

"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

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

8:15 - 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

Peaceful Protest. Last Sunday you may have noticed a more prominent presence of the good officers of our Fairfax County Police Department around the church. They were here at my invitation, just in case some of the radical anti-abortion folks might make good on their threats to protest at and during Catholic Masses in the area. You may have also noticed some extra prayers before some of the Masses as well. Thanks be to God, and our friends at the FCPD, there were no problems at any Mass, or on the property in general.

I sincerely don't think we have anything to worry about; the events that did happen in various places were largely peaceful, if uncivil and unjust. Still, we must keep our eyes open—there are some radical and evil people out there.

Even so, don't worry. We'll be fine, in Jesus' hands. If anything does happen, we have parishioners at every Mass who are current or retired law enforcement officers (thanks!) who are ready to intervene if necessary. Moreover, we have a policeman directing traffic outside, who is a minute away in response. If something were to happen, it would almost certainly be non-violent—and I'm a firm believer in the old adage, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

In the meantime, as Jesus teaches us, we must love those who hate us and pray for people who persecute us. We must also pray for those who are most severely being harassed and persecuted, especially Supreme Court Justices Thomas, Alito, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, Barrett and Roberts.

To Be Catholic is to be Ready for Persecution. As bad as the "soft-persecution" we encounter in the U.S., it's much worse in other parts of the world. As I sit down to write this column (Wednesday, May 11), this news is just being reported. From the website, "The Pillar":

"Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kium, SDB, has been arrested. The 90-year old emeritus Bishop of Hong Kong was detained by authorities on Wednesday evening, over charges related to a non-profit group of which Zen is a trustee. The cardinal's arrest came months after state-owned Chinese media signaled that he would likely be targeted by government security forces for his pro-democracy advocacy."

"Zen, 90, was arrested by national security police May 11, along with Margaret Ng Ngoi-ye, a pro-democracy former member of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, and Denise Ho Wan-sze, a well-known singer. All three were arrested on charges of colluding with foreign powers, under the terms of Hong Kong's National Security Law, which came into force in July, 2020."

"The charges relate to the work of the 612 Humanitarian Relief Fund, a charity that helps political arrestees in Hong Kong defray their legal expenses. Zen, Ng, and Ho are all trustees of the charity...."

"In January, Hong Kong paper Ta Kung Pao published four separate articles attacking Zen, who is a totemic figure for persecuted Chinese Catholics and pro-democracy advocates. Ta Kung Pao is owned by the Chinese Communist Party's Liaison Office — the mainland government's department charged with overseeing the Hong Kong government....Editorials in CCP-controlled newspapers are often used to signal forthcoming government action."

"....Zen's arrest places enormous pressure on the Holy See to break its silence on the humanitarian crisis in China and the crackdown on civil liberties in Hong Kong. Despite the fracturing political and security situation in Hong Kong, the

Holy See's Secretariat of State has previously said it would not speak out about the crackdown on civil liberties in Hong Kong because it did not see the point in doing so. "Obviously Hong Kong is the object of concern for us. Lebanon is a place where we perceive that we can make a positive contribution. We do not perceive that in Hong Kong," Archbishop Paul Gallagher, who heads the Secretariat of State's section for diplomatic relations, said last year.

"...The arrest of the nonagenarian cardinal comes just months before the Vatican is set to renew its controversial agreement with the Chinese government on the status of the Church in China...The Vatican-China deal, the terms of which remain unpublished, was first agreed in 2018 and hands the Communist government a role in the approval of episcopal appointments on the mainland. Additionally, Catholic clergy are required by the government (and encouraged by the Vatican) to pledge loyalty to the Communist Party and to join the state-sponsored Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association. Those that have refused have been subject to harassment and detention, and in some cases disappeared."

"....China watchers have flagged escalating persecution of faithful Catholics and clergy, and Beijing has appeared to announce its own episcopal appointments without previous Roman approval...."

Ordination Anniversaries. For many years the third Saturday of May was the day for ordaining priests in the Diocese of Arlington. Consequently, most of the priests of the Diocese celebrate(d) their ordination anniversaries last week or this week. Praised be Jesus Christ, I am celebrating the 26th anniversary of my ordination. In the last 26 years there has not been one day, not even one moment, that I have ever regretted, even in the slightest, answering the call to the priesthood. Despite my many failings and failures, my many weaknesses and sins, I love being a priest and thank the Lord every day that He allows me to serve Him and His Church—including all of you—in this most amazing vocation.

Please keep all your priests in prayer. And also pray for 8 men Bishop Burbidge will ordain the Priesthood for our Diocese on Saturday June 4, 2022. And for the 8 seminarians he ordained to the diaconate last month, anticipating their ordination to the priesthood next year.

Also please continue to pray for and encourage priestly vocations, especially in your own circle, particularly in our parish and in your families.

Finally, pray for courageous and faithful priests, after the model of Cardinal Zen.

On a Happier Note: Welcome Home, Colleges Students. I want to extend my most sincere congratulations to all of our parishioners who are graduating from college/university this month. We're all proud of you, and pray for you as you move on to the new challenges that await you.

I also want to welcome home all of the college students coming home for the summer. I look forward to seeing you around the church. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for various opportunities available to deepen your faith life over the summer, as well as social opportunities that will come up here in the parish and at nearby parishes.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 16th**

6:30 am Thomas J.
O'Connell +
8:30 am Patricia & Benjamin
Zolper +

Tuesday, May 17th

6:30 am Dolores Gigliotti +
8:30 am Anna Anezin +

Wednesday, May 18th

6:30 am Kay Minor Swisher +
8:30 am Bishop John R.
Keating +

Thursday, May 19th

6:30 am John & Avis Downs +
8:30 am Tuan Pham +

Friday, May 20th

6:30 am Rose Benson +
8:30 am Pauline Drouillard
7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Saturday, May 21st

9:00 am Zachary Hoopes

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Joseph Fleming

Sunday, May 22nd

7:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Rev. Daniel S. Spychala
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Rippey**
John Dussault +
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
In Thanksgiving

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
Priscilla Stinson
Minnie Taylor
Mervyn Carter
James Bowling
Lupe Bowling
Audrey Pridgen

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. Our next EFM Mass is this Friday, May 20th.

**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass
at St. Raymond's!**

straymonds.org

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

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).

Knights of Columbus Annual KOVAR Collection:

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for KOVAR at the following venues/dates:
May 14: KOVAR (Huntsman Giant)
May 28: KOVAR (VABC Store at Burke Town Plaza)
June 4/5: KOVAR (Saratoga Giant)
June 11/12: KOVAR (After-Masses at St. Raymond's)
Please be generous in your support. Donations can be cash, check or via debit/credit card using this link:

<https://knightsofcolumbusstjohnbosco.givingfuel.com/kovar-donations-2022-kofc-st-john-bosco-council>

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

May 16 Family of Jesus Prayer Group
May 18 Adoration
May 18 Legion of Mary
May 19 Bridge Club
May 20 Adoration
May 20 EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
May 21 Men's Prayer Group
May 24 Confirmation Mass at 7:00 pm
May 28/29 Rosary Promotion Weekend

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

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.

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.

ROSARY PROMOTION WEEKEND, MAY 28-29. The Legion of Mary is sponsoring the parish's annual rosary promotion table in the narthex, **May 28-29**. Please stop by their table for a free rosary, holy cards, and other items. All are welcome!



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 Kolakoski 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.

Part Time Health Care Coordinator - The Arlington Diocese Office of the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy is looking for a part time Health Care Coordinator to act as an advocate, coordinator and manager of medical services for retired diocesan priests as well as active priests with significant health issues. Required qualifications include: nursing degree, current Virginia RN license, drivers license and five years experience. Annandale office location with frequent travel within the Diocese to meet with priests and their health care providers. Flexible hours (20-29 per week) but must be able to support coordination in cases of emergency which may include evening or weekend. Qualified candidates may contact the Human Resources Department at (703) 841-2553 or hr@arlingtondiocese.org.

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, that's next weekend!

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.

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 855-209-4848. **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.

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>

Our May Bake Sale brought in \$1026!

WOW! What a beautiful and generous parish family we have here at St. Raymond's! Thank you to all who baked goodies, ran the table after Mass, and to all who bought the delicious baked goods and/or donated to support our youth! **FINAL bake sale: June 11-12**

LAST Youth Group & CCD this Sunday, May 15

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!

High School Fri. 6:30am Mass & Breakfast 5/20

Current 8th graders through 12th graders...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. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/Jesus4U> so we have enough food.

Friday Breakfast Food Contributions Needed & Appreciated!

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 our amazing teens on Friday Mornings? <https://bit.ly/FridayBfast>

URGENT PLEA FOR HELP!!

Handyman Volunteers Needed for WorkCamp 6/20-23

We are in need of **3 "contractors" (men or women 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.

youth@straymonds.org or 571-334-9890



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.

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

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

<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY CCD CLASSES meet tonight for the last session of the academic year!

Have a wonderful Summer, everyone! We look forward to seeing ALL of you (grades K-12) - on site - next year!!

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 bright blue 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!

We are in need of the following Volunteer teachers, assistant teachers and aides (high school students) for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year:

Sunday Grade 3 Teacher

Grade 3 Assistant teacher

Sunday Grade 4 Teacher

Grade 4 Assistant teacher

Sunday Grade 6 Assistant teacher

Monday Kindergarten high school aide

Monday Grade 7 Assistant teacher

The Ritual Mass of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held here at St. Raymond's on Tuesday evening, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. 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!!

Book Club: Our next meeting will be on Friday, June 10th at 10 am in the Parish Library. **VOTE for next year's books & possibly brunch; Start 9:30 in Parish Hall.** Celebrate our Faith & gratitude for Catholic books. 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.

Church Persecuted

Many have traveled to Philadelphia to tour or go on pilgrimage to view the great shrines and saints of the city. Many have viewed the statue of St. John Neuman, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia and one of the early prelates instrumental in establishing the Catholic parochial school system in the U.S. Today there is only the outline of what was the statue, since it was recently severely damaged by vandals. The statue, located at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, was damaged by an attack of either rocks or bottles. The head and arms were detached and chipped in places. The outline of the statue is all that remains. The basilica staff has removed the statue from public view and is determining how and when it can be restored.

Father Dennis Gill, the rector at the Cathedral, believes that the incident "is an example of a larger crisis gripping the city." He said that "That type of violence that we see against human life, as horrific as that is, spills over into all kinds of other destructive behaviors. And the vandalism of this shrine was unnecessary destructive action."

(<https://youtube.com/shorts/Py-miD4tqsY?feature=share>)

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.

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.

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Angelus Academy

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

Thank you for supporting our Gala! It was a wonderful celebration!

Call or email us to arrange a personal tour and learn more about our mission.

We continue to accept 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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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.

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: September 23-25, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza in Herndon, VA. Only 30 spots available so sign up early! To register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for Herndon, Virginia. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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