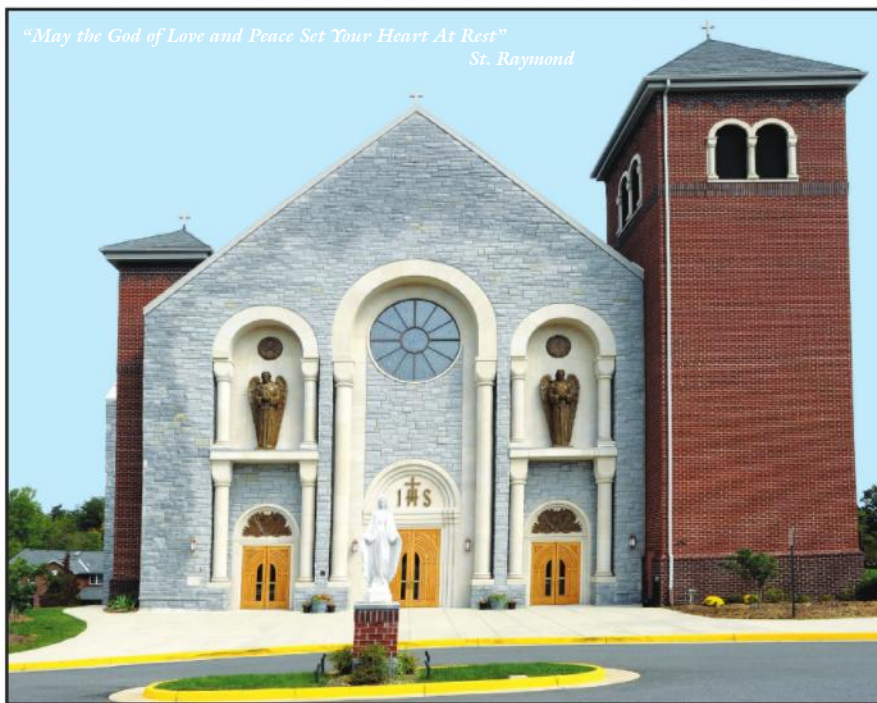


SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Scourging at the Pillar

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153**

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am and 1:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday:
6:30 am & 8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am

**EXTRAORDINARY
FORM MASS (LATIN)**
1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Rev. Edward R. Horkan, In Residence
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
Vince Drouillard, Religious Education Secretary
Joe Marquart, Plant Manager
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

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Choirs: Music@straymonds.org

Website

www.straymonds.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

Angelus Academy

**7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153
703-924-3996**

Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

6:15-6:55 p.m. (during Exposition)

Saturday Morning

8:15 - 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

Ukraine. I commend to your prayers and generosity the people of Ukraine. They are suffering greatly in an unprovoked attack on their homeland by a tyrant aggressor, Russian President Vladimir Putin. We need to pray for the Ukrainian warriors, both civilian and military, and for the innocent victims whose homes, businesses and culture are being destroyed. And also for the refugees as many, with no alternative, flee the war zones.

Some of you have asked me if we should join the fight directly, or indirectly. Privately, I have my own opinion. But here I stress that we are all free to make a prudential judgment in this regard. Although it seems that some effort must be made to supply humanitarian aid, but the extent of this is also a prudential judgment.

We also need to remember to love our enemies here. It seems clear to me that Putin and his regime are our enemies. So we need to pray for their conversion, that Christ may penetrate their hearts, and lead them to end this savagery. And that they may repent, make restitution and seek forgiveness and salvation.

Don't be Afraid to Go to Confession! Our daily confessions have started out well, as we've had a steady flow every day. But there's still room for you! Please remember to come during Lent, and to come early to avoid the long lines during Holy Week—if for no other reason, out of charity to your priests.

I know some people are afraid to go to Confession and so haven't been in years. Some are afraid because they are embarrassed by their sins. But remember, you can confess behind the screen, so the priest won't even know who you are (and we almost never recognize a voice).

Others are afraid because they think their sins can't be forgiven. But remember, Jesus says: "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man..." As long as you are truly sorry for your sins and want to stop sinning, the priest, with the power of Jesus, will forgive you.

Some are afraid because they think the priest will be angry with them. But that's just not true. In all my 55 years of going to Confession I've only had one truly unpleasant experience. Okay, priests have bad days like all of us, but even on a bad day priests won't get upset with you. Priests love forgiving sins—the bigger the better. And just because a priest seems stern in the pulpit doesn't mean he's that way in the confessional. A father may sometimes be stern when he teaches his children to behave, but when an apologetic child comes to him in tears, that same father opens his arms with tenderness. "A lion in the pulpit, a lamb in the confessional."

Some think they will shock the priest by what they've done. As Ecclesiastes tells us: "what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." I've heard over 25,000 Confessions in the last 23 years, and I have heard almost every sin imaginable—really. Nothing shocks me anymore.

And finally, some are afraid the priest will tell someone about their sin. This just doesn't happen. In all my life I have never heard a priest reveal the sins of anyone in Confession. Priests are forbidden, under pain of automatic excommunication (that can only be lifted by the pope himself), from ever directly or indirectly revealing the particular sins of a particular penitent. This is called the "seal of Confession," and extends even to revealing things that are not sinful that are discussed in the Confession. A lot of priests, including myself, pray and try to forget what they hear in Confession and avoid even admitting that a particular person came to Confession. (A great movie dramatizing this is Alfred Hitchcock's "I Confess.")

So don't be afraid. Come to Confession! Soon!

Lenten Thursday Holy Hour. Please join us for our Thursday evening Holy Hours which include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and Benediction. I will also give a short talk on the topic: **"The Lifelong Suffering of Our Savior."**

All Night Adoration. After the Holy Hours, we will continue Exposition/Adoration continuously through Thursday night until 3pm Friday afternoon. Please join us, and, if you can, sign up on our website for 1 hour of adoration.

Zanchetta and the Pope. A week or so ago Bishop Gustavo Oscar Zanchetta, former Bishop of Oran, Argentina, was sentenced to four and a half years in prison for the sexual abuse of two former seminarians. Zanchetta has spent the last few years living and working in the Vatican in a special post created for him by Pope Francis. Here is an excerpt of interesting analysis of the situation, taken from, "Pope Francis' 'Zanchetta problem,'" by Ed. Condon and JD Flynn in *The Pillar*, March 4:

"While the court focused on his brief tenure leading the diocese, scrutiny is now likely to fall on the years Zanchetta spent in Rome, under the patronage of Pope Francis...Zanchetta was appointed Bishop of Oran by Francis in 2013, one of the new pope's first episcopal appointments. But within two years local clergy were complaining to the Vatican about the bishop's behavior towards seminarians."

"Yet, despite mounting complaints from local priests, Francis sided with the bishop. According to the former vicar general of the diocese, even after obscene photographs of the bishop and of young men were discovered on Zanchetta's phone, the pope accepted his explanation that he'd been hacked by 'conservatives' and 'anti-Francis' forces in the diocese."

"Even after the pope finally accepted Zanchetta's resignation in 2017 — ostensibly for health reasons — the Vatican still insisted that it had not received any firm complaints against the bishop until the following year, despite considerable reporting appearing to show the contrary."

"Francis went further than just accepting Zanchetta's resignation for 'health reasons,' though, creating a sinecure position for him in the curia, and giving him a home in the Vatican hotel where the pope himself lives."

"Perhaps most awkwardly for the pope, he kept Zanchetta in a Vatican job and residence during exactly the period when the Church was reeling from the scandal of former cardinal Theodore McCarrick, and as the pope was convening a global summit of the world's bishops to address the question of episcopal accountability...."

"While Francis did order a preliminary investigation into Zanchetta, and announced that there would be a canonical trial at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2019, the results of neither process have been made public, or shared with the Argentine authorities, despite papal policies explicitly aimed at transparency in such cases..."

"The pope has promulgated several policies aimed at preventing and prosecuting cover ups or abuse itself. But he has also shown himself reluctant to act on allegations against friends, as in the case of Zanchetta, or when he believes the allegations could be politically motivated, as was the case in a 2018 fracas over a Chilean bishop accused of covering up abuse, whom Francis vigorously defended, before eventually apologizing to victims and accepting the bishop's resignation from his diocesan post..."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, March 14th**

6:30 am Joseph B. Glaab +
8:30 am Britany Diabelko

Tuesday, March 15th

6:30 am Kaitlin Coleman
8:30 am Michael Allman +

Wednesday, March 16th

6:30 am Edward McAssey +
8:30 am David Carter +

Thursday, March 17th

6:30 am Thomas Osella
8:30 am Tien Pham +

Friday, March 18th

6:30 am Timothy Dean
Downing +
8:30 am Riordan Family
7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Saturday, March 19th

Solemnity of St. Joseph
9:00 am Wayne Blair
12:00 pm Cesar Pineda +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Vernon & Mary Butler

Sunday, March 20th

7:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Anthony Lanasa +
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Vic Tambo &
Jonathan Kim Yabes +
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Joe Perricone +

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.**

Peter Collins

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss Tom Dietz Michael O'Neill Cindy Laird Patricia Lewis Barbara McGinn Mai Pham Joan Opie 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 Cy Alba Christina Cautero Joan Rowe Erick Reeder
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Mar. 12/13	Youth Apostolate's Bake Sale
Mar. 17	Lenten Series & Holy Hour 7:00 pm
Mar. 17-18	Adoration from 7 pm Thurs—3:00 pm Fri.
Mar. 18	Lenten Soup Supper 5:00pm-6:30pm
Mar. 18	Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
Mar. 18	EFM (Latin) 7:00 pm
Mar. 19	Solemnity of St. Joseph Extra Mass at Noon
Mar. 19	Men's Prayer Group
Mar. 19	K of C St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Dinner
Mar. 25	The Annunciation of the Lord Extra Mass at 7:00 pm

Lenten Soup Supper this Friday, 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Please join your fellow parishioners for a delicious but simple meal each Friday during Lent. The cost is either a pot of homemade meatless soup or a salad & bread to share. This week's soup supper is being hosted by our Adorers, Project Gabriel and Religious Education Catechists.

The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Tickets for the event will be sold after all Masses this weekend (March 12/13). Ticket Prices are \$5.00 for children (5-12), \$15.00 for Adults and \$50.00 for Families.

Gift Shop Lenten Sales – Garden Items available Mar. 25, 4pm-7pm outside near mulch pickup spot. Narthex Sale after all Masses – Mar. 26 & 27.

**Angelus Academy 2022 Gala**

Sunday, May 1st

Springfield Golf and Country Club

Register by April 14th at AngelusAcademy.org

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church. 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

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

Lenten CONFESSION Times

(Except Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday)

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:

March 3 - March 24 6:30pm – 7:00pm

March 28 – April 13 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday: 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Saturday: *Morning:* 8:00am - 8:45am

Afternoon: 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am – 9:00am

Holy Hour Lenten Series and Overnight Adoration.

Thursday evening Holy Hours began on March 10 and continue every Thursday through April 7 at 7pm in the Church. Holy Hours include Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament, the Rosary, and Benediction. Father

De Celles will give a brief talk on **"The Lifelong Suffering of Our Savior."** We will continue Exposition/Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament **through the night until 3pm Friday afternoon. Please visit our website to sign up for an hour!**

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 19th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.



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!

The 2022 Car Raffle Thanks to all those who have purchased and returned their car raffle tickets. Ask your neighbors and family— the ticket will sell itself! Don't forget to request extra tickets by emailing Larry Saenz at lsaenz1@verizon.net. Additional tickets will be mailed to you, upon request. In addition, the Knights will be selling Car Raffle tickets after all Masses March 19/20.

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. Donations are collected & 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.

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 April 2nd. All are welcome.

Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 8th at 10 am in the Parish Library. We will be discussing *It is Right and Just: Why the Future of Civilization Depends on True Religion* by Scott Hahn & Brandon McGinley (185 pgs). The schedule for the full year can be found at <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.

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.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. Failure to "substantially" keep these penances is grave matter (e.g., potentially a mortal sin). The law of abstinence requires that no meat may be eaten on these days, and binds all Catholics who are 14 years old or older. No other penance may be substituted. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The Church defines "fasting," for these purposes, as having only one full meal a day, with two additional smaller meals permitted, but only as necessary to keep up strength and so small that if added together they would not equal a full meal. Snacking is forbidden, but that does not include drinks that are not of the nature of a meal. Even though these rules do not bind all age groups, all are encouraged to follow them to the extent possible. Children in particular learn the importance of penance from following the practice of their older family members. The sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other folks with special physical circumstances may be partially or totally exempt from these rules—use good judgment and take care of yourself.

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. **Material donations of diapers and baby items up to 2T welcomed in the narthex.** Thank you for your continued generosity! *Donation collection spot is now near the elevator in the narthex.*

40 Days for Life The spring campaign is on! **Our parish commitment weekend is April 2-3.** 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 continue to **PRAY TO END ABORTION**. Sign up sheets in the narthex. The MIDPOINT RALLY will take place on Sunday, March 20th at 3:00pm at the vigil site. Come and stand up FOR LIFE.

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.

Delegate Kathy Tran (D42) has represented our Parish area in the Virginia Assembly since 2018. Having introduced the Repeal Act in 2019, she remains a staunch supporter and voice for abortion. Particularly during this Lenten Season, please pray for her conversion – and perhaps respectfully let her know of your concerns. *Her politics make a difference in our lives... and a fatal difference for so many unborn. Maybe you can make a positive prayerful difference in hers.* kathyfordelegate.com/legislation-1 or DelKTran@house.virginia.gov or P.O. Box 2731, Springfield, VA 22152.

According to a new report by the Guttmacher Institute, 54% of US abortions in 2020 were committed by the **abortion pill**. Women often regret that decision. If you know of someone who needs help reversing that decision, please call the abortion reversal helpline 877-558-0333. It may not be too late. abortionpillreversal.com

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

A Day of Prayer and 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. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703-841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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>

Youth Group & CCD this Sunday, March 13

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

5:30-7pm Religious Education/CCD

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

High School Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast 3/18

Looking for a great Lenten Sacrifice & addition to your spiritual life?? Join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan in the parish hall. If you RSVP a week ahead, we can drive you to school. If not, just show up for Mass & have your parent drive you to school after breakfast.

Quo Vadis



FEAR—
Jn 16:33
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Steubenville Youth Conference (July 8-10, 2022)

Current 8-12th graders are invited to join us for a weekend away with a few thousand Catholic teens to encounter God & experience His love through the power of the Sacraments, youthful dynamic Catholic speakers, uplifting music, and new friends! Throughout the Bible, the Lord tells us over and over again, "Be not afraid," and he continues to speak these words to us today. Join our group in road tripping to Steubenville, Ohio from July 8-10, 2022 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is always faithful and will never abandon us. For more info & to register go to <https://bit.ly/steubenville2022>. Registration due March 27.

and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery Open

July 10-14 (Quo Vadis) and July 17-21 (FIAT), 2022 Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current 9-12th graders) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests & religious, and runs Sun-Thurs, July 10-14.

FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs Sun-Thurs July 17-21. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery is open through March 31. See videos & photos from past years, get more info and register at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner High School Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, March 19th

The Knights of Columbus are in need of HIGH SCHOOL youth to help with their St. Patrick's Day dinner next Saturday, March 19th. They need 8 HS youth from 9am-1pm to help decorate & set up, and 8-10 HS youth 5pm -9pm to help serve & cleanup. Email Barry at jamesbarryryan@aol.com if you are able to help.

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

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

1. Sponsor Eligibility letter (from sponsor's home parish) is due no later than March 18th
2. Statement of Sponsor form due no later than March 18th

Looking ahead: please note that due to Fairfax County's student holiday schedule, CCD classes will NOT meet the week of April 3-5. In observance of Easter, CCD classes will NOT meet April 17-19

Administrative Assistant position opening up in the Religious Education Office in mid-July, with training beginning in June. If you are interested in this position or have questions, please submit a resume and/or questions to Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education at religiouseducation@straymonds.org.

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.

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!

"MARY MAGDALENE – At the Feet of Jesus," the one-woman play about St. Mary Magdalene, comes to St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church on Sunday, March 20. Biblically based, the story highlights her faith in Jesus, her journey of repentance, and her devotion to Jesus' teachings. She was one of the few disciples remaining at the foot of the cross at the crucifixion, and at the request of Jesus, the first to herald His Resurrection. The story also highlights belief in the true Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and Mary Magdalene's friendship with the Blessed Mother. Catholic performing artist Nancy Scimone portrays St. Mary Magdalene; directed by Rob Tessier. Suggested for ages 10 and older. No tickets needed; free-will offering accepted; 3:00-4:30 pm, St. Joseph Hall-Parish Center, 5222 Sideburn Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032. For more information, please call 703-978-4141 or visit www.MaryMagdaleneDrama.com.

2022 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

Do this in remembrance of me

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a gift today! The Bishop's Lenten Appeal provides a unique opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every donation, large or small, is vital to the success of the BLA. You may mail in your pledge or go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!



Church Persecuted

On March 7, 2022, The Catholic News Agency reported that the Knights of Columbus, in a “defining moment,” began providing humanitarian aid to the Ukrainians as Ukraine was being attacked by Russian military forces. In Ukraine, there are 40 Knight councils consisting of some 2000 members. When Russian forces launched their attack, the Knights sprang into action.

As refugees were moving from Ukraine into Poland and other countries, the Knights moved in the other direction. Manned by Knight volunteers, a truck drove from eastern Poland into western Ukraine. This shuttle provided medical supplies, food, and clothing to Lviv. Once in Lviv, Ukrainian Knights disbursed the food and supplies.

Additionally, a second project took place on the Polish side of the border where a Knights of Columbus Mercy Center provided refugees with “respite, food, water, shelter, communication support,” and a place to stay until Polish friends or family can meet them and bring them to their final destination.

Funding for this aid was provided by the Knights’ Ukraine Solidarity fund, which has raised \$2 million from their members and another \$1 million from the headquarters. The \$3.5 million in aid is being applied directly toward this humanitarian assistance.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said that they were working closely with the Greek Catholic Archdiocese in Ukraine and with the Latin Archdiocese in Lviv ensuring that the assistance “goes to where it needs to go.”

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250595/supreme-knight-of-columbus-patrick-kelly-ukraine-war>

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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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 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).

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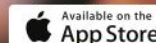
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