



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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Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

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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

Shut up Parents, you "Terrorists"! Last week Virginia gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe (Democrat) succinctly expressed and embraced the Left's Marxist attitude toward parents: "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach." I still can't believe he was dumb enough to say that out loud, but I'm glad he finally revealed his true contempt for parenthood.

Now the U.S. Attorney General is investigating parents that the National School Boards Association calls "terrorists."

Excerpt from an October 5, 2021, article in the *Washington Post*, 'Parents take a stand against FBI crackdown on CRT opponents,' by Callie Patteson:

"Parents and politicians are slamming the Department of Justice's decision to bring in the FBI to investigate a spike in 'threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff,' saying the Biden administration is likening their protests of 'woke' policies such as Critical Race Theory — as well as mandatory mask wearing — to 'domestic terrorism.'"

"'Dear @TheJusticeDept Merrick Garland and @FBI Director Christopher Wray,' Asra Nomani, vice president of investigations and strategy at Parents Defending Education, posted on Twitter. 'This is what a domestic terrorist looks like? You are criminalizing parenting, and you owe the people of America a swift apology.'"

"She sarcastically signed the missive, 'Domestic Terrorist,' Asra Nomani.' Nomani's group has been researching how school boards across the US implement 'woke' ideas into curricula, such as critical race theory."

"In recent months, dozens of parents have taken a stand in school board meetings against the teaching of Critical Race Theory in classrooms and to protest mask mandates, causing some to wonder what the FBI and DOJ are actually investigating."

"The DOJ move was spurred by the National School Boards Association asking the Biden administration for assistance, suggesting that there have been threats and acts of violence and equating those to domestic terrorism."

"In a separate tweet, Nomani claimed Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a 'declaration of war' on parents when he announced the initiative on Monday."

"Another parent, Nicole Solas from Rhode Island, accused the FBI of being 'the politics police,' while claiming any 'legitimate' violence is already 'sufficiently addressed by your local police.' 'Arrest me,' she said in another tweet."

"In a memo released Monday, Garland announced that while 'spirited debate about policy matters is protected under our Constitution, that protection does not extend to threats or violence or efforts to intimidate individuals based on their views.'"

"The investigation will be looking at the recent spike in acts of violence against school staff members, however, Garland's memo did not specify what those acts were."

"In a Sept. 29 letter, the National School Boards Association said much of this opposition led to dozens of incidents at school board meetings this year, claiming, 'America's public schools and its education leaders are under an immediate threat.'"

"The NSBA suggested that '[a]s these acts of malice, violence, and threats against public school officials have increased, the classification of these heinous actions could be the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes' and asked that the administration review the question."

"The group further asked the Biden administration to consider its powers under the Patriot Act, the sweeping surveillance legislation passed in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks...."

"Many parents, however, still see the order as targeted towards them."

"'This is a coordinated attempt to intimidate dissenting voices in the debates surrounding America's underperforming K-12 education — and it will not succeed. We will not be silenced,' Parents Defending Education said in a Monday statement."

"Elicia Brand, a parent from Loudoun County, told Fox News that parents 'owe this to our children' and generations after to 'stand strong in their fight for freedom.' ..."

"I hope the proper authorities are used to find those who threaten violence or speak such hateful words, but they will not find them in the Loudoun County parent community, as we stand against that. Moms and Dads will stand strong in our faith of doing right and our peaceful mission to protect our children even more now that this letter has been released, as we are at the tipping point where the free America that we love can quickly be the America to be feared. We owe this to our children and the generations that follow.'"

Rosary. On a happier note, as most of you know October is the "Month of the Rosary." Tradition attributes the Rosary to an apparition of the Blessed Mother to St. Dominic around the year 1200. The use of strings of beads to count prayers dates back to pre-Christian times and to the first centuries of the Church. Over the early centuries of the Church the beads were used to count various prayers, including psalms, the Kyrie and the Our Father, especially among the monks. By the end of the 8th century beads were used to count the praying of the 150 psalms. In the 10th and 11th century the string of beads commonly used by Catholics was used to count Our Fathers, and the strings of prayer beads became known by the name *Paternosters*, but by the 12th century they were more widely used to count the 150, or 50, *Hail Marys*. The practice of meditating on the mysteries of the life of Christ while praying the Aves became popular in the 15th century, and the devotion began to be called the *Rosarium*, meaning a "garland of roses." By the 16th century the division of the Rosary into the 5 decades of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the life of Christ became set. Pope John Paul II proposed for popular devotion a fourth set of mysteries, the "Luminous mysteries." Meditating on these 15 or 20 mysteries makes the Rosary a truly Christo-centric prayer.

October's particular association with the Rosary goes back at least to the year 1571, when Pope Pius V encouraged all Christians to pray the Rosary for the protection of Europe as it was being invaded by the Muslim Turks. On October 7, 1571, the Catholic fleet miraculously defeated a greatly superior Muslim fleet off the coast of Lepanto, Italy, so that October 7 is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. In 1883 Pope Leo XIII dedicated the whole month of October to the Queen of the Holy Rosary.

For centuries, successive popes, saints and spiritual writers have commended it to all Catholics as a sure source of spiritual enrichment. Let me add my own personal admonishment to theirs to pray the rosary every day, or at least once a week.

Parish Holy Hour. This Thursday, October 14, at 6:45pm, CCD/Religious Education is sponsoring a Holy Hour of Adoration for the whole parish. Join our CCD families in adoring Our Eucharistic Lord and praying the Holy Rosary for various intentions, including and especially for the "success" of our CCD program this year.

Golf Update. This week I hit a 90 at Augustine Golf Course down in Stafford. For some golfers this is no big deal, but it was one of my best scores ever. 1-over par (bogey) for the round. Just thought I'd share that with you.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Oct. 11th****Columbus Day**

10:00 am Catherine Spinelli

Tuesday, Oct. 12th

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly

8:30 am Samuel Berger

Wednesday, Oct. 13th

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly

8:30 am Yolanda Mora
Reynoso**Thursday, Oct. 14th**

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly

8:30 am Rob Grippe

Friday, Oct. 15th

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly

8:30 am Marty Bobak +

7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Private Masses

Oct. 13 Salud Roldan +

Oct. 17 RE Catechists &
their families**Saturday, Oct. 16th**

9:00 am Victoria Rizzi +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Ann Brado +

Sunday, Oct. 17th

7:00 am

John Kronenbusch +

9:00 am

Parishioners

11:00 am

Paul & Gail Falco +

1:00 pm

Marilyn Ang +

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

Helen Estabrooks

Maria Daugherty

Tom Swengros

Mary Ellen

Enzweiler

Renee LeBoeuf

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Oct. 11 Columbus Day Holiday—1 Mass at 10:00 am
Parish Offices are Closed.

No CCD Classes Oct. 10-12 for the Holiday

Oct. 14 Family Holy Hour & Rosary 6:45 pm

Oct. 15 EFM (Latin) 7:00 pm

Oct. 16 Men's Prayer Group - 7:30 am

Oct. 16 K of C Oktoberfest

Oct. 18 Family of Jesus Prayer Group 4:00 pm

Oct. 28 Religious Freedom Speaker

Nov. 6 Men's Day of Recollection

Nov. 6 Luminaries of Mary

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.

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

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, November 12 at 10 AM. We will be discussing **Things Worth Dying for: Thought on a Life Worth Living** by Archbishop (Abp) Charles Chaput (272 pgs.) 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.

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church will be available Friday, Oct. 15th. 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

**FEAR NOT, STAND FIRM,
AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD**

Gentlemen: The cultural chaos, deep political divisions and turmoil over the pandemic in our country continue to increase, presenting a major spiritual challenge for all of us. What is being asked of faithful Catholic men in this time of trial? **The 23rd Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by The Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia,** will be held on Sat. Nov. 6 from 9:15am--1:15pm at St. Raymond's. There is no charge for this event, **but you must register before Oct. 30 to attend. Donations gratefully accepted. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat** For more information, contact Robin Maas at rmvlmaas@gmail.com.



St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus: Are you a man of 17 ½ years of more? Are you a practicing Catholic? Then we invite you to join the Knights! Contact Deputy Grand Knight Larry Saenz (703-832-1042) or go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs to become a Knight today!

St. 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!

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 mlcastrv@gmail.com.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us on Nov. 6th 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.

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Weekly meetings in the Church will resume Monday, October 18th at 4:00 pm and 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.

ALL SOULS DAY, Nov. 2nd: St. Raymond's will again be offering a Triduum of Masses for the feast of All Souls. The Masses will be said on Nov. 2nd, Nov. 3rd and Nov. 4th at 8:30 am. To have your departed loved ones remembered in these Masses, please complete one of the All Souls envelopes in the narthex and place it in the collection basket today or bring it to the parish office.

The Knights of Columbus, St. John Bosco Council #12846, will host their annual **Oktoberfest** on Saturday, October 16th, from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be available in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend (Oct. 9/10) for cash and check sales. Proceeds will go to St. Raymond's "Our Lady of Ransom" Scholarship Fund for Catholic Education. The Chairman of this event is Mr. Patrick Franco. Come join in the fun and fellowship of our Catholic community! Additionally, credit/debit card sales are available through this QR code and can be used for advance ticket purchase.



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. This is our support weekend! 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.

THANK YOU TO THE SCORES OF PARISHIONERS who participated in the annual Life Chain! WERE YOU THERE?

ROSARY COAST TO COAST. TODAY Sunday October 10. Join Bishop Coffey of the Military Archdiocese 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, 4:00pm. 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 and information in narthex or on parish website. Come and See! Bring your Rosary.

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 for your marriage. Visit ccl.org

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

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

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

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

Bake Sale

Last weekend's Bake Sale brought in \$734!

Thank you to ALL who baked goodies, ran the table after Mass, and bought the delicious baked goods and/or donated to support our youth! Special thanks to Catherine Hansen for helping not only with baking but also with working the bake sale table after 4 of the 5 Masses! Please consider helping us by baking for **next month's bake sale: November 13-14.**

2021-2022 Bake Sale Dates:



November 13-14	March 12-13
December 11-12	April 9-10
January 8-9	May 7-8
February 5-6	June 11-12

NO Youth Group or CCD this Sunday 10/10.

Youth Group will resume next weekend on 10/17.

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 :)

Sons of Thunder: High School Guys' Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday, October 12 (Maurer Room)

Come join the brotherhood! All 9-12th grade guys are invited who want to learn more about their faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and hang out with other guys in a chill atmosphere. Sons of Thunder meets 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Parish Hall. Newcomers are always welcome! NO RSVP required. *Make sure you have 2021-2022 YA Info. Sheet & COVID Waiver turned in or brought with you. See yellow box below.*

Jr. High Yard Work Service Morning: October 30

Email Jeanne for times, details & sign-up info.

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.

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

THERE ARE NO CCD classes THIS WEEK: October 10, 11 or 12 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday, however, **students (and their families) are expected/invited to attend the Holy Hour and Rosary later this week:**



A parish Holy Hour and Rosary is scheduled for THIS Thursday October 14th at 6:45 p.m. in the church. This is a good opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to earn two Prayer Service Hours!!

HELP NEEDED

Assistant Teacher for Grade 4 on Sundays (5:30- 7:00 p.m.)

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

If interested, please contact the Religious Education office

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.

Healing Our Past: Victim Assistance Ministry: The Victim Assistance Ministry offers referrals to therapists with experience working with victims/survivors of sexual abuse as well as referrals for spiritual assistance. In addition the diocese offers Masses and prayer services for healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse, as well as various other support services. If you or someone in your family has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator at 703-841-2530. All calls are confidential. For more information about services provided by the Victim Assistance Ministry, please visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org.

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

When God is no longer in the societal picture, individuals make decisions for themselves based on what they think and affirm without consideration of even basic biology or other scientific-affirming principles. This has exploded in today's world with gender affirmation principles whereby boys want to be girls, and vice versa.

In his "Catechesis on the Human Person & Gender Ideology," Bishop Michael Burbidge affirms that "we can never say something contrary to what we know to be true." He cautions that "using 'gender-affirming' terms or pronouns that convey approval of or reinforce the person's rejection of the truth" should be avoided. The "truth must be accurately conveyed by our words." "To use names and pronouns that contradict the person's God-given identity is to speak falsely."

In 2018, Peter Vlaming, a teacher at West Point High School in West Point, VA, did exactly that. When the school administration demanded that he use male pronouns when addressing a female student when that student disregarded her biological reality and decided to be male, he sidestepped the issue by working very hard to avoid using any pronouns to address the student – even using the male name to address the student. By avoiding the use of those pronouns which did not represent biological reality, he was ultimately fired by the school board. His case is being defended by Alliance Defending Freedom on appeal before the Virginia Supreme Court.

<https://adfflegal.org/press-release/high-school-teacher-fired-over-pronoun-usage-takes-his-case-virginia-supreme-court>

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).

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Angels: Bishop Fulton Sheen – In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world. In the second, "The Touch of Your Hand," Bishop Sheen delves into the beautiful truth that through His love, God makes us lovable, and we can effect this same transformation in our neighbor. Lastly, in "Caring," Bishop Sheen insists on the need to love our visible neighbors, and through these caring acts, love our invisible God.

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Questions? Need help? Email us at:

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We are now accepting applications for 2022-23.

<https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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Saint John Paul the Great in High School has the following immediate job openings:

F/T School Counselor
Information System Specialist
Admissions/Enrollment Counselor
Substitute Teachers and
Bus Drivers (Training Provided)

Please visit their website for more information and requirements.

<https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/EmploymentOpportunities>

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, including a Columbus Day Hike!

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.

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	\$ 15,821.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,720.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,700.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donation	\$ 1,545.00

The second collection this week is for Porto Charities Special Kids, Special Needs Collection. The funds from this collection support special education programs for God's Special Children. Please be generous.

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