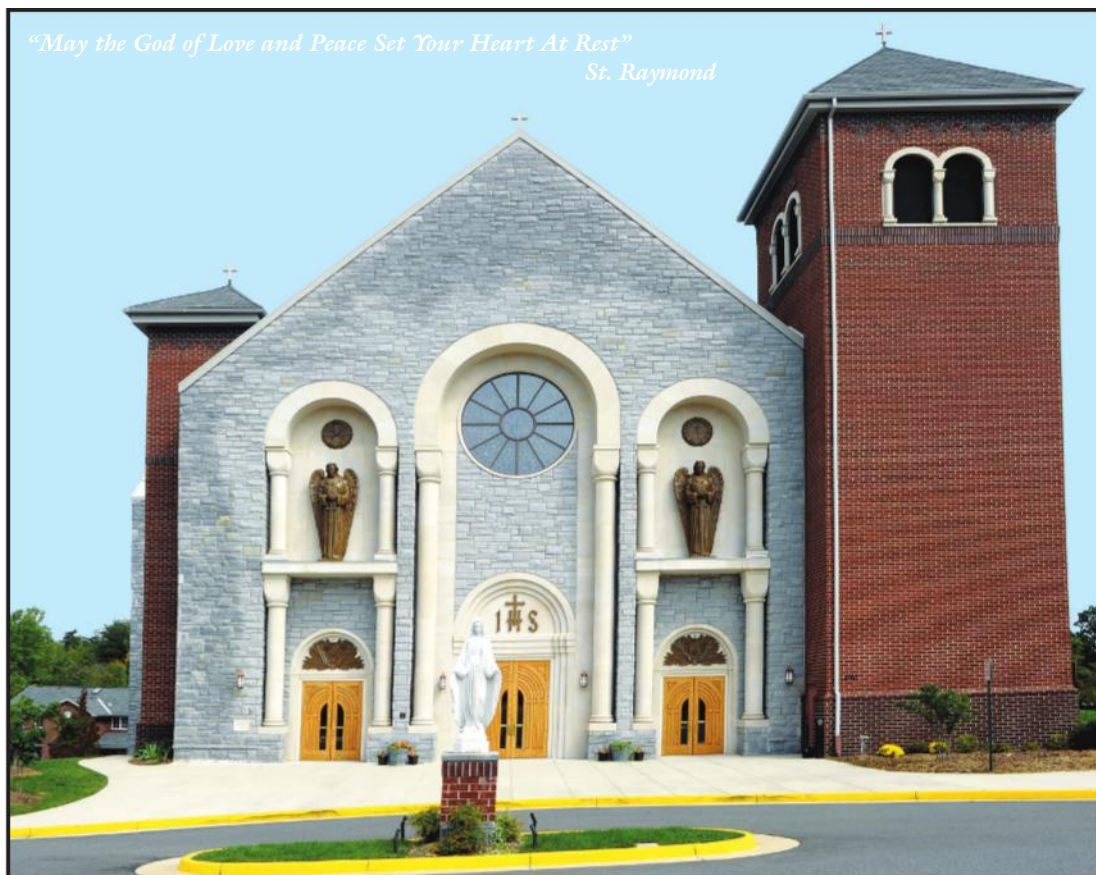


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
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Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
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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
Rev. Edward R. Horkan, In Residence
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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

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E-Mail

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Rel. Ed.: ReligiousEducation@straymonds.org
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

Election Results. Praised by Jesus Christ! At last Virginia has a pro-life, pro-family, pro-religious freedom Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and House of Delegates. Thank you all for your prayers, involvement and votes for the Commonwealth, for the love of God and neighbor. Especially our kids.

But keep praying and working. Elections are one thing, governing and legislating is another. The next challenge begins.

Eternal Life. November began with celebrating All Saints and All Souls Days. Going forward in this last month of the Church's year (Advent begins the new year) we continue to contemplate the life after death, especially by praying for the Souls in Purgatory, but also in the readings and prayers of the Mass. So I thought it might be helpful today to briefly review the Church's teaching on this life.

From THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PARTICULAR JUDGMENT

1021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul--a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

1022 Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven--through a purification or immediately, -- or immediate and everlasting damnation...

HEAVEN

1023 Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face:

"By virtue of our apostolic authority, we define the following: According to the general disposition of God, the souls of all the saints . . . and other faithful who died after receiving Christ's holy Baptism (provided they were not in need of purification when they died, . . . or, if they then did need or will need some purification, when they have been purified after death, . . .) already before they take up their bodies again and before the general judgment - and this since the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into heaven - have been, are and will be in heaven, in the heavenly Kingdom and celestial paradise with Christ, joined to the company of the holy angels..." [Benedict XII, *Benedictus Deus* (1336)]

1024 This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

1025 To live in heaven is "to be with Christ...."

1026 By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have

believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

1027 This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father's house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."

1028 ...God ...himself opens up his mystery to man's immediate contemplation... The Church calls this contemplation of God in his heavenly glory "the beatific vision."...

THE FINAL PURIFICATION, OR PURGATORY

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire...

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." [2 Macc 12:46] From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead...

HELL

1033 We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

1034 Jesus often speaks of "Gehenna" of "the unquenchable fire" reserved for those who to the end of their lives refuse to believe and be converted, where both soul and body can be lost. Jesus solemnly proclaims that he "will send his angels, and they will gather . . . all evil doers, and throw them into the furnace of fire," [Mt 13:41-42] and that he will pronounce the condemnation: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire!" [Mt 25:41]

1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 8th 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Ella Maureen Bowling+	Saturday, Nov. 13th 9:00 am Freddie Kemp +
Tuesday, Nov. 9th 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Brigitta Sanchez-O'Brien	Vigil Mass 5:00 pm James Cade +
Wednesday, Nov. 10th 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Christine Petitti + 7:00 pm For Our Deceased Children +	Sunday, Nov. 14th 7:00 am Mary Tarsitano + 9:00 am Parishioners 11:00 am Sofi Rae Hills 1:00 pm Elena Casas
Thursday, Nov. 11th Veteran's Day 10:00 am Luis Mora Reynoso	
Friday, Nov. 12th 6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly 8:30 am Family of Jesus Prayer Group	

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 Serrin Foster Fr. Jerry Daly Helen Estabrooks Tom Swengros David Kemp Brady Thomason Erick Reeder
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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

Blood Drive Next Saturday, Nov. 13th: The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, Nov. 13th, here in the St. Raymond's parish hall from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please consider signing up for a 15 minute time slot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. **You may sign up either online at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend.** If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at 703-690-7285 or by email at: mam7253@msn.com.

Wreaths Across America: On December 18, the American Heritage Girls will place Wreaths on the Head Stones of the Soldier and Sailor Retirement Home Nat'l Cemetery (21 Harewood Rd NW, Washington DC 20011). This is a way of honoring the veterans who sacrificed to protect our freedom. **Please Sponsor a Wreath for a Veteran** The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA0683 will be collecting money for Wreaths **after all Masses next weekend, November 13/14.** They will use the money to purchase the wreaths that they will place on the Head Stones. Questions can be directed to AHGVA0683@gmail.com.

Austin Ruse Talk - Please join us Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall for our Special Speaker Series talk entitled "UNDER SIEGE: No Finer Time To Be A Faithful Catholic" based on his new book. No RSVP required. Austin Ruse is the President of the Center of Family and Human Rights. He founded the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast and is a columnist for *The Catholic Thing* and *Crisis Magazine*. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 703-440-0535.

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Nov. 7	Donut Sunday
Nov. 8	Family of Jesus Prayer Group 4:00 pm
Nov. 8	Legion of Mary 5:00 pm
Nov. 10	Special Pro-Life Mass at 7:00 pm for Our Deceased Children
Nov. 11	Veterans Day Holiday Mass 10:00 am Parish Offices are closed
Nov. 12	Catholic Book Club
Nov. 13	K of C Blood Drive
Nov. 13/14	Youth Apostolate Bake Sale
Nov. 18	Speaker - Austin Ruse 7:30 pm
Nov. 19	EFM (Latin) 7:00 pm
Nov. 20	Men's Prayer Group

Today is Donut Sunday, November 7th 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. Donut Sunday this month is being hosted by our Young Adults Group.

Book Club News: Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 12 at 10 am in the Parish Library. We will be discussing *Things Worth Dying for: Thoughts on a Life Worth Living* by Archbishop 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.

The Knights of Columbus are offering "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas cards in the Narthex after Masses this weekend and on the weekends of Nov. 20/21 & 27/28. You can also request an order form with a list of cards and place your order by calling/texting John Crennan at 339-223-0887. All proceeds go to local charities.



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.**

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Weekly meetings in the Church have resumed on Mondays at 4:00 pm. If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office. You may also write down your prayer requests and drop them in the "Prayer Box" on the table in the narthex of the church.

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, Nov. 20th. 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 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).

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us on Dec. 4th 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 are still available! Please send requests for these scholarships or additional financial assistance to Fr. De Celles.

St. Raymond's has Adoration every Wednesday and Friday! Would you like to spend an hour in silent prayer and reflection with our Lord during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament? We are in need of weekly adorers **especially 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and at 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm on Fridays**. We also need volunteers to be on our substitute list. If you are interested in Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email spoiledk9s@verizon.net. If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email virginia.osella@straymonds.org. **Drop-ins are always welcome!**

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Saint Pope John Paul II

On Wednesday, November 10th at 7pm all are welcome to join us for Holy Mass offered for children who have predeceased us, especially those who died before birth. Kara Palladino will share information regarding the mission of **A MOMS Peace** afterwards in the narthex..

2021 DIVINE MERCY CARE GALA. In support of **Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN**, Wednesday, November 10th. **Tickets are sold out! Donations most welcome!** bit.ly/dmcgaladonate or call 703-934-5552.

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 more 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 **November 20-21**. Thank 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.

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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)

***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 are NEEDED to help sell baked goods after each Mass Please come to the bake sale table ASAP after Mass if you can help. Thank you!!

Youth Group & CCD this Sunday 11/7

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)

Sons of Thunder: High School Guy's Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday, November 9 (Maurer Room)

Come join the brotherhood! All 9-12th grade guys who want to learn more about their faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and hang out with other guys in a chill atmosphere are invited. Sons of Thunder meets 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Maurer Room. Newcomers are always welcome! There will be food!

High School Bake Night: 7-9pm Fri. Nov. 12 (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! **Please sign up by Monday, November 8th** if you plan to join us so we can adequately plan what and how much to bake. <https://bit.ly/BakeNightSignup>

Youth Apostolate Participation (Grades 7-12)

2 REQUIRED Forms

2021-2022 YA Info. Sheet turned in annually for every child **prior** participating in any Youth Apostolate function. **Youth Ministry COVID Waiver** must be on file 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

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS: Parents of students in grades 2, 7 and 8 are reminded that your child should be submitting a Mass attendance card (blue for grade 2 and red/pink for grades 7 & 8) every time they attend weekend Mass (Saturday vigil / Sunday Masses). They should write their name and the date and time of the Mass they attend and place it in the collection basket!

If you attend Mass at a parish other than St. Raymond's, please provide a bulletin from that parish SIGNED by one of the priests or deacons from that parish.

****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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 21st: There **WILL** be CCD class

November 22, 23 and 28: Thanksgiving Holiday - there **WILL BE NO CCD** classes

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.

St. Raymond 2021-22 Snow Team: Your Parish needs your HELP!

St. Raymond's is seeking industrious, able-bodied persons to join the 2021-22 Snow Removal Team. The Snow Team will work with the Plant Manager to clear and de-ice the sidewalks and paved walkways around the property during ice and snow events. Equipment is provided; sidewalks and aprons must be cleared no less than 30 minutes before the first Mass of the day (and as needed thereafter). Snow Team members must have reliable transportation that enables them to get to the church in bad weather. \$20.00 per hour. For more information or to apply, please contact the Parish Office, at 703-440-0535 during office hours.

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

Most years, the Little Sisters of the Poor are in the parish asking for donations for their mission of serving the poor through their elder-care homes throughout the United States. Behind the fervor of their mission is a pursuit of justice even against seemingly insurmountable odds. The Little Sisters were thrown into a battle that they did not want – the contraceptive mandate of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). They were sued by the Obama administration because they refused to comply with the Act, which exempted churches, but not faith-based ministries.

They pursued the case to the U.S. Supreme Court where the court directed the Obama administration to settle this case and “arrive at an approach going forward.” The administration let it lapse to the Trump administration, which updated the regulations and expanded the religious exemption to include religious nonprofit organizations (The Little Sisters being one of them).

That didn’t sit well with the attorney generals from two states run by Democratic governors who obtained a further injunction stopping the enforcement of the new rule. Pennsylvania and California sued the Federal government and both the 3rd and 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the Sisters. They went to the Supreme Court again and on July 8, 2020, the court ruled 7-2 in their favor.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt 5:10). Blessed are the Little Sisters for giving us an example of the pursuit of righteousness.

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!

Quo Vadis: Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on Tuesday, November 20 to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. There is also Mass and an optional visit to the St. John Paul II Shrine. Dads are welcome but not required. Deadline to submit registration form is November 15. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in exploring their vocations.

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Do you have a St. Raymond's 2021 missalette at home? We will be preparing the new 2022 books soon and will need the **red plastic covers**. You may keep the 2021 missalette, but will you please return your cover, including the prayer and liturgy inserts? There will be a box available in the narthex this month, or you can stop by the parish office. Call 703-440-0535 with any questions.

ECHO is always in need of volunteers to collect and sort donations. If you would like to join, please check out the website, or call me, Kathy Siner, at 703-405-8164. ECHO is an amazing place and I would be happy to give you a tour. Thank you and God bless you for your continuing generosity!

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.

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	\$ 14,242.00
Family Assistance	\$ 921.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 736.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,303.39

The second collection next week is for Retired Religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to next week's second collection.

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