



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
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Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

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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

Synod on Synodality. Historically, a Church Synod has been a meeting of deliberating Bishops, with contributions made by priests, theologians and other experts. Diocesan Synods have also, historically, included limited consultation with the lay faithful.

In October of 2023, the Pope will gather with a select group of bishops from around the world in a Bishops' Synod to discuss broadening that concept of "synodality" into an organizational style that would somehow include a continuing process of much more extensive and broad consultation, not only to include all the members of the faithful, but also fallen away Catholics, Protestants, non-Christians and even opponents of the Church. In preparation for this **2023 "Bishops' Synod on Synodality"** the dioceses around the world have been asked to each undergo a process of wide consultations (i.e., with "faithful...and even opponents of the Church"). The dioceses will then each deliver a 10-page summary report to the national conference of bishops, (for us, the USCCB) which will submit a summary report to a committee in the Vatican, which will summarize these into a report to be used in organizing the 2023 Synod.

Pope Francis has said, "Synodality is a style, it is a walk together, and it is what the Lord expects from the Church of the third millennium." Of course, a faithful Catholic is free to disagree with Pope Francis's understanding, especially since it has very little to do with anything the Church has ever taught or done in 2000 years. Imagine, St. Peter inviting Pontius Pilate and Caiaphas to the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15).

I do consider it absolutely essential to listen to the faithful and their needs, and to some extent listen to what the world is saying. But my personal observations of a lifetime in the Church (as a layman and as a cleric) has led me to see these (essentially) "listening sessions" as yielding mainly unhappy results:

- 1) When listening sessions are an open forum for anyone who wants to speak, without correction from wise and orthodox priests, the input from the sessions is often a hodgepodge of gravity and triviality, as well as orthodoxy and heresy, with no effort to distinguish. Garbage in... garbage out.

- 2) The results of the listening sessions have to be summarized by someone. At this stage, the editor's ideological or personal preferences can heavily come into play, so that what is summarized may not be what was actually "listened" to.

- 3) Regardless of what is summarized, some participants will expect that action will be taken on what they said, and if it is not, they will become embittered, disillusioned and even angry.

- 4) On the other hand, most participants will simply walk away feeling good—all warm and fuzzy inside—just because they were listened to. Even if the summary of the sessions has nothing to do what they had to say. Like throwing a bone to a dog.

- 5) More importantly, as the input/listening is summarized/edited, the ultimate users—the bishops in synod, the bishops in charge of the synod ("Redactors") or even the Pope—are free to pick, choose and ignore, and then come up with final conclusions based on their own preferences, while at the same time claiming a "popular approval." After all, "they listened to the people."

- 6) Most importantly, it is not so much important to listen to the people, especially those who are dissenters, outside or even in opposition to the Church, as it is to listen to orthodox, wise, holy members of the faithful. And above all, it is much more important, absolutely so, to listen and obey Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, i.e., the Deposit of the Faith. The Holy Spirit moves, but the evil spirit is also ever-present, "looking for someone to devour."

Synodality in Germany. For the last few years, the Church in Germany has been undergoing a process called "the Synodal Way." Although this is not directly related to the 2023 Synod on Synodality, many, me included, consider it a preview of the "synodal Church." Consider this excerpt from a recent article in the **National Catholic Register**, on an interview with **Cardinal Gerhard Müller**, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith:

The German cardinal ... issued a blistering attack on the state of the Church in Germany and the "Synodal Way" [Müller] said these attacks on the faithful from within are coming from "secularized" parts of the Church ... Now is a "time of tribulation and psychological terror," and orthodox Catholics are being "persecuted..." "Usually this has come from the outside, but now it's from the inside, in our countries that have old Christian traditions. It's a new situation."

The cardinal's words came as a plenary meeting of the "Synodal Way" was concluding last weekend. The participants voted at that meeting for a raft of dissenting notions that included same-sex union blessings; changes to the Catechism on homosexuality; the ordination of women priests; priestly celibacy to be optional in the Latin Church; and for lay involvement in the election of new bishops.

His comments also follow a spate of controversial statements from German and European prelates in recent weeks. They include Cardinal Reinhard Marx of Munich saying on Feb. 3 that priests should be allowed to marry... and Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg arguing that the Church's teaching on homosexuality is "false" and needed revision. [Note: Hollerich is the "Relator General," the cardinal in charge, of the October 2023 Synod on Synodality]

Cardinal Müller.... said many of those promoting such dissenting views are "secularized people" who "want to keep the name 'Catholic,' to stay in the institution and take the money, but they won't accept the teaching of the word of God.... They relativize the Catholic faith, but remain with their titles: cardinals, bishops, theology professors — but in reality they don't believe what the Church is saying..."

Similarly, he said the "LGBT" agenda that many of them support "is totally idiotic because its Neo-Gnostic mythology is absolutely against human nature, not only in a biological sense, but also in a philosophical one..."

And yet he noted that this is "what they're voting for" in the German "Synodal Way," ...even though "they cannot vote against the revealed truth and its infallible definition by the ecclesial magistry..."

He added that those pushing for these changes have no "supernatural understanding," and what they are calling for is, in fact, a "major anti-Vatican II movement" that goes against Lumen Gentium...[and] Presbyterorum Ordinis [Vatican II's documents on the Church and on priesthood] ...

In sum, he said he believes those advocating changes such as those in the "Synodal Way" "are not reformers" but are pushing for "a deformation of the Church, a secularization of the house of the Triune God." And he said a key problem is the desire to compromise with the world, an unwillingness to live with the tension of living the faith in today's highly secularized society. The aim of many bishops is to be loved and respected by society...but he said they know they cannot change the faith, so they call their efforts to do this "development of doctrine" and thereby "destroy and contradict the revealed faith."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Feb. 21st****Presidents' Day**

10:00 am Helen Carter +

Modified Mass Schedule**Tuesday, Feb. 22nd**

8:30 am Louise Ward +

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd

8:30 am Noah Shealy

Thursday, Feb. 24th

8:30 am Peter S. Blair, Jr.

Friday, Feb. 25th

8:30 am Jaxon Perricone

Masses to be said Privately

Feb. 22 Jake Osella

Feb. 23 Daniel Phalen +

Feb. 24 Corey Kinder +

Feb. 25 Donald Leo Racette +

Saturday, Feb. 26th

9:00 am Eugene Tougas +

Vigil Mass5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**

Denise Anezin

Sunday, Feb. 27th7:00 am **Fr. De Celles**

Castle Family

9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**

Parishioners

11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**

Leonard Tiso

1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**

Family of Jesus Prayer Group

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

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

John Florio

Michael

Malachowski

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

Margaret O'Neill

John Patrick

Rowley, Jr.

Donna Crean

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

The 2022 Car Raffle is off to a great start. Thank you for all those who have purchased tickets. If you need more tickets, contact Larry Saenz lsaenz1@verizon.net or at 703-832-1042.

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 March 5th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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.

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 much!**

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

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| Feb. 21 | Federal Holiday - Presidents' Day |
| | One Mass at 10:00 am |
| | Parish Offices are closed |
| Feb. 21 | Family of Jesus Prayer Group 4:00 pm |
| Feb. 22-25 | Modified Mass Schedule |
| | No 6:30 am Mass |
| Feb. 23 | Adoration |
| Feb. 23 | Legion of Mary 6:30 pm |
| Feb. 25 | Adoration |
| Feb. 26 | Women's Pre-Lent Retreat |
| Mar. 2 | Ash Wednesday |
| | Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, Noon, 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm |
| Mar. 4 | Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm |
| Mar. 4 | EFM (Latin) 7:00 pm |
| Mar. 5 | Men's Prayer Group |
| Mar. 5 | Luminaries of Mary |
| Mar. 10 | Lenten Series & Holy Hour 7:00 pm |
| Mar. 11 | Book Club 10:00 am |

St. Raymond's Women's Retreat led by the Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY) will be on **February 26, 2022 from 8:30am-1:30pm**. Check-in will be in the parish hall before the 9:00am parish Mass, and the retreat will conclude with lunch. This year's theme is *"Born in the likeness of man: How the Divine Condescension in God made man reveals the mystery of our own sanctification."* Please register on the parish website or contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org for help. **No cost to attend, but you must register by Mon, Feb. 21.**

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/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.



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 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).

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, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email virginia.osella@straymonds.org. **Drop-ins are always welcome!**

NEW Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of weather or emergency closings, St. Raymond's Parish will NO LONGER follow Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) decisions.

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

There are only TWO exceptions to any closing decisions we make and issue:

- 1) **Regularly scheduled Masses and Confession will NEVER be cancelled due to inclement Weather.**
- 2) Meetings of very small groups that receive the pastor's personal permission, in which case members will be notified of the exception personally by their group leader.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE *Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*

"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, 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.**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Donation collection spot is near the elevator in the narthex.



Knowing that "with God, all things are possible," people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. The spring campaign runs from March 2nd – April 10th. **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 St. in Falls Church. Whether abortion is legal or not, we must all continue to **PRAY TO END ABORTION**. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.



SIDEWALK OUTREACH: The Most Important Conversation in the World

If you are 18 or older, you are eligible to register for this 6-module training which will give you the tools and the confidence to offer help and hope to abortion facility clients. From the spiritual foundations of sidewalk outreach to proven techniques for engaging abortion clients, to legal principles, this program will give you confidence as you hit the streets and empower women to choose life.

www.40daysforlife.com/en/university

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 or call the 24/7 helpline: 877-558-0333. **It may not be too late!**

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

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 them at 1-866-444-3553 or 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>

NO Youth Group or CCD this Sunday, 2/20 do to the Presidents' Day Holiday. See you next weekend!

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group!
7-8:30pm Monday, February 21 (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 22 (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!

NO 6:30am High School Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast 2/25

There is no 6:30am Mass this Friday 2/25 and therefore no breakfast to follow. Consider joining us when we resume on 3/4...it would be a great Lenten sacrifice!!

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!

Come see our High School One-Act Play—FREE!
7pm Sunday, February 27th (Parish Hall)

Dear parishioners, come see 'The Light and the Lamb' -- a live theatrical portrayal of an episode in the early life of St. Chiara (Clare) of Assisi and her sister Agnes, who bravely pursue their vocation despite their father's cruel attempts to keep them from it. A 30-minute production performed by our high school teens, this exciting story presents an example and a challenge to modern Catholics, living as we do in a culture of comfort poisoned by an irreverence for all that is holy. Bring the family!

Steubenville Youth Conference (July 8-10, 2022)

Current 8-12th graders are invited to 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!**

Food Contributions Needed & Appreciated!

Are you able to support our youth by picking a few items from the links below to contribute towards our Friday breakfast or Sunday dinners for our teens? Their hungry bodies thank you!

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

Thank you for supporting our youth!

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 THIS week February 20-22 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

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.

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.

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!

ENCOURAGE - a Catholic support group for parents, family and friends of loved ones experiencing same-sex attraction. Meetings involve prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Meets monthly at St. Michael's Parish in Annandale, VA. Call Jim at (703) 765-2751.

2022 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

Do this in remembrance of me

The **2022 BLA Commitment Sunday is next weekend!** Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no parish could provide on its own. Our parish goal is 100% participation. By participating in the BLA, we remember the gift that Christ Himself gave us through His body and blood, and are asked to respond to His call to serve our brothers and sisters. You may go online to make a donation at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla or scan the QR code below:



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Church Persecuted

Religious freedom in America is in a sad state as vandalism at Catholic churches around the nation has increased this past year. Here is a tabulation of the latest incidents of vandalism at Catholic Churches in America.

Jan. 26, 2022 – Statues vandalized (Nativity Church, Burke, VA) (see 2/6/22 column)
Jan. 14 – Tabernacle vandalized, money stolen (St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Fresno, CA)
Dec. 2021 – 3 incidents of vandalism and Christmas decorations stolen (Mary Mother of God Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ)
Dec. 7 – Statue of Our Lady of Fatima vandalized (Basilica of National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC)
Nov. 25-29 – Windows smashed and statues toppled (St. Peter's Catholic Church, DeLand, FL)
Nov. 9 – Graffiti painted on walls (St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, Chicago, IL)
Nov. 5 – Graffiti on exterior of Catholic mission (Mission San Jose, Fremont, CA)
Nov. 1 – Statue decapitated (St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Fargo, ND)
Oct. 24 – Fire set to parish office (St. Charles Borromeo, Tacoma, WA)
Oct. 22 – Swastika painted on pillar in church parking lot (Annunciation Catholic Church, Washington, DC)
Oct 21 – Hateful messages spray-painted on wall of church (American Martyrs Catholic Church, Manhattan Beach, CA)
Oct. 11 – Graffiti on exterior wall of residence (Arrupe Jesuit Residence, Seattle U, Seattle, WA)
Oct. 11 – Paint splattered over the exterior of church (St. Peter Italian Catholic Church, Los Angeles, CA)
Oct. 10 – Windows broken and exterior vandalized with spray paint (St. Edward Church, Seattle, WA)
Oct. 10 – Hateful messages and graffiti sprayed on exterior wall and door (Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Denver, CO)
(Continued next week)

https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/Backgrounder-Attacks-on-Catholic-Churches-in-US#tab--_021

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.

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The Jeweler's Shop: A Modern Mystery by Pope John Paul II – Based on Pope John Paul II's bestselling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."

Watch now at www.straymonds.formed.org

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



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Where the Truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in the lives of Pre-K - 8th graders and their families.

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Come visit us and see why our students love coming to school.

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

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THE LAETARE BENEFIT SUPPORTING THE CLOISTERED NUNS OF ST. DOMINIC'S MONASTERY ON SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022.

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery. **The Laetare Benefit** is our annual fundraising dinner for the cloistered nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, VA. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, raffle, and auction, which will be held on **Sunday, March 27, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at the **Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Virginia**. Seating is limited. **RSVP by March 21, 2022**. Tickets are \$175 each and table sponsorships are available, starting at \$1,750 for 10. Please send a check payable to *Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery*, 524 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. For more info, please contact:

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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.

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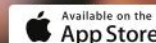
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