

*"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)**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
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](http://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

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.** “When the Baptist saw Jesus, in line with sinners, having come to be baptized, he is stunned; recognizing him as the Messiah, the Holy One of God, he who is without sin, John shows his confusion: He himself, the baptizer wanted to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus tells him not to resist, to agree to carry out this act, to do what is proper to “fulfill all justice.” With this expression, Jesus shows that he came into the world to do the will of him who sent him, to do everything that the Father asks him; it is in obedience to the Father that he has agreed to become man. This gesture reveals first of all who Jesus is: He is the Son of God, true God like the Father; it is he who “humbled himself” to become one of us, he who became man and agreed to humble himself to the point of death on the cross (cf. Phil 2:7). The baptism of Jesus...fits into this logic of humility: It is the gesture of one who wants to be one of us in everything and gets in line with sinners; he, who is without sin, lets himself be treated as a sinner (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), to carry on his shoulders the burden of guilt of all humanity.” (*Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, January 9, 2011.*)

**Christmas Ends, and Continues.** Today we end the season of Christmas. But as this special liturgical celebration of Christmas ends, the celebration of the essence and meaning of Christmas must continue. By that I don’t mean the secular or sentimental celebration of Christmas, but rather the celebration of the fact that the eternal God the Son condescended to be born a vulnerable baby, in order that He enter fully into our human life, and by His human life, death and resurrection transform that life. Christ came to change us, so let’s allow Him to change our lives, and go into this new year recommitted to truly love Him and our neighbor as He taught and showed us, to live the life of grace, hope, faith and love. The life of Jesus Christ, who came to us on Christmas day to change us and to remain with us throughout the year, and all our lives.

**March for Life.** On Friday, January 21, Christians and other people of goodwill from all over the U.S. will participate in the 48<sup>th</sup> annual “March for Life” on the Mall in Washington, commemorating the anniversary of the Supreme Court’s 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* creating the so-called “right to abortion.” I say “48<sup>th</sup> annual,” but last year’s March (the “47<sup>th</sup> annual”) was cancelled due to Covid. And although I know there are still concerns about Covid, I’m hoping this year’s March will have the turnout it deserves, and as God wills.

Perhaps no court decision or legislation has so directly and fundamentally had such a wide and terrible effect on our nation as *Roe*. And not only in the devastation of over 60 million babies it has killed, or the millions of mothers whose lives it has ruined. But also in its shaping of our American culture into a culture that degrades human life more and more every day, transforming human beings from *persons* whose lives have value and meaning in themselves into *things* that can be manipulated or killed at the whim of others, or themselves. We see the absurd results of this culture in the so-called transgender movement.

This year the Supreme Court, in the case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, is poised to overturn or at least radically diminish the application of *Roe*, most probably returning the abortion issue to the states to decide.

But if it doesn’t happen this year with this case and these Justices, *Roe* will probably stay the law of the land for the foreseeable future.

On January 21 we will have 4 buses ready to take St. Raymond parishioners down to the Mall to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Life, including the Lord’s calls to all of us to love our neighbor, even if our neighbor is a tiny unborn baby. Please join us. Sign-up sheets for the bus are located in the narthex of the Church today.

For those of you who cannot go down to the Mall, we will have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day until the buses return. An email will be coming soon for you to sign up for an hour of adoration, but you don’t need to sign up to come and pray.

**Parish Volunteers.** I’ve always said that one of the best ways to grow in your Catholic faith is to become active in some parish group or committee. It may not be as essential as receiving the Sacraments, reading the Scriptures, or studying the Catechism, but getting involved in parish activities can be a great way to discover the meaning of Christian service, as well as the support of your fellow parishioners. I know when I was a lay adult sitting in the pew that was an important factor contributing to deepening my faith. Sometimes the parish can seem so big and impersonal, but involvement in a particular small group or activity of the parish can really help you become involved in the life of the whole parish. Not only does this create a personal and familial sense of belonging, but it also draws you deeper into the life of the whole parish and the whole Church—you meet more people, make more good Catholic friends and you learn about more opportunities to serve and to be served.

So, once again, I encourage you to resolve to take a more active part in the life of our parish, and to do so as did the Lord Jesus, who “came to serve, not to be served.” **Resolve to become a committed volunteer for one or more activities or groups in the parish.**

Many St. Raymond parishioners have a strong history of committed volunteerism (God bless you!). Sometimes, however, this causes others (especially newcomers) to think that their help isn’t needed. But the reality is just the opposite: we constantly need fresh ideas, younger muscles, new voices, etc. And we can’t grow or improve if we don’t have more help!

This is especially true this year. **Covid has significantly diminished our number of volunteers**, with many of our regulars stepping back a bit with understandable concerns (especially our older volunteers). **So I really need your help this year.**

So I encourage folks who aren’t committed to some volunteer parish activity now to do so in 2022, especially those who are newer to our parish. And I encourage those of you who stepped back during Covid to step up again, if you can—and invite other parishioners you meet to join you!

I know people are still concerned about Covid, and that all of us are busy, and that many of you are already serving the Lord in many ways outside of the parish. But as we begin this New Year, I beg you to think and pray seriously about the specific ways you can volunteer in our parish.

**Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles**



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Jan. 10th**

6:30 am David Herlihy +  
8:30 am William Szoslak +

**Tuesday, Jan. 11th**

6:30 am Marvin Decker  
8:30 am Donna & Rick  
Rhoades

**Wednesday, Jan. 12th**

6:30 am Donald Leo Racette +  
8:30 am Vivian Riggs +

**Thursday, Jan. 13th**

6:30 am Patricia McKiernan +  
8:30 am John P. Menotti +

**Friday, Jan. 14th**

6:30 am Mary & Peter  
LaRosa +  
8:30 am Ofelia Vitek +

**Saturday, Jan. 15th**

9:00 am Michael Allman +

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles  
Pat Fama

**Sunday, Jan. 16th**

7:00 am Fr. Rippy

Michael Allman +  
9:00 am Fr. De Celles  
Parishioners

11:00 am Fr. De Celles

Everett Perry +  
1:00 pm Fr. Horkan  
Michael Tomassoni +

**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

**Book Club:** Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Parish Library. We will be discussing *Saints Who Battled Satan* by Paul Thigpen (264 pgs.). The schedule for the full year can be found on the parish website: <https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/book-club/>. New members are welcome. If you have questions or plan to join us for the first time, please contact Jim Mault at [bookclub@straymonds.org](mailto:bookclub@straymonds.org).

**Support those that March for Life:** Your prayers, Mass attendance, adoration time, and, yes! crock pot specialties are all needed to support those who will visibly stand for life in D.C. on Friday, January 21st. We need at least 20 crock pots to feed the 4 busloads of parishioners attending the event. Please sign up to drop off a labeled pot of chili, soup, or pan of mac & cheese to the parish hall **before the 10:30 Mass or at 3:00 pm** on the date of the March to help welcome home the marchers. Then join them for dinner at 4:30 and hear about their experiences witnessing for life. If you cannot stay, please pick up your crock pot by 6:00 p.m. Rolls, cookies, and fruit are also needed. **Remember, you don't have to march to support the March for Life!** Kitchen helpers are needed too! Please sign up with your specialty via Signup Genius link on the parish website, or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EACAE2EA4F94-march> or contact Sheri Burns at [burnsfamily92@gmail.com](mailto:burnsfamily92@gmail.com) to let her know how you can help.

**The Knights of Columbus annual Italian Dinner** will take place on Saturday, January 29th, 2022 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Tickets for the event will be sold at all Masses on the weekends of January 14-15 and January 21-22. Ticket Prices are \$5.00 for children (5-12), \$15.00 for Adults and \$50.00 for Families.

**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

Mervyn Carter

Andrew A.

Zaccardi

Allison Harper

Paul Rosenbourn

Luisa Carril

Annette Haynes

Betty Meader

George Elliott

Michael Reeder

Natalie Gonzales

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

**Jan. 12** Legion of Mary 4:00 pm

**Jan. 14** Book Club 10:00 am

**Jan. 15** Annual Adult Volunteer Dinner

**Jan. 17** Martin Luther King Holiday

1 Mass at 10:00 am

Parish Offices will be closed

**Jan. 21** EFM Mass 7:00 pm

**Jan. 21** Adoration 11:30 - 4:00 pm during March  
for Life

**Jan. 28** Knights of Columbus Italian Dinner

**Feb. 12** WAY Mother/Daughter Retreat

**ATTENTION All Adult Volunteers!** Our *Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner* will be Saturday, January 15th following the 5 pm Mass. 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/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/)

Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at  
[straymondhsg@gmail.com](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com).

**Thank You from Our Lady of the Blue Ridge**

Dear Father De Celles;

On Behalf of Our Lady of the Blue Ridge Parish we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to you and your parishioners for all the gifts and the generous check of \$2,000.00 that will greatly help our area's needy families this Christmas season and beyond. Please extend a special thank you to all the people who helped to deliver the gifts to us.

May God bless and keep all of you and reward you as only He can for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James C. Bruse, Pastor

Our Lady of the Blue Ridge



**St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus:** Are you a man of 17 ½ years or 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](http://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. If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at [jpebtp@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:spoiledk9s@verizon.net). If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email [virginia.osella@straymonds.org](mailto: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***



***Where will YOU be that day?***

***Saint Raymond's is sponsoring 4 buses to go to the National March. Seats are FREE.***

***Registration required.***

***Sign-ups available in the narthex or on the Parish Website.***

***Can't go to the National March?  
Join us for public prayer from 12-4 at church.  
For more information contact Liz  
Hildebrand [hildebrandseven@gmail.com](mailto:hildebrandseven@gmail.com)***

***No matter where you are, pray for an end to abortion and a return to the sanctity of life in our land.***

***2 Chronicles 7:14***

***All are most welcome to join us in the parish hall for a Chili Dinner.***

***From about 4:30***

***Contact Sheri Burns to help with dinner.***

***[Burnsfamily92@gmail.com](mailto:Burnsfamily92@gmail.com)***



**SAVE THE DATE!** The Virginia March for Life will take place in Richmond on Wednesday, February 9. Details to follow.

## 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>

**NO Bake Sale this weekend** due to a lack of volunteers to run the table after Masses. We will try again for Feb. 5-6th. In order to proceed with the February Bake Sale, ALL Masses must have a compliant adult committed to cover the bake sale table by January 22. Compliant adults, if you are willing to cover the Bake Sale after a Mass please sign up at <https://bit.ly/ManTheTable>

### Youth Group & CCD this Sunday 1/9

**4-5:30pm** Jr. High Youth Group (light meal served)

**5:30-7pm** Religious Education/CCD

**7-8:30pm** High School Youth Group (dinner served)

### Sons of Thunder: High School Guys' Group

**7-8:30pm Tuesday, January 11 (Maurer Room)**

Come join the brotherhood! All 9-12th grade guys are invited who want to learn more about their faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and hang out with other guys in a chill atmosphere. Sons of Thunder meets 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month in the Maurer Room. Newcomers are always welcome! There will be food!

### Friday, January 14 & January 28

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

All high school teens are invited to join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan in the parish hall. If you RSVP a week ahead, we can coordinate our volunteers to drive you to school. If not, you are welcome to just show up for Mass and have your parent drive you to school after breakfast!

### March for Life (Friday January 21)

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate will be joining the parish for the annual March for Life on Friday, January 21, which happens to be a FCPS student holiday this year, so you do not even need to take off of school to join us! Parents are encouraged to join us, however, if any 7-12th graders would like to go but do not have parents going, please come with the youth apostolate! Any youth who would like to come to the March for Life under the supervision of the Youth Apostolate must turn in a permission slip, as well as have a YA Info Sheet & Covid waiver on file for this year. <http://bit.ly/YAforms> We will march with the parish, helping to carry our banner. **Students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to go together with the youth apostolate on the bus.** No charge! Email Jeanne to save a seat. This is an all day event beginning with 10:30 am Mass, home in time for the chili dinner at 4:30 pm or so. \*Note : The Life is Very Good evening of prayer at GMU has been canceled for this year.

### Food Contributions Needed & Appreciated!

Can you help contribute food towards our Sunday night high school dinners or our Friday morning Breakfasts? See links below for our needs. Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/FridayBfast> & <https://bit.ly/DinnerDonations>

**Jeanne Sause**

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Midterm exams** will be administered **this week - January 9, 10 and 11** - for grades 1-8

**Mark your calendars:** There will be **NO CCD CLASSES** next week **January 16, 17 and 18** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**2022 Confirmation candidates (8th grade)** the following paperwork is **due January 13th:**

Service Hours Record form and Service Experience form

**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 - they were 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.

**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](http://virtusonline.org). Any questions, contact Vince Drouillard at 703-440-0537.



## Church Persecuted

A litany of saints highlights many who died for their faith. These include St. Maximilian Kolbe and those unnamed who died in the German concentration camps, the unnamed Holy Innocents, and St. Thomas More and the many unnamed English martyrs. This list goes on and on. 2021 was no exception. The Vatican recently announced that worldwide, 22 missionaries were killed. This includes 13 priests, 1 religious man, 2 religious women, and 6 lay persons. 11 were killed in Africa and 7 in the Americas. All died in a violent way; many died because of the "hatred of the faith." All of them have names and in many ways the circumstances of their death were known.

What is missing from the list are those ordinary Catholics or even catechumens who died worldwide because of their faith. For example, Bishop Edward Kussala from the diocese of Tombura-Yambio in South Sudan lists 16 catechists, group leaders, pastoral workers killed in 2021 during armed clashes with radical Islamists. In Mexico, Michele Colosio, from Italy was shot and killed by a motorcyclist. He was a Catholic radiologist working to bring his talents to the poor of Central and South America.

Additionally, the Myanmar civil war has taken its toll on Catholics in the region. On Christmas Eve, at least 35 Catholics were gunned down by the military and their bodies set afire. As Cardinal Bo, the President of the Bishops' Conference put it, "As the rest of the world celebrated the birth of Christ with joy, the people of Mo So village suffered death, shock, and destruction."

Let us pray for those unnamed Catholics around the world who died because they were Catholic.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/249997/vatican-agency-reveals-number-of-missionaries-murdered-around-the-world-during-2021>

**Mother Daughter Retreat:** The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, **"Defend Us In Battle"** on **February 12, 2022**. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to the great Archangel St. Michael--chosen by God to protect us from evil influences. The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church. The \$60 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter and \$15 per additional daughter. **For more information and to register (by January 29th), visit [waywomen.com/daystar](http://waywomen.com/daystar)** Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

## FORMED<sup>®</sup>

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**FORMED Now - Our Mother Mary** – Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss Mary, the Mother of God. What is Mariology? How does Mary serve as model for all the faithful? How can we relate to Mary today? What does it mean to say that Mary is the Mother of the Church? Was Mary free in her earthly life?

Watch now at [www.straymonds.formed.org](http://www.straymonds.formed.org)

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Questions? Need help? Email us at: [formed@straymonds.org](mailto:formed@straymonds.org)



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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.

[www.AngelusAcademy.org](http://www.AngelusAcademy.org)

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703-924-3996

**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. **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](http://echo-inc.org) or call Kathy Siner at 703-405-8164. Thank you for your generosity.

## ADD'L FAITH DIRECT DECEMBER 31, 2021

Offertory	\$ 17,277.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 2,500.00
Gift	\$ 10,000.00

## SUNDAY, DEC. 26TH COLLECTION (with Christmas)

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Christmas	\$ 20,536.00
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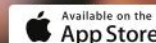
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