

"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:

Telephone Numbers:

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed. Sincere congratulations to all our teens who received the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday evening. Let's keep them in our prayers as they go forward with these graces and become the good men and women God created them to be. Thanks to Bishop Burbidge for visiting and conferring the sacrament, and thanks also to parents, sponsors, and catechists for helping the kids prepare for the sacrament and for life as true followers of Jesus.

Heart of a Lion. I'm sure many of you remember when Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, of San Francisco, spoke to a packed church at St. Raymond's in November of 2015. He was well received by you, with a standing ovation even before he spoke. His name translates as "Heart of a lion," and he has always exemplified that, and continues to do that today.

Since I wrote last week's column most of you have read about Archbishop Cordileone's notice publicly banning his subject, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic, from receiving Holy Communion.

My response in one word: Bravo! In four words: Praised be Jesus Christ! While this took great personal courage, his ban is simply a public recognition that Canon 915 of the Code of Canon Law applies to her case. The canon reads: "Those ...who obstinately persist in manifest grave sin, are not to be admitted to holy communion."

This, of course, is a codification of St. Paul's Scriptural edict in 1 Cor 11: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. ...For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves."

And in 1 Cor 5: "you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people."

Abortion and promoting and voting for pro-abortion legislation is clearly, undebatable, a "grave sin." To be clear, and with all charity and compassion toward post-abortive mothers who have been misled, coerced or otherwise confused, abortion is a form of murder, the worst form.

Moreover, Pelosi has clearly "obstinately persisted" in this grave sin after many warnings by Popes and her Archbishop, in a way that is manifest to all Americans.

Therefore, by the law of the Church, and Scripture, she simply may not be given Communion. Note, this is not the decision of the Archbishop. It is the law of God and the Church that is binding on the Archbishop—and all clerics, including the Pope himself. Archbishop Cordileone is merely informing his lamb, Nancy, and other bishops and priests, that the law does indeed apply in her case.

Of course, the response by the radical-Left has been predictable. The media is full of folks saying that the Archbishop is crossing the line between Church and state. But of course, this has nothing to do with the "State;" it is an internal matter within the Church: between the Archbishop and one of his own flock (and the rest of us Catholics) about what she may no longer do *inside* the Church.

My favorite response was Whoopi Goldberg on *The View*. "This is not your job, dude! ...that is not up to you to make that decision... what is the point of communion, right? It's for sinners. It's for sinners. It's the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners. How dare you?"

Whoopi, Whoopi, Whoopi. That actually IS HIS JOB. You might not like it, but your ignorance of Scripture, Catholic teaching and Canon Law doesn't change that. Moreover, misquoting Pope Francis doesn't change that either.

And of course Pelosi responded predictably. The Washington Post reports her saying, "I wonder about the death penalty, which I'm opposed to. So is the church, but they take no actions against people who may not share their view." Actually, the Church has consistently taught that the death penalty, properly applied, is not sinful. It is true, Pope Francis reworded the Catechism to say that "the death penalty is inadmissible," but such ambiguous wording does not clearly overturn the 2000 year old unambiguous doctrine on the subject.

Moreover, consider the execution of a person tried and found guilty of a terrible crime they freely chose to do, after a long and thorough process of the law, subject to multiple judicial appeals. How does that even remotely compare to the arbitrary, unilateral, unappealable killing "on demand" of an innocent defenseless unborn little baby.

Pelosi also said, "Now our archbishop has been vehemently against LGBTQ rights...So this decision ... is very dangerous in the lives of so many of the American people. They're not consistent with the Gospel of Matthew." Again, Cordileone is absolutely in line with Church teaching and the Gospels, so what she's saying is that the Gospel is "very dangerous."

Kudos to the brave Archbishop Cordileone for his courage to take such a strong and clear stand in the face of such terrible and evil opposition.

Uvalde, Texas. I fondly remember Uvalde as a quaint and sleepy little town in the middle of the desert about 70 miles west of my hometown of San Antonio. So I was stunned and heartbroken to hear the news last week of the elementary school shooting killing 22, including 19 little children. I commend to your prayers the souls of all the dead, including the deranged shooter: may God have mercy on his depraved soul.

Requiem aeternam dona eis,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Requiescant in pace. Amen.

Whenever these kinds of shootings happen, there are many who call for stricter gun laws. Well, that's a political call, not something I want to engage in. But we need to remember that we have a natural right to defend ourselves, which means, in our day, a natural right to own guns, and in my judgment, in most cases, to carry them. Certainly, society has a right to place reasonable restrictions on this right, but the question then becomes what is "reasonable."

But I don't see this as a gun control issue as much as a sign of a much bigger society problem. Evil has taken hold, whether it's killing babies in the womb, or killing them in the classroom, the respect for innocent human life has been lost. **In the end, it's the Devil at work.** "For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness..." (Eph 6:12). So pray, and embrace Jesus and His Holy Church.

Memorial Day. For many people Memorial Day simply marks the beginning of the Summer. But its true meaning is to honor all the brave men and women who have died serving in the military of our beloved country. May we honor them tomorrow, and always. And may God reward them in eternity for their sacrifices on earth.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 30th****Memorial Day**

10:00 am For All who laid
down their lives for our
Country

Tuesday, May 31st

6:30 am Regine Benayoun
Feuer
8:30 am Patti Davis +

Wednesday, June 1st

6:30am Morris Butler, Jr. +
8:30am Deacon Dan Johnson+

Thursday, June 2nd

6:30 am Richard +& Gladys +
8:30 am Samuel Drouillard

Friday, June 3rd

6:30 am Hoffman & Craddock
8:30 am Joey Santos +
7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Saturday, June 4th

9:00 am Miriam F Watanabe +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Irene Krosnick +

Sunday, June 5th

7:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
John McNeil +
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Sylvester (Buzz) Verry +
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Peter & Lenice Blair

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
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
Minnie Taylor
Mervyn Carter
James Bowling
Lupe Bowling
Audrey Pridgen
Anne Whelan
Jacob Goodman
Jacina Guerrero

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

May 30

Memorial Day Holiday

1 Mass at 10:00 am

Parish offices are closed

June 3

EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm

June 4

Men's Prayer Group

June 4

Luminaries of Mary

June 5

Donut Sunday

June 9 - 14

No 6:30 am Weekday Mass

Donut Sunday, June 5th after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy some treats and drinks, and meet your fellow parishioners. This month's Donut Sunday is being hosted by our Knights of Columbus. **This will be our last Donut Sunday until the Fall.**

Lost and Found Items will be displayed in the Parish Hall during Donut Sunday. If you are missing something & may have left it in the church, please be sure to check the table! Items not claimed by June 7th will be donated or disposed of, as appropriate.

ROSARY PROMOTION THIS WEEKEND. 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!

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:

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>

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.

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, June 3rd.

View livestreaming of the Holy Mass 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

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects 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).

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 June 4th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse: June 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at Saint Michael's Catholic Church, Annandale, VA. Please join us. The Office of Victim Assistance offers outreach and support. For more information, please contact their office at 703-841-2530 or victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.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! Did you know, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Father McGivney installed the first officers of San Salvador Council No. 1 in New Haven, CT in May of 1882, One hundred forty years ago this month?

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.

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.

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!

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.

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

If Roe v Wade is overturned, nothing in Virginia will immediately change. Abortion in VA, MD and DC will still be legal. If any legislative changes are to take place, Virginians will have to wait until November 2023 to change the State Senate.

Currently, there are 44 abortions in Virginia every day. We have a long way to go in making abortion unthinkable. Pray for conversion of hearts and minds and a renewal of a Culture of Life in our Commonwealth and beyond.

The MaRiH Center is a Pro Life Pregnancy Support Center in Alexandria. **Material donations of diapers, 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.

Persuasive Pro-life: How to talk about our culture's toughest issue. Mark your calendar for **10:00 am on Saturday June 18th!** Catholic apologist Trent Horn will be speaking at **Holy Spirit Parish on Saturday 18 June at 10:00am.** 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 women and men who are 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! No woman should ever feel that she is alone or that abortion is her only choice. **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

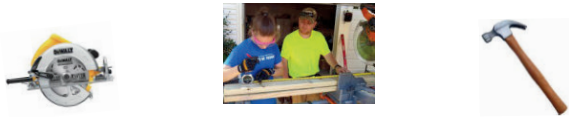
*All are welcome to participate in Youth Apostolate events.
Make sure forms are signed and on file. <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

URGENT PLEA FOR HELP!!

Handyman Volunteers Needed!!

June 20-23

Are you a handyman? Do you know someone who is? We are in need of **adults with basic construction and/or remodeling skills** to help with WorkCamp June 20-23. If we do not get enough volunteers, some of our teens may not be able to attend WorkCamp. Come be a part of this incredible experience! Please contact Jeanne **ASAP** for details. youth@straymonds.org or 571-334-9890.

**FINAL High School Fri. 6:30am Mass & Breakfast 6/3**

Current 8th -12th graders: Join us for our final gathering this school year for Friday 6:30am Mass and breakfast with Fr. Horkan in the parish hall before school! RSVP by Wednesday if you need a ride to school. Please RSVP <https://bit.ly/Jesus4U> so we have enough food.

Fri. Breakfast Food Contributions Needed & Appreciated!

Please consider checking out the signup link to see if there are any items you may be able to help provide for our final teen breakfast after Mass on Friday 6/3. <https://bit.ly/FridayBfast> Thank You!

Senior Send-Off! June 8 (6-9pm) Fr. De Celles invites all 2022 high school graduates to a holy hour at St. Raymond's (6-7pm) followed by a trip to Woody's in Fairfax for ice cream fellowship, conversation and a parting gift from the parish. RSVP to Jeanne. Permission slips required.

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

Congratulations to the 52 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 24th. We are very proud of you! You are now strengthened to go forth and be witnesses and defenders of the Faith. We pray for God's continued blessings on each one of you!

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
- Monday Kindergarten high school aide
- Monday Grade 7 Assistant teacher

Catholic Charities Family Services can help if you or someone you know is struggling with anxiety, depression, grief, and marital or parenting concerns. We offer transformational outpatient counseling services to individuals, couples, and families of all faiths and backgrounds. Call **703-447-9402**, and for more information, visit <https://www.ceda.net/need-help/medical-and-counseling/counseling/>

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.

Considering Homeschooling for Middle School and High School? Join us on Sunday, June 26th from 2 to 4 pm in the Saint Raymond's Parish Hall! A panel of faithful Catholic parents who have successfully homeschooled their teens will share their expertise on activities for homeschoolers in Northern Virginia, curriculum options, creating transcripts, and more! Light refreshments will be served. Questions?

Email shannonmarielee@gmail.com or sign up to come via this invitation link: <https://bit.ly/3NmrxZM>

Church Persecuted

One of the not-so-subtle benefits of a Catholic education is that a student can express his/her beliefs about religion and truth in the classroom and beyond. This is not true of a government school in which many discussions about religion and religious beliefs are off-limits because they may offend another student. There are ways of getting around it, though.

Sometimes a situation presents itself whereby a student (or in this case a speaker) has an opportunity to present the truth (in this case the fact that there is such a thing as truth). In 2017 Camile Pauley, the CEO of Healing the Culture, was invited to debate, Professor Malcolm Potts, at a public health seminar at UC Berkeley. After Dr. Potts argued that there is no such thing as absolute truth, Mrs. Pauley asked him what he was leaning against. He said, of course, a podium. She quipped, "How do you know that if there is no truth." The audience laughed but they then focused their attention on Mrs. Pauley and allowed her to defend the teaching on the dignity of the human person.

Having non-threatening questions or responses in one's "back pocket" becomes a valuable tool when facing situations whereby the speaker or teacher is clearly presenting an unreasonable argument.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vciWexL-k>

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 20 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.

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Get In-Formed!

Love is Hope – Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, was one of the first to preach about Christian values on television. He started with a radio broadcast entitled The Catholic Hour and then later moved to television with his program called Life is Worth Living. Watch him now in Love is Hope.

Watch now at www.straymonds.formed.org

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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.

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/g/admissions-overview/applying/>.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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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.

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.

FAITH DIRECT MAY 2022

Sunday Offertory	\$ 50,593.50
Family Assistance	\$ 2,357.34
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,522.34
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 1,245.00
Parish Special Needs	\$ 1,111.00
Diocesan Retired Priest	\$ 4,239.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 868.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 12,331.00
Family Assistance	\$ 240.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 750.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 247.00
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