

"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
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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

8:15 - 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

MOTHER'S DAY. Today is Mother's Day. All human beings have a natural inclination toward a deep affection for their own mothers. But in spite of this, western culture has gradually been subtly degrading the dignity of motherhood and mothers, discouraging motherhood by pushing contraception, sterilization and, of course, abortion, and stressing "careers" over maternity. And now we have the new efforts of gay and transgender activists challenging the very notion and dignity of womanhood, and therefore motherhood.

Against all this stands the Catholic Church, which recognizes motherhood as a holy vocation, and mothers as the heart of the family. We recognize this dignity in all women, even before their first tiny baby rests in their wombs—women are created with this great gift written into their nature, with the tremendous capacity and potentiality to give life and love not only to their children and families, but to the world itself.

Furthermore, the Church sees in motherhood the model for her own relationship with God's children: "she" is the bride of Christ, and "Holy Mother Church."

And finally, the Church recognizes that one of the greatest gifts Our Lord Jesus has given to us is His own Blessed Mother, Mary, to be our Mother.

God bless all our mothers, alive or deceased!

"THE LEAK." By now I'm sure you've all read about the leak of a preliminary draft opinion in case currently before the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) case known as, "Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization." This is the case that could answer the prayer of millions of Americans and finally overturn both *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, i.e., the so-called "right to abortion."

Of course this has set off celebrations by pro-lifers and riots by the pro-aborts. But let me remind you: "it ain't over until the fat lady sings." As the statement released by SCOTUS reminded us: "it does not represent a decision by the Court or the final position of any member on the issues in the case."

And let me remind you of another Scotus leak, this one in 1972, about the original *Roe v. Wade* case. As was widely reported on Tuesday, "the Washington Post published a story ... a June 1972 memo from Justice William O. Douglas to his colleagues that was mysteriously leaked." The memo disclosed that the court had originally voted 4 to 3 to side with *Roe*, i.e., pro-abortion. The leak created a huge uproar in the pro-abortion groups, and apparently **great pressure was put on the 3 "anti-abortion" Justices to change their vote.** And in the final opinion issued months later (with two additional Justices joining the Court in the interim) the vote was 7 to 2, **with Chief Justice Burger and Justice Blackmun changing their original "no" votes.**

Many speculate on the reason the leaker released this draft this week. Personally, I think it was to ratchet up the pro-abortion rhetoric to intimidate or at least influence the anti-*Roe* judges.

In any case, the "fat lady" hasn't sung yet: it ain't over. So it's not time to celebrate—it's time to redouble our prayers.

Stupid Response to the Leak. There were many crazy, irrational and mendacious responses to the leak. But the worst came from our pro-abortion President, Joe Biden, who said: "Roe says what all basic mainstream religions have historically concluded, that the existence of a human life and being is a

question... Is it at the moment of conception? Is it six months? Is it six weeks? Is it quickening, like Aquinas argued?"

Not quite. In short, the Catholic Church has always condemned abortion from conception—which is the fusion of the male and female gametes (sperm and ovum) becoming a diploid cell (one cell with 2 sets of chromosomes) —a zygote. The only thing that was ever questioned by the Church was when did the *soul* enter the body. But that is not necessarily the same thing as human life—if the body is human and it's alive.... And ensoulment is not necessarily the same as conception. Moreover, Aquinas' argument for ensoulment at quickening (the baby's first movement in the uterus felt by the mother, usually at 13 to 16 week gestation) was based on his following the best science available in the 13th century. Science has come along way since then. So let's follow the science and not the talking points of the pro-aborts.

TATTOOS. I was disappointed to read and then see the video of the popular priest, talking about his new tattoo. He basically says tattoos are usually okay, no sin, but you have to be careful that you don't do it for the wrong reason and of the subject matter.

I couldn't disagree more strongly. Traditional Catholic moral theology teaches that tattoos are a mutilation of a healthy body, and as such are usually sinful. True, they are usually only venially sinful, but they can be mortally sinful too. But a sin is a sin—i.e., not okay, not God's plan.

Exceptions to this would be where tattoos are deeply imbedded in your culture. For example, some cultures have centuries-old customs of tattooing tribal, military or religious symbols on their people. In the American culture we find this in the case of **military tattoos** (they are usually fine). But we find it hardly anywhere else. We especially don't find it on women and children. And we don't find it in the culture of the Catholic Church, and never on priests. It is true, that some recent immigrants might legitimately bring that aspect of their ancient cultures with them, but the reality is most of those customs have not made it past the first generation of immigrants.

Today, many people who have no cultural connection to tattoos are getting them. In many cases, this is done to join in with the current "popular culture." But this is using the idea of "culture" in its broadest sense, not in the sense used above, and really refers more to an anti-culture. In any case, how can this be something good when it is really the (anti-)culture of secularism (Godless), especially influenced by the far left, which embraces all sorts of un-Christian ideals?

In my view, the popular culture of tattooing is completely in line with other degradations of the divine gift of the human body: i.e., sexual promiscuity and perversion, gender confusion and "therapy," abortion, contraception, pornography.

So, no, tattoos are not usually okay. They may be in some cases (e.g., military), but not usually. And that especially applies to Catholics, and most especially to priests.

That being said, if you have a tattoo, don't panic, and don't think you have to have it painfully removed. It's probably only venial sin. But if you need to repent it, do so, and learn from your mistakes. Just don't get any more, and if you don't have one, don't get one. And finally, **DO NOT CONDEMN PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE THEM!** That is a sin too.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 9th**

6:30 am Madelyn Laird
8:30 am Mother's Day
Triduum

Tuesday, May 10th

6:30 am Madeline Hugel
8:30 am Mother's Day
Triduum

Wednesday, May 11th

6:30 am Diane Hattler
8:30 am Miriam F.
Watanabe+

Thursday, May 12th

6:30 am Sophie Keith +
8:30 am Sophia Perricone

Friday, May 13th

6:30 am Sara Imershein
8:30 am Rev John C.
De Celles

Saturday, May 14th

9:00 am Elizabeth Quidileg +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Johnathan Fleming

Sunday, May 15th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Rev. John M. O'Donohue
9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Rev. Michael Taylor
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.**

Peter Collins

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss
Tom Dietz
Michael O'Neill
Cindy Laird
Patricia Lewis
Mai Pham
Joan Opiela
Jason Saenz
Phyllis Zitnik
Patricia Del Buono
Juanita Boarman
John Florio

Michael
Malachowski
Debra Henkel
Daniel Moore
Lauren Hornsby
Gaudencio Dizon
Paul Haynes
Dwayne Taylor
Christopher Quan
Ted Tolpa
Nena Brennan
Serrin Foster

Fr. Jerry Daly
Tom Swengros
Ellie Garcia
Margaret O'Neill
Christina
Cautero
Christine Rawls
Vanus Priestley
Priscilla Stenson
Minnie Taylor

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at St. Raymond's!**

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Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am
Saturday at 9:00 am
Sunday Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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 May 21st. 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 June 4th. All are welcome.

2022 Fatima Pilgrimage, July 17-28. You are invited to join a pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain organized by the Luminaries of Holy Mary. The spiritual director will be Fr. Townsend, the Parochial Vicar of the Basilica of Saint Mary. There are 40 spaces available on a first-come basis. Visit <https://bit.ly/Fatima2022> for more information. To register: email Frank praydailyrosary@gmail.com or Mary mary.sample3@gmail.com, or call 571-334-5925.

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center which services 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).

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

May 8-10 Mother's Day Triduum
May 8 May Crowning after the 9:00 am Mass
May 9 Family of Jesus Prayer Group
May 11 Adoration
May 11 Legion of Mary
May 12 Bridge Club
May 13 Book Club
May 13 Adoration
May 14 Spring Senior Luncheon
May 20 EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
May 21 Men's Prayer Group

Mother's Day Triduum- Sunday, May 8th is Mother's Day. We will be honoring mothers with a Triduum of Masses on May 8-10. If you would like to include the special mothers in your life (ie. Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, etc.), cards are available in the narthex of the church or at the parish office.

Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 13th at 10 am in the Parish Library. We will be discussing *The Secret of the Rosary* by Louis De Montfort and Mary Barbour (152 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.

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!

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.

Gift Shop Sales in the Narthex: May 14th & 15th and May 21st & 22nd.



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. 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 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and 12:00 pm and 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!**

Bridge Club: All levels of players are welcome. We play Bridge cards each week in the Church Hall. Contact Lois Kotlowski at 703-455-6567 dancertoo2@yahoo.com or James Kolakowski at 703-455-3009 bridgeclub402@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

Spring/Summer 2022 Class to enter the Catholic Church (RCIA) is being offered at St Raymond's Parish on Monday evenings 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Classes will run until August 29, 2022 (except for Memorial Day, May 30, and July 4, 2022). This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and designed to prepare 1) *baptized adult non-Catholics* to enter the Catholic Church, and 2) *baptized adult Catholics* seeking First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. **Also, anyone who desires a better understanding of Catholic teachings and practices is welcomed.** No advanced registration is required. The standard RCIA program will be offered beginning in September 2022. If you have questions call Bob or Bev Ward 703-644-5873 or via email at rew6710@gmail.com.

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.

Annual Spring Senior Luncheon

For Seniors 55+

Where: Church Parish Hall

When: May 14th

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Cost: Free

R.S.V.P. to Parish Office 703-440-0535

Or complete below & drop in the collection basket.

Name _____

Number of Guests _____ (Bring a Friend!)

Hosted by our American Heritage Girls and Trail Life Troops

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 in Alexandria. Material donations of diapers and baby items up to 2T welcomed in the narthex.

Our next support weekend is May.21-22

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Donation collection spot is near the elevator in the narthex.

We stand at a critical point in history where the legality of abortion is being challenged in the highest courts. More than ever, it is important for everyone to know where they stand on abortion and why. Get your tickets now for **The Matter of Life** award-winning documentary which will be in local theaters for two nights only on May 16 & May 17. Visit <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/The-Matter-of-Life> for locations and times.

Do you know about Virginia's new **Safe Haven laws**? Visit: nationalsafehavenalliance.org

Mark your calendar for 10:00 am on Saturday June 18th! Catholic apologist Trent Horn will be speaking at Holy Spirit Parish on the topic: **Persuasive Pro-life: How to talk about our culture's toughest issue.** If you ever get tongue-tied trying to explain why you're pro-life, Trent will explain the non-religious reasons to oppose abortion and equip you to graciously make your case in the public square.

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.

Abortion reversal helpline 855-209-4848. *It may not be too late.* reverseabortionpill.com

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? **A Mom's Peace**, offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit amomspeace.org.

To those who have suffered an abortion: Project Rachel can help someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of a past abortion. (888)456-HOPE. Confidentiality always respected.

www.helpafterabortion.org.

For Men: (703) 841-3833.

Email: info@helpafterabortion.org or info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.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 & CCD this Sunday, May 8

Enjoy the day with your mom! Happy Mother's Day, Moms!

Next week, **May 15th**, current 6th graders are invited to join the Jr. High Youth Group! Current 8th graders are welcome to attend the Jr. High Youth group and/or High School Youth Group! These will be our last regular Sunday youth group meetings until we resume with CCD & youth group in the Fall.

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

5:30-7pm Religious Education/CCD

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

*We will be honoring our seniors as part of our final night together, so be sure to come out to show them your support!

Sons of Thunder: High School Guys' Group

7-8:30pm Tuesday, May 10 (Maurer Room)

Current 8th-12th Grade Guys, come join the brotherhood!

Sons of Thunder meets 7-8:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Parish Hall. Come learn more about your faith, deepen your relationship with Christ, and hang out with other guys in a chill atmosphere. Make sure forms (above) are on file before coming.

High School Fri. 6:30am Mass & Breakfast 5/13

Youth group may be ending soon, but our High School Friday Mass & Breakfast continues through June 3rd! Join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan in the parish hall.

RSVP by Wednesday if you need a ride to school. **Rising 9th graders** are invited to come be a part of these grace-filled Friday mornings!

Food Contributions Needed & Appreciated!

Our Friday morning Mass & breakfast crew is a big one! If you have the means, would you consider checking out the signup to see if there are any items you may be able to help provide for these amazing teens? <https://bit.ly/FridayBfast> We are so grateful to all who have donated food/money towards our breakfasts & Sunday dinners all year! We could not do it without you! Thank you for supporting our youth!

Class of 2022 College Night!

The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes beginning at 7pm: **June 29** (St. Mark); **July 6** (St. Michael); **July 20** (Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town-held at St. Mary's Lyceum); **July 27** (St. Mary's Fredericksburg (held at Holy Cross Academy)). College Nights help rising college freshmen and transfer students to network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the often difficult transition of faith life in college. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their **personal testimonies** about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. There are **small groups divided by students' universities** and students walk away with a free bundle of **Catholic books** called the "Bosco Bundle" to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith while away at school. The events come with a free pizza dinner, too. Please encourage your senior to sign up! For more information, please visit www.asjb.org.

HELP!! Handyman Volunteers Needed for WorkCamp 6/20-23!

We are in need of **3 "contractors" (folks with basic construction and/or remodeling skills)** who can commit to help with WorkCamp, June 20-23. We have 7+ talented gentlemen who have eagerly and graciously come for the past several years, but due to a variety of circumstances (moving, unable to get off work, illness) are unable to help this year. This means, **WE NEED YOU!** Come be a part of this incredible experience! Contact Jeanne ASAP for details.

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

No CCD classes this evening.

This is the final week (May 9, 10 and 15) of Religious Education classes for the 2021-2022 academic year. It is also the week of final exams for grades 1-8.

We are profoundly grateful to the parents, students and volunteers for all your hard work and dedication this year! May God bless you abundantly for your efforts! We are so blessed to partner with you in bringing the Catholic Faith to the children of St. Raymond's.

2022-2023 Religious Education Registration Forms are available in the Narthex of the church, in the Parish Office, outside the Religious Education Office and on the Parish website. Class assignment is made on a first come, first served basis with class sizes limited to 15 students. Register early to get your first choice!!

PLEASE NOTE: there will only be RCIC and Good Shepherd classes on Tuesdays for the 2022-2023 academic year!

Volunteer teachers/catechists, assistant teachers and aides (high school students) are needed for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year. If you would like to help, please fill out a gray Volunteer Registration form which can be found in the same locations as the student registration forms. Please complete and return the form to the Religious Education Office.

The Ritual Mass of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, May 24th. Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant of this Mass.

For parents of students preparing for Confirmation in 2023: your child's Saint report was due April 28th. Please check the Confirmation Supplement which you received in September for due dates of other paperwork.

American Heritage Girls: Did you know we have an American Heritage Girls troop here at St. Raymond's? AHG is a fun Christian scouting group for girls from Kindergarten to 12th grade. Our troop, Troop VA0683, meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at St. Raymond's. Coming up soon for our troop is our campout in May, which will be at Pohick Bay Regional Park and take place over three days. We are also looking forward to our World Heritage Day, which will help us earn the World Heritage badge. We will be learning about and enjoying food from different countries on this day. We would love for you to join us at a meeting with your daughter(s)! Please contact our troop coordinator, Bea Frey, at ahgva0683@gmail.com or visit our website, <https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/american-heritage-girls-troop/>, for more information. We hope to see you soon!!

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.

Church Persecuted

Last Monday, there was a 9-0 win at the U.S. Supreme Court for religious freedom. The case (Shurtleff v. Boston) rejected the city of Boston's claim that allowing a Christian flag to fly at City Hall was an unconstitutional violation of the First Amendment establishment clause.

There are three flag poles outside City Hall in Boston. One flies the American flag and a second flies the Massachusetts state flag. The third flies the city flag, but the city allows private organizations to fly their flag on that pole. Over the past years, 50 unique flags (representing various countries, political positions, cultural beliefs, and ethnicities) were raised on that pole at 284 ceremonies. The petitioners, Herald Shurtleff, who directs Camp Constitution, "asked to hold an event on the plaza to celebrate the civic and social contributions of the Christian community, as part of the ceremony, he wished to raise what he described as a 'Christian flag.'" The city declined the request because it felt that allowing the Christian flag to fly would be the government supporting a religion – violation of the establishment clause. On Monday, the Supreme Court ruled otherwise.

The Court held that since Boston told the public "that it sought 'to accommodate all applicants' who wished to hold events at Boston's 'public forums,' including City Hall Plaza," then Boston lacks a "meaningful involvement in the selection of flags or the crafting of their messages." The Court deemed "the third-party flag raising as private, not government, speech."

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ –

The first feature film ever on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ. Starring Tobias Moretti in a manly, appealing performance, we are shown the human, noble, and deeply spiritual aspects of Joseph the carpenter, son of David, servant of God, and loving husband of Mary. He is presented as a man of faith who must grapple greatly with the profound mysteries of the miraculous conception, the Virgin Birth, the Incarnation of the Son of God, and the incredible challenges of protecting and raising Jesus amidst the threats on his life from the moment of his birth and beyond. As Joseph is informed by God's messengers about trusting and following his plan for Christ, the dangerous flight into Egypt to save his child, and finally returning to Nazareth to raise Jesus, this lovely film presents beautiful vignettes of these and other powerful scenes in the life of the young Christ and the Holy Family that are authentic and inspiring. Also stars Stefania Rivi, Franco Interlenghi, and Andrea Prodan."

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



Angelus Academy

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

What a blessing it is to be learning together!

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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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Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women: Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 17-19. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will lead the retreat this year, and the theme is "Heart to Heart: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and strength" (Deut. 6:5). It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$60 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Friday June 6.

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!! A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Our next in-person experience is:

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