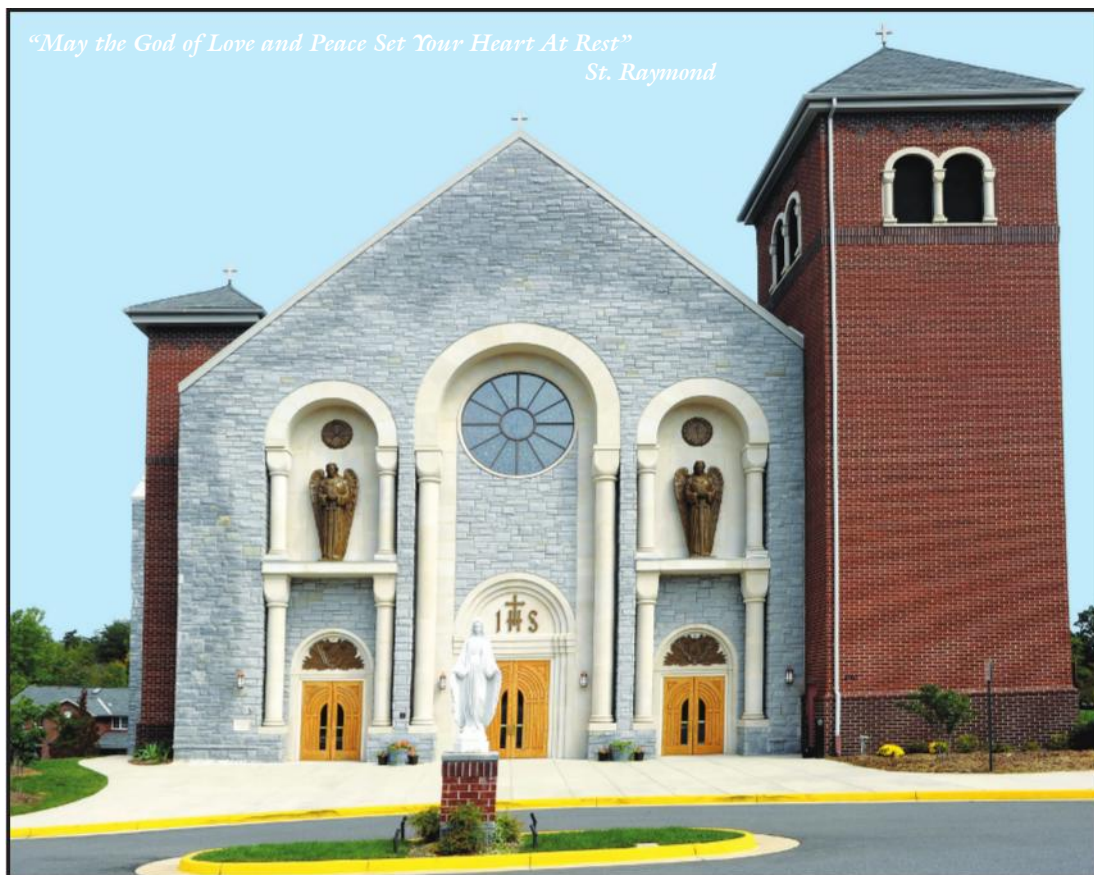


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St. Raymond



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

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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

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
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Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
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Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
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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
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Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

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

St. Raymond's "Different" Liturgy. During the Summer, our parish has lots of visitors as well as new parishioners just moving into the area. These folks are usually very complimentary about our liturgies, but also inevitably ask, "why do you do it that way?" So I thought that over the next few weeks I would review the reasons for some of our "different" practices. Today I will talk about the use of Latin at Mass.

Before I begin, let me say that the fundamental reason behind all these practices is to encourage and revive reverence and the sense of the sacred at Mass. Consider that surveys suggest that over 70% of Catholics DO NOT believe that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Jesus, but just a symbol. We have to change that, and not just by *saying* It is really Jesus, but by acting like we really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus, and the Sacrifice of the Cross, made present to us. We have to act "different."

Latin. In 1963, when the bishops at the Second Vatican Council ("Vatican II") issued their instructions on the reform of the liturgy, they did not, as most people think, forbid or otherwise discourage the use of Latin at Mass. In fact, the opposite is true: they decreed that while the vernacular (e.g., English) could be *allowed* for *few* parts of the Mass, Latin would remain the language of the Mass:

"The use of the Latin language...is to be preserved in the Latin rites....A suitable place may be allotted to the vernacular in Masses.... Nevertheless care must be taken to ensure that the faithful may also be able to say or sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 36 and 34, December 4, 1963).

Seeing that the Council's instruction was largely being ignored, in 1974 Pope Paul sent all the bishops of the world a booklet of the Latin chants of Mass parts that clearly "pertain" to the faithful, and encouraged the bishops to put them to use.

"This was done in response to a desire which the Holy Father had frequently expressed, that all the faithful should know at least some Latin Gregorian chants, such as, for example, the "Gloria", the "Credo", the "Sanctus", and the "Agnus Dei". ...[W]hen the faithful gather together for prayer ... their unity finds particularly apt and even sensible expression through the use of Latin Gregorian chant." (Volumati Obsequens, Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, 1974).

Sadly, these instructions continued to be ignored. So, in revising the Roman Missal in 2000, Pope St. John Paul II added a specific norm, or law, to it:

"No Catholic would now deny the lawfulness and efficacy of a sacred rite celebrated in Latin... Gregorian chant should hold a privileged place...It is desirable that they [the faithful] know how to sing at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin..." (2000 General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 12 and 41).

Pope Benedict XVI was well known for advocacy of Latin at Mass.

Why the Church Uses Latin

A Dramatic Sign of Communion. At the Last Supper, as he instituted the Eucharist, Jesus repeatedly prayed for unity between Him, His Father, His apostles and all His disciples. And the Eucharist He gave us that night expresses and brings about this unity/communion: that's why we call it "Holy

Communion."

The Mass continuously and unceasingly reflects and expresses this communion. On any given Sunday, at Masses throughout the world all Catholics see the same types of vestments, say the same prayers, read the same readings, and kneel, sit and stand at the same times. All this expresses our communion, and not just with Catholics today, but also with all those Catholics who lived over the last 15 centuries, including almost all the great saints we love and cherish, and so many of our beloved ancestors. Because they also used the same vestments, prayers and gestures we do.

Strange though, that in the midst of all this "sameness" we nevertheless speak different languages. But that's not the way it was for so many centuries: wherever you were in the world, you could go to Mass and speak the same language as at your home parish. Latin is a sign of the same unity and communion that permeates the rest of the Mass, a fundamental sign because it is the most important way we communicate with each other. In short, Latin is a dramatic expression of Eucharistic Communion.

A Dramatic Sign of the Sacred Mysteries. Even so, while Latin is the "common language" of most of Catholicism, it is not the language in everyday use. But because of that, Latin helps remind us that the Mass is not an everyday event, but rather an eternal mystery defying time and space. Latin, especially as the language of centuries and centuries of Masses offered by so many saints, has the ability to lift us out of the "everyday" and the "today," into eternity, past, present and future without end. To take us out of the mundanity of the world, and move us to the sacredness of heaven. And so, for example, it makes great sense to sing the song of the angels in heaven (Isaiah 6:3 and Revelation 4:8), "Holy, Holy, Holy..." in the sacred language of so many saints, "Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus..."

It is true that our unfamiliarity with Latin can be perceived by some as a sort of barrier that hides the liturgy. To the extent that is true, the "hiddenness" need not be a bad thing. Think about it: because of the radical Holiness of God, only Moses was allowed to go into the Tent of the Lord, and only the priest was allowed to go into the Holy of Holies in the Temple. While most of the Mass is not hidden from the people, some aspects of "hiddenness" are still very important to our experience of the Sacred at Mass. Most importantly, Our Lord Himself is, in a certain sense, hidden from us under the veil of the appearance of bread. This hiddenness also is found in the silent prayers of the priest, and even in the chanting of the choir, wherein the sacred is hidden, but not to be kept from us, but to draw us into it. The "veil" acts not so much to *hide* what is holy, but to "*set it apart*." It draws our attention to what is apparently hidden, and enables us to see, hear and say something beyond what we would normally do. So that through faith, we can pierce the veils of appearances, silence and chant, and truly see, speak to and hear from the Lord. And pierce the veil of Latin and join the Church throughout the world and throughout the centuries in singing the praises of the Most High God.

Thanks. I hope this is helpful as an introduction or reminder to all of you. I have to say I've been very happy with your generous response to my efforts to re-introduce these ancient yet very Catholic practices. Even those who do not necessarily prefer these changes, most of you have been not simply tolerant but appreciative of my intentions to try to encourage increased reverence and appreciation of the sacred. God bless you all.

Oremus pro invicem (Let us pray for one another).
Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, July 12th**

8:30 am Brendan McGuire +

Tuesday, July 13th8:30 am Susan McGuire &
Family**Wednesday, July 14th**8:30 am Joe & Mary
Drouillard**Thursday, July 15th**

8:30 am Phuong Tran

Friday, July 16th

8:30 am Brittany Spinelli

Saturday, July 17th

9:00 am Eugene Bettwy +

Vigil Mass5:00 pm
Emma Berger**Sunday, July 18th**7:00 am
Robert & Christine (+)
Pettiti9:00 am
Parishioners
11:00 am
George Schoener +1:00 pm
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
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
Molita Burrows
Ron Osella
Tom Osella
Graciela Sanchez
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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!

.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.**

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

July 12 Legion of Mary - 5:00 pm
July 14 Adoration 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
July 15 Bridge Club -12:00 pm
July 16 Adoration 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
July 17 Men's Prayer Group - 7:30 am
July 24 Parish Library Re-Opens
Aug. 6 EFM (Latin Mass) -7:00 pm
Aug. 7 Luminaries of Mary -9:00 am
Aug. 29 Parish Picnic

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.

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.



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.

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.

Education and Workforce Development of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington is seeking teachers, co-teachers, and tutors for ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Citizenship, GED Prep, and Workforce Development. We are accepting volunteers for in-person classes and online! In person classes will be in Manassas and Sterling starting in August, and online classes starting in September. We are constant-open enrolling for online tutors. We provide training, and the curriculum and resources. No second language necessary! If interested, call the Education and Workforce Development at 571-208-1572 or , email us at volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net

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>

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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 a for a return to respect for the sanctity of human 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.



Fall Campaign: Stay tuned for details. September 22– October 31.

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 WorkCamp 2021 - More Thanks!

I ran out of room in last week's bulletin and even though it was a few weeks ago now, I want to make sure to publicly thank a few more groups of people. First off, thank you to each of the spouses and family members who so generously took care of the family and things at home to allow your husband/wife to dedicate such a huge portion of their week to serve our teens and fellow parishioners at WorkCamp. Secondly, thank you to our speakers, Captain Paul X. Rinn, USN, and Sr. Ann Dominic, O.P. who shared with us on our theme of Hope. And saving the best for last, an abundance of thanks to our pastor, Father De Celles, for his constant support and encouragement, and for his determination to make WorkCamp a reality, no matter what it took. It was a huge blessing to be able to serve our own parishioners this year and to have him so involved, including daily Mass, a talk, confessions, Adoration, watching the slip n' slide extravaganza and even visiting all of the worksites! Thank you, Fr. De Celles!

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 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 July starting at 7pm. Like them on Facebook: "[College Summers with GMU CCM](https://www.facebook.com/CollegeSummerswithGMUCCM)". 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

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education year is ongoing. 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.**

PARENTS please note: 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) **you need 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

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

Previous columns excerpted The Cardinal Newman Society's Dr. Dan Guernsey's article published online at www.TheCatholicThing.org/2021/05/19/the-remedy-for-canceling-and-division-catholic-education/. Let's apply these principles to Angelus Academy [featured to the right of this column] www.AngelusAcademy.org.

Angelus Academy does not cancel a culture, but teaches students how to think, to properly form arguments, and to make decision based not on emotion or popular opinion, but on the correct moral view. Fairfax County School System provides a radical agenda of education based on the whims of the elected school board officials, the many unelected educators within their vast system, and their lobbyists (not the parents of the students). In contrast, Angelus accomplishes its mission "by supporting parents in their sacred mission to transmit the rich and time-tested traditions of the Catholic faith and culture in a familial atmosphere characterized by mutual respect and generosity of spirit." It is a liberal arts curriculum in the classical tradition.

No student from Angelus Academy has been denied admission to any of the Catholic high schools in the diocese. One year, each 8th grade graduate from Angelus applied and was accepted for admission at John Paul the Great High School. At least one Angelus Academy graduate went on to be valedictorian of her class at John Paul the Great.

Need help with tuition? See Father De Celles' updated scholarship information for Catholic K-12 schools located to the right of this column..

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God: What Every Catholic Should Know by Elizabeth Klein - Who is God? If we want to love God and make him the center of our lives, we would do well to settle this question at least in some small way. This book serves as a starting point for understanding what Christians mean when they say "God," and to whom they are referring when they use this name. Part of the What Every Catholic Should Know series, God: What Every Catholic Should Know is born out of the recognition that God is central to the Faith, but we encounter misconceptions about God all the time. In an effort to clear up these misconceptions, this book addresses three major concepts—the nature of God, the Trinity, and the Incarnation—so that we may strengthen our faith and our ability to communicate it to other people.

Some of us might protest that we are not smart enough to do theology and that less is more when it comes to contemplating the divine. But if God is perfect, wonderful, all goodness, love itself—as the Bible tells us in 1 John 4:8—it would be strange indeed if we did not want to give our whole selves to God, including our minds. After all, the Lord himself tells us: "you shall love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30).

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Looking for a gentle introduction to school for your 3-4 year old? Our Little Messengers program, held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, includes Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Atrium). <https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>.

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

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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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.

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	\$ 16,236.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,497.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,758.00

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

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