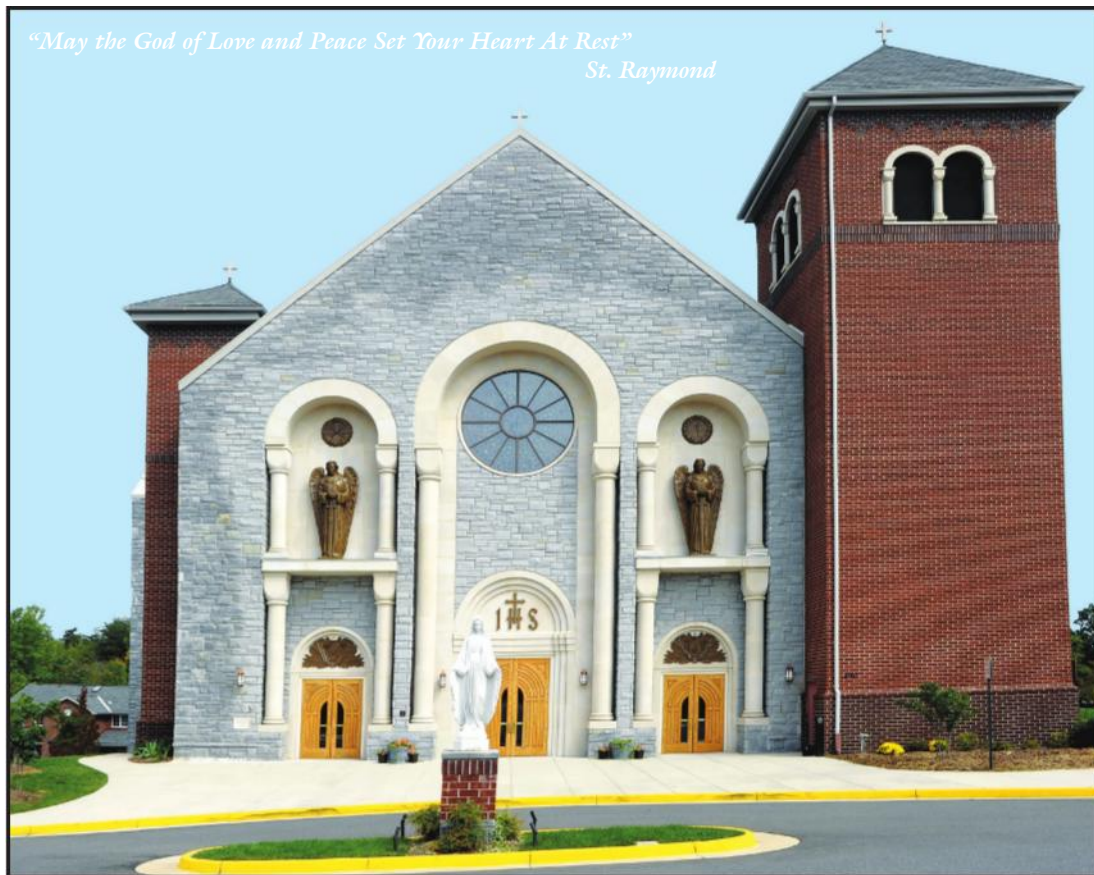


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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)

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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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

Parish Picnic. It was great to see so many of you come out to last Sunday's picnic--I'm guessing maybe 400. The weather held out again (Thanks God, and St. Raymond!) and everyone had a great time. It was wonderful being able to socialize and mix with each other, and especially to see all the kids having fun together. I felt like a proud papa, or grandpapa, at a family reunion.

Thanks to all who made it come together, especially all the volunteers (particularly Phil Bettwy), and the parish staff, (particularly Kirsti Tyson), who worked so hard to make it a fun time for all of us. God bless you for your good work.

Labor Day. This weekend our nation celebrates "Labor Day," a day celebrating the hard work of so many Americans that has made our nation so successful in so many ways. We should rightly celebrate this, as "work" is one of the original gifts given to Man by God, as He gave Adam and Eve dominion ("lordship") over all the earth and commanded them: "fill the earth and subdue it." That "subduing" of the earth is the work/labor of Man, who was created in the image of the Creator. Man shares in God's creative work by his labor, and when he works in ways consistent with God's will, he grows in holiness.

Often, however, we don't work in ways consistent with God's will. Too often we work motivated by envy or greed. Sometimes we deceive or cheat our customers, co-workers, employers or employees. Sometimes we don't give an honest day's work for our wages, or we don't pay just wages to our workers. Sometimes we work too much and neglect our family and God, and sometimes we force our employees to do that. Some neglect work to engage in criminal activities or simple dependence on governments. Of course, some are retired after years of hard work, and some can't work for good reason—God bless them, and may they work in whatever way they can (volunteering, assisting friends, etc.) so that they may always participate in God's creative work!

The Church has a long history of defending the dignity of work and workers, but with the rise of Marxism (Socialism, Communism, etc.) in the 19th century, the Popes began to speak vociferously against these inherently unjust ideologies. All this came to a head in 1891, when Pope Leo XIII issued his monumental encyclical, *Rerum Novarum* ("Of the New Things"), which is the foundational document of modern Catholic teaching on "social justice." Sadly, many Catholics misunderstand this teaching. Some Catholics even believe that Socialism is the way to social justice. But as Pope Pius XI wrote in his 1931 encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*: "Religious socialism, Christian socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist."

One of the errors/sins of Marxism is to promote class warfare—to pit different groups in society against each other. How is this consistent with the Christian command to "love your neighbor as yourself"? So the Church particularly condemns this aspect of Marxism, whether it manifests in the supposed struggle between the "proletariat" vs. the "bourgeoisie," capitalists vs. laborers, rich vs. poor, male vs. female, or minority race(s) vs. majority race(s).

Yet there is a movement in our country that embraces this Marxist class warfare approach in its often violent struggle to reshape our country's values. Many Catholics have fallen into the snares of this movement, even though it is directly

contrary to basic Catholic principles.

That being said, one of the ways we respect the dignity of the worker is allowing him time to rest from his labors, so it's good to take a day off from work to honor work: "And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done."

Prayers at the End of Mass. Recently the Archbishop of Chicago created a fuss over praying the Prayer to St. Michael and the Hail Mary after Mass. There seems to be some confusion of the facts of that kerfuffle, but it has generated some questions about why we say these prayers here at St. Raymond's.

The practice of praying prayers after Mass, together as a group, is probably as old as the Church is. The idea, promoted by some, that the congregation can't take two minutes after Mass to pray together, especially when led by their pastor, is absurd. Some say you have to sing the recessional hymn after Mass, not pray prayers; but this is false: there is nothing in the liturgical norms of the Mass that even mentions a recessional hymn. So if you can add a hymn, why not a prayer? After all, a hymn is just a sung prayer, and the maxim in the liturgy is that "whatever can be said can be sung, and vice versa." Moreover, once the Mass is over there are no rubrics (rules), so the pastor is free to direct the prayers of his people as he sees fit.

The practice of saying these two specific prayers (the Prayer to St. Michael and the Hail Mary) after Mass, dates back to 1884 when Pope Leo XIII ordered that after all "low Masses" the priest and people would recite together what came to be known as the "Leonine Prayers": 3 Hail Marys, 1 Hail Holy Queen, a special prayer for the conversion of sinners and the freedom of the Church, and the Prayer to Saint Michael. In 1904, Pope Pius X added the triple invocation of, "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us."

Although this mandate was officially suppressed in 1964, as I wrote above, once the Mass is over the pastor is free to direct the prayers of his people as he sees fit. So from the first days of my priesthood, I thought, "How can it not be a good thing to pray together at least part of Leonine Prayers," and so I adopted the current practice which I have shared with you.

Candidate for Delegate. I am not in the business of endorsing candidates, but I am free to tell you about different candidates. The two candidates running for Virginia House of Delegates District 42, which includes most of our parish, are **Kathy Tran** (the incumbent and Democrat) and **Ed McGovern** (Republican). Last week I got a call from McGovern asking to meet with me, and we got together, and he told me about his strong positions **against** abortion, promotion of transgender ideology (especially in schools), Critical Race Theory (CRT), and **supporting** parent's rights and school choice. I haven't heard from Delegate Tran yet, but I would welcome a call from her to discuss her public history of being **supportive of** abortion, pro-transgender ideology, CRT, and **opposing** parents' rights and school choice. I know McGovern was at our picnic, but I didn't see Tran.

I encourage you all to get to know more about these candidates, and all the candidates we will choose from on **Election Day, November 2, 2021.**

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Sept. 6 Labor Day 10:00 am Bernie Crum + Tuesday, Sept. 7 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Riley Clark Wednesday, Sept. 8th 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Christian Hoopes Thursday, Sept. 9th 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Keanue Pham Vien + Friday, Sept. 10th 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Gerald Knudson + Private Masses 9/12 RE Students & their families	Saturday, Sept. 11th 9:00 am Teams of Our Lady Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Fr. Horkan Irene Krosnick + Sunday, Sept. 12th 7:00 am Fr. Horkan Mary Tiso + & Angie DiClemente + 9:00 am Fr. Horkan Parishioners 11:00 am Fr. Rippy Bobbi Tiso 1:00 pm Fr. Rippy John Spataro +
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**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 & 11:00 am

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.

Celebrate Mary's Feast Day ("Mary's Birthday Party"). Join the Legion of Mary on Saturday, September 11, following the 9:00am Mass in the parish hall to celebrate Mary's Feast Day. The event will begin with Legion prayers and conclude with a tribute to the Year of St. Joseph. Light refreshments will be served. Families are welcome!

Welcome New Members of the Church!

St. Raymond's Parish extends a warm welcome to the following 9 adults who received the sacraments of initiation at a Mass on August 30, 2021 after completing the Spring/Summer 2021 RCIA program: Tonya R. Anderson, Dominique S. Arcobasso, Jae-Hee Choe, Allicia Ehlert, Kyleah E. Harbort, Michael T. Johnson, Rodrigo A. Maldonado-Chino, Hedwig A. Muller-Maida, and Carlos I. Ramirez-Terrazas.

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
Returned Home Safely****

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 Juanita Boarman Michael Malachowski 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 Christina Cautero Serrin Foster Mary Jane Hale Fr. Jerry Daly Hilary Javier Aquinas Javier
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Sept. 6	Labor Day Holiday—1 Mass at 10:00 am Parish Offices are Closed
Sept. 8	Adoration
Sept. 9	Bridge Club -12:00 pm
Sept. 10	Adoration - Cancelled
Sept. 10	Catholic Book Club Returns
Sept. 11	Celebration of Mary's Birthday
Sept. 11	Shredding Event 10:00—1:00 pm
Sept. 11-12	Bake Sale following all Masses
Sept. 12-14	Rel. Educ. Classes & Youth Groups Begin!
Sept. 13	Fall RCIA Program begins
Sept. 14	Adult Bible Study Returns
Sept. 18	Men's Prayer Group - 7:30 am
Sept. 18	Speaker -Fr. Tad Pacholczyk
Sept. 25	Mother/Daughter Retreat
Sept. 30	Speaker—Terry Schilling

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

JOIN the CHOIR at St. Raymond's: We practice on Tuesdays (starting 9/14) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and sing at 11:00 am Mass on Sundays (starting 9/19). The choir also provides music for Easter, Christmas and Holy Days. The repertoire of the choir contains masterpieces of classical liturgical choir music. Singers who have a pleasant voice and sing in pitch are welcome. Enjoy wonderful fellowship, music training and the joy of making uplifting music for the liturgy. Contact Elisabeth Turco at music@straymonds.org or call 703-506-4644.

Here comes the Shredding Truck: The Knights of Columbus will have a bulk shredding truck in the south parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 11th, from 10 am to 1 pm. Bring your old files, receipts, and tax papers for quick secure disposal. Your donations will be used to support vocations and provide homes for the intellectually disabled. No hard drives, 3 ring or spiral notebooks or binder clips please. For more information, call or text Dave Wilson at 703-966-5327.



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! **Mini-pilgrimage to the Grotto at Emmitsburg**, Saturday September 25th. All Knights and families are invited to pray the rosary and tour this beautiful grotto in honor of Mary”

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, Sept. 18th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects **non-perishable** food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center, which serves 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.

NEW: St. Raymond's Young Adult Group. Are you 21-40 yrs old? (Single or married, with or without kids) Contact youngadults@straymonds.org to be added to our email list and hear about upcoming events!

Adult Enrichment Opportunities:

2021-2022 RCIA/Catholic update - St. Raymond's will offer RCIA classes on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the Maurer Room from **September 13, 2021 until April 11, 2022 (except for Holidays)** Those seeking information to understand and/or to enter the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics seeking additional sacraments are welcomed. No registration is required. If you have questions call Bob Ward, 703-644-5873 or via email at biblestudy@straymonds.org.

2021-2022 Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond's will offer an overview of the Gospel of John, his letters and the Book of Revelation, followed by the beginning of a detailed study of the Synoptic Gospels. Sessions are on **Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 am and again on Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 pm (except for holidays)** in the Parish Hall, from **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 until Tuesday, May 17, 2022.** For further information please call Bob Ward at 703-644-5873 or via email at biblestudy@straymonds.org.

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.

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

The MaRiH Center is a Pro Life Pregnancy Support Center operating in Alexandria since 1974. Would you like to volunteer? Spanish language skills are most welcome, but not required. Please call 703-370-4774, email marihcenter@gmail.com or visit marih.org for additional info. You'll be glad you did! To help from home... **Material donations of diapers and baby items up to 2T welcomed in the narthex. Our next support weekend will be Sept 11-12. God bless you for your continued generosity!**

DAY OF HEALING AND PRAYER: Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women in English and Spanish. An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, September 25th.** Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org

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.

Introducing Olivia!!! Olivia is the world's most realistic and medically accurate animation of a baby's development in her mother's womb. babyolivia.com

Natural Family Planning: *A gift to your marriage.* ecli.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

3rd Annual Virginia March for Life. Beginning at the Virginia Capitol Building in Richmond at 1:00pm on September 17th. For more information, visit: virginia.marchforlife.org



The fall campaign will run from September 22 – October 31. **Our Parish Commitment weekend will be October 23-24.** Watch for sign-ups in the narthex and online.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

Bake Sale NEXT Weekend

Donations of individually wrapped, unpriced, baked goods are greatly needed & appreciated and may be dropped off at the table in the Narthex starting at 4:00pm on Saturday and anytime before the start of the Sunday 1pm Mass, though Saturday is ideal so we don't have to try to price items between Masses.

***Please mark what your item is.** (Items sell much better when customers know what they are buying.)

***Please do not price items,** however, we are very open to price suggestions for items based on what you feel you have included in the baked goods (e.g., more expensive ingredients like nuts, dried fruit, etc., could be priced higher)

***Please mark whether or not an item has nuts & what kind.**

***Small packages tend to sell better than large packages.** (Cookies generally sell best in a baggie of 2-3 medium size, or 5-6 smaller ones).

***Wrap once the item is cool** so it doesn't get soft/soggy.

7-12th graders & compliant adults are NEEDED to help sell baked goods for about 15 minutes after each Mass

***Please sign up on the <http://bit.ly/BakeSaleTable>** if you are available to help, so that we get all Masses covered.

High School Bake Night 7-9pm Fri. Sept. 10th (Parish Hall)

Come bake with us! Help us make some goodies for the bake sale! And make some new friends while you're at it!

Open to all High School students. Make sure you have 2021-2022 YA Info. Sheet & COVID Waiver turned in or brought with you. See yellow box below.

Sun. September 12th: Youth Group & CCD (Parish Hall)

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

5:30-7pm –Religious Education/CCD

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

Make sure you have 2021-2022 YA Info. Sheet & COVID Waiver turned in or brought with you. See yellow box below.

It's not too late to sign up for CCD! <https://bit.ly/CCDforMe>

Our High school CCD program is like none other! Ask anyone who has participated...you'll want to check it out! No cost & no homework either :)

Youth Apostolate Participation 2 REQUIRED Forms

2021-2022 YA Info. Sheet is to be completed annually for every child **prior** participating in any Youth Apostolate function.

2021-2022 Youth Ministry COVID Waiver, form is to be signed and turned in for every youth **prior** to participating in any St. Raymond's Youth Ministry activity/event on or off site this year.

Forms can be found online at <http://bit.ly/YAforms> and can be emailed to Jeanne at youth@straymonds.org or turned in to the main office.

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890
<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Attention parents: Religious Education classes begin **NEXT SUNDAY - September 12th!** If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

CCD session times are as follows:

Sunday 5:30-7 p.m.

Monday 4:45-6:15 p.m.

Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.

All CCD sessions begin in the church. Parents are welcome to walk the children into the church or you may drop them off at the front of the church. Parents may want to walk the younger ones in for the first couple of classes until the children are comfortable finding their place in the church.

Parents will pick the children up in the Parish Hall at the end of each class session.

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

ALL PARENTS are expected to attend a "Back to CCD Night" meeting scheduled during the week of September 26th. The meetings will begin once we return from our *Holy Ten Minutes* in the church: September 26th (5:50 p.m.), 27th (5:05 p.m.) and 28th (6:20 p.m.). You may attend the meeting on the day of your child's CCD class or choose another day if it is more convenient for you.

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 ipebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office. Meetings in the Church will resume October 18th.

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 email at tdelaney51@verizon.net.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us on Oct. 2nd to honor the Blessed Mother's request for making the 5 First Saturdays: Mass at 9am, then meet in the **Maurer Room** for Rosary, meditation and Gospel reflection. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Church Persecuted

Our Church has consistently taught that parents are the primary educators of their children and are tasked with the duty and privilege of overseeing what their children are learning, especially outside the home. The role of the government and the Church is to support them in this (*Familiaris Consortio* 36, 40). Yet, **parents** are conspicuously missing from the “FCPS Student’s Rights and Responsibilities.” Following are a few excerpts from the information that was viewed by students in the FCPS elementary schools at the start of the school year:

“You have a right to be treated with respect and called by **your chosen name**. If you feel that this is not happening, talk to your teacher, **or another adult you trust**.” (No mention of parents.)

“You have the right to use the **restroom** and **other facilities** that are **consistent with your gender identity**.” (What if the parents are unaware of this “identity?”)

“You have a right to **keep your gender identity to yourself** if you’d like.” (What about the parents?)

Regarding sexual or gender-based harassment, students are advised to “...tell a trusted adult...” such as “...school counselors, administrators, or teachers...if they don’t do anything, then tell another grown up.” (No mention of parents as “trusted adults.”)

Under advice on using the internet safely, students are advised that “if you [wouldn’t] want your parent or caregiver to see it, do not share it...” (Message: if a student is viewing/engaging in internet activity that would upset his/her parents, he should not share it publicly because the parents might find out.)

Ushers Needed: Prayerfully consider becoming an usher at St. Raymond’s. Help is 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 to volunteer or learn more.

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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!**

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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Mother-Daughter Retreat, Sept. 25th: The Women’s Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, “**To Light and Guard, To Rule and Guide: Your Guardian Angel’s Mission to Form You into a Woman of Integrity.**” The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for Confession, Adoration, and Mass. It begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The \$55 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter (\$15 per additional daughter).

For more information and to register (by Sept 11) visit <https://www.waywomen.com/daystar>. Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

FAITH DIRECT: eGiving lets you continue to support St. Raymond’s and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year. You’ll provide us with consistent support, even if you’re away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA64. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You.

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