

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

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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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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

"Pilgrim to the Heavenly City." Thanks to all who attended this special event on Friday, February 4. From all the feedback I received, it was clearly a great success, a very interesting and enjoyable evening. Thanks also to **Henry Wingate** for his presentation, and to the musicians and singers who performed music from the time of St. Raymond. Many thanks also to Fr. Joseph Rampino for MCing, and especially to Fr. Rich Miserendino, from the Diocesan 50th Jubilee Committee, for coordinating and bringing this to us.

Munich Report. I'm sure you've all heard about what the press calls the "Munich Report" on clergy sexual abuse (issued Jan. 20), criticizing Pope Benedict XVI for his handling of four abuse cases when he was Archbishop of Munich and Freising from 1977 to 1982. Since then the Pope Emeritus has issued a letter apologizing for any harm he caused. At the same time, four of his advisors (names below) have issued an analysis of the Report rebutting all of its accusation, especially as reported by the press. The following is an excerpt from their analysis (my underlining):

IN THE REPORT on abuses in the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising it is stated that: "Joseph Ratzinger, contrary to what he claimed in the memorandum drafted in response to the experts, was present at the meeting of the Ordinariate on January 15, 1980, in which Priest X was discussed. And it is claimed that Cardinal Ratzinger had employed this priest in pastoral activity, even though he was aware of the abuses committed by him, and thus would have covered up his sexual abuses."

This does not correspond to the truth, according to our verifications: Joseph Ratzinger was neither aware that Priest X was an abuser, nor that he was included in pastoral activity. The records show that at the meeting of the Ordinariate on January 15, 1980, it was not decided to engage Priest X in pastoral activity. The records also show that the meeting in question did not discuss the fact that the priest had committed sexual abuse. It was exclusively a question of the accommodation of the young Priest X in Munich because he had to undergo therapy there. This request was complied with. During the meeting the reason for the therapy was not mentioned. It was therefore not decided at the meeting to engage the abuser in pastoral work.

IN THE ABUSE REPORT of the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising it is stated that: "With regard to his presence at the meeting of the Ordinariate on January 15, 1980, Benedict XVI would have knowingly perjured himself, would have lied."

This is not true, in fact: The affirmation contained in Benedict XVI's memoir that he did not take part in the meeting of the Ordinariate on January 15, 1980, is indeed incorrect. And yet Benedict XVI did not lie or knowingly make a false statement:

In drafting the memoir, Benedict XVI was supported by a group of collaborators. It consisted of the lawyer Dr. Carsten Brennecke (Cologne) and the collaborators for ecclesiastical law: Prof. Dr. Stefan Mückl (Rome), who at the behest of Benedict XVI examined the documents, Prof. Dr. Helmuth Pree and Dr. Stefan Korta. The collaborators were called in because Benedict XVI could not analyze the mass of issues on his own in a short period of time and because the law firm in charge of the expert report asked questions that referred to canon law... Only Prof. Mückl was allowed to view the

documents electronically, and he was not allowed to store, print or photocopy any documents... After Prof. Mückl had examined the digital documents (8,000 pages) ... a further processing step was carried out by Dr. Korta, who inadvertently made a transcription error. Dr. Korta mistakenly noted that Joseph Ratzinger was not present at the meeting of the Ordinariate on January 15, 1980. The collaborators ... relied on the false indication erroneously inserted by failing to expressly ask Benedict XVI if he had been present at that meeting...[and] assumed instead that Joseph Ratzinger had not been present. Benedict XVI, due to the great haste with which he had to verify his memory in a few days, given the time limits imposed by the experts, did not notice the error.... One cannot impute this transcription error to Benedict XVI as a conscious false statement or "lie."

Moreover, it would have made no sense for Benedict to intentionally deny his presence at the meeting: in fact, the minutes of the meeting report statements made by Joseph Ratzinger....Moreover, in 2010 several press articles report ...the presence of Cardinal Ratzinger at the meeting. Similarly, a biography of Benedict XVI published in 2020 states: "As a bishop, during a meeting of the Ordinariate in 1980, he had only agreed that the priest in question could come to Munich to undergo psychotherapy" ...

THE REPORT ARGUES that: "The expert report also charges Benedict XVI with misbehavior in three other cases. In fact, even in these cases he would have known that the priests were abusers."

This does not correspond to the truth, according to our verifications, in fact: In none of the cases analyzed by the expert report was Joseph Ratzinger aware of sexual abuse committed or suspicion of sexual abuse committed by priests. The expert report provides no evidence to the contrary.

Regarding the case of the Priest X ... [and] the accommodation to be given to him for therapy, the same expert in the press conference of 20.01.2022 ... [presenting] the abuse report - stated that there is no evidence that Joseph Ratzinger was aware of it. To the subsequent question of a journalist whether the experts were able to prove that Joseph Ratzinger had been aware that Priest X had committed sexual abuse, the expert clearly stated that there is no evidence that Joseph Ratzinger had knowledge. Only in the subjective opinion of the expert witnesses would it be "more likely." ... An expert responds, "[...] More likely means that we assume it with a higher probability. [...]" The expert report contains no evidence for an allegation of misconduct or conspiracy in any cover-up.

As an archbishop, Cardinal Ratzinger was not involved in any cover-up of acts of abuse.

THE REPORT ALLEGES THAT: "In his memoir, Benedict XVI allegedly downplayed acts of exhibitionism. As evidence for this assertion the following indication contained in the memoir is reported: 'Parish priest X was noted as an exhibitionist, but not as an abuser in the proper sense.'"

This does not correspond to the truth, in fact: In his memoir Benedict XVI did not minimize the exhibitionist behavior, but expressly condemned it. The phrase used as alleged evidence of minimizing exhibitionism is taken out of context. In the memoir, in fact, Benedict XVI says with the utmost clarity that abuses, including exhibitionism, are "terrible," "sinful," "morally reprehensible" and "irreparable". ... Thus, the memoir of Benedict XVI did not minimize exhibitionism, but clearly and explicitly condemned it.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb. 14th

6:30 am Donald Leo Racette + 8:30 am Peter S. Blair +

Tuesday, Feb. 15th

6:30 am Edward & Edie Kapp 8:30 am Judy Bednar +

Wednesday, Feb. 16th

6:30 am Cynthia Santaniello+ 8:30 am Joshua Schweitzer

Thursday, Feb. 17th

6:30 am Patsy Bunger + 8:30 am Michael Allman +

Friday, Feb. 18th

6:30 am Eileen Kapp + 8:30 am Marcos Ortiz Sanchez + 7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Saturday, Feb. 19th

9:00 am Dennis Gehley +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. Horkan Knights of Columbus

Sunday, Feb. 20th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy** Michael Allman + 9:00 am Fr. De Celles Parishioners 11:00 am Fr. De Celles Father Jobv + 1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan** Jerold M. Brown +

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. **Raymond Church** will be available Friday, Feb. 18th. St. Raymond's normally offers the Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also known as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite" (EFM), at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. Because of the Motu Proprio Tradiciones Custodes we are unsure if we will be able to continue this practice. As of now, the Bishop is allowing us to do so, but we are still waiting for his final decision. We will plan on going ahead as scheduled, but please see the website for any updates before each scheduled EFM.

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.

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!

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.

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

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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 Opiela	Antoinette Baptist	John Patrick		
Leonora Ramos	Paul Haynes	Rowley, Jr.		
Jason Saenz	Dwayne Taylor	Donald Parman		
Phyllis Zitnik	Bernadette			
Patricia Del Buono	D'Agostino			
Juanita Boarman	Christopher Quan			

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

	G Valentine Chocolate & Roses Fundraiser
Feb. 14	Family of Jesus Prayer Group 4:00 pm
Feb. 16	Adoration
Feb. 16	Legion of Mary 6:30 pm
Feb. 18	Adoration
Feb. 18	EFM (Latin) 7:00 pm
Feb. 19	Men's Prayer Group
Feb. 21	Federal Holiday - Presidents' Day
	One Mass at 10:00 am
	Parish Offices are closed
Feb. 22-25	Modified Mass Schedule
	No 6:30 am Mass
Feb. 26	Women's Pre-Lenten Retreat
Mar. 2	Ash Wednesday
	Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, Noon,
	5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Valentine's Day Fundraiser. The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0638 will be selling Chocolate & Roses for Valentine's Day this weekend, 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.

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 is on our website. Questions? Call the parish office.

Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 11th at 10 am in the Parish Library. We will be discussing *Under Siege:* No Finer Time to be a Faithful Catholic by Austin Ruse (190 pgs.) The schedule for the full year can be found on the parish website: https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/bookclub/. 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.



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 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 ipebtp@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 (imault1@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 at 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, Virginia 703-440-0535 please call Osella at 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

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah 1:5

The MaRiH Center is a Pro Life Pregnancy Support Center operating on Duke Street 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 or visit 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. This is our support weekend! Thank you for your continued generosity! Donation collection spot is near the elevator in the narthex.



DAYS FORLIFE up from March 2 – April 10. **Our** parish commitment weekend

will be April 2-3. Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us in witnessing outside the Falls Church Healthcare Center 900 S Washington Street in Falls Church. Whether abortion is legal or not, we must all continue to PRAY TO END ABORTION. Details and sign up sheets will be in the Narthex soon.

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 24/7 helpline: 877-558-0333. It may not be too late.

Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through **Healthcare.** tepevacobgyn.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.

Give a Gift for Life! Gabriel Project helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. For more info, contact

GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org.

them at 1-866-444-3553 or

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

Last weekend's Bake Sale brought in \$960!!!

What a great success!! Our goal is \$1000/month...and without having our youth bake night, I was afraid we might not get anywhere near that...but you proved me wrong! Thank you to so many of you for taking the time to bake such a variety of delicious baked goods! The variety we had almost makes me not want to do the youth bake nights, because we are only able to make 2-3 different things in our 2hr time period. Don't worry, we'll still do them!! But having the variety and amount of food we had this past weekend is what really makes the sale a big success. So THANK YOU again to all who baked, donated and bought the many goodies we had! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Next bake sale: March 12-13

Youth Group & CCD this Sunday, February 13th

4-5:30pm Jr. High Youth Group (pizza served) **5:30-7pm** Religious Education/CCD

NO High School Youth Group tonight

Friday, February 18th

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!

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 Call/Text: 571-334-9890 http://bit.ly/youthapostolate

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO Class NEXT week Presidents' Day holiday. February 20-22 in observance of the

8th Grade Confirmation candidates, please make note of the following documents due to the Religious Education office by **March 18:** Sponsor Eligibility Letter and Statement of Sponsor form

7th Grade Confirmation candidates, please make note of the following documents due to the Religious Education office by March 31: Confirmation registry form with Baptism Certificate attached (unless child was baptized here at St. Raymond's)

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. Point of Contact: Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or 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. 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 mulch!

John Paul the Great Mardi Gras Gala, Saturday, 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/.

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.

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 can make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org or scan the QR code below:

Church Persecuted

Pro-abortion advocates have increased their presence and rhetoric at respect life events. On January 20, the pro-abortion group, Catholics for Choice, projected anti-life slogans onto the façade of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception during the vigil Mass and Holy Hour prior to the March for Life.

About 100 demonstrators protested outside St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York during a Prayer Vigil for Life on January 22. These demonstrators, using language inappropriate for this column, were members of a group calling themselves New York City for Abortion Rights. They chanted insults and screamed vulgarities at those who were entering and exiting the Cathedral. Among the publishable comments, prevalent chants included, "Thank God for abortion," "Go home fascists, go home," and "New York hates you". They also projected anti-life messages on the façade of the Cathedral.

Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan, noted during his homily that, "When a nation founded on the right to life and the equal protection of law for all life finds such violence to be legal, as it did 49 years ago today in legalizing abortion...that's tragic. That's not right. That's not natural. That's not the way God intended it. That's not the way our country intended it."

As the nation is awaiting the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, those who respect human life can expect more of these demonstrations and protests. The organization demonstrating at St. Patrick's handed out flyers to their group planning to disrupt a Witness for Life event on February 5.

(Source: National Catholic Register, January 25, 2022)

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. Our next meeting is on March 5th. All are welcome.

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Get In-Formed!

Just for Kids! Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes – It's February 11, 1858. Three girls from Lourdes, France, gather firewood in front of a grotto. Suddenly one of them, Bernadette Soubirous, 14, drops to her knees, gazes ecstatically at something beautiful that only she can see, and starts to pray. Soon the town buzzes: Has Bernadette, poor, sickly, and always behind in school, really seen a Lady from Heaven? Then a spring bubbles up from nowhere and withered arms and sightless eyes are cured. At last, the Lady tells Bernadette her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes, is the exciting true story of a visit by the Queen of Heaven that left the entire world a source of health for body and soul.

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https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

www.AngelusAcademy.org 7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153 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 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 or call Kathy Siner at 703-405-8164. Thank you for your generosity.

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

FAITH DIRECT: eGiving lets you continue to support St. Raymond's and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA64. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$:	33,930.03
Family Assistance	\$	1,140.00
Maintenance Fund	\$	3,183.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic		
School Scholarship Donations	\$	13,285.00
Diocesan Newspaper	\$	1,993.00



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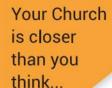
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