



THE HOLY FAMILY OF *Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

"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

*The child
grew and
became strong,
filled with
wisdom; and
the favor
of God
was upon him.*

Luke 2:40

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
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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
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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

Merry Christmas! As the Octave and Season of Christmas continues, I want to wish all of you a Blessed and Holy and Merry Christmas. I hope that your Christmas Day was wonderful and filled with holiness and good cheer, and that you were all able to spend time with your family and friends. Most of all, I hope it was a day of recognizing and experiencing the love of the Omnipotent God the Son, born in human nature and flesh, the Baby Jesus.

Thanks. I'd like to say "thanks" all those who worked so hard to make Advent and Christmas so special this year. In particular, the choir, cantors, musicians (especially Denise Anezin) and Elisabeth Turco for all the beautiful music. All the volunteers, young and not so young, for their work on Breakfast with Santa and the Senior Lunch (particularly the American Heritage Girls and Trail Life boys). The Knights of Columbus for all they did in so many ways. Nena Brennan and her family, and all the other sacristans, for all their work in preparing the sanctuary. Julie Mullen and her family and the rest of the flower committee, for decorating the church so beautifully. To the ushers who helped make everything run so smoothly, especially Patrick O'Brien. To all those who contributed so much in time and treasure to the Giving Tree. To all those who assisted in special ways at the Mass, especially the altar boys, lectors (led by Phil Bettwy), extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (led by Barbara Aldridge and Christine Spengler). Also thanks to our custodial workers from Spring Cleaning, Luis Tapia and Dania Ochoa, for keeping the church so clean. A special thanks to the rest of our dedicated parish staff, Kirsti Tyson, Virginia Osella, Joe Marquart, Mary Butler, Vince Drouillard, Mary Salmon, and Jeanne Sause, who all work very hard during Advent. And finally, to my brother priests, Fr. Edward Horkan and Fr. Robert Rippy, as well as Msgr. Patrick Dempsey, for their dedicated service to the parish. I know I've left out lots of groups and names; my apologies. Thank you all, and God bless you all.

New Year's. I look forward seeing all of you on New Year's Eve or Day, to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Since it falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation, but I still encourage you to come Mass. Maybe I'll see some of you at Midnight Mass: we keep things simple at this Mass, but it's the perfect way to bring in the New Year. May the Christ Child bless you in the New Year, and may His Blessed Mother keep you in her care. Blessed and Merry Christmas, and Holy and Happy New Year!

Pope Benedict XVI, Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Angelus Address, Saint Peter's Square, December 30, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. In the liturgy the passage from Luke's Gospel presents to us the Virgin Mary and St Joseph. Faithful to the tradition,

they go to Jerusalem for the Passover taking the 12-year-old Jesus with them. The first time that Jesus had entered the Temple of the Lord was 40 days after his birth, when his parents had offered on his behalf "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Lk 2:24) on his behalf, that is, the sacrifice offered by the poor.

"Luke, whose entire Gospel is shot through with a theology of the poor and a theology of poverty, is once again making it abundantly clear that Jesus' family belongs to the poor of Israel, and that it was among such as them that the promises would be fulfilled" (Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives, p. 81).

Today Jesus is once again in the Temple, but this time he has a different role, which involves him in the first person. He makes the pilgrimage, with Mary and Joseph, to Jerusalem as prescribed by the Law (cf. Ex 23:17, 34:23 ff) even though he was not yet in his thirteenth year: a sign of the Holy Family's deep devotion. Yet, when his parents set out on their return to Nazareth, something unexpected happens. Without saying a word Jesus remains in the city. Mary and Joseph search for him for three days and find him in the Temple, conversing with the teachers of the Law (Lk 2: 46, 47); and when they ask him for an explanation, Jesus answers that they should not be surprised since this is his place, the house of his Father, who is God (The Infancy Narratives, p. 123). "He", Origen writes, "professes to be in the temple of his Father, the Father who has revealed himself to us and whose Son he says he is" (Homilies on the Gospel of Luke, 18, 5).

Mary and Joseph's anxiety about Jesus is the same as that of every parent who educates a child, introduces him or her to life and to understanding reality. Today, therefore, it is only right to say a special prayer to the Lord for all the families of the world. Emulating the Holy Family of Nazareth, may parents be seriously concerned with the development and upbringing of their children so that they grow up to be responsible and honest citizens, never forgetting that faith is a precious gift to be nurtured in their children by their own example.

At the same time let us pray that every child be welcomed as a gift of God and be supported by the love of both parents in order to increase, like the Lord Jesus "in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man" (Lk 2:52).

May the love, loyalty and dedication of Mary and Joseph be an example to all Christian couples who are not the friends or masters of their children's lives, but rather are custodians of this incomparable gift of God.

The silence of Joseph, a just man (cf. Mt 1:19), and the example of Mary who kept all these things in her heart (cf. Lk 2:51), usher us into the mystery of the Holy Family, full of faith and humanity. I hope that all Christian families will live in God's presence with the same love and the same joy as the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Dec. 27th**

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Robert & Eddie
Blatzheim +

Tuesday, Dec. 28th

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Vince Drouillard

Wednesday, Dec. 29th

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Mary Healy +

Thursday, Dec. 30th

6:30 am Rev. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Arthur Burrows +

Friday, Dec. 31st

6:30 am Fr. Jerome Daly
8:30 am Martha Ospina

Solemnity of Mary

Midnight **Fr. De Celles**
Maureen Moriarty Weare +

Saturday, Jan. 1st**Solemnity of Mary**

9:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Marcos Ortiz Sanchez +
1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Michael Allman +

Vigil Mass for Sunday

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Mike Krosnick +

Sunday, Jan. 2nd

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Leonard Shoemaker
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Richard Balek +
1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Marion Mannion +

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 Mervyn Carter Kay Surface Jim Mault Andrew A. Zaccardi Allison Harper Paul Rosenbourn Luisa Carril
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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

Caroling at the Crèche – The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring our second annual family event to sing carols to the baby Jesus in the Crèche outside the Church on Sunday, December 26th at 7pm. We will have song booklets for everyone to follow along. We will have light refreshments 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.

Donut Sunday, January 2nd after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy some treats and drinks, and meet your fellow parishioners. This month's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our Home School Group. **Lost and Found Items** will be displayed in the Parish Hall during Donut Sunday. If you are missing something & may of left it in the church, please be sure to check the table! Items not claimed by Jan. 3rd will be donated or disposed of, as appropriate.

Our parish Christ House Meal is on December 31. Please consider signing up to support this warm To Go Meal for folks who are homeless or food insecure. Our Diocese supports a Catholic Charities Dining Room in Alexandria where volunteers prep and warm a meal and serve To Go dinners at the dining room's front door. Email the Committee at ChristHouseCommittee@StRaymonds.org if you would like to serve onsite. Meanwhile, sign up below to contribute food items:

<https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=AOBH4182>

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Dec. 26 **Caroling at the Creche 7:00 pm**
Dec. 27 **Parish Offices are Closed**
Dec. 29 **Adoration**
Dec. 29 **Altar Servers Pizza & Movie**
Dec. 29 **Legion of Mary**
Dec. 31 **No Adoration**
Parish Offices are Closed
Jan. 1 **Solemnity of Mary**
Jan. 2 **Donut Sunday**
Jan. 6-7 **40 Hours of Adoration**
Jan. 7 **Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort**
Special Mass at 7 pm
Jan. 8-9 **YA Monthly Bake Sale**
Jan. 15 **Annual Adult Volunteer Dinner**

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)

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.

Feast of St. Raymond, January 7. This year we will mark the Feast by having 40 Hours of Adoration on January 6 and 7. This is also part of our 3-year preparation for the 2024 celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Arlington Diocese. Watch for an email with more details soon! There will also be a special 7pm Mass on Friday, January 7 (in English instead of EFM). Mark your calendars for this parish celebration!



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. 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 Most Wednesdays and Fridays! 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*

I came that they might have life. John 10:10



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.



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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.**

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.

Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project helps pregnant moms welcome their babies with material needs as well as support, encouragement and prayer. **Project Rachel** provides confidential counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. Please consider making a Christmas or end of year donation to these life-giving ministries at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife.

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>

Merry Christmas

Sunday Youth Group & CCD will resume January 9

Enjoy the Christmas season with your family!

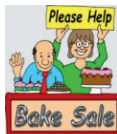


WorkCamp (June 18-24) Registration OPEN!

Registration Deadline January 7th

WorkCamp, open to *current* 9-12th graders, is an overnight week of service, prayer fun & fellowship. Join 800+ teens from across our diocese to help folks in need by building decks, putting in windows, or doing other things to make their homes warmer, safer and drier. This week of service, fun, talks, music and activities is a great way to start your summer, learn new skills, make lots of new friends, and grow deeper in your relationship with God.

Several adult volunteers are also needed in various capacities—crew leaders (chaperones), contractors, nurses, security, and more! Contact Jeanne or go to the website for more info. Teen Registration packets can be found on the youth bulletin boards or online at <https://bit.ly/workcamp2022>



Bake Sale Table After Masses Jan. 8-9

Compliant adults are needed to “man the table” for our Bake Sale after each Mass Jan. 8-9 **If ALL Masses are not covered by Tuesday 12/28 we will have to cancel the bake sale for January.** If you can commit to helping, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/ManTheTable> ASAP. Thank you!

Our December Bake Sale brought in \$786

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



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...” Jn 1:14
May your Christmas season be filled with God's richest blessings!!!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Religious Education classes resume next **MONDAY, January 3rd** with exam reviews for grades 1-8!!

Midterm Exams for grades 1-8 will take place the week of January 9th. Parents are encouraged to work with their children in learning the First Semester material presented in the Basic Study Questions booklet for your child's grade level.

There will be NO Religious Education classes on January 16, 17 or 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

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.

Parking at St. Raymond: During the Christmas 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.

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. **We will not meet on Jan. 1st. Our next meeting will be on Jan. 15th.**

Church Persecuted

Will Catholic colleges and universities be forced out of the NCAA? That is the question facing Catholic institutions such as Belmont Abbey College, Benedictine College, The Catholic University, the University of Mary among others. Christian colleges who are members of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU) face the same dilemma.

At issue is the new NCAA constitution which demands all member colleges and universities “comply with federal and state laws and local ordinances, including respect to gender equity, diversity and inclusion.” There is no religious exemption. As Patrick Reilly, the president of the Cardinal Newman Society, writing in the National Catholic Register retorts, “This may seem harmless, to require compliance with the law. But then again, why is there a need to add such a provision, with reference to ‘gender equity, diversity and inclusion?’ There is an agenda here that threatens religious institutions.”

The NCAA already has publicly stated that it “firmly and unequivocally supports the opportunity for transgender student-athletes to compete in college sports.” This means that your high school star cross country-running daughters may compete in college against washed out males who can’t make the men’s team, but would receive national recognition by changing genders. It has already happened in high school track in Connecticut and in swimming elsewhere.

Reilly has been working with Catholic colleges and the CCCCU to propose a fix which would “recognize the distinctive and appropriate needs of religious colleges.” But as expected, it has fallen on deaf ears at the NCAA.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/will-the-ncaa-force-out-catholic-colleges>

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Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message – The most important event in the evangelization of the New World occurred in December, 1531. Over the course of four days, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego’s tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith, and the Americas began its transformation into the Catholic hemisphere. Our Lady of Guadalupe’s message of love had replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztec culture and built a bridge between two worlds. *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message* traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians, and experts on the scientific inquiries into the miraculous image, this gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

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Questions? Need help? Email us at: formed@straymonds.org



Angelus Academy

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Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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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!

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.

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. There will be no meeting in January due to the Holy Day. Please do your devotions on your own. We will see you in February. 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

Do to early bulletin deadlines. Last week’s collection will be in Next Week’s Bulletin

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