



## 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:

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#### Website

www.straymonds.org

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

#### Angelus Academy

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

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

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

#### Wednesday Evening

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

#### Saturday Morning

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

#### Saturday Afternoon

3:00 - 4:45 p.m.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

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

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

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

**Pastor's Corner**

**September 11.** Yesterday, America remembered that dark day in 2001 when Islamist terrorists viciously attacked our nation, and America finally entered a war that had been declared against us years before. We mourn the death of all those who died on 9/11/2001, and all those who have died since in the "War on Terror," most especially the American innocents, first responders, military and other brave supporting personnel. Remember to pray for their souls.

And let us pray also for the brave souls who continue to fight to protect us, and for the conversion of our enemies. We pray for our beloved country, that the Lord send His holy angels to keep us safe, and that our hearts may turn to Him so that we may be worthy to receive his tender mercy.

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**Pope St. John Paul II**  
**Wednesday Audience (excerpt), September 12, 2001**

*Yesterday was a dark day in the history of humanity, a terrible affront to human dignity. After receiving the news, I followed with intense concern the developing situation, with heartfelt prayers to the Lord. How is it possible to commit acts of such savage cruelty? The human heart has depths from which schemes of unheard-of ferocity sometimes emerge, capable of destroying in a moment the normal daily life of a people. But faith comes to our aid at these times when words seem to fail. Christ's word is the only one that can give a response to the questions which trouble our spirit. Even if the forces of darkness appear to prevail, those who believe in God know that evil and death do not have the final say. Christian hope is based on this truth; at this time our prayerful trust draws strength from it.*

*With deeply felt sympathy I address myself to the beloved people of the United States in this moment of distress and consternation, when the courage of so many men and women of good will is being sorely tested. In a special way I reach out to the families of the dead and the injured, and assure them of my spiritual closeness. I entrust to the mercy of the Most High the helpless victims of this tragedy, for whom I offered Mass this morning, invoking upon them eternal rest. May God give courage to the survivors; may he sustain the rescue-workers and the many volunteers who are presently making an enormous effort to cope with such an immense emergency. I ask you, dear brothers and sisters, to join me in prayer for them. Let us beg the Lord that the spiral of hatred and violence will not prevail. May the Blessed Virgin, Mother of Mercy, fill the hearts of all with wise thoughts and peaceful intentions.*

*Today, my heartfelt sympathy is with the American people, subjected yesterday to inhuman terrorist attacks which have taken the lives of thousands of innocent human beings and caused unspeakable sorrow in the hearts of all men and women of good will. Yesterday was indeed a dark day in our history, an appalling offence against peace, a terrible assault against human dignity.*

*I invite you all to join me in commending the victims of this shocking tragedy to Almighty God's eternal love. Let us implore his comfort upon the injured, the families involved, all who are doing their utmost to rescue survivors and help those affected.*

*I ask God to grant the American people the strength and courage they need at this time of sorrow and trial.*

**PRAYER for the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**  
**By Pope St. JOHN PAUL II Sunday, 7 October 1979**

*Today, as I thank you, Mother, for this presence of yours in the midst of the men and women of this land—a presence which has lasted two hundred years—giving a new form to their social and civic lives in the United States, I commend them all to your Immaculate Heart.*

*With gratitude and joy I recall that you have been honored as Patroness of the United States, under the title of your Immaculate Conception, since the days of the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore in 1846.*

*I commend to you, Mother of Christ, and I entrust to you the Catholic Church: the Bishops, priests, deacons, individual religious and religious institutes, the seminarians, vocations, and the apostolate of the laity in its various aspects.*

*In a special way, I entrust to you the well-being of the Christian families of this country, the innocence of children, the future of the young, the vocation of single men and women. I ask you to communicate to all the women of the United States a deep sharing in the joy that you experienced in your closeness to Jesus Christ, your Son. I ask you to preserve all of them in freedom from sin and evil, like the freedom which was yours in a unique way from that moment of supreme liberation in your Immaculate Conception.*

*I entrust to you the great work of ecumenism here, in this land, in which those who confess Christ belong to different Churches and communions. I do this in order that the words of Christ's prayer may be fulfilled: "That they may be one". I entrust to you the consciences of men and women and the voice of public opinion, in order that they may not be opposed to the law of God but follow it as the fount of truth and good.*

*I add to this, Mother, the great cause of justice and peace in the modern world, in order that the force and energy of love may prevail over hatred and destructiveness, and in order that the children of light may not lack concern for the welfare of the whole human family.*

*Mother, I commend and entrust to you all that goes to make up earthly progress, asking that it should not be one-sided, but that it should create conditions for the full spiritual advancement of individuals, families, communities and nations. I commend to you the poor, the suffering, the sick and the handicapped, the aging and the dying. I ask you to reconcile those in sin, to heal those in pain, and to uplift those who have lost their hope and joy. Show to those who struggle in doubt the light of Christ your Son.*

*Bishops of the Church in the United States have chosen your Immaculate Conception as the mystery to hold the patronage over the people of God in this land. May the hope contained in this mystery overcome sin and be shared by all the sons and daughters of America, and also by the whole human family. At a time when the struggle between good and evil, between evangelical love and the prince of darkness and father of lies is growing more acute, may the light of your Immaculate Conception show to all the way to grace and to salvation. Amen.*

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**Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles**



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Sept. 13**

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly  
8:30 am Pauline Iaconangelo +

**Tuesday, Sept. 14**

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly  
8:30 am Lupita Reynoso +

**Wednesday, Sept. 15th**

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly  
8:30 am Elizabeth B. Zipperer

**Thursday, Sept. 16th**

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly  
8:30 am Charles Tougas +

**Friday, Sept. 17th**

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly  
8:30 am Serrin Marie Foster  
7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

**Private Masses**

9/15 Evelyn Schoener  
9/17 Anna Anezin +

**Saturday, Sept. 18th**

9:00 am Erica Anezin

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm Fr. Horkan  
Anna Mildred Mault +

**Sunday, Sept. 19th**

7:00 am Fr. Rippy  
Anthony Hansen  
9:00 am Fr. De Celles  
Parishioners  
11:00 am Fr. De Celles  
RE Catechists & their  
families  
1:00 pm Fr. Horkan  
Ruth Delaney +

**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.**

**Colleen McFadden**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish**

Glenn Bliss	Juanita Boarman	Bernadette
Tom Dietz	Michael	D'Agostino
Michael O'Neill	Malachowski	Christopher Quan
Cindy Laird	John Florio	Ted Tolpa
Patricia Lewis	Debra Henkel	Nena Brennan
Barbara McGinn	Daniel Moore	Christina Cautero
Mai Pham	Maria Daugherty	Serrin Foster
Joan Opiela	Lauren Hornsby	Fr. Jerry Daly
Leonora Ramos	Gaudencio Dizon	Joan Vannucci
Jason Saenz	Antoinette Baptist	Lucille Janssens
Phyllis Zitnik	Paul Haynes	Danielle Mataba
Patricia Del Buono	Dwayne Taylor	Theresa Mataba
		Regina Chopra

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

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. 15	Adoration
Sept. 17	Adoration
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](mailto:music@straymonds.org) or call 703-506-4644.

**Samaritans need your help!** This wonderful group of volunteers are here to lend a hand in times of trouble by cooking dinners, running errands or even providing transportation to Mass for our fellow parishioners. If you are available to help out please join our dedicated team. Please contact Vanessa Oswald at 571-271-5498 or by e-mail at [kandvoswald@gmail.com](mailto:kandvoswald@gmail.com). Also, if you were part of our Samaritan team before, please let us know if you wish to continue so we can have an up-to-date list. Thanks!

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

**Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church** will be available Friday, Sept. 17th, St. Raymond's normally offers the Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also known as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite" (EFM), at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. Because of the Motu Proprio Traditiones Custodes we are unsure if we will be able to continue this practice. As of now, the Bishop is allowing us to do so, but we are still waiting for his final decision. We will plan on going ahead as scheduled, but please see the website for any updates before each scheduled EFM.

**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

**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.

**The House of Mercy (HOM)** is accepting donations of *clothing and small household items that can fit in regular trash bags*. They are also accepting gently used toys and games provided all the parts of the games are included. Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations can be donated from now until December 18 and Christmas decorations can be donated from November 1 until January 22. All donations may be left at St. Raymond's (outside the library door inside the church door nearest to the rectory). POC is Jim Mault ([jmault1@cox.net](mailto:jmault1@cox.net)).



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

**Book Club News:** We are pleased to announce that the parish Book Club is once again meeting face-to-face, in person, in the parish Library for the 2021-2022 year. Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 8, at 10 AM. We will be discussing **"Columbus and the Crisis of the West"** by Robert Royal. 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).

**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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:marihcenter@gmail.com) or visit [marih.org](http://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. This weekend is our support weekend! God bless you for your continued generosity!**

The weekend, September 25-26, our terrific Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual collection for **Project Manger!** This program funds cribs for babies in need in this local area. Thank you for your generous support.

**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](mailto: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](http://babyolivia.com)

**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 [aomspeace.org](http://aomspeace.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)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Virginia March for Life.** Beginning at the Virginia Capitol Building in Richmond at 1:00pm on September 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit: [virginia.marchforlife.org](http://virginia.marchforlife.org)



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

## St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

### Bake Sale After All Masses THIS Weekend

The Youth Apostolate's monthly bake sale fundraiser is back! 100% of the proceeds benefit the youth of the parish, helping to cover costs for WorkCamp, Steubenville, weekly youth group meetings and other events. Thank you for your support!



### 2021-2022 Bake Sale Dates:



<b>September 11-12</b>	February 5-6
October 2-3	March 12-13
November 13-14	April 9-10
December 11-12	May 7-8
January 8-9	June 11-12

### 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 :)

### Talitha Koum: High School Girl's Group! 7-8:30pm Monday, September 20th (Parish Hall/Outside)



All 9-12th grade girls are invited to join us from 7-8:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the parish hall as we cultivate and witness authentic community, friendships, and space to share our faith, learn and encourage one another in ways to practically apply the faith to our daily lives. If you have questions or find yourself disagreeing with some teaching of the Church, this group is for you! If you are gung-ho about your faith, this group is for you! If you are looking for authentic friendships, a place to search, a place to grow in understanding, a place to practice defending the faith, a place to laugh, to cry, to be authentically you, to have fun...and so much more...come! You are welcome here! Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

### 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](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) or turned in to the main office.

**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

### Religious Education classes begin TONIGHT 9/12!

**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 of younger children may want to walk them in for the first couple of classes until they 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 homeschool 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.

**Parents of homeschool students who are in sacramental preparation need to attend one of these meetings, also.**

**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. 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](mailto: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.

**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

This Saturday, Father Tad Pacholczyk, the Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, will speak at the parish on “Welcoming in Truth and Charity: The Church’s Authentic teaching on Same Sex Attraction and Transgender.” This subject is extremely important, especially to parents of students in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). The school system has adopted a *gender ideology* contrary to the *Christian anthropology* on which our Catholic faith is built. Dr. Theresa Farnam brought this out in an August 28<sup>th</sup> talk to the volunteers of the Religious Education (CCD) program in our parish.

Christian anthropology views a person as “lovingly created by God as male and female.”

Gender ideology views a person as “self-creating with an infinite spectrum of ‘gender identities’.”

Christian anthropology identifies a person as “son or daughter of God, forever.”

Gender ideology identifies a person as “self-defined, fluid and variable.”

Christian anthropology sees the family as “mother/father/child” joined together in a marriage covenant.”

Gender ideology sees the family as “any number of consenting individuals.”

These differences are evident in a briefing presented to all FCPS staff during the summer at which time they were told that “Parents may not yet be supportive of their child’s [gender] transition. In these circumstances, the school must still support the student’s decision. Parental permission is not required to call a student by their chosen name and identified pronouns.” (FCPS Reg. 2603 Gender Expansion and Transgender Youth Guidance Document.” [https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/BU8RDU6C3F45/\\$file/R2603.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/BU8RDU6C3F45/$file/R2603.pdf))



### Get In-Formed!

**Pornography Proofing Your Kids** – Of all the topics that Steve Wood would like to talk about, pornography is his least favorite. However, looking at the statistics of how many people use pornography and knowing the addictive nature and harmful effects to families and society, he feels he must keep the conversation going. And though there really isn’t any foolproof method to keep your children from porn, Steve has found some effective strategies that moms can employ to help limit or lessen the chances for exposure to pornography.

Steve has led youth, campus, evangelistic, prison, and pro-life ministries. He has written many books for Catholic families including, *Legacy: A Father’s Handbook for Raising Godly Children*. He is the host of “Faith & Family” weekly radio broadcasts, one of the longest running shows on Catholic radio.

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.*

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