



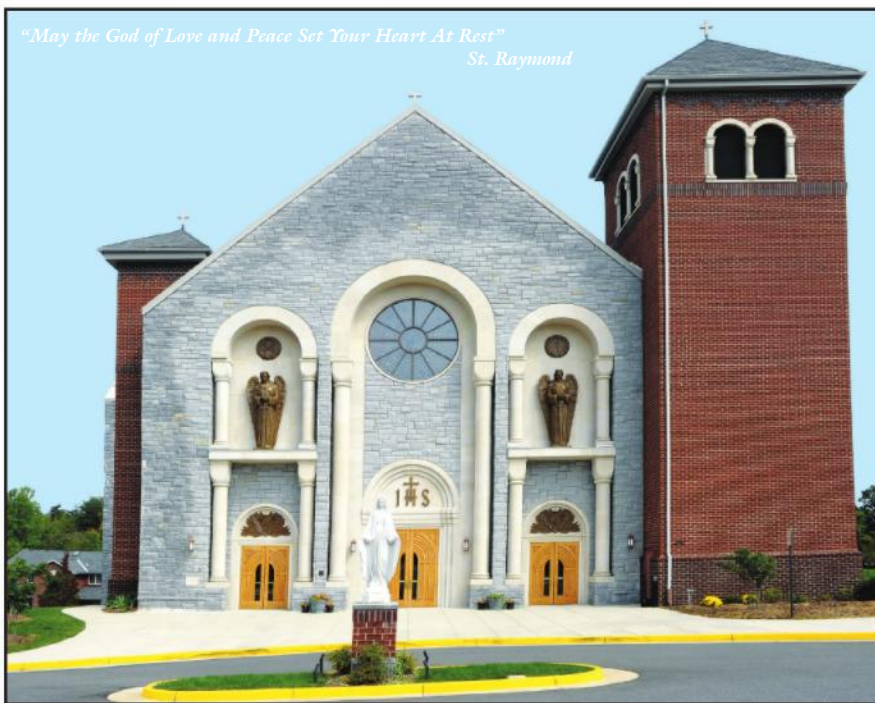
V. Behold
the handmaid
of the Lord.

R. Be it done
unto me according
to Thy word.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*

©Diocesan - The Annunciation - Luca Giordano, 1672

"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
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
Vince Drouillard, Religious Education Secretary
Joe Marquart, Plant Manager
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

Telephone Numbers:

Rectory: 703-440-0535
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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

E-Mail

Church: Office@straymonds.org
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

THE END OF ROE? As I write this column (Wednesday, December 1) the Supreme Court of the United States is hearing oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The case challenges a 2018 Mississippi law that prohibits nearly all abortions after 15 weeks of gestation, with exceptions for cases of a medical emergency or severe fetal abnormality.

Folks, this is the case pro-lifers have been waiting for. As Legal Scholar Ed Whelan recently noted in the *National Review* (citing Notre Dame law professor Sherif Girgis):

"Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization...puts the Supreme Court to a **binary choice** on Mississippi's law Either the Court applies the Roe/Casey regime to hold that the statute is impermissible because it bars abortion before viability, or it overrules Roe and Casey and holds that the statute is permissible. As Girgis puts it, there is "no intellectually honest way for [the Court] to uphold the Mississippi law without overruling" Roe and Casey."

Of course "Roe" refers to "Roe v. Wade," the case that established a so-called constitutional right to abortion. The logic of that decision was heavily modified by the 1992 case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), that established the "undue burden" standard," which it summarized as follows:

"An undue burden exists, and therefore a provision of law is invalid, if its purpose or effect is to place a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion before the fetus attains viability."

As Whelan notes: "In other words, viability defines the end of the period in which the undue-burden standard operates." The Mississippi law directly challenges this since 15 weeks is well before any current medically recognized line of viability of the fetus/baby.

There is an extremely good chance that the Court, with a current majority of 6 "conservative Justices," will reject the Casey standard, thus rejecting the near absolute right to abortion. And of course, that changes everything (although the fight will surely continue at the state level). Some are concerned that some of the "conservative Justices" may cave in, especially Chief Justice John Roberts. But as a not-so-casual observer of the Court for many years, I just don't think this will happen. I could be wrong, but I'm very optimistic of a 6-3, or at least 5-4, overturning of Roe and Casey.

But the Court most certainly won't issue its decision until June, 2022, right before they recess for the Summer. And in the meantime the devil will be fighting to defend killing the unborn. So, we still have lots of prayers to pray, especially for the Justices and their clerks, the bright young lawyers who contribute greatly to forming and articulating the final opinion. Pray that they may resist all temptation and have the courage to do the right thing, even in the face of so much public and political pressure. And that they may have the wisdom to see the clear logic and truth that leads to overturning Roe/Casey.

Let us especially pray to St. Raymond of Peñafort and St. Thomas More, the patron saints of lawyers, that they may intercede and intervene for us.

Thanks. I'd like to thank all the folks who came to adoration on the 30th and 1st to pray for Dobbs, especially those who came in the middle of the night to pray. And also to all of you who went down to the Supreme Court building to pray and bear witness during the hearing.

FCPS Promotes Porn. Did you hear that the Fairfax County Public Schools has reinstated 2 pornographic books to high school libraries? Here is an excerpt of a Washington Examiner article by Jeremiah Poff (November 23, 2021):

Fairfax County Public Schools announced Tuesday it would reinstate two books containing pornographic images and language to the district's high school libraries.

The two books, *Genderqueer* by Maia Kobabe and *Lawnboy* by Jonathan Evison, had been removed from circulation pending an internal review, which ultimately determined that the books would stay in public high schools.

"The decision reaffirms FCPS' ongoing commitment to provide diverse reading materials that reflect our student population, allowing every child an opportunity to see themselves reflected in literary characters," FCPS said in a press release. "Both reviews concluded that the books were valuable in their potential to reach marginalized youth who may struggle to find relatable literary characters that reflect their personal journeys."

Kobabe and Evison's book contains graphic depictions of oral sex between homosexual characters. *Genderqueer* also contains a graphic, ancient Greek-style image of a bearded man with a younger-looking person, which critics said depicted pedophilia.

The two books touched off a national controversy when Fairfax mother Stacy Langton read from the books during the county school board's September meeting but was cut off before her allotted time to speak to the board had expired. The board cited the explicit nature of Langton's comments for shutting her down.

....Langton told the *Washington Examiner*. "The committee finding that the materials are not obscene is patently absurd....It's insulting...." "This is essentially FCPS coming out in favor of porn in schools."

....Nicole Neily, the president and founder of *Parents Defending Education*, blasted the review board's decision....: "Schools are no place for hardcore pornography, yet Fairfax County Public Schools insists on pushing this graphic material upon our children....By announcing their decision over Thanksgiving break, they clearly hope that parents won't take notice. However, their actions show just how unfamiliar they are with parents: We're always looking out for our children, and we won't take this lying down."

Advent Holy Hour with Talk. Please join us this Thursday December 9, from 7pm to 8pm, for our Advent Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We'll begin with Exposition, then I'll give a short talk, followed by the Rosary, silent prayer and Benediction. This year my topic is "*Faith, Hope and Love at Christmas*" and this Thursday I will talk about Hope.

Immaculate Conception. This Wednesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This year it is once again, post-Covid, a Holy Day of obligation, meaning you are required to go to Mass under pain of mortal sin (unless one of the dispensations for Sunday Masses applies to you). But why wouldn't you want to **come to Mass** on this great feast day, which celebrates the conception of Mary, free from original sin, in her mother's womb? In Advent it reminds us of Mary's perfect preparation to receive Christ into her life. In addition to the regularly scheduled 6:30am and 8:30am daily Masses we will also offer a 7pm Vigil on Tuesday, and a noon and 7pm Mass on Wednesday.

Other Advent Events this Week. Parents don't forget to bring the kids to **Breakfast with Santa** after the 9am Mass on Saturday, December 11. And don't forget to stop by the "**Giving Tree**" in the narthex today, and help to make Christmas a little merrier for some folks who are having a rough time this year—families of our parish and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge parish in Madison. And **don't forget: go to confession** during Advent—we have **confessions every single day of Advent**, except Christmas Eve.

Oremus pro invicem, Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Dec. 6th**

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Jean Anezin +

Tuesday, Dec. 7th

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Cecilia Balog,
Donna Biegler &
Roslyn Barry

Vigil

7:00 pm Lourdes Centeno +

Wednesday, Dec. 8th**Immaculate Conception**

6:30 am Arthur Burrows +
8:30 am Chris Bogdan
Noon Parishioners
7:00 pm RE Catechists &
their families

Thursday, Dec. 9th

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Elise Tougas +

Friday, Dec. 10th

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Judy Kelley

Private Mass

Dec. 9 Mary Butler
Dec. 12 Rodolfo Karaan +

Saturday, Dec. 11th

9:00 am Jean Anezin +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
Agripina Lopez +

Sunday, Dec. 12th

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
Deceased members of the
Sundberg Family +
9:00 am Fr. De Celles
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. De Celles
Paul Mai Ly +
1:00 pm Fr. Horkan
Joe Perricone +

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 Tom Swengros Allison Harper
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- Dec. 5** Donut Sunday following 7 am, 9 am & 11 am
Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil 12/7 7 pm
12/8 6:30 am, 8:30 am, Noon & 7:00 pm
Parish offices will be closed
Dec. 9 Holy Hour with Talk at 7:00 pm
Dec. 10 Catholic Book Club
Dec. 11 Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 17 EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm

Today, Dec. 5th, is Donut Sunday! 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. December's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our American Heritage Girls.

Giving Trees are up! This year we have 35 families with a total of 210 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 12.**

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 11th! Santa is once again coming to St. Raymond Church! He will be here on Saturday, Dec. 11th, after the 9:00 am Mass. The Knights of Columbus, St. John Bosco Council, will host their annual Breakfast with Santa. Pancakes will be served, and Santa will hear the wishes of our parish children and grandchildren! This event is free and open to all. Please bring a canned good so that Santa can deliver these to Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) on his way back to the North Pole.

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. 18th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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

Additional Confession Times for Advent! We will have confessions times every day during Advent. On Sunday from 8:00 am – 9:00 am; Monday—Friday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Saturday 8:15 am – 8:45 am & 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

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.

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees & Wreaths in the Church's south parking lot through Sunday, December 12. Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays 6:00-8:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9:00 am - 8:30 pm. Please support the Knights who use the contributions to support St Raymond's and other various local charities throughout the year. Points of Contact are: Mark Menotti, 401-644-7128; Phil Bettwy, 703-868-9411; and John Crennan, 339-223-0887.



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, 4:00 pm and 6:00 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.

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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Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE

Pray for an end to abortion. 2 Chronicles 7:14



The MaRiH Center humbly and sincerely **THANKS YOU** for your remarkable outpouring of support. We are overwhelmed at your incredibly generous response to our particular needs. God bless you all for caring for those who have chosen life and are in need of material support. If you would like to know more about the mission of the MaRiH center, please call 703-370-4774, email

marihcenter@gmail.com or visit marih.org. You'll be glad you did!

Our next support weekend is December 11-12.



SAVE THE DATE! The Annual March for Life will take place in Washington DC on Friday January 21st. Four buses will leave from St Raymond's. Watch for signups in early January.

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.

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.**



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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.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

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

Youth Group & CCD Sunday 12/5 & 12/12

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)

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group! 7-8:30pm Monday, December 6 (Parish Hall)

All 9-12th grade girls are invited to join us from 7-8:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the parish hall as we cultivate authentic community, friendships, and space to share our faith, and learn and encourage one another in ways to practically apply the faith to our daily lives.

High School Bake Night: 7-9pm Fri. Dec. 10. (Parish Hall)

Come bake with us! Help us make some goodies for the bake sale and make new friends too! RSVP by Tuesday 12/7 if you can help so we can plan. <https://bit.ly/BakeNightSignup>

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. **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!!

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 and compliant adults** to help decorate the hall, make breakfast and help Santa! Signup: <https://bit.ly/bfastsanta>

WorkCamp Info. Meeting for HS Teens & Parents 2pm Sunday, December 12 (Parish Hall)



The Diocesan week-long overnight High School WorkCamp week of service is back! Mark your calendar for June 18-24! Join 800+ teens from across our diocese helping folks within our diocese in need by building decks, putting in windows or doing other things to make their homes warmer, safer and drier. This week of service and evening talks, music and activities is a great way to start your summer, make lots of new friends, learn new skills, and grow deeper in your relationship with God. WorkCamp is open to current 9-12th graders. **Come to this info. meeting if you are interested in joining us for WorkCamp this summer.**

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

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGE for SUNDAY CCD:

The Sunday CCD classes will meet on December 19th. They WILL NOT meet on January 2nd.

Parents of students in preparation for First Holy

Communion: the First Holy Communion Registry Form with Certificate of Baptism attached is due in the Religious Education Office by **December 16th**. If your child was baptized at St. Raymond's, you do not need to attach the Baptism Certificate.

All students in the Religious Education Program grades 3-12

are encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities for Confession during this penitential Season of Advent. Confessions will be heard every weekday evening during Advent as we prepare for the celebration of Our Savior's birth and in anticipation of His Second Coming. There will be no Confession opportunities during regular CCD class times.

For planning purposes: We will not have classes 12/20-21, 12/26 -28 and 1/2. We will resume the regular class schedule on Monday January 3rd.

For parents: Midterm Exams will be administered the week of **January 12th for Grades 1-8**. Please assist your child in studying for the test by using the review sheet provided by the teacher and the Basic Study Questions booklet for their grade level. **Homeschool parents** of children preparing to receive sacraments (grades 2, 7 and 8) must schedule a time to take the exam that week.

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.

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.

Pilgrimage to Vienna, Salzburg & Budapest: Fr. Bjorn Lundberg, pastor at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Winchester will be the spiritual director for a 10 day pilgrimage to Europe Sept. 19-28, 2022. The cost is \$3999 per person with a deposit of \$450 & final payment due June 19th. Includes air fare, hotels, guides, transportation, breakfast & dinner each day. For more information contact John Tagnesi at 1-888-544-4461 or by e-mail at jtag1964@verizon.net.

Church Persecuted

Advent is that beautiful season during which we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, true God and true man. We know for a fact that Jesus entered this world as a *male child* and was raised by a *female mother* and a *male foster father*. This is not a subjective ideology or political belief; it is an objective truth, a truth that has been imprisoned by the transgender cult. It is Christian children and their families who are especially singled out for rejecting “the claim that a person’s biological sex and personal identity have no necessary connection and could in fact contradict each other.”

On August 12, 2021, Bishop Burbidge published “A Catechesis on the Human Person & Gender Ideology.” It is possibly the best document on the subject written by a bishop to his faithful and clearly addresses the transgender ideology. It’s a blend of both science and religion and is a very worthwhile read during this Advent Season.

There was a brief surge in interest in the bishop’s document among the Catholic press, but then nothing! Many in the media don’t want us to know the truth, and they understand that if they bring attention, especially negative attention, to this document, it may well lead others to the truth about the dignity of the human person and cause a more vigorous Catholic uprising against such falsehoods. You can pick up a copy of the Catechesis in the vestibule at Church (while supplies last) or at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishop/public-messages/2021/a-catechesis-on-the-human-person-and-gender-ideology/>.

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.

Scholarships to Catholic Schools are still available!
Please send requests for these scholarships or additional financial assistance to Fr. De Celles.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Come join us 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.

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Saint Nicholas: The Real Story – Everybody knows the story of Santa Claus, the red-suited figure who lives at the North Pole and distributes gifts to good children every Christmas eve. But is there any historical evidence on which this jolly old character is based? Was there a real Santa Claus? To answer that question, host Mark Wilson, a distinguished historian and archeologist travels not to the North Pole but to modern day Turkey and Italy. There he uncovers clues that lead to the truth about the man behind the legend.

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and their families.

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Call or email us to arrange a personal tour.
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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Offertory	\$ 48,935.00
Family Assistance	\$ 2,499.34
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,194.34
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,473.00
All Saints Day	\$ 1,382.00
Campaign for Human Develop.	\$ 579.00
Retired Religious	\$ 4,659.00
Thanksgiving Day (Giving Tree)	\$ 1,315.00

NOV. 21ST COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 12,362.00
Family Assistance	\$ 969.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,165.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 19,253.00

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 12,680.00
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