



## 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:

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### Office Hours

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### 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

3:30 - 5:00 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

**Mass Vestments.** Normally the priest wears simple black clothing with a white collar. Black is the absence of color, so the black clothing represents that in himself the priest is nothing compared to the light of Christ that must shine forth from him.

But during the Mass that changes. Here we are reminded of the priest's sacramental gift of standing "in persona Christi," in the person of Christ, and so, as an instrument of His power and grace, the priest dons the sacred vestments. Unlike his simple black daily vestiture, these vestments symbolize that he is acting for Christ in the most profound way, and so should be beautiful, giving glory to God and drawing us closer to Him.

**Cassock.** The cassock is not really a liturgical vestment, but is the traditional daily "habit" of the priest, so it is normally worn by the priest when serving in the sanctuary. Other ministers, i.e., servers, also wear the cassock at Mass. It is not a "dress," but a robe or coat, with origins similar to the coats (e.g. today's suitcoat) worn by lay men.

**Amice.** The amice is the first vestment the priest puts on for Mass. It is a piece of linen or cotton cloth, about 30" by 20", that is draped over the shoulders and wrapped around the neck to completely cover the collar, and tied in place by two attached cords/ribbons that tie in front of the chest.

The origins of the amice date at least to the 10<sup>th</sup> century, as it was probably introduced to cover the regular clothing of the priest, to protect the costlier vestments from perspiration, and as a winter muffler protecting the throat of the priest for singing the Mass. It was also often ample enough to be used to cover the head of priest at certain points of the Mass, like a hood. From this it derives its spiritual symbolism as a spiritual helmet of the "armor of God." So today, the priest lays the amice first over his head before sliding it to his shoulders, as he prays, "Place upon me, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, that I may overcome the assaults of the devil."

Note the amice is required, unless the alb is designed to "completely cover the ordinary clothing at the neck" (i.e., the black and white "roman collar" of the priest should not be visible).

**Alb.** Next the priest puts on the alb, a white lightweight robe (preferably of cotton or linen) with sleeves, reaching just above the ground. The word "alb" comes from "alba," Latin for "white." It is the most ancient and common of priestly vestments, and represents the baptismal garment of the priest, signifying that he is first a member of the baptized before he is a priest. In a similar way the priest and altar servers will wear a *surplice* (the shorter white vestment) to cover their cassocks. The practical purpose of the alb is to entirely cover the priest's normal clothing. The spiritual meaning of baptism is expressed in the vesting prayer, "Purify me, Lord, and cleanse my heart so that, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, I may enjoy eternal bliss."

**Cincture.** He then puts on the cincture, or belt. It is a cord, normally made of cotton, and white in color, although it may be of the same color as the chasuble. Practically it is meant to pull the alb (and the stole) close to the body. Spiritually it signifies the priest preparing to courageously serve the Lord, as ancient soldiers would gather up their robes at the waist so as not to encumber their

movements ("gird your loins for battle"). From this it also symbolizes chastity and self-control, as the priest prays, "Lord, gird me with the cincture of purity and extinguish my fleshly desires, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide within me."

**Stole.** The stole comes next. It is a strip of fabric, usually two to four inches wide, that hangs around the priest's neck and down his chest to below his waist. It is usually of the same fabric, design and color of the chasuble. A small cross is generally embroidered at both ends and in the middle (at the back of the neck). This is also of very ancient origin, as the stole was used as a symbol of rank or office in the Roman Empire. Thus, the priest's stole symbolizes his authority and dignity as a priest and is worn any time he exercises his liturgical role as priest, i.e., during confession, assisting in distributing Communion. Traditionally it was worn crisscrossing his chest, as once Roman soldiers wore crisscrossed belts: one holding his sword (a symbol of the Word of God), and the other holding a purse with supplies (symbolic of feeding his people). The priest kisses the stole as he puts it on, praying, "Lord, restore the stole of immortality, which I lost through the collusion of our first parents, and, unworthy as I am to approach Thy sacred mysteries, may I yet gain eternal joy."

**Maniple.** This vestment is about yard long and 3-5 inches wide and is worn over the priest's left forearm. Historically, it probably derives from the small towel or handkerchief, a "mappula," that ancient Romans wore on their left arms to wipe away sweat or tears. St. Alphonsus Liguori tells us that it, "was introduced for the purpose of wiping away the tears of devotion that flowed from the eyes of the priest....during the celebration of the Mass." The maniple is not required in the Ordinary Form of Mass, and so you seldom see it worn today. Even so, it was never abrogated and may still be worn. One reason it fell into disuse is that it is a bit cumbersome/awkward to wear. But this can serve as a constant reminder that priestly ministry must involve hard work and suffering (sweat and tears), and that the priest must say Mass with profound reverence and devotion ("tears of devotion"). And so the priest prays, "May I deserve, O Lord, to bear the maniple of weeping and sorrow in order that I may joyfully reap the reward of my labors."

**Chasuble.** Last but not least, the chasuble is put on. This is also ancient, taken from the ancient Roman garment worn as an overcoat. In the church, it originally had the practical purpose of keeping the priest warm during Mass, but continued in use as vestment covering and surpassing the other vestments in beauty as the symbol of charity. As St. Paul writes, "'Above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfection'" (Col 3:14). Moreover, as charity it symbolizes the "yoke" of Christ, Who tells us, "My yoke is sweet and My burden light." And so the priest prays, "O Lord, who has said, 'My yoke is sweet and My burden light,' grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace." Note, the stole may never be worn over the chasuble, lest the symbol be that the priest's authority is more important than his charity.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles



**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, Feb. 7th**

6:30 am Eileen Kapp +  
8:30 am Josephine Ball +

**Tuesday, Feb. 8th**

6:30 am Edward & Edie  
Kapp  
8:30 am Kevin Dalmut +

**Wednesday, Feb. 9th**

6:30 am Frank John Gibson+  
8:30 am John Carter Blair

**Thursday, Feb. 10th**

6:30 am Mark Gray +  
8:30 am Bob Doerschner +

**Friday, Feb. 11th**

6:30 am Daniel Noonan  
8:30 am Clarence S Eugene Jr

**Saturday, Feb. 12th**

9:00 am Bob Doerschner +

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**  
Michael Allman +

**Sunday, Feb. 13th**

7:00 am **Fr. Horkan**  
Gilbert W "Gil" Shaffer, Jr. +  
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**  
Parishioners  
11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**  
Chuck Tiso +  
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**  
RE Catechists & their 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.**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish**

Glenn Bliss	John Florio	Ted Tolpa
Tom Dietz	Michael	Nena Brennan
Michael O'Neill	Malachowski	Serrin Foster
Cindy Laird	Debra Henkel	Fr. Jerry Daly
Patricia Lewis	Daniel Moore	Tom Swengros
Barbara McGinn	Lauren Hornsby	Ellie Garcia
Mai Pham	Gaudencio Dizon	Margaret O'Neill
Joan Opiea	Antoinette Baptist	John Patrick
Leonora Ramos	Paul Haynes	Rowley, Jr.
Jason Saenz	Dwayne Taylor	Brennan
Phyllis Zitnik	Bernadette	Wheatley
Patricia Del Buono	D'Agostino	Helen Estabrooks
Juanita Boarman	Christopher Quan	Donald Parman

**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

**2022 Car Raffle is Here!** The tickets for the annual Car Raffle have been mailed to you. This is the same raffle that we have participated in for the last number of years. This year four vehicles will be raffled and a \$20,000 cash drawing has been added, due to vehicle availability. You will notice that the ticket returns are being processed at All Saints again this year. This is required by the Department of Charitable Gaming. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many of St. Raymond's charitable causes.

**Book Club:** Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Parish Library. We will be discussing *True Friendship: Where Virtue Becomes Happiness* by John Cuddeback (150 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).

**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. Our next meeting will be on Feb. 19th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

**Valentine's Day Fundraiser.** The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0638 will be selling Chocolate & Roses for Valentine's Day February 12 and 13, 2022. Please stop in the narthex of St. Raymond's after Mass and purchase some delicious Ghirardelli chocolate and beautiful roses.

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

<b>Feb. 5-6</b>	<b>Youth Apostolate Bake Sale</b>
<b>Feb. 6</b>	<b>Donut Sunday</b>
<b>Feb. 7</b>	<b>Family of Jesus Prayer Group 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>Book Club</b>
<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>WAY Mother/Daughter Retreat</b>
<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>EFM (Latin) 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>
<b>Feb. 21</b>	<b>Federal Holiday - Presidents' Day</b>
	<b>One Mass at 10:00 am</b>
	<b>Parish Offices are closed</b>
<b>Feb. 22-25</b>	<b>Modified Mass Schedule</b>
	<b>No 6:30 am Mass</b>
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>Women's Pre-Lenten Retreat</b>
<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
	<b>Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, Noon,</b>
	<b>5:00 pm &amp; 7:00 pm</b>

**Donut Sunday, February 6th** 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 Angelus Academy. **Lost and Found Items** will be displayed in the Parish Hall during Donut Sunday. If you are missing something and may have of left it in the church, please be sure to check the table! Items not claimed by Jan. 8th will be donated or disposed of, as appropriate.

**Save the Date! Women's Retreat on February 26, 2022:** The Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY) will once again host a retreat for the women of the parish, this year on the Saturday before Lent begins from **8:30 am to 1:30 pm**. **Registration opens this weekend on our website.** Questions? Call the parish office.



**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). The ongoing need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous. **The St. Martin de Porres Committee is in need of an additional volunteer to deliver food donations** one to two times per month. For information, call the office.

**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. 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 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*



Join fellow constituents in Richmond for the first ever Defending Life Day. February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Register at [VAPROLIFEDAY.ORG](http://VAPROLIFEDAY.ORG) Advocate for a Pro-Life Virginia. *If interested, you will need to organize your own private transportation.*

**The MaRiH Center** is a Pro Life Pregnancy Support Center operating in Alexandria since 1974. Would you like to volunteer? Spanish language skills are most welcome, but not required. Please call 703-370-4774, email [marihcenter@gmail.com](mailto:marihcenter@gmail.com) or visit [marih.org](http://marih.org) for more info. You'll be glad you did! To help from home... **Material donations of diapers and baby items up to 2T welcomed in the narthex.** Our next support weekend is 12-13 February. Thank you for your continued generosity! **Donation collection spot is now over near the elevator in the narthex.**

**Bishop Burbidge will offer Mass to end abortion on Saturday Feb 12, 8:30am.** Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town followed immediately by rosary at Whole Woman's Health and Family Center, 2839 Duke St, Alexandria (near Bishop Ireton HS).

**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. *"For we are God's handiwork."* Eph 2:10

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 [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com) 24/7 helpline: 877-558-0333. **It may not be too late.**

**Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare.** [tepeyacobgyn.com](http://tepeyacobgyn.com) 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

**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](http://amomspeace.org).

**Give a Gift for Life!** **Gabriel Project** helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife). For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or [GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto: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>

### Bake Sale After All Masses THIS Weekend

100% of the proceeds benefit the youth of the parish, helping to cover costs for WorkCamp, Steubenville, weekly youth group meetings and other events. Thank you for supporting St. Raymond's Youth!



### Youth Group & CCD this Sunday, February 6th

4-5:30pm Jr. High Youth Group (pizza served)

5:30-7pm Religious Education/CCD

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

### Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group!

7-8:30pm Monday, February 7 (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.

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

7-8:30pm Tuesday, February 8 (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, February 11th

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

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 & have your parent drive you to school after breakfast!

### Food Contributions Needed & Appreciated!

*I hope everyone's spring semester is off to a great start. As you build your calendars for the remainder of the academic year, would you mind taking a moment to pick a couple of items over the next few months to contribute towards our Friday Youth Breakfast or Sunday Youth Dinner? To view the sign-up lists, <https://bit.ly/DinnerDonations> & <https://bit.ly/FridayBfast>*  
Thank you for supporting our youth!

### Steubenville Youth Conference

July 8-10, 2022

(Open to current 8-12th graders)

Join us for Steubenville 2022! It is a weekend where you will encounter God on a deeper level through prayer, Adoration, Mass, Confession, dynamic speakers, and music with a few thousand other Catholic teenagers! It's a great opportunity to make new friends too! **Stay tuned for more info next week!**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the second grade students who received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday 2/5!! It was wonderful to share that special time with you. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who prepared the children for this sacrament of healing. God bless you all!

**Looking ahead.....** There will be no CCD classes February 20, 21, and 22 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

**Help wanted: We are in need of a Third Grade Assistant Teacher on Mondays - class meets from 4:45 -6:15 p.m. Please contact the Religious Education Office if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.**

**Legion of Mary** Did you know the Legion of Mary just achieved its 100 year centennial this past September? Come and be part of the worldwide group! The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at **6:30 pm**. Point of contact: Judy Mayer, email: [jmayer9014@aol.com](mailto:jmayer9014@aol.com) and phone 703-627-7320.

### Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil!

Trail Life Troop 0683, the troop sponsored by St. Raymond of Peñafort, is kicking off its annual mulch and topsoil sale to help parish families prepare for spring lawn and garden care. Your support will help our growing troop buy camping gear, advancement and recognition badges and instructional materials. You can mail in your order or order online. You will find details about pricing, sizes and instructions for ordering at this website, [straymonds.org/trail-life](http://straymonds.org/trail-life). We offer home delivery to Springfield, Lorton or Burke for an extra donation. If you live outside those delivery areas, you can still order for pick-up at St. Raymond's. Questions? Contact Eric Michael at (703) 372-1240. **Thank you very much!**

**John Paul the Great Mardi Gras Gala**, Sat, February 26, 2022! You are invited to Saint John Paul the Great's Mardi Gras Gala on Saturday, February 26! This year's gala will be hosted at the historic Bel Air 1740, a beautiful colonial estate once visited by George and Martha Washington! For tickets, sponsorships and donation opportunities, please visit: <https://jpthegreat.schoolauction.net/gala2022/>.

**2022 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!** The 2022 BLA is underway! Our theme is "Do this in remembrance of me." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us remember the tender nature of Christ as together we give of ourselves to others. You make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) or scan the QR code below:





## Church Persecuted

Around the world and close to home, persecution against Christians continues.

In Pakistan, on January 30, 2022, an Anglican pastor and two additional clergymen driving home from a church service were ambushed by two gunmen on motorcycles. One is dead and another is wounded. The same church was attacked by suicide bombers in 2013; 85 people were killed and more than 140 were wounded. Pakistan is among the top 10 worst countries on the World Watch List on the persecution of Christians.

In Vietnam, Father Joseph Tran Ngoc Thanh, a Dominican priest, was stabbed to death while hearing confessions on January 29<sup>th</sup> prior to the evening Mass. The attacker has been arrested.

Clearly not on the same level as a murderous ambush, but closer to home, 4.1 miles to be exact, Nativity Church in Burke experienced statue destruction in the parish garden on Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Father Bob Cilinski, pastor of the parish, reported that the statues damaged were those of Our Lady and the three children she appeared to at Fatima. Bishop Burbidge called it a "tragic and senseless defacing of the sacred. Mary stands as a symbol of peace in a world that needs her now more than ever. I ask that others join me in prayer for the perpetrator, as any motive behind such an act reflects a troubled soul in need of Our Lord." (Multiple sources)

**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 help. As the families come in for clothing and housewares, the supplies are getting low. Please consider helping. **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.

## FORMED<sup>®</sup>

Get In-Formed!

**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. 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.

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

The best Catholic content in one place - movies, programs, talks, dramas, & ebooks—just one click away!

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



## Angelus Academy

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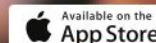
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