mailto:GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org">GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org</a>

### St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

#### WorkCamp Update Next Week:

Since the bulletin has to be submitted early for print, and Jeanne was with the teens at WorkCamp all week, she will give a more formal update on how the week went in next week's bulletin. One thing is for sure...St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate is beyond blessed by the generosity and support of our parishioners! THANK YOU for making WorkCamp possible!

<u>Class of 2021: College Night!</u> 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 & 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: <a href="https://www.asjb.org">www.asjb.org</a>

College Summers with GMU CCM The Campus Ministry at George Mason University is hosting events for all college students (including rising freshmen) on Thursday nights in June and July starting at 7pm. Like them on Facebook: "College Summers with GMU CCM". Find out more at <a href="https://www.gmuccm.org">www.gmuccm.org</a> or email <a href="mailto:gmail.com">gmail.com</a>.

#### 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 (July19-21)
- -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 Call/Text: 571-334-9890 http://bit.ly/youthapostolate

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year is ongoing. 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. Online registration is available on the parish website. Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis so register early to get the session you want.

<u>PARENTS please note:</u> there is a two-year preparation process for the Sacraments of Penance/Holy Communion and Confirmation: grades 1-2 and grades 7-8 respectively.

Attention HOME SCHOOL parents: if you have a child in a sacramental preparation year (grades 2, 7-8) it is necessary to register your child with the Religious Education Office.

We have classes for high school students on Sunday (5:30-7 p.m.) The goal of the high school program is to deepen the students' understanding of the Faith so they can meet the challenges they face in the culture in which they live. Our high school team of teachers is top notch and there is no fee to participate in the program.

2021-2022 Religious Education volunteers needed: 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, 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

#### 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 2 Assistant Teacher

Grade 3 Assistant Teacher

Grade 5 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

Grade 7 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

Grade 8 Assistant Teacher

RCIC Teacher (Sacramental Preparation)

Home School Group: for more information visit our website <a href="https://www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/">www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/</a> Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at <a href="mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com">straymondhsg@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Church Persecuted**

The following are excerpts from an article written by Dr. Dan Guernsey of The Cardinal Newman Society and published online at <a href="https://www.TheCatholicThing.org/2021/05/19/the-remedy-for-canceling-and-division-catholic-education/">https://www.TheCatholicThing.org/2021/05/19/the-remedy-for-canceling-and-division-catholic-education/</a>. It continues from last week.

"There are key things that Catholic educators should – and should not – do to address hot-button topics like race, gender, and equity. The following is a partial list of some central things that can help Catholic educators avoid the pitfalls of ideology and division:

"Bring to the table Catholic values of faith, forgiveness, mercy, and justice, and shun sins of calumny, detraction, rash judgment, and pride.

"Relate discussions to a Catholic understanding of the human person through a clear and convincing Christian anthropology, which affirms our creation by God as male or female and the union of our bodies and spirits, as well as our common humanity and destiny.

"Avoid compounding racial tension, promoting tribalism and 'if you're not for us you're against us' thinking.

"Teach the use of logic and reason to uncover objective truth especially when emotion and relativism run hot."

Continue reading at www.TheCatholicThing.org/2021/05/19/the -remedy-for-canceling-and-division-catholic-education/

Scholarships to Catholic Schools. St. Raymond's will again offer a one-time \$2,000 scholarship for each parish child who is switching from public school (k-12) to Catholic school this year. Fr. De Celles has also decided to raise the amount of the scholarship we have available to all qualified parishioners who attend Catholic grade school from \$500 to \$1,000 and Catholic high school from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This amount is renewable every year and is subject only to minimal qualification terms. You need to be a parishioner and send a request for the scholarship to Fr. De Celles. Also, additional financial aid is available if a family truly can't afford Catholic school, even with the above scholarships. These decisions are made on a case by case basis.

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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). <a href="https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/">https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/</a>.

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

www.AngelusAcademy.org 7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153 703-924-3996

**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 <a href="mailto:ipebtp@verizon.net">ipebtp@verizon.net</a> or by calling the parish office.

As you are traveling this summer you can find a Mass near your destination by going to <u>Masstimes.org.</u>
Also, please remember that our parish expenses continue while you are away.

Now that the pandemic is over, please review your weekly donations. Your donations may be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or given online through Faith Direct. Please visit our website <a href="https://www.straymonds.org">www.straymonds.org</a> to join online or call directly at 866-507-8757.

#### FAITH DIRECT JUNE 2021

Offertory	\$ 49,613.00
Family Assistance	\$ 2,219.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,401.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 1.638.00

#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 11.814.00
Family Assistance	\$ 620.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 880.00

The Second Collection this week is for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence).



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