



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
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Joe Marquart, Plant Manager
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Mary Butler, Secretary
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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

Pope Francis. His Holiness has always been a source of some confusion to me. This is particularly true in the way he sometimes speaks of others. Some of the more notable examples include: on November 29, 2014, when speaking about seminarians, he said, "We must form their hearts. Otherwise we are creating little monsters. And then these little monsters mold the people of God." And in December of 2016 when he said, "people have a tendency towards the sickness of coprophagia" [coprophagia: the practice of eating feces]. And in February of 2019 he said, "Those who spend their lives accusing, accusing, and accusing are ...the friends, cousins and relatives of the devil."

This just doesn't seem very pope-like to me.

And so I was again terribly confused when I read that the Pope had recently told a group of Jesuits: "There is, for example, a large Catholic television channel that has no hesitation in continually speaking ill of the pope...I personally deserve attacks and insults because I am a sinner, but the church does not deserve them. They are the work of the devil." The media immediately identified this "large Catholic television channel" as EWTN, although I must say I am not sure when EWTN has ever spoken "ill of the pope."

In any case, this is not the kind of language we normally expect from a pope, even when speaking about his critics. I can't remember any of his immediate predecessors using this kind of language to describe their critics.

And it's even more confusing because he says he personally deserves attacks and insults, but then seems to identify himself, perhaps as Pope, with "the church." So, I'm confused about what he thinks are attacks against him personally, and attacks against him as pope.

It sometimes seems that any comments that are made that are in any way critical of what Pope Francis says or thinks, even when he makes off the cuff comments like this, are "doing the work of the devil," or even "feces eaters."

So, to be clear, **I do not intend herein to be "speaking ill of the pope." I'm just confused.** And confused to the depth of my soul by such seemingly uncharitable words spoken about by our chief shepherd on earth about his sheep. It seems so contrary to Pope Francis's often quoted remonstrance that shepherds should live "with the smell of the sheep." It does not seem to fit with his insistence on "accompaniment," "encounter" and "reaching out those who live in the peripheries."

And I'm concerned, especially for my flock. Over the last few years many of you have told me of your own similar confusion. And confusion when it comes to the pope can lead to disheartenment, anger and even a loss of faith.

I've encountered this particularly with confusion caused by Pope Francis' recent harsh language and treatment toward those who favor the Extraordinary Form of the Mass. Especially since this harshness came in an official, and not personal, decree of the Pope.

Perhaps sometimes Pope Francis says things he shouldn't say, perhaps sometimes he is wrong, even cruel. When we recognize this, or even speak to each other about it, I don't think that means we are doing "the work of the devil." But we must not let our critique get out of hand, or turn into hatred, bitterness, or even personal condemnation of the person who is Pope Francis. And we must not let it discourage our faith and hope in the Catholic Church. We know that there have

been popes in the past who have done foolish and even terrible things: popes who had mistresses, illegitimate children, or done bizarre things. So if we have a pope who is sometimes confusing, or even unkind, it should not shock us.

Sometimes when I think of Pope Francis I think of my Dad. My Dad was a very good man, great in some ways. And a great Catholic. But sometimes he and I disagreed, and sometimes he said offensive things, and sometimes he was flat wrong. But I still loved him and respected him as my father, and his errors never led me to lose faith in fatherhood in general. And his fatherhood never led me to ignore his faults, but to pray for his dealing with those faults. And praying that I would be a better son, which does not imply being sycophantic, but being the son God wanted me to be to my father—a son in truth and in love.

God bless Pope Francis!

Our Lady of Ransom. Friday September 24th was the Memorial of Our Lady of Ransom. This memorial isn't listed in the "General Liturgical Calendar," but it is still on the official sanctoral ["saint"] calendar of the Church. So because of St. Raymond's intimate connection with this feast, we celebrated it with a special evening Mass.

Many of the newcomers to our parish don't know much about this devotion, so... During the 13th century, Muslim pirates from northern Africa would regularly raid and capture ships from Christian countries and then hold the captured Christians for ransom, forced conversion, and/or for the slave trade.

So on the evening August 1, 1218, the Blessed Mother appeared separately to three very different men in Barcelona, Spain: to St. Peter Nolasco, the son of a wealthy Spanish merchant and veteran of various battles against the "Moors" (Muslims) occupying much of southern Spain; to King James I of Aragon; and to our own beloved patron St. Raymond of Peñafort, who was Peter's confessor. Our Lady told each of them that St. Peter was to found a religious order that would dedicate itself to the ransom of Christian captives of Muslims. The members of this new order would take a vow to offer themselves personally/bodily, when necessary, as ransom or as security for the freedom of their fellow Christians. St. Peter obeyed Our Lady, and with the political and financial support of the King and under the wise guidance of St. Raymond, the order was founded and proceeded in its mission. In the year 1290 the order was officially named the "Order of the Virgin Mary of Mercy of the Redemption of Captives," so that Our Lady of Ransom is also sometimes called "Our Lady of Mercy," and the order is commonly called "the Mercedarians."

After all of the Masses on the 24th we also vested and instituted participants with the **Scapular of Our Lady of Ransom**. The scapular is **white with the shield of red and gold and red cross** of the Mercedarians. The indulgences attached to the scapular include a **plenary indulgence** under the usual conditions (i.e. detachment to sin of any kind, perform the work or prayer for which the indulgence is granted, and fulfill the three conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and praying for the intentions of the Pope). The indulgence is available on the day of enrollment and on the following Mercedarian feasts: St. Peter Armengol (April 27), St. Peter Nolasco (May 6), St. Raymond Nonnatus (August 31), St. Mary de Cervellione (September 19), Our Lady of Mercy (September 24), St. Serapion (November 14), and St. Peter Pascual (December 6).

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Sept. 27th**

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Gene Newton +

Tuesday, Sept. 28th

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Stephen Schweitzer

Wednesday, Sept. 29th

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Herman & Nelida
Brouillette +

Thursday, Sept. 30th

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly
8:30 am SGM Louis Antonello +

Friday, Oct. 1st

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Carol Snively +
7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Saturday, Oct. 2nd

9:00 am James Drouillard

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. Horkan
Lynn Kline

Sunday, Oct. 3rd

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
Francisco & Kolbie Garcia
9:00 am Fr. De Celles
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. Horkan
Otis Shealy +
1:00 pm Fr. De Celles
In Thanksgiving

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 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 Lauren Hornsby Gaudencio Dizon Antoinette Baptist Paul Haynes Dwayne Taylor Bernadette D'Agostino Christopher Quan Ted Tolpa Nena Brennan Christina Cautero	Serrin Foster Fr. Jerry Daly Danielle Matava Regina Chopra Roland Lucas Helen Stephens Allison Wagoner Helen Estabrooks Msgr. Martin Feild Allison Harper Maria Daugherty Aurora Boarman Tom Swengros
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Sept. 26-28	CCD Parent Meetings
Sept. 27	Legion of Mary
Sept. 27	RCIA Program 7:30 pm
Sept. 28	Adult Bible Study
Sept. 29	Adoration
Sept. 29	Mothers' Group 10:00 am
Sept. 30	Bridge Club
Sept. 30	Speaker—Terry Schilling 7:30 pm
Oct. 1	Adoration
Oct. 1	EFM (Latin) 7:00 pm
Oct. 2	Men's Prayer Group - 7:30 am
Oct. 2	Luminaries of Mary
Oct. 2/3	Youth Apostolate Bake Sale after all Masses
Oct. 3	Donut Sunday
Oct. 4	Blessing of the Animals 7:00 pm
Oct. 8	Book Club

Terry Schilling Talk - Please join us Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall for our Special Speaker Series talk on "Why I Removed My Children from Fairfax County Public Schools and How to Fight Back." Terry Schilling is the president of the American Principles Project. No RSVP required. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 703-440-0535.

Donut Sunday Returns Next Sunday, October 3rd after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass to enjoy some treats and drinks and meet your fellow parishioners. October's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our Pro-Life Group & our Library Volunteers.

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, Oct. 2. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church will be available Friday, Oct. 1st. 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 Tradiciones 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

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.

The 10th Annual PROJECT MANGER Fundraiser is this weekend, September 25/26. St Raymond will once again have the opportunity to support Project Manger, which purchases cribs for moms and their babies in need. The cribs are distributed through "A Woman's Choice" Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center in Falls Church. "A Woman's Choice" is a pro-life organization whose mission statement is "to love pregnant women so much so that abortion becomes an unthinkable option." Please prayerfully consider donating to this wonderful Pro-Life effort which is changing hearts and minds one mom and baby at a time. POC for this effort is John Crennan who can be reached at 339-223-0887. This year's contributions can also be made throughout September and October on the St Raymond's Faith Direct website page or By using the Knights QR Code.





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!

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.

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.**

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. 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!

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE: St Raymond's will host a Voter Registration Drive after Masses this weekend, September 25-26 in the Narthex. The registration deadline is **October 11**, so do not delay! The safest way to vote absentee is in-person at one of the many satellite locations. No mail is involved and you can even vote curbside and not enter the building. Information will be available at the table or on <https://straymonds.org>.

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).

Mothers' Group: Do your young children seem to need a bit more excitement? Are you looking for Catholic friendship with fellow mothers? Come to the moms' meet-up on Wednesday mornings! We alternate between meeting at our church and parks. Email Michelle for more information at mlcastry@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals: In honor of the feast of St. Francis, we will have the annual Blessing of the Animals **Monday, October 4th at 7:00 pm** in front of the rectory.

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, 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 is October 9-10! God bless you for your continued generosity!**

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.



Life Chain: Sunday Oct. 3rd from 2:30-3:30. Park at Key Middle School 6402 Franconia Rd, Springfield. Join others all across the nation for this annual peaceful prayerful witness.

Non graphic signs (see examples) provided. Bring a friend!

Sunday, October 10th at 10:45: diocesan Respect Life Month Mass at St. Timothy Parish in Chantilly. Bishop Burbidge will be the main celebrant and homilist.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST. Sunday October 10. Join Bishop Coffey, Archdiocese of the Military for a Eucharistic Procession from St. Peter's to the Mall in front of the US Capitol starting at 2:00 pm. Rosary Rally in front of the US Capitol, 4:00 pm. rosarycoasttocoast.com.



Join fellow parishioners and others of Good Will to peacefully and prayerfully witness for life. **Our Parish commitment weekend will be October 23-24.** Sign-ups in narthex or on parish website.

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

Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare. tepeyacobgyn.com 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? Or perhaps you know someone in this situation. **A Mom's Peace**, A Lay Apostolate for Mothers of Miscarried and Stillborn Souls offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit amomspeace.org.

Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

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. Oct. 1st (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 26th: Youth Group & CCD (Parish Hall)

4-5:30pm Junior High Youth Group (light meal 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 (Grades 7-12)

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.

Forms can be found online at <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

Completed forms 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

****HELP NEEDED****

Assistant Teacher for Grade 5 on Tuesdays (6-7:30 p.m.)

If interested, please contact the religious education office

ALL CCD PARENTS are expected to attend a "Back to CCD Night" meeting scheduled **THIS WEEK** - the week of September 26th. The meetings will begin in the Parish Hall 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 (grades 2, 7 and 8) need to attend one of these meetings, also. Please plan on arriving 25 minutes after the start times mentioned above, which is when sacramental information will be discussed.

Parents of Catholic school students in grades 2, 7 and 8 who will be receiving their Sacraments here at St. Raymond's also need to attend one of these meetings. Please plan on arriving 25 minutes after the start times mentioned above, which is when sacramental information will be discussed.

Planning ahead: There will be no CCD classes on October 10, 11 or 12 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Special Event coming up: Be sure to mark your calendar for the **Parish Holy Hour and Rosary** which is scheduled for **Thursday October 17th at 6:45 p.m.** This is a good opportunity for **7th and 8th grade students to earn two Prayer Service Hours!!**

Scholarships to Catholic Schools. St. Raymond's offers a **one-time \$2,000 scholarship** for each parish child who is **switching from public school (k-12) to Catholic school this year.** All qualified parishioners who attend Catholic grade school can receive an annual scholarship of **\$1,000** and Catholic high school students can receive **\$2,000.** Please send requests for these scholarships or additional financial assistance to Fr. De Celles.

NEW Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of Weather or Emergency closings, St. Raymond's Parish will NO LONGER follow Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) decisions.

In the event of Weather or other Emergency situations, notice of cancellations or closings of parish events and/or facilities will be posted to the parish website. If possible/practical the parish will also send out an email to all parishioners notifying them of the closing/cancellations.

There are only TWO exceptions to any closing decisions we make and issue:

1) Regularly scheduled Masses and Confession will NEVER be cancelled due to inclement Weather.

2) Meetings of very small groups that receive the pastor's personal permission, in which case members will be notified of the exception personally by their group leader.

Church Persecuted

We haven't heard much about the Catholic Church-Chinese relations lately. Well, that has changed with a recent report in *Asian News* that 7 priests and 10 seminarians were arrested by the Chinese police and sent off for "political sessions" as part of their crackdown on religious activity. The next day, Bishop Joseph Zhang Weizhu, the 63-year-old prelate of the Apostolic Prefecture of Xinxiang, was taken into custody. The Chinese government does not recognize the Prefecture, of which the bishop, priests, and seminarians are members. The Prefecture has been operating for decades after being established by the Vatican with several "underground" bishops appointed by the Vatican but not approved by the Chinese government.

This is taking place within the backdrop of the controversial Vatican-Chinese agreement on the ordination of bishops who are allowed to operate with the approval of the Chinese government. The agreement approved state-ordained bishops (from the past) and the Chinese government approval of Vatican-appointed bishops. Bishop Weizhu and the Apostolic Prefecture bishops are neither, since he and other bishops were Vatican-appointed prior to the Vatican-Chinese agreement. <https://freebeacon.com/latest-news/china-detains-catholic-priests-and-students-for-reeducation-programming/>

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Find out how the school's Catholic mission is integrated across the curriculum, visit science and engineering labs, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

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.

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!

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FORMED Now! Evangelizing Millennials – This 4-part FORMED Now Series navigates the challenges that often arise when trying to share the Gospel with the millennial generation. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp, former professional soccer player, graduate of the Augustine Institute Graduate School, and current FORMED Platform Manager, to discuss evangelizing millennials. Taylor discusses some principles he has learned through evangelizing athletes and his millennial peers.

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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!**

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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We are Looking for Families for our Christmas Giving Tree. Each year, St. Raymond's "adopts" families who need help with Christmas. If your family, or someone you know could use help providing gifts for their children, please let Kirsti in the parish office know. The information is kept completely confidential! Office phone number is 703-440-0535.

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Though our weekly meetings are currently canceled - we are still praying! If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office. Meetings in the Church will resume October 18th at 4:00 pm.

Gather, Pro-life Prayer Warriors! This weekend is the **34th annual Life Chain:** Sunday Oct 3rd from 2:30-3:30. Park at Key Middle School 6402 Franconia Rd, Springfield. Join others all across the nation for this annual peaceful prayerful witness. Non-graphic signs provided. Bring a friend! For more info, contact Liz Hildebrand at hildebrandseven@gmail.com or visit lifechain.org.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 13,236.00
Family Assistance	\$ 250.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,045.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donation	\$ 3,396.00

The second collection today is for Disaster Relief for the Victims of Hurricane Ida. Please be generous.

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