



ANGELUS



V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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"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
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Joe Marquart, Plant Manager
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

Telephone Numbers:
Rector: 703-440-0535
Rel. Education: 703-440-0537
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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
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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 Lord is Near. We are now in the very last hours of Advent, the final time to prepare for Christmas. I know there's an awful lot going on in the next few days: last minute shopping, wrapping and mailing presents, travelling. But don't let all that busyness distract you from what's most important: we are preparing to celebrate the day awaited from almost the beginning of the creation of man, when God first promised that "the woman" would bring forth a son who would crush the serpent's head. The day when God the Son, Creator of the Universe, to whom all angels bowed in worship, having been conceived in the womb of His mother Mary, entered the world as a poor, defenseless, vulnerable baby, to save mankind from sin and to offer us a share in His eternal life and love.

So rather than allowing all the busyness to distract you in the next few days, try to make real time to prepare yourself for this celebration. Avoid all sin. Try to show charity and compassion to your neighbor, especially your family members, at every moment—be helpful, not harmful, to family peace. And love God above everything and with everything. Take time to pray, and in your prayer place yourself in the company and care of Mary and Joseph. Imagine them travelling on the rocky roads of Galilee and Judea, from Nazareth down to Bethlehem, walking all that way or, perhaps, aided by a donkey. Imagine the cold and even freezing weather over the several days' journey. Perhaps today they were almost at the end of their journey, just a few miles away from Bethlehem. Imagine how every day they were a little closer, and a little colder and more tired. Think of their struggle, but also their joy. For they were not traveling alone: their Savior was with them in Mary's womb. Travel with them these next few days in prayer. Stop from time to time at work, and wonder, "where are you now, Mary and Joseph, and Baby Jesus?" Come to church for a quiet visit, and think, "perhaps you are stopping to rest now—let me rest with you." Accompany them on their journey—and do not get too distracted by the busyness of the season.

Eve and Mary. An excerpt from "Against Heresies," by Saint Irenaeus of Lyons.

The Lord, coming into his own creation in visible form, was sustained by his own creation which he himself sustains in being. His obedience on the tree of the cross reversed the disobedience at the tree in Eden; the good news of the truth announced by an angel to Mary, a virgin subject to a husband, undid the evil lie that seduced Eve, a virgin espoused to a husband.

As Eve was seduced by the word of an angel and so fled from God after disobeying his word, Mary in her turn was given the good news by the word of an angel, and bore God in obedience to his word. As Eve was seduced into disobedience to God, so Mary was persuaded into obedience to God; thus the Virgin Mary became the advocate of the virgin Eve.

Christ gathered all things into one, by gathering them into himself. He declared war against our enemy,

crushed him who at the beginning had taken us captive in Adam, and trampled on his head, in accordance with God's words to the serpent in Genesis: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall lie in wait for your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel.

The one lying in wait for the serpent's head is the one who was born in the likeness of Adam from the woman, the Virgin. This is the seed spoken of by Paul in the letter to the Galatians: The law of works was in force until the seed should come to whom the promise was made.

He shows this even more clearly in the same letter when he says: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. The enemy would not have been defeated fairly if his vanquisher had not been born of a woman, because it was through a woman that he had gained mastery over man in the beginning, and set himself up as man's adversary.

That is why the Lord proclaims himself the Son of Man, the one who renews in himself that first man from whom the race born of woman was formed; as by a man's defeat our race fell into the bondage of death, so by a man's victory we were to rise again to life.

Giving Tree. Thanks to all of you who gave so generously to the "Giving Tree." Because of your kindness, over 35 families and 210 people will have a little merrier Christmas this year.

Christmas Schedule: Please take time today to revisit our schedule for this week—found below in this bulletin—especially the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Sunday schedules.

Let me extend a particular invitation to Christmas Midnight Mass. I have preached several times about how such a Midnight Mass many years ago was the occasion of an important moment in my own personal spiritual life. There is something very special about that Mass, which begins with the placing of the "Baby Jesus" in the Manger, as we remember that Christ was born in the "Holy Night." The choir sings so beautifully, all the altar servers are so reverent, and we usually get a large (not too large, though) and devout crowd. Think about joining us this year. (Just a fatherly word of caution: it can be a little tough on the very little ones, that late; so parents, please be prudent).

Mark Your Calendars. The Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort is on January 7, and this year we will mark the Feast by having **Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration on January 6 and 7.** We'll have more details in the coming weeks, so be on the lookout for a parish-wide email and sign up. This is also part of our 3-year preparation for the 2024 celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Arlington on August 13, 1974.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Dec. 20th**

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Thain Pham +

Tuesday, Dec. 21st

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Thai Quang

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Barbara DeCelles +

Thursday, Dec. 23rd

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Chris Quan

Friday, Dec. 24th

6:30 am Alice Gould +
8:30 am Staff & Volunteers of
St. Raymond's

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Celebrant's Intention
6:00 pm **Fr. C. Vaccaro**
Celebrant's Intention
8:00 pm **Fr. Rippy**
Celebrant's Intention
Midnight **Fr. De Celles**
Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day
9:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Celebrant's Intention
11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Celebrant's Intention
1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Celebrant's Intention

No Vigil Mass for Sunday**Sunday, Dec. 26th**

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Robert Northern +
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Fr. Paul Scalia
1:00 pm **Fr. C. Vaccaro**
Edson Visaya

Masses to be Said Privately

12/26 Bertha Zeron +

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 Ellie Garcia Sophie Garcia Grace Ramos Mervyn Carter Kay Surface Jim Mault
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Dec. 22 Adoration
Dec. 22 Legion of Mary 6:30 pm
Dec. 24 Parish Offices are Closed
Dec. 29 Altar Servers Pizza & Movie
Dec. 31 Parish Offices are Closed
Jan. 7 Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort
Special Mass at 7 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm Children's Mass
6:00 pm Children's Mass
8:00 pm

Midnight (12:00 am)

(with Carols/Christmas Music at 11:30 pm)

Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day:

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
(No 7am Mass or Evening Mass)

Sunday, December 26th

Feast of the Holy Family

No Saturday Vigil Mass

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary Schedule

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Saturday, January 1

Midnight, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
(No 7am Mass or Evening Mass)

**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 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. There will not be any Confessions on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Caroling at the Crèche – The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our second annual family event to sing carols to the baby Jesus in the Creche outside the Church on Sunday, December 26th at 7pm. We will have song booklets for everyone to follow along. Light refreshments will be served to keep us warm while we sing in celebration to the King of Kings. This is an event for all ages and all voices, and with any luck, we'll have a special visitor for the kids. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

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

Altar Server Lunch and Movie on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

A big thank you to each of our St. Raymond's altar servers for all the help at Masses this year -especially during the busy Advent and Christmas season. Father De Celles invites you to join him for a pizza lunch on Wed. Dec. 29th, followed by an outing to see the new *Spider-Man* movie. Please call the parish office to RSVP or with any questions.



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 on Mondays at 4:00 pm. We will not meet on Dec. 27th. If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Pericone 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!**

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.

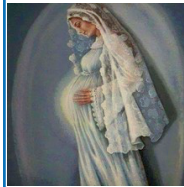
In the event of Weather or other Emergency situations, notice of cancellations or closings of parish events and/or facilities will be posted to the parish website. If possible/practical the parish will also send out an email to all parishioners notifying them of the closing/cancellations.

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.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE
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 love to reach out to 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, visit marih.org or email marihcenter@gmail.com. You'll be glad you did!

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual **March for Life** will take place in Washington DC on Friday January 21st. The theme of this year's March is: **"Equality Begins in the Womb."** Four buses will leave from St Raymond's. We will bring back the ever-popular Chili Dinner! Watch for signups in early January.



Enroll at 40daysforlife.com/university. Registration \$29.00pp includes training videos, t-shirt and national best seller: *What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion.* Equip yourself with powerful life affirming information.



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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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 12/19 (Last one until 1/9/22)

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)



WorkCamp Teen Registration Deadline is January 7th

All current 9-12th graders are invited to join us for WorkCamp, June 18-24! WorkCamp is an overnight week of service, prayer, fun & fellowship. Join 800+ teens from across our diocese to help folks in need within our diocese 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, learn new skills, lots of new friends, and grow deeper in your relationship with God. Several adult volunteers are also needed in various capacities. Teen Registration packets can be found on the youth bulletin boards or online at <https://bit.ly/workcamp2022>

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group! 7-8:30pm Monday, December 20 (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. Newcomers always welcome! Make sure forms are signed and on file.



10am-2pm Tuesday, December 21 Help Decorate the Church for Christmas!

High school teens and compliant adults are needed to help decorate the church for Christmas. Please signup if you are able to help <https://bit.ly/decorate4Christmas>

Bake Sale

Total from 12/12 Bake Sale will be in next week's bulletin.
Thank you to all who baked goodies, ran the table after Mass, as well as to all who bought the delicious baked goods and/or donated to support our youth! Special thanks to the following youth for their help after Masses: Jean-Luc M., Ruby J. RJ A., Molly M., Sylvia M., Olivia H., Cordelia H., Trinity W. and Blake W. THANK YOU! Please consider baking for next month's bake sale if you are able to carve out some time.
Next bake sale: January 8-9

Jeanne Sause Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890
<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD classes WILL meet tonight 12/19!!



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” Jn 1:14
Warm wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas Season and New Year!

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 itag1964@verizon.net.

Parking at St. Raymond: During the Advent Season, the church parking lot is not large enough to accommodate all parishioners and their guests. Limited street parking is available, but can cause concern for our neighbors. One option available to you involves parking in the commuter lot at Gambrill Road and Fairfax County Parkway, where you can take advantage of carpooling. Please consider this as an option during the Advent & Christmas seasons. The Fairfax County Police will be monitoring the yellow striped “No Parking” zones in the parking lot, and tickets will be issued if violations occur. Please be considerate of our neighbors, and do not park where you block their driveways. Infractions will be ticketed and may possibly mean towing as well.

Church Persecuted

As we enter the last days before the celebration of the day when Jesus was brought into the world, let us recommit to keeping Christ in Christmas.

When folks wish us happy holidays, we respond with "Merry Christmas." When our neighbors decorate their lawns with blow-up snowmen, Santas, or reindeer; let us decorate ours with manger settings, or at least a star or candle in a window to remind others of the real meaning of the season. As cars drive with reindeer antenna sticking out of windows, let us add a magnetic decal saying, "Keep Christ in Christmas." As others have a full schedule of parties leading up to the "big day," let us use this week for spiritual preparation with perhaps a daily Mass or two and definitely Confession.

Finally, let us commit to making the Mass on Christmas Day (or Eve) the highlight of the Christmas celebration, not forgetting the full Octave (8 days) of Christmas. Then, when everyone else is taking down their Christmas decorations to get ready for the next holiday (Valentine Day?), let us keep Christ in Christmas during the entire Christmas season, lasting beyond the Epiphany to the Presentation of Christ in the Temple celebrated on February 2nd. Merry Christmas!

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.

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Mary of Nazareth – Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ, and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection. This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

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Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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The Gift Shop will be open AFTER 9 & 11 am Masses this weekend Dec. 19th. Need another time?
Email giftshop@straymonds.org.

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!

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.

Legion of Mary: Do you want to develop a closer relationship with our Mother Mary and her Son, Jesus? The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at **6:30 pm** in the Maurer Room. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome.

ATTENTION All Adult Volunteers! Our *Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner* will be Saturday, January 15th. All adult volunteers and their spouses are invited to join Fr. De Celles for dinner. Please RSVP to the parish office at 703-440-0535 by January 8th. Hope you all can join us.

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	\$ 19,046.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,226.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,381.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 2,921.00
Cath. Charities Christmas Coll.	\$ 3,547.00
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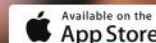
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