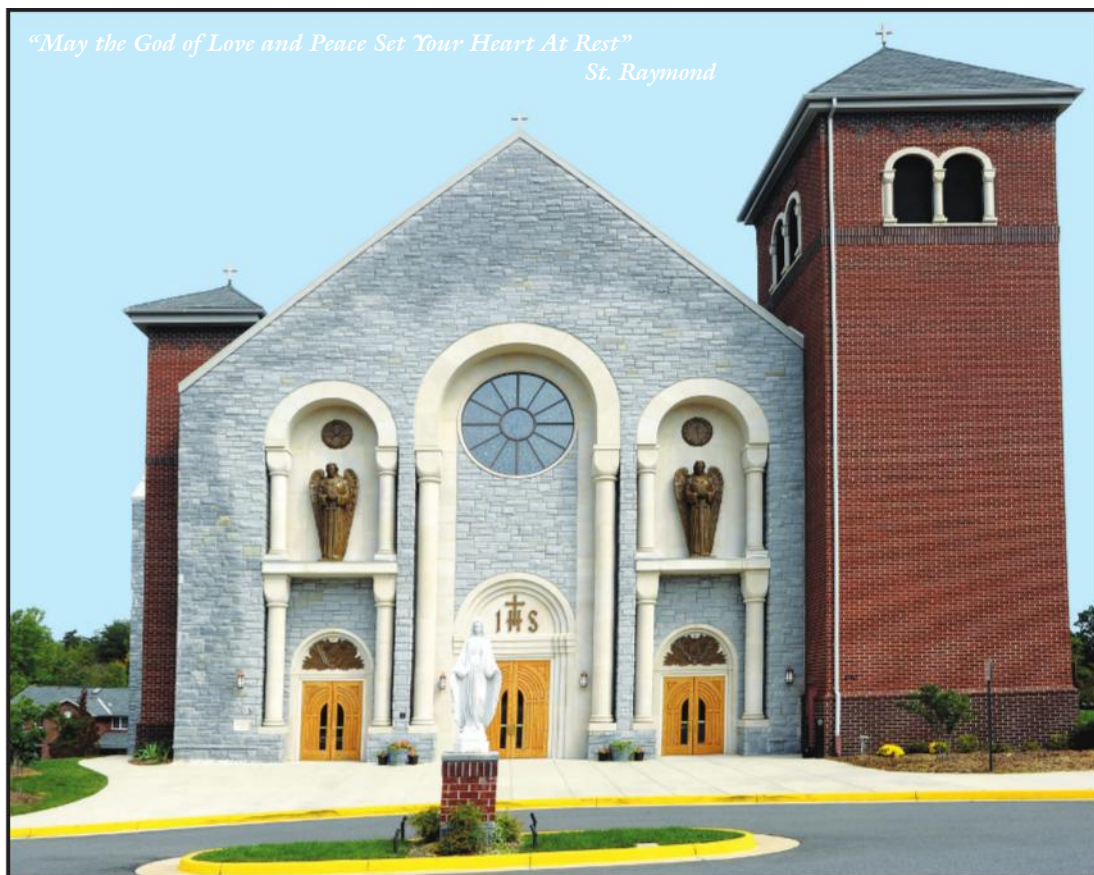


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Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
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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

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Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
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Vince Drouillard, Religious Education Secretary
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Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
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Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

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E-Mail

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

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

Happy Fourth of July. Contrary to what some say nowadays, our nation was born on July 4th 1776 when our Founding Fathers in a “unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America” proclaimed themselves independent from the government of England.

Nothing and no one on earth is perfect, but by the grace of God our Declaration of Independence brought to life a nation formed on principles that would allow us to become the greatest nation on earth. Those principles have not always been adhered to during the last 245 years, but we have striven to adhere to them: they have been our goal and our examination of conscience. In particular these words of the Declaration form the key to understanding who we are as a nation, and who we must always strive to be:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”

Consider the principle of self-evident truths. Many today deny there is objective truth, yet that is the starting point for all our American principles. And if something is not self-evident, it's pretty difficult to say it can be forced on others.

Then consider that all men are created equal. Equality is something we have always struggled with, but it still guides every decision and is the corrective for every error. We've made great strides, and we will continue to make great strides because of this principle. So it is wrong to judge ourselves today by the errors we have made and corrected in the past. This is particularly true when it comes to racial discrimination. We cannot judge America today, and certainly not “white Americans” today, by the injustices of 1619, or 1861, or 1968. Yes, we've failed in the past, and we even fail today, but equality has proven to be the great remedial principle that has led us to great strides in achieving greater justice for all.

Then consider that we believe these rights are unalienable. And that is because they are not given by men or by law, but by God—our “Creator.” So, contrary to what some say today, those rights cannot be taken away by human laws—not even by a majority of the voters.

And then consider, we are founded on the principle of belief in God! And it is that belief in God that allows us to recognize that beliefs in God and religion can never be held as a threat to our republic, and that laws must serve the people, not dictate to them.

And then consider that the most basic rights are “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Life? What about the right to life? This has been assaulted in so many ways, especially for the unborn. But we do not give up striving to protect and assert this right.

The same is true for liberty. The very first liberty guaranteed in our Constitution's Bill of Rights, is Religious Liberty. This is constantly under assault today, especially by Marxists and their friends. We see this especially in our government-run “public” schools, where non-self-evident “new-truths” (actually, many self-evident lies) are being forced on students in a direct assault on their Religious principles. And remember, children are forced to go to these schools unless they can afford the hefty expense of either homeschooling or private schooling. And taxpayers are forced to pay for this indoctrination—contrary to their religious freedom. But with

liberty as our guiding principle, we can fix this systemic-oppression of our Religious beliefs. We can elect new school board members, state legislators and governor, and we can promote school vouchers.

Also consider the right to “the pursuit of happiness.” Today, many think this is a right to do whatever makes you happy right now—immediate gratification. Or the right to do whatever you want, as long as it doesn't hurt anyone, no matter if it's immoral or harmful to society as a whole. But these meanings have very little to do with its actual meaning in the Declaration, because in 1776 this was a “turn of phrase” or “term of art” that essentially meant striving for a life of overall wellbeing of the person and society. This would include the right to property and work, but it would also include morality, religion and family—most contemporary references include morality, religion and family as essential to human happiness. We can readily see how this right conflicts not only with modern hedonism but also with the modern “progressive” agenda.

And finally consider the phrase: “*That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.*” As I mentioned in my homily last Sunday, a few weeks ago our President told the world, “We don't derive our rights from the government. We... yield them to a government.” That second part is absolutely wrong. We never “yield” any of our God-given rights to any government. We command the government officials who work for us to “secure”—protect—OUR rights, that we hold fast to. That's all they are supposed to do. We don't yield our rights; we WIELD our rights.

As we celebrate the birth of our nation we have many reasons to be concerned about her. But we also have many things to celebrate and thank God for—especially our founding principles and the greatness these have led our nation to. And that if we keep our eyes on those founding principles—which include keeping God at the center of things—we can continue to strive and grow into a more perfect union. God bless America.

Shut Up Parents! Did you hear what's happening at TJ? Here's an excerpt from an article in “The Daily Wire”, June 25:

“The drama at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology (TJ) in northern Virginia highlights the way in which the Parent Teacher Association appears to funnel parents into roles as servants for teachers and administrators, rather than the reverse.”

The Fairfax County school board voted to do away with an exam that tested whether students seeking admission to the rigorous math and science school excelled at math and science, making them candidates who would benefit from fast-paced instruction. The change was made after repeated complaints that the racial makeup of the students was not diverse enough, apparently referring to the fact that its student body was 73% Asian.

“The school's PTA chapter had conducted two polls of parents, which found that 80% of TJ parents thought the school's admissions should continue to be based on an objective test. It held an officers election, which resulted in a majority who wanted to speak out against policies that they said reduced the role of merit and math ability in admissions.

“But before they could convene and take action, the Virginia PTA... intervened... writing to all parents that the state organization would take steps to shut down the group...”

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, July 5th**

Independence Day Holiday
10:00 am For Our Beloved
Country

Tuesday, July 6th

8:30 am Greg & Linda (+)
Pasternak

Wednesday, July 7th

8:30 am Ben & Mandy Shealy

Thursday, July 8th

8:30 am Lilly Berger

Friday, July 9th

8:30 am Donna Hayden Foster

Masses to be said Privately

July 7 Eduardo Visaya +
July 8 Poor Souls in
Purgatory+
July 9 Matthew & Heather
Perricone

Saturday, July 10th

9:00 am Alan Shealy +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
Irene Krosnick +

Sunday, July 11th

7:00 am Fr. De Celles
Patrick & Reniah Gelbach
9:00 am Fr. Rippy
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. De Celles
George & Diane Watson
1:00 pm Fr. TBD
Jean-Luc Murray

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
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Juanita Boarman
John Florio
Debra Henkel
Daniel Moore
Maria Daugherty
Lauren Hornsby
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Christina Cautero
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Helen Stephens
Ron Osella
Tom Osella

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

July 5

Federal Holiday

1 Mass at 10:00 am

Parish Offices are closed

July 5

Legion of Mary - 5:00 pm

July 7

Adoration 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

July 8

Bridge Club -12:00 pm

July 9

Adoration 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

July 16

EFM (Latin Mass) -7:00 pm

July 17

Men's Prayer Group - 7:30 am

July 24

Parish Library Re-Opens

August 7

Luminaries of Mary -9:00 am

**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass
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<https://straymonds.org/view-mass-online/>

Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am

Saturday at 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at 9:00 am & 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 office@straymonds.org to verify your email address.

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.

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 11:00 am 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 spoiledk9s@verizon.net. If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email virginia.osella@straymonds.org. Drop-ins are always welcome!

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If you think he may be calling you, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

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.

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, July 17th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held on Monday afternoons at 5:00 pm 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 tdelaney51@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 jmayer9014@aol.com.



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 Larry Saenz ((703-832-1042) or go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs 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 <https://www.facebook.com/KofC12846>. 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.

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 hildebrandseven@gmail.com.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us on August 7th 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.

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.**

Book Club News: We are pleased to announce that the parish Book Club will once again be meeting face-to-face, in person, in the parish Library for the 2021-2022 year. Our first meeting will be on Friday, September 10, at 10 AM. We will be discussing the "Consecration to St Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" by Fr Donald Calloway. The schedule for the full year can be found on the parish website: <https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/book-club/>. New members are welcome. If questions, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

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:
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The MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center THANKS YOU for your continued outpouring of generosity to those in need. Would you like to join us in our work? Maybe God is calling you to volunteer. The MaRiH Center is a humble dwelling, but it is full of hope and love for those who come to our door.

Call 703-370-4774 or visit marih.org for more information.
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: A gift to your marriage.
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 www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

St. Raymond's WorkCamp 2021 Update:

It was truly the work of our whole parish coming together in prayer and in sharing your gifts of time, talent and treasure that made this week such a resounding success! God gave us the grace to endure some major challenges, like needing a last minute permit, and dealing with deliveries of incorrect and late materials from Home Depot...and in the end He pulled through for us, like the good Father that He is! We only had one day of rain and that didn't stop us! The kids, adult crew leaders and contractors worked right through it all! We are so grateful for everyone who helped in any way, but particularly to those who humbly answered the call to allow us, a bunch of teens & adults with little construction experience, to serve Christ by serving you. Special thanks to our breakfast, dinner and security leads, Sheri Burns, Annmarie Riordan & Scott LeMay and all who helped them! Thank you to our resilient adult crew leaders, Alex Kayser, Anthony Hansen, Michele O'Kane and Josh Sipple. To our contractors, Michael Pham, Frank Galliot, Matt Cooney, Carl Hiott, Sean Cox, and Tom Swengros, and above all, to **Al Piombo**, who spent countless hours over the past several months coordinating, planning, ordering supplies and being the mastermind behind all of it...THANK YOU! Finally, to those of you without whom none of this ever would have happened...our 20 teens, who worked tirelessly and without complaining, and who gave so generously of yourselves and of your summer vacation to serve your fellow parishioners!! AMDG!

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:

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: www.asjb.org

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](http://www.gmuccm.org)". More info at www.gmuccm.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)
- 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 Call/Text: 571-334-9890

<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



May God bless and preserve our nation.

Happy Fourth of July!

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

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 Assistant Teacher

Grade 6 Assistant Teacher

Grade 7 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

Grade 8 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

RCIC Teacher (sacrament preparation)

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.

Church Persecuted

The previous two weeks contained excerpts of an article by Dr. Dan Guernsey of The Cardinal Newman Society and published online at www.TheCatholicThing.org/2021/05/19/the-remedy-for-canceling-and-division-catholic-education/. Let's apply these principles to John Paul the Great High School.

The beauty of Catholic education is that it does not cancel a culture, but teaches how to think, to properly form arguments, and to make decisions based not on emotion or popular opinion, but on the correct moral view. At JP the Great, the students learn about the human person, the rational power of the soul, the language of the body, and love in the context of the love of Christ for his Church – giving of oneself for the good of the other.

Following that is an understanding of true happiness, the moral law and freedom, conscience and truth, the human and moral act, and virtues and vices. Throughout the entire curriculum, the student is applying these principles to everyday situations. "The science of Ethics studies man's pursuit of happiness. It delves into both the ultimate or final end which the human person seeks, as well as the free acts he does in pursuing that end. As a science, Ethics is based on universal principles which – as true—apply to *all* human beings, not just a few" (*Call To Happiness, Guiding Ethical Principles*, p. 1).

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.

St. Mary of Sorrows' Yard Sale: St Mary of Sorrows' yard sale, formerly known as the White Elephant Sale, will start on Thursday, July 22nd, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., with a \$5 entrance fee for a "First Chance Sale" and continuing with free entrance on Friday, July 23rd, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, July 24th, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday July 25th, 8 a.m. - 1 pm.

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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!**

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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 or by calling the parish office.

Golfing with Wolves: Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School invites you to a fun day of golf, friends, and food at Potomac Shores Golf Club on Thursday, September 16, 2021. This is a "best ball" tournament with a shotgun start at 10:30am. If you cannot play, consider donating a ticket for a priest, buying dinner tickets, or making a donation online. For more information, email golf@jpthegreat.org or see our website: www.saintjohnpaulthegreatgolf.org

As you are traveling this summer you can find a Mass near your destination by going to Masstimes.org. 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 www.straymonds.org to join online or call directly at 866-507-8757.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 14,425.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,605.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,160.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 761.00

The Second Collection next week is for the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

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