

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



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153**

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am and 1:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday:
8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am

EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS (LATIN)

1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Rev. Edward R. Horkan, In Residence
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
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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

Thanksgiving. I hope all of you will have a great Thanksgiving. Although it's a *secular holiday* and not a *Catholic HOLY DAY*, it's a wonderful day of celebration. In fact, instead of "secular," meaning "worldly, which has all sorts of very negative connotations in the Christian context, let's call it a "cultural holiday." In that context, it reminds us how deeply our culture has been influenced by Christianity and how firmly it is rooted in Christian values.

In particular, the Christian virtues of fortitude and diligence (reflected in working hard to provide for oneself and one's family), and charity (reflected in being willing to share the fruits of one's labor or good fortune with others), and, of course most importantly and above all, gratitude or thankfulness to God for the gifts He's given us.

In the end, everything we have is God's gift. This, of course, is not at all to discount individual hard work and ingenuity, but rather to realize that whether it's the skills and talents we have or develop, or the opportunities we make or stumble upon, or the free will we exercise to choose to use and develop all of that, in the end, all of that comes to us from God's generosity and our response thereto. Whether it's material goods, health, family, love, faith, or human dignity, rights, and liberty, God is the giver of all good things.

Unfortunately, if you watch and listen carefully, you will see that many people today treat Thanksgiving as a holiday to *give thanks to one another*, with no mention of God at all, or at best, a mention of Him as an afterthought. There's certainly nothing wrong with thanking people around you, but that is *not* the reason Thanksgiving was established as a national, cultural, holiday. As you can read in President George Washington's proclamation of the first Thanksgiving Day, it was established **to give thanks to God for all the many gifts He has given us, as individuals, as families and as a nation.**

I know that we are still struggling with the economic, emotional and physical effects of Covid. Some of us are facing new struggles brought on by the denial of our civil liberties, some even face losing their jobs because of immoral vaccine mandates (the Church teaches you cannot force people to take vaccines).

Even so, we must always recognize the many good things we have, and give thanks to God for these. For example, after the election earlier this month, we must give special thanks for the Lord moving our state political leadership in a direction that is much more protective of the right to life and the "right to parent."

So let us keep Thanksgiving in its rich American Historical meaning, as a day to thank God for His gifts. In that regard, I encourage you all to begin the day by attending our 10am Mass, to celebrate the highest form of "thanksgiving"—the Eucharist, which is the Greek word for "thanksgiving."

President George Washington, October 3, 1789.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an

opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us, and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. — George Washington

Advent. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare spiritually for the celebration of the birth of our Savior at Christmas. Please take some time to plan ahead for the penitential season of Advent so that it will truly be a time of holiness, not merely the shopping time between "Turkey Day" and the day Santa Claus comes.

Next weekend we will have an insert with the full schedule of Advent events. But for now let me remind you to take particular advantage of the increased Confession opportunities as well as the many existing opportunities for weekday Mass. Also, I invite you all to attend our **Advent Holy Hours on the first 3 Thursdays in Advent**. At each of these we will have Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will also pray the Rosary together and I will give a sermon on the topic of, "**Faith, Hope and Charity at Christmas.**"

I am very saddened to say that we cannot return to our practice of having "Lessons & Carols" this Advent, because our choir is still in the process of rebuilding after Covid. Please pray for the choir's continuing restoration. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact our Music/Choir Director, Elisabeth Turco at music@straymonds.org.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 22nd 6:30 am Cancelled 8:30 am James Cade +	Saturday, Nov. 27th 9:00 am Don & Louise Sundberg +
Tuesday, Nov. 23rd 6:30 am Cancelled 8:30 am Don Spinelli	Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Fr. De Celles Michael Hubbell +
Wednesday, Nov. 24th 6:30 am Cancelled 8:30 am John & Theresa Mattoi +	Sunday, Nov. 28th 7:00 am Fr. Rippy Daniel & Michaela Nicoloso
Thursday, Nov. 25th Thanksgiving Day 10:00 am Bernie Crum +	9:00 am Fr. De Celles Parishioners
Friday, Nov. 26th 6:30 am Cancelled 8:30 am Dr. William A Foster+	11:00 am Fr. De Celles Mary & Brad Salmon
Private Mass Nov. 23 Chris Shealy	1:00 pm Fr. Horkan Sabina Grosso +

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 Erick Reeder Allison Harper Maureen Simms
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The 6:30 am Weekday Mass will be Cancelled through Friday, Nov. 26th.

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, Dec. 4th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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.

Additional Confession Times for Advent! Starting on the First Sunday of Advent, we will add additional Confession times each week of Advent. We will have confessions on Sunday from 8:00 am – 9:00 am; Monday—Friday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Saturday 8:15 am– 9:00 am & 3:00 pm –5:00 pm.

Gift Shop Sale after all Masses - November 21 & 22. Advent candles/tapers, ornaments from Italy, and other religious items. Stop by the table in the narthex this weekend.

The Knights of Columbus are offering "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas cards in the Narthex after Masses 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.

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Nov. 20-21	Gift Shop Sale in Narthex
Nov. 22	Family of Jesus Prayer Group 4:00 pm
Nov. 22	Legion of Mary 5:00 pm
Nov 22-23	No CCD Classes
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day 1 Mass at 10:00 am Parish Offices are closed
Nov. 26	1 Mass at 8:30 am Parish Offices are closed
Nov. 28	No CCD Classes or Youth Groups
Nov. 30-Dec 1	Continuous Adoration from 6pm Tuesday to 7:00 pm Wednesday
Dec. 4	Senior Advent Luncheon, Noon - 2:00 pm
Dec. 4	Men's Prayer Group
Dec. 4	Luminaries of Mary
Dec. 11	Breakfast with Santa

Giving Trees are up! This year we have 35 families with a total of 209 people. All families are either parish families, referred by a parish family, or given to us by Our Lady of the Blue Ridge in Madison, VA. Please consider helping a needy family celebrate Christmas by taking an ornament from our giving tree. **All gifts are due by December 13.**

Join Catholics across the country in Eucharistic adoration to pray for the Supreme Court as they hear the landmark pro-life case, Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health. Continuous adoration at St. Raymond's - except during Mass times - from Tuesday, November 30th at 6 pm until Wednesday, December 1st at 7pm. Two adorers are required per hour so that Our Lord will not be left alone, but you can come at any time. We especially need adorers for the NIGHT hours. Please visit our website to sign up. You can go to catholicvote.org/dobbs to learn more.



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.

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).

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 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!**

EnCourage: Help for the parents of children experiencing sexual identity confusion: The Diocese of Arlington is starting a support group for the parents of children aged 22 and younger who are reporting gender dysphoria or have embraced a "trans" or "non-binary" identity. The group is part of the EnCourage apostolate. Facilitated by psychologist Dr. Frank Moncher and Fr. Stephen Schultz, the group will meet in person monthly. Please email encourage@arlingtondiocese.org for more information.

The Legion of Mary Potomac Comitium invites all Active and Auxiliary Legion of Mary members and their families to the Legion of Mary **Yearly Annual General Reunion. Date:** Saturday, December 4, 10am-2pm **Place:** The "Parish Activity Center" at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd, Manassas, VA. Auxiliary members should contact Judy Mayer, 703-627-7320, jmayer9014@aol.com if they plan to attend.

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I give you thanks, O God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14

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. This weekend is our support weekend! Thank you for your continued generosity!**

The Power of Prayer. Abortionists trespass against us. Yet we are called to 'forgive those who trespass against us'. Through the Evangelist Matthew, the Lord also admonishes us to love and pray for those who persecute us. At St Raymond's we have Mass offered every year for each of the known abortionists in our area. As we each strive to live the Gospel of Life, please continue to pray for the conversion of abortionists.

Special thanks to those who have been making such beautiful blankets!! Our **Wrapped In Love** program is up and stitching. Pray for the mothers and babies who will be wrapped in love by your efforts as you create baby blankets for distribution at Pregnancy Care Centers or for use by sidewalk counselors – wherever we find a need. God bless you for your efforts. Blankets may be delivered to the parish office or MaRiH collection box in the narthex. *"For we are God's handiwork."* Eph 2:10

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.

Immediate regret often follows when a woman ingests the 'abortion pill'. If you know someone in this situation, contact reverseabortionpill.com. 24/7 helpline: 855-209-4848 **It may not be too late.**

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

Last weekend's Bake Sale brought in \$1,331!

Special thanks to Alex Kayser for single-handedly making 25 delicious apple and pecan pies!! What a treat!! Thank you to Dominique Murray who so generously answered the call for more sugar-free items. To all of the youth, Mrs. Gelbach and Mrs. Incorvati, thank you for another successful bake night. And to ALL who baked goodies, ran the table after Mass, and bought the delicious baked goods and/or donated to support our youth, THANK YOU! Please consider baking for next month's bake sale. December is historically one of our busier bake sale months, so we could use all the help we can get! **Next bake sale: December 11-12.**

*All are welcome to participate in Youth Apostolate events. Make sure forms are signed and on file. <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

Youth Group & CCD this Sunday 11/21

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 Guys' Group

NO MEETING this week... Sons of Thunder will resume December 14th. Have a great Thanksgiving with your family!

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group!

7-8:30pm Monday, November 29 (Parish Hall)

Talitha Koum invites all 9-12th grade ladies to join us for an evening of spirit filled fellowship baking gingerbread cookies!

High School One-Act Play (Maurer Room)

6:30-8pm Tuesday, November 30

Come one, come all! No experience necessary. We are looking for a few more high schoolers to join us in this wonderful opportunity to tell the life of a saint through a short one-act play. Must be available Saturday, February 19th (President's Day weekend) to perform. Practices will move to 6:30-8pm most Wednesdays beginning 12/15. Email Jeanne if interested.

HS Service Opportunity: Breakfast with Santa!

7:30am-12pm Saturday, December 11

Come be a part of putting smiles on the faces of the little children with this festive and fun event! We need **High School volunteers as well as compliant adults** to help decorate the hall, make & serve breakfast and help Santa! Signup: <https://bit.ly/bfastsanta>

WorkCamp Info. Meeting

The Diocesan week-long overnight High School WorkCamp week of service is back! Mark your calendar for June 18-24! We will have an info. meeting in December for anyone interested...more details in next week's bulletin.

6:30am High School Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast Club

High school youth who would like to participate, please contact Jeanne ASAP so we can organize rides to schools and get this group back up & running! More details sent via email.

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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

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



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.

Scholarships to Catholic Schools are still available!

Please send requests for these scholarships or additional financial assistance to Fr. De Celles.

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

St. Giuseppe Moscati: Doctor to the Poor – Giuseppe Moscati, "the holy physician of Naples," as a medical doctor and layman in the early twentieth century who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor. He was also a medical school professor and a pioneer in the field of biochemistry whose research led to the discovery of insulin as a cure for diabetes. Moscati regarded his medical practice as a lay apostolate, a ministry to his suffering fellowmen. Before examining a patient or engaging in research, he would place himself in the presence of God. He encouraged his patients to receive the sacraments. He treated poor patients free of charge, and he would often send someone home with an envelope containing a prescription and a 50-lire note. Giuseppe Moscati died in 1927 at forty-six years old, was beatified in 1975, and declared a saint by Pope John Paul II in 1987.

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Church Persecuted

During his visit to the United States in 1979, Pope Saint John Paul II said that Catholics are to be in the world but not of the world! We live and act on the world stage, but we do so as a reflection of the famous quote of St. Thomas More, I am "the king's good servant, but God's first."

Thanksgiving provides us an opportunity to publicly display the intentions of both great saints -- first be thankful to God for the gifts that God has given to us here in the United States, and then enjoy the blessings of the day.

Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, football games, the day before Black Friday aside; our giving thanks to God should be prominent every day, but especially on this day. These distractions should be secondary to our first priority.

This is an opportunity to show our family and friends that being in the world means to be thankful first to God for His gifts to us. Then, after thanking God, we can be "the king's good servant" and enjoy the blessing of the day. We have such an opportunity, in a voluntary way (it is not a holy day of obligation), by attending the Thanksgiving Day Mass here at the parish at 10:00 am or in any Catholic Church on Thanksgiving Day. Join us!

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.

Book Club News: Our next meeting will be on Friday, December 10th at 9:30 AM (NOTE new start time!) in the Parish Hall. This will be our annual Advent Brunch. Please bring a dish to share. We will be discussing *Forty Reasons I am a Catholic* by Peter Kreeft (140 pgs.). The schedule for the full year can be found on the parish website: <https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/book-club/>. New members welcome. If you have questions or plan to join us for the first time in December, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

Free Advent Luncheon For All Seniors

WHO: All Seniors 55 years young and above
WHERE: St. Raymond's Parish Hall
DATE: Dec. 4 TIME: 12:00—2:00 pm
MENU: Turkey and all the trimmings

Name: _____

How many guests will be attending? _____

To RSVP, return this coupon or Call the Office.
Questions? Call the Parish Office 703-440-0535.



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Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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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.

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!

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	\$ 16,204.00
Family Assistance	\$ 310.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,475.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 8,902.00
Retired Religious	\$ 4,974.00

The second collection this week is for the Campaign for Human Development.

The Collection on Thanksgiving Day goes to our Annual Giving Tree to provide Christmas to families with children who could not otherwise afford it.

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