



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



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153**

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Pentecost! This Sunday's readings tell us that the Holy Spirit first descended on the early Christians with "a noise like a strong driving wind," and appeared like "tongues as of fire." After this they "began to speak in different tongues" so that the people gathered in Jerusalem "from every nation under heaven" could hear them "speaking in his own language."

That same Holy Spirit descended on each of us in Baptism, and came again to strengthen ("confirm"—see below) His gifts in us in our Confirmations. By the baptismal indwelling of the Spirit we were united to the Divine life of Jesus Christ, and in Confirmation we were given the gifts to live the fullness of the faith amidst the great challenges of the world. These gifts help us individually to get to heaven, by loving God and our neighbor, but they are also meant to help us proclaim the Gospel to all those around us, just as the first Christians did.

And the Holy Spirit does not merely come to individuals, He comes and dwells in the Church as One Body of Christ. Because of this no gift of the Holy Spirit is meant merely for personal enhancement separate from the Church, or contrary to the unity of the Church.

Let us pray to Christ and His Father, to renew in us the powerful presence of their Holy Spirit within each of us and within the whole Church. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to teach us to use His gifts to become the Christians we are called to be.

My Covid. Well, you may have heard by now that after 2+ years of avoiding Covid, it finally caught up with me. Which is why I've been in hiding for several days. Fortunately, my symptoms weren't very severe, and I'm recovering nicely. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and kind notes.

At the same time I came down with Covid, so did 3 of our staff: Kirsti, Virginia, and Luis. Looks like Virginia and Luis are doing well now, but I'm still concerned for Kirsti, whose health isn't great to begin with. So please keep her especially in your prayers.

Our Bishop and Our Vicar. Before I got sick I asked for and was given a meeting with Bishop Burbidge to discuss the parish's need for a parochial vicar. It was a very constructive and positive meeting. The Bishop clearly felt bad he couldn't assign us a vicar this summer, but he assured me that he understood our concerns, and promised to keep us in mind going forward. The Diocese lost several priests last year—to the military, religious life, illness, leaves of absence and death—so several of the larger, busier parishes were even more short-handed than us. But I'm confident the Bishop will help us out as soon as he can. So keep him in your prayers in his very tough job.

Pelosi in Arlington. In last week's column I wrote praising San Francisco's Archbishop Cordileone's publicly banning his subject, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic, from receiving Holy Communion. In the days that followed several of the Bishops around the country joined in supporting his decision. I'm proud to say that Bishop Burbidge has said we will follow the Archbishop's decision in the Diocese of Arlington.

"He is her bishop and as that bishop the direction and guidance he provides is not limited to just a geographical area," he said on his *Walk Humbly Podcast*. "I can't say it enough, (these) decisions are made for the good of individuals to guard the faithful from scandal, which is caused when Catholics in public office take positions at odds with Church teaching... That

confuses people and a bishop has to guard against that....All people, including those who are not public individuals, have to approach the sacraments truly in communion with the Church and Our Lord."

"Bravo" Bishop Burbidge!

New Cardinals. Last Sunday Pope Francis announced the elevation of 21 new cardinals. Among these is one American, Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego. McElroy's elevation came as a shock to almost everyone, for many reasons. He is not an archbishop and his metropolitan archbishop, Archbishop Gomez, of Los Angeles, has been repeatedly passed over for cardinal, even though Gomez heads the largest diocese in the U.S. and is the President of the USCCB, i.e., the elected spokesmen for all the American Bishops.

Many in the media have observed that Bishop McElroy is probably the leading voice among the more "liberal" American Bishops, and has often been at odds with the majority of the other American Bishops. For example, he has opposed denying Communion to pro-abortion Catholic politicians, and is supportive of women deacons (which is doctrinally impossible) and sympathetic to "LGBTQ" ideology and relationships. Moreover, he has been criticized by many for his failure to act on information he had received years ago about disgraced (former cardinal) Ted McCarrick's sexual abuse of seminarians and priests.

Regarding the appointment, Papal advisor Fr. Antonio Spadaro said it is "a strong and clear message for the Church in the United States."

Words Redefined. I've spoken many times about how the Left has redefined common words in order to dominate our culture. "Love" no longer means willing the good of the other, but now it means either lust or agreeing with the Left. Boy no longer means boy, it means a boy or girl who self-identifies as a boy. And so on.

I have been arguing for some time that they have been trying to do the same thing with the word "racist," a word that has a long history of being one of the worst pejoratives in our country. Because of that it is a powerful word to throw at an opponent, so they try to use it to mean many things it does not mean.

In a homily not too long ago I explained that Webster's Dictionary gives the standard actual meaning of the word "racist," that is: "a belief that different races, including different ethnic groups, are **inherently naturally superior and inferior** to each other." Now Vox.com says that this is about to change:

"Signifying the larger cultural shift felt around the US, Merriam-Webster will now include systemic oppression in its latest definition of racism.... 'Because people often turn to the dictionary to gain a more nuanced view of the way a word is being used in a particular context, and because the use of the word racism to specifically describe racial prejudice combined with systemic oppression is now so common, ignoring this meaning of the word may leave our readers confused or misled,'" [M-W spokesman said]....Merriam-Webster said the revised entry for racism is being drafted and will be added to the dictionary soon."

Dear Merriam-Webster: people get confused when other people use words to mean something they don't. It is Orwellian to change your dictionary to ratify ideology liars. Perhaps you should redefine the word "liar" to include, "a person who is on the cutting edge of word redefinition."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, June 6th**

6:30 am Women's Apostolate
to Youth
8:30 am Eduardo Visaya +

Tuesday, June 7th

6:30 am Cheryl Duran +
8:30 am Meredith Hoopes

Wednesday, June 8th

6:30am LeAnn Evans +
8:30am Chuck Tiso + and
Luciano Spataro +

Thursday, June 9th

8:30 am Joe (+) and Elaine
Perricone

Friday, June 10th

8:30 am John Parshall +

Masses to be said Privately

6/9 Joan Riccio
6/10 Sophie Keith +

Saturday, June 11th

9:00 am Rodney Allen Cruz +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. Rippy
Walter and Jean Seiberling

Sunday, June 12th

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
Anne Hansen
9:00 am Fr. Rippy
Parishioners
11:00 am Msgr. Dempsey
Myles Carley
1:00 pm Fr. Vaccaro
RE Catechists and their
families

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 James Bowling Lupé Bowling Jacob Goodman Juana Guerrero Daniel Trayer Kirsti Tyson
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

June 5	Donut Sunday
June 6	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
June 8	Adoration
June 8	Legion of Mary
June 9 - 14	No 6:30 am Daily Mass
June 10	Adoration
June 11	K of C Blood Drive, 7am-12pm
June 11-12	Final Youth Apostolate Bake Sale
June 11-12	K of C KOVAR collection after Masses
June 19-21	Father's Day Triduum of Masses

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

Father's Day Triduum: Sunday, June 19th is Father's Day. We will be honoring fathers with a Triduum of Masses on June 19-21. If you would like to include the special fathers in your life (i.e. Father, Grandfather, Godfather, etc.), cards are available in the narthex after all Masses this weekend.

Blood Drive on June 11. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive with Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, June 11th, in the St. Raymond's parish hall from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please consider signing up for a 15 minute time slot within that period and giving the gift of life. You may sign up either online at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the Narthex after Masses this weekend. If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at (703) 690-7285 or by email at: mam7253@msn.com.

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>

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! **Join us for brunch after the 11am Mass on June 12!**

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.

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, 1:00 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!**

Office for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse: 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?

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 July 2. All are 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.

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.

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 Monday, June 6.

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 18th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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.

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 and baby items up to 2T welcomed in the narthex.

Presently, there is a particular need for size 5 and 6 diapers.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Our next support weekend is 18-19 June.

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.** 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

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@ayudadeस्पुएसdelaborto.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>

Volunteers Needed for WorkCamp

Security Volunteers (Wednesday 6/22 or Thursday 6/23)

WorkCamp is in need of additional volunteers (age 21+) to help with security from 2:15-7:30pm on 6/22 (Wed) and 6/23 (Thur) (keeping an eye on the teens, so adult crew leaders can shower and have a little break). The location is 901 Aylor Road Stephens City, VA. Volunteers must be 21 yrs old by June 22nd. Folks in the past have really enjoyed this opportunity to experience a glimpse of WorkCamp and to be renewed in their own faith by seeing hundreds of enthusiastic and faith-filled young people! Contact Jeanne ASAP if you are interested/available to help on either date.

Handyman Volunteers

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. Help is needed June 20-23, all 4 days or any that fit your schedule. Come be a part of this incredible experience! Please contact Jeanne **ASAP** for details. youth@straymonds.org or 571-334-9890.

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.

LAST BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND!!

8-12th Grade Bake Night: 7-9pm Fri. June 10 (Parish Hall)

Come bake with us! Help us make some goodies for the bake sale! And make some new friends while you're at it! RSVP is required as space is limited. <https://bit.ly/BakeNightSignup>

Bake Sale Table Help Needed After Masses June 11-12

Compliant adults and teens are needed to sign up to "man the table" for our Bake Sale after each Mass. If you can commit to helping, please sign up bit.ly/ManTheTable **Thank you!**

Donations of individually wrapped, unpriced, baked goods are greatly needed & appreciated. Drop off in parish hall 7-9pm on Friday or in the Narthex from 4-4:45pm on Saturday. Please sign up <https://bit.ly/bakeforsale> so we don't have too much of the same thing. Thank you!

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

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 volunteers 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.ccca.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>

Yard SALE at St. Mary of Sorrows

Parish Center, 5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax
Preview sale, \$10 admission, Thurs., June 23, 5pm-8pm
Free admission Fri-Sun; June 24-25; 9am-7pm;
Sunday, June 26; 8am-1pm

Furniture, Art, Jewelry, Antiques, Household & Garden, Toys, Books, Sports Equipment, Dishes, Holiday and More. Questions?
Contact Kristin Merrigan - Smos.yardsale@gmail.com

Drama, Art, & Musical Theatre Day Camps in a Catholic Setting for K-12

This July, All Saints & Nativity will be hosting the following camps: Broadway Spotlight, Arts & Crafts Fun, Drama Bootcamp, and Art Explorer. These are Creative Camps in a Catholic setting taught by professional Catholic Artists who excel in their fields. Various offerings are open to ages K - 12. Some camps are full, but openings still exist: visit www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to check it out!

Church Persecuted

Burglars broke into St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY, removed the 19th century, 14-carat gold tabernacle valued at over \$2 million and scattered the consecrated Hosts over the altar. The thieves used power tools to extract the tabernacle from its mounting and destroyed parts of the security system to hide their antics, taking with them the entire recording system.

The exact timing of the theft is unknown but, according to the pastor, it occurred sometime between 6:30 pm, Thurs, May 26 and 4:00 pm, Sat, May 28. According to the parish bulletin, the weekday Masses are on Monday – Thursday with no morning Mass on Friday or Saturday. The church is open for prayer from 8:30 – 11:30 am on Monday – Thursday.

"This is devastating, as the Tabernacle is the central focus of our church outside of worship, holding the Body of Christ, the Eucharist, which is delivered to the sick and homebound," reported Father Frank Tumino, pastor of St. Augustine.

"To know that a burglar entered the most sacred space of our beautiful Church and took great pains to cut into a security system is a heinous act of disrespect," Tumino said.

Churches are now spending money to create and strengthen security systems to protect their sacred spaces.

<https://abc7ny.com/tabernacle-catholic-church-brooklyn-park-slope/11906211/>

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!

The Miracle of Father Kapaun: The Story of an American Spiritual & Military Hero – Emil Kapaun—priest, soldier, and Korean War hero—was a rare man. He was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint. Just as remarkable are the many non-Catholic witnesses who attest to Father Kapaun's heroism: the Protestants, Jews, and Muslims who either served with the military chaplain in the thick of battle or endured with him the incredibly brutal conditions of a prisoner of war camp. These Korean War veterans, no matter their religion, agree that Father Kapaun did more to save lives and maintain morale than any other man they know

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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/admissions-overview/applying/>.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

www.AngelusAcademy.org

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"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Is your gift of the Holy Spirit the discernment of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg; (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Watch for our Constant Contact Updates! If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org to verify your email address.

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).

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.

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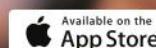
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