

"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:

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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

Epiphany. Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, commemorating the visit and adoration of the magi to Christ in Bethlehem. It has historically been celebrated on January 6th since at least the 3rd century but is celebrated in the U.S. on the Sunday falling between January 2nd and January 8th (inclusive). In the Orthodox Church and many of the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches it also, effectively, celebrates the birth of Our Lord, i.e., Christmas.

The visit of the magi is rich in symbolic meanings for Christians, in particular those relating to the revealing (“epiphany”) of the Christ to the gentile world. As we think about this, it reminds us that the Church is the Body of Christ on Earth, and so is called to continue the Christmas/Epiphany revelation of the coming of the Messiah to the world. But this is not just a responsibility for the Pope, bishops and priests: each of us is baptized into Christ and members of Christ’s Body, and so each of us is called to go out to the gentiles of today—those who do not share our Christian and Catholic faith—and reveal Christ to them. This can take various forms, but it begins with living our lives as if we believe in Jesus ourselves. So we live lives in keeping with the moral teaching of Christ, especially when it comes to chastity and charity. But we also must speak to others about Jesus and His Church. Again, this can take various forms, considering prudence, our own particular talents, and the particular opportunities the Lord gives us to share our faith. How is Jesus calling you to reveal Him to the world you live in this year?

Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort. This coming Friday, January 7, is the feast of our parish Patron. This year I encourage you all to make this day a special day of prayer seeking St. Raymond’s assistance with all the trials that surround us going into the new year. I am convinced he is a powerful intercessor.

So I invite all of you join in praying and celebrating the feast in 2 ways.

1) “Forty Hours” of Eucharistic Adoration on January 6 and 7. We have continuous exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am on Thursday the 6th, through the night, and closing with Solemn Benediction at 7pm on Friday the 7th. The tradition of “40 Hours” ties back to the ancient custom that our Lord was in the tomb for 40 hours (from his burial till the resurrection).

Now, for those of you who can count, I know that’s not quite “40 hours,” but practical considerations require that we compromise a bit, remembering that the previous day (Wednesday) we will have 10 hours of exposition which we can count as part of the 40. An email will be going out enabling you to **sign up for an hour of adoration**. 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.

2) Solemn Mass (with music) on Friday at 7pm. After Benediction we will have a special Mass in honor of our saint. Note: this Mass will be in the “Ordinary Form,” and will replace the regular 1st Friday “Extraordinary Form Mass” (this week only).

For those of you who don’t know much about St. Raymond, I invite you to read the 32-page biography we published a few years ago. If you don’t have one, they are

available in the parish office.

As a brief reminder...Raymond was born of a noble family, near Barcelona, in 1175. At the age of 20 he became professor of canon law. In 1210 he left teaching to complete his studies in civil and canon law at the University of Bologna. He went on to hold a chair of canon law at that university for three years. (The date of his priestly ordination is uncertain, but it would seem to be around 1195).

On August 1, 1218 Raymond received a heavenly vision in which the Blessed Mother (“Our Lady of Ransom”) instructed him to help St. Peter Nolasco found the Order of Mercedarians, which would be devoted to the ransom of Christians taken captive by the Moors (Spanish Muslims) (a scene depicted in our new mural). Raymond did not, however, join that order but rather entered the Order of Preachers (“Dominicans”) in Barcelona in 1222. As a Dominican, Raymond continued to teach and preach, and devoted considerable effort working to convert Moors and Jews, coaxing St. Thomas Aquinas to write his *Summa Contra Gentiles* to help in his efforts.

At the request of his superiors, Raymond published the *Summa Casuum*, a book on cases of conscience for the guidance of confessors and moralists, the first guide of its kind. This work eventually led to his appointment as confessor and theologian to Pope Gregory IX in 1230. The Pope soon directed Raymond to re-arrange and codify the canons (juridical laws) of the Church, which required him to rewrite and condense centuries of Church decrees. The Pope published Raymond’s work in 1231, and commanded that it alone should be considered authoritative. From then on St. Raymond would be known as the “Father of canon law.”

In 1238 he was elected Master General of the Dominican Order, the second successor to St. Dominic, but he resigned two years later, claiming that at 63 years old he was too old for the job. He continued his writing, preaching and pastoral work, as well many important responsibilities entrusted to him by various popes, for another 37 years until his death in Barcelona on January 6, 1275, at the age of 100.

But St. Raymond had one last great miracle to perform. Six years before his death, King James of Aragon invited him to come to Majorca with him to preach to the Muslim inhabitants. But when he arrived on the island the saint discovered that King James had brought his mistress along. Raymond demanded he send her away, and when the King refused, Raymond went searching for a ship to go back to Spain. When he discovered that the King had forbidden any ship to let him board, Raymond simply bowed his head in prayer, made the sign of the cross, and, by the grace of God, sailed 160 miles back to Spain using just his great cape as both a skiff and a sail.

He is the patron saint of lawyers, both canon and civil. And our patron as well! St. Raymond of Peñafort, pray for us!

Happy New Year 2022 Anno Domini. As we continue the Christmas Season in this New Year of the Lord 2022, I pray that the Christ Child will shower you with His graces, and that His Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Raymond will keep you in their care. Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Holy and Happy New Year!

Oremus pro invicem! Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Jan. 3rd**

6:30 am Jeffery Scruggs +
8:30 am Michael Allman +

Tuesday, Jan. 4th

6:30 am Edwin Antonio
Peres de Jesus +
8:30 am Michael Allman +

Wednesday, Jan. 5th

6:30 am Mary & Peter
LaRosa +
8:30 am Steven A. Yagasits +

Thursday, Jan. 6th

6:30 am Joseph Oliverio +
8:30 am Alfred Drouillard +

Friday, Jan. 7th**Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort**

6:30 am Lourdes & Tito
Costacamps
8:30 am Ofelia Vitek +
**7:00 pm Special Mass for
the Feast of
St. Raymond of Peñafort**

Saturday, Jan. 8th

9:00 am Michael Allman +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Rippy**
Andrei Filippov +

Sunday, Jan. 9th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Dorothy A McMahan +
9:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Daniel H. DeCelles, Sr. +
1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Kirsti Tyson & Staff

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	Michael	Nena Brennan
Tom Dietz	Malachowski	Serrin Foster
Michael O'Neill	John Florio	Fr. Jerry Daly
Cindy Laird	Debra Henkel	Tom Swengros
Patricia Lewis	Daniel Moore	Ellie Garcia
Barbara McGinn	Lauren Hornsby	Mervyn Carter
Mai Pham	Gaudencio Dizon	Andrew A.
Joan Opiela	Antoinette Baptist	Zaccardi
Leonora Ramos	Paul Haynes	Allison Harper
Jason Saenz	Dwayne Taylor	Paul Rosenbourn
Phyllis Zitnik	Bernadette	Luisa Carril
Patricia Del Buono	D'Agostino	Annette Haynes
Juanita Boarman	Christopher Quan	Betty Meader
	Ted Tolpa	Kathryn Quan

**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

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

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
Jan. 17 Martin Luther King Holiday
1 Mass at 10:00 am
Parish Offices will be closed

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 and may have 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.

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!

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 10th. Hope you all can 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.

Virtus Seminar at St. Raymond's: There is a Virtus Seminar scheduled at St. Raymond parish hall on Thursday February 24th from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required (in addition to a background check) for anyone who has substantial contact with youth as part of their volunteer activities at St. Raymond. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required only once in a lifetime. You can register for the Virtus Seminar at virtusonline.org. Any questions, contact Vince Drouillard at 703-440-0537.

A tremendous **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone in the parish for all your prayers and generous donations that once again supported **PROJECT MANGER** this year. In one weekend the Parish, that is, you raised over \$10,110.00! 100% of that money will go directly for the purchase of approximately 59 new cribs for the many local area (e.g. Springfield, Annandale, Fairfax) families in need of cribs for their babies. In the past 11 years, St. Raymond's Parish has collected over \$164,000 in support of **Project Manger**, which equates to over **1,000** new cribs in that timeframe! So **Thank You** for your continued support of **Project Manger** and **A Women's Choice**, in Fairfax (<http://www.awomanschoicecenter.com/>) and for all your support that has allowed new babies to sleep soundly on new mattresses in the safety of brand new cribs. God Bless you.

St. Raymond's Young Adult Group. Are you 21-40 yrs old? (Single or married, with or without kids) Contact younadults@straymonds.org to be added to our email list and hear about upcoming events!



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 are 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.

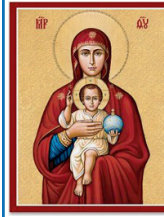
In the event of Weather or other Emergency situations, notice of cancellations or closings of parish events and/or facilities will be posted to the parish website. If possible/practical the parish will also send out an email to all parishioners notifying them of the closing/cancellations.

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.

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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! Our next support weekend is 8-9 January.



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 return to the ever-popular Chili Dinner! Seats on the bus are free but registration is required. Sign-ups in the narthex and on the parish website. Join us!

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.

Project Rachel provides confidential counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. Call Project Rachel office at 703-841-2504 to learn more.

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.

Gabriel Project helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. For more info, call 1-866-444-3553 or visit GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.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>

Merry Christmas

Sunday Youth Group & CCD will resume January 9

Enjoy the Christmas season with your family!

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group! 7-8:30pm Monday, January 3 (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.



WorkCamp (June 18-24) Registration DUE! 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 NEXT Weekend

Donations of individually wrapped, unpriced, baked goods are greatly needed and 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!!

Life is Very Good: Evening of Prayer at GMU (1/20) & March for Life (1/21). Mark your calendar! More info soon!

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

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

<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MONDAY and TUESDAY Religious Education classes resume this week - January 3rd and 4th! Sunday classes resume next week January 9th.

Midterm exams will be administered January 9, 10 and 11 for grades K-8.

Mark your calendars: There will be **NO CCD**

CLASSES January 16, 17 and 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Mass Attendance Cards: Reminder to all students in Sacrament preparation years (Grades 2, 7 and 8): Students must document **Mass attendance for Sundays (or Saturday evenings) and Holy Days of Obligation** by placing Mass Attendance cards in the collection basket at St. Raymond's. If a student attends Mass at a Catholic **parish other than St. Raymond's**, the student should provide the Religious Education office a **bulletin from that parish with their name written on it and signed and dated by the parish priest or deacon.**

Parents of Students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday, February 5th: be sure you have turned in the **First Holy Communion Registry form and Certificate of Baptism to the RE Office - it was due December 16th!!**

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.

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 meet on Jan. 8 and 22 and then return to the First & Third Saturdays in February.**

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. 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.

Church Persecuted

Last week we reported that the NCAA was about to propose a new constitution which would force out traditional Catholic colleges. In a remarkable turn of events, their governing board approved language which would protect the “traditional (i.e., truthful and rational) views of sexuality and gender.”

At issue was a clause in the constitution that would require all colleges and universities “comply with federal and state laws and local ordinances, including respect to gender equity, diversity and inclusion” without a religious exemption. This draft came about because of a campaign led by the radical Human Rights Campaign. Such efforts do violate the First Amendment’s Free Exercise of Religion Clause “if they interfere with religious colleges’ ability to conform to their religious beliefs.”

There was an extensive lobbying effort on the part of faithful Catholic institutions such as Benedictine College, The Catholic University of America, The University of Mary, and Walsh University among others, (and other Christian colleges) to urge the NCAA to “add another provision to its constitution, ensuring their rights to uphold their religious missions.”

Patrick Reilly, president of The Cardinal Newman Society, reported (see link below) that their efforts succeeded by adopting the language very similar to that proposed by the above institutions. “Consistent with the principle of institutional control, no provision in this Constitution should be construed to restrict or limit colleges and universities, public or private, from adopting or maintaining missions and policies consistent with their legal rights or obligations as institutions of higher learning.”

While the constitution still needs approval of the member schools, this is clearly a victory for religious freedom.

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/down-to-the-buzzer-religious-colleges-score-with-ncaa>

Additional Donations for our Christmas Flowers were received in memory/honor of the following individuals and families.

Jane Bury & the deceased members of Bury & Cardegna families, The Dimattina, Bordonaro, Gancio, Bellofatto & Stingo Families, Janet McFarland, Thomas Watts, Frank & Marie DaHarbin, Volmar & Aune Lindqvist, Rosalino V Garcia, Elie T Garcia, James & Marilyn Beauchamp, Dora Angelo Pettiti

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ECHO — Since reopening in early fall, ECHO has experienced a great demand for the basic needs of food, clothing, housewares, and financial assistance. Families could not come in during the past year except for food and financial. As the families come for clothing and housewares, the supplies are getting low. There is a particular need for the following items. If you have any of these to donate, it would be most appreciated.

Twin, queen, and king sheets and comforters

10-12" frying pans

2-4 quart sauce pans with lids

6-8 quart pots

Small appliances: toasters, blenders, 8-10 cup

coffee makers, hand mixers

Everyday flatware

Towels, especially hand towels

ECHO is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield. The hours for donations are M-F 9:30am-12:30pm, Tuesday and Thursday 7pm-9pm, and the first Saturday of the month 9:30am - noon. If you have questions, check the website at echo-inc.org or call Kathy Siner at 703-405-8164. Thank you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT DECEMBER 2021

Offertory	\$ 49,875.26
Family Assistance	\$ 2,419.34
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,909.34
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 1,755.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 2,559.00
Christmas	\$ 5,017.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,139.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,657.00

SUNDAY, DEC. 19TH COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 17,396.09
Family Assistance	\$ 3,882.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,775.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 565.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Due to early bulletin deadlines. Last week's & the Christmas Collection will be in Next Week's Bulletin.

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