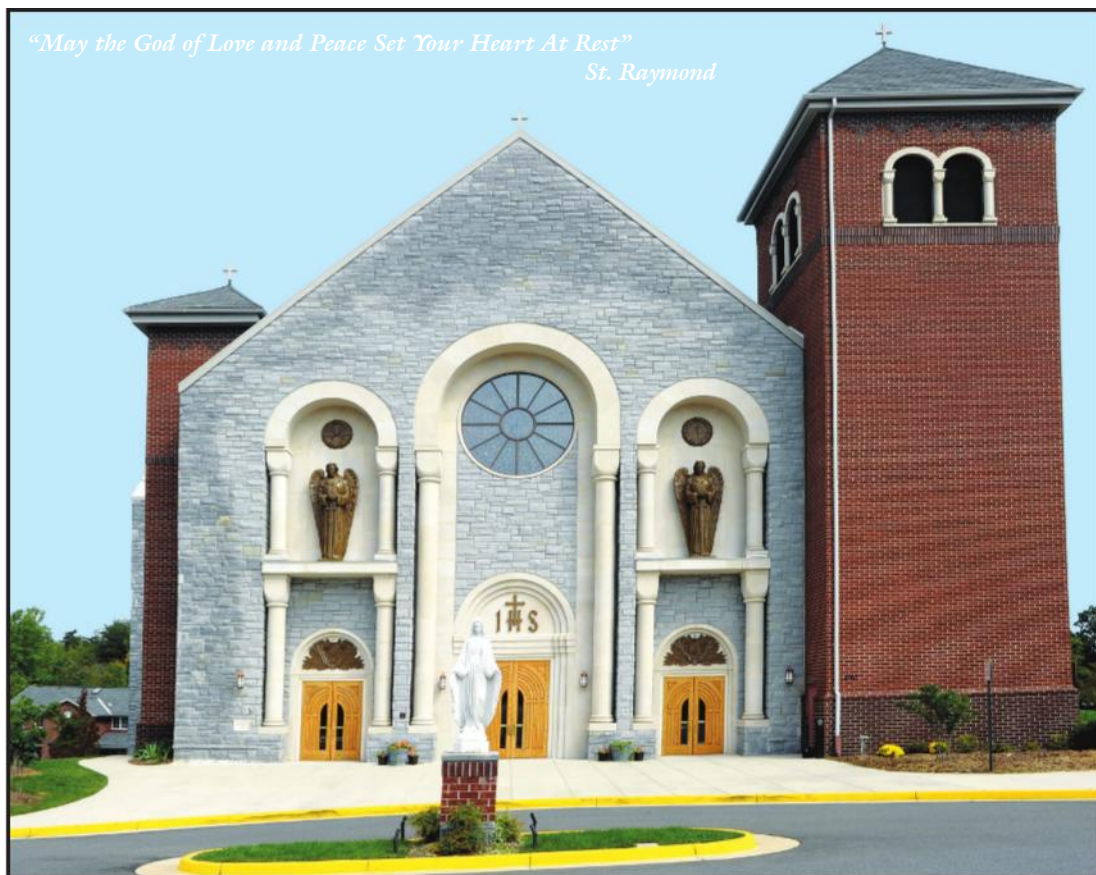


*"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"*  
*St. Raymond*



## **Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church**

**8750 Pohick Road  
Springfield, VA 22153**

### **WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,  
11:00 am and 1:00 pm

### **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Monday through Friday:  
8:30 am  
Saturday: 9:00 am

### **EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS (LATIN)**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 7:00 pm

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor  
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music  
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate  
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education  
Vince Drouillard, Religious Education Secretary  
Joe Marquart, Plant Manager  
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager  
Mary Butler, Secretary  
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

#### **PARISH OFFICE:**

Telephone Numbers:

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

#### **Office Hours**

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

#### **E-Mail**

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

#### **Website**

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

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

#### **Angelus Academy**

**7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153  
703-924-3996**

Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)**

#### **Wednesday Evening**

6:15-6:55 p.m. (during Exposition)

#### **Saturday Morning**

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

#### **Saturday Afternoon**

3:00 - 4:45 p.m.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**MARRIAGE:** Couples wishing to marry must contact a parish priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Couples who are living together will be expected to live separately at least during the 3 months prior to the wedding.

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

**BAPTISM:** Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Office ONE MONTH in advance. Parents must participate in a one-session pre-Baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child. You must be REGISTERED in the Parish 3 MONTHS prior to the Baptism.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please submit announcements in writing 10 days prior to publication.

## Pastor's Corner

**Abusing Our Children.** A parishioner forwarded slides and clips from the Fairfax County Public Schools teachers' orientation. I have posted them to our parish website for you to see for yourself what teachers are being told to do. Just go to [straymonds.org](http://straymonds.org) and click the link "FCPS Teachers' Orientation" on the pop-up to see how the teachers are being told they must abuse your children with hatred, racism and mind-bending gender and sexual ideology. Among other things, teachers are being told:

-- They have to affirm and sustain gender identity of their students; the kids can change their gender identity without parental permission;

-- If the child tells the teacher and/or the principal he doesn't want the parent to know about their gender "change," the teacher cannot discuss it with the parents.

-- Teachers are to call the kids by whatever name they want to be, but when they deal with the parents, they are to use the name which their parents use.

-- Teachers must let the kids know that if their parents do not support their gender decision, that they (the teacher) and the school staff will support them.

Friends, you have to see these slides/clips: this stuff is diabolical. Literally! Parents, do not sit by and hand your kids over to this abuse! Either actively and strongly oppose these evil ideologues or get your kids out of these neo-Marxist government/party run schools!

**Religious Education Registration and Volunteers.** Now more than ever it is critical to provide solid and systematic education in the Catholic faith for your children attending public schools. With the new school year right around the corner it is important to REGISTER children NOW as we are getting ready to order textbooks and trying to schedule volunteers to teach. Please, go to the parish website and register or call the RE office at 703-440-0537.

Also, we need volunteers to help with the program. Please pray about joining this important effort! If we are unable to fill teacher and assistant teacher vacancies, we will cancel the class and move the students to another day.

Also, Homeschool Families need to remember: If you have a student in grades 2, 7, or 8, you need to register with the RE Office to receive all necessary information for sacramental preparation.

**I NEED USHERS FOR MASS!!!!** Retirements, transfers and continuing concerns related to Covid have decimated the ranks of our ushers. I really need your help at all of the Sunday Masses. You can volunteer for every Sunday, or just a couple of times a month. Young adults especially should consider volunteering. Fathers of young families should especially consider volunteering. And if you think ushering will take away from your prayers at Mass, then consider ushering at a separate Mass a couple of times a month. Be creative, but I need your help. This is a great opportunity for individuals and couples alike to support our parish community and is very easy. Please contact the office or our head usher at [headusher@straymonds.org](mailto:headusher@straymonds.org) to volunteer or learn more.

**The Church's Laws on Marriage.** One of the most important aspects of Church Law that every Catholic should be knowledgeable of is the laws on marriage, especially those that govern how a Catholic goes about entering a valid Catholic marriage—i.e., a true marriage in the eyes of God. So let me give

a brief list of some of the ecclesiastic laws on marriage all Catholics should be aware of. Note that some of these directly reflect Divine and/or Natural Law, and are therefore not "merely" Church law.

First, laws that effect the validity of a marriage (if these are not obeyed, the marriage is invalid, i.e. the couple is not married in the eyes of God):

--Catholics normally must be married in a Catholic ceremony before a Catholic priest or deacon; attempts to marry in any other sort of ceremony (e.g., before a justice of the peace, in a Protestant church, etc.), are usually not valid.

--A Catholic may not marry if either of the couple has been married before and not received an "annulment" from the Catholic Church. Note: non-Catholics do not have to be married by a Catholic priest, so we usually recognize the marriage of two non-Catholics before a justice of the peace, preacher, etc.

--A Catholic wishing to marry a non-Catholic must make two promises (and inform his/her non-Catholic fiancé): 1) to do everything in his/her power to raise all the children from the marriage as Catholics, and 2) that this marriage will not lead him/her away from the Catholic faith.

--Couples must accept and intend the three "goods of marriage": 1) permanence (i.e., no divorce), 2) fidelity (faithful all throughout their marriage) and 3) procreation (open to the birth of children).

Please note, an invalid marriage can often be easily "remedied," i.e., after a period of preparation with a priest, the couple can be married in a simple Catholic ceremony.

**Attending an Invalid "Wedding."** It is normally a mortal sin to attend the wedding of a Catholic at which a Catholic priest or deacon does not officiate. The sin involved is the sin of scandal. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2284) teaches: "Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor's tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death. Scandal is a grave offense if by deed or omission another is deliberately led into a grave offense." In other words, by attending a wedding like this, a Catholic causes others, especially Catholics, to think 1) there is nothing wrong with ignoring Church law, and/or 2) Canon Law is wrong/not-binding, and/or 3) adultery is not a mortal sin.

Take for example, your Catholic brother invites you to his wedding in a Protestant Church. You know he hasn't been practicing his Catholic Faith, so he doesn't think it's a big deal not to be married "in the Church." If you go, normally you would seem to be condoning that false idea, and encouraging him to enter into what is an invalid marriage, and therefore commit the grave sin of adultery.

Now, I say this is "normally" a mortal sin, because scandal can sometimes be reduced or removed due to circumstances. For example, you might argue that you could attend the wedding if the risk of grave scandal is offset by the grave importance of maintaining your relationship with your brother so you can help him come back to the Church later, and so save his soul. As valid as an argument like this could be, it has become clear to me that almost everyone who uses it is primarily trying to avoid a difficult and painful situation, and have only a marginally realistic hope or care of saving his soul later: i.e., it's just an excuse to commit sin. So, yes, under some circumstances you could go to the wedding, but in reality and practically speaking, almost certainly you cannot. You may contact me with questions.

*Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles*



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, August 9th**

8:30 am Margot Carter Blair

**Tuesday, August 10th**

8:30 am Linda Garrett +

**Wednesday, August 11th**8:30 am Connor Fetting  
Bowling**Thursday, August 12th**

8:30 am Anna Mildred Mault+

**Friday, August 13th**

8:30 am Jim &amp; Marge O'Kane

**Masses to be said Privately**Aug. 15 Dale & Caroline  
Brewer**Saturday, August 14th**

9:00 am Paul Qui

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm

Bob (+) &amp; Pauline Ferguson

**Sunday, August 15th**

7:00 am

Mary Salmon

9:00 am

Parishioners

11:00 am

Fr. Jordan Willard

1:00 pm

Paul Falco +

**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

Donald Hale

Christina Cautero

Serrin Foster

Bobbie Wiggins

Amy Wells

Alex Wells

Minnie Lezeriza

Campos

**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 9:00 am &amp; 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](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.

**Luminaries of Holy Mary:** Come join us on Sept. 4th 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, Aug. 21st. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

**Bethlehem Wood Carvers:** On the weekend of August 28/29, there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land. These Carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. There is less than 1% now because of the situation. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in The Holy Land. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

**Through Aug 12 Back to School Sock & Underwear Drive**

August 9

Legion of Mary - 5:00 pm

August 11

Adoration

August 12

Bridge Club -12:00 pm

August 13

Adoration is Cancelled for this Friday

August 21

Men's Prayer Group - 7:30 am

August 28-29

Bethlehem Wood Carvers

August 29

Parish Picnic

Sept. 18

Speaker -Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

**PARISH PICNIC RETURNS! - Sunday, August 29th (2:00pm - 5:00pm)** Come enjoy the Annual Parish Picnic with your fellow parishioners. Food and Fun for All Ages! We are need of volunteers to help with set up, cooking, games, clean up and more. Please find the sign up on our website. Call the parish office 703-440-0535 for more information or to volunteer.

**Back to School Sock & Underwear Drive:** The St. Martin de Porres Committee is again sponsoring a "Back to School" drive for students in the Springfield area. We will be accepting donations of NEW Socks and Underwear for school aged children (age 5-17). A collection box will be in the Narthex through August 12<sup>th</sup>. For health code reasons we can only accept NEW items. Items requested are:

Boys: Socks, Undershirts, Briefs &amp; Boxers

Girls: Socks, Tights, Undershirts, Camisoles &amp; Briefs

Thank you for your continued support!

**Ushers Needed:** Prayerfully consider becoming an usher at St. Raymond's. Help is especially needed for each of our Sunday Masses, especially the 9AM, 11AM, and 1PM. Our ushers help support the liturgy, assist people to be seated, take up the offerings, support the distribution of Holy Communion, and ensure our parishioners and priests have the support they need. It is a great opportunity for individuals and couples alike to support our parish community and is very easy. Please contact the office or our head usher at [headusher@straymonds.org](mailto:headusher@straymonds.org) to volunteer or learn more.



**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](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs) to become a Knight today!

The St. John Bosco Council Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a **blood drive on Saturday, August 14, at the Church of the Nativity** parish hall from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please consider signing up for a 15 minute time slot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. You may sign up either on-line at [www.inovabloodsaves.org](http://www.inovabloodsaves.org) or in the St. Raymond's Narthex after all Masses this weekend.

**Altar Server Training:** St Raymond's Parish has a very active Altar Server program. We invite all young men of the Parish to consider becoming an Altar Server. Young men between the ages of 9 and 18, who have received their First Communion are eligible. This is your opportunity to help assist the priest at Mass. Training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office 703-440-0535 to sign up.

**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 you have questions, please contact Jim Mault at [bookclub@straymonds.org](mailto:bookclub@straymonds.org).

**Virtus Seminar at St. Raymond's:** There is a Virtus Seminar scheduled at St. Raymond's on Thursday, October 7th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required (in addition to a background check) for anyone who has substantial contact with youth as part of their volunteer activities at St. Raymond. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required only once in a lifetime. You can register for the Virtus Seminar at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). Any questions, contact Vince Drouillard at 703-440-0537.

**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.**

**Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?** Were you married in 1971 or 1996? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2021 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 17th at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, Va. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 1st. For more info, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

## SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

*Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*



Introducing the brand new, first ever **PRO LIFE FLAG!** The white background heralds the innocence of new life as a mother's hands lovingly cradle her womb which also represents the world - the home and safe haven of

all new human life everywhere - as He created them, male and female - of equal dignity. Read more here: [prolifeflag.com/the-flag](http://prolifeflag.com/the-flag)

**WHEN DOES HUMAN LIFE BEGIN?** Scientifically, we know that from the **initial** stage of development, the unborn are distinct, living, and whole human beings with unique DNA. The study of embryology confirms this. "The zygote, a highly specialized, totipotent cell, marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual." Prior to his abortion advocacy, former Planned Parenthood President Dr. Alan Guttmacher was perplexed that anyone, much less a medical doctor, would question this. And since a zygote is a member of the human race, "Thou shalt not kill" applies. [Prolifetraining.com](http://Prolifetraining.com)

**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.**

**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 prayers and presence are powerful deterrents to those entering the facility for abortion. Be part of the year-round movement to save lives and souls.



**A Best Choice Mobile Ultrasound & Pregnancy Resource Center is praying for new wheels.** Might your generosity be an answer to those prayers? Visit [abestchoice.us](http://abestchoice.us) for more information.

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

**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

### Prayer Request & Call to Action/Volunteer: "Here I am Lord, Send me!"

Last week I shared with you the great news of the mighty ways in which God is moving amongst our young people here at St. Raymond's and how beautiful it is to see so many of them responding! I mentioned our **need for an army of prayer warriors**, folks willing to commit to praying for the Youth Apostolate, including our youth, leaders & their families. We need your prayers to back us up spiritually, especially now, as the more we say yes to God, the more the devil tries to interfere. Finally, I left you with a call to action, as with the increase in our #s, we are in **need of more volunteers to serve our youth, in various capacities**. Last week I encouraged you to ask the Holy Spirit for a heart open to His promptings, asking Him to take away any fears, busyness, doubts, or anything that might get in the way of you hearing Him, and more importantly, of keeping you from responding with a wholehearted, "Here I am Lord, send me" if He is indeed calling.

**If you have not had a chance to bring this to prayer, the good thing is it is not too late!** In fact, even if you have, I would encourage you to continue to pray, especially now as I detail a little bit more about some specific ways in which we need folks to respond.

\*Our teens are in need of adults (ages 19+) to help lead them to Christ via their example, witness, time and relational ministry, especially on **Sunday nights. Help is needed with planning meetings, as well as relational ministry.** (See below for times for Jr. High and/or High School youth group.)

\*We need folks willing to **serve dinner** to our high school teens from 6:45-7:20pm on Sunday nights as well as **someone willing to coordinate the dinners on sign-upgenius**. If anyone is willing to ask local restaurants for donations, that would be a great help!

\*This year we are also bringing back our monthly bake sales and are in need of **someone to lead our high school bake nights** one Friday a month.

\*We need a few folks willing to coordinate monthly service opportunities for Jr. High as well as High School.

God is calling and our youth are responding! But the Holy Spirit is not only calling the young, He is calling all of us in one way or another. The question is, *how* is He calling you? And will you respond? **If you're feeling a possible nudge to help with the Youth Apostolate or to be part of our army of prayer warriors, please contact Jeanne.**

### Junior High & High School Sunday Night Youth Groups!

This year, our CCD start time is moving back a little bit, which will allow us a full hour & a half for both Jr. High & HS youth groups! We HIGHLY encourage everyone to attend both youth group & CCD! No fee for HS CCD & no homework or tests either! Remember, learning about our Faith is a life-long process. It does not end after Confirmation. We should all continue to seek out opportunities to learn more about our Faith throughout our entire lives. AND at the same time, it is super important to have friends who share your values and beliefs, with whom you can form life-long friendships and grow in the Faith with...thus youth group!

**Register for CCD** at <https://bit.ly/CCDforMe>

Here are the times for this coming school year, which starts 9/12:

4-5:30pm Junior High Youth Group (snacks served)

5:30-7pm 1st-12th Grade CCD

7-8:30pm High School Youth Group (dinner served)

**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

### 2021-2022 Religious Education (CCD) classes begin September 12th

If you have not already registered your children, please do so. Use the bright yellow registration form or you can register online at the parish website. We have classes for grades K-12.

**Attention homeschool parents:** if you have a child in a sacramental preparation year (grades 2, 7-8) it is necessary to register the child with the Religious Education Office. This will ensure you receive all information regarding sacrament preparation.

**Attention volunteers for the 2021-2022 academic year: there is a training session scheduled for August 28th - ALL VOLUNTEERS are required to attend.**

**2021-2022 Religious Education volunteers needed:** 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

Grade 6 Teacher

Grade 7 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

Grade 8 Teacher

Assistant Teacher

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

Grade 7 Teacher

Grade 8 Teacher

RCIC Teacher (sacrament preparation)

**PLEASE NOTE:** If we are unable to fill teacher and assistant teacher vacancies, we will cancel the class and move the students to another day.

**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.

**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).

**Save the date: Father Tad Pacholczyk from the National Catholic Bioethics Center returns to St. Raymond's on Sept. 18th!** His talk will be from 10:00 - 11:30 am on "The Church's Authentic Teaching on Same Sex Attraction and Transgender" Q&A session follows.



## Church Persecuted

This is the story of a Catholic family who runs Country Mills Farms near East Lansing, Michigan. Steve and Bridget Tennes, a faithfully Catholic family, were ousted from the East Lansing farmer's market when city officials learned that they believed that marriage was only to take place between one man and one woman. Although they had been selling items at the farm since 2020, in early 2017, the city officials created an ordinance specifically to keep Country Mill Farms out and rejected their application for an exception.

In May 2017, Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed a complaint against the city on behalf of the farms and was granted a preliminary injunction which was renewed in 2018, 2019, 2020, and now in 2021. The case is now in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Why is this important? It is important because, "People of faith should be free to live and work according to their beliefs without fear of being banned from the marketplace." The First Amendment of the Constitution is designed to protect the practice of religion both privately and publicly. So far, the Tennes' have won an injunction each year, but East Lansing still will not change its ordinance. Pray that the Federal Court will.

(<https://adflegal.org/blog/country-mill-farms-banned-east-lansing-market-because-facebook-post>)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jmayer9014@aol.com).

## FORMED<sup>®</sup>

Get In-Formed!

**The Woman** – In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman". This reference should draw our attention to the woman mentioned in Genesis, as well as in the book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman", and why is she so central in the history of Salvation? This powerful film presents the beautiful Catholic teaching about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her important role in the Church and in the lives of Christians today. Combining many gorgeous images from classic sacred art with a lovely soundtrack, the dogmas of the Mother of God: Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, and Assumption are explained, along with other traditional beliefs and devotions to Mary.

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)



## Angelus Academy

Offering a liberal arts education in  
the classical tradition.  
Pre K—8th

Will your 6th, 7th and/or 8th grader's current learning community and curriculum help them build the spiritual armor and academic skills they need for high school and beyond? Call to discuss enrollment for the 2021-22 school year. We offer rolling admissions as space is available.

Looking for a gentle introduction to school for your 3-4 year old? Our Little Messengers program (T/Th 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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As you are traveling this summer you can find a Mass near your destination by going to [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org). Also, please remember that our parish expenses continue while you are away.

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