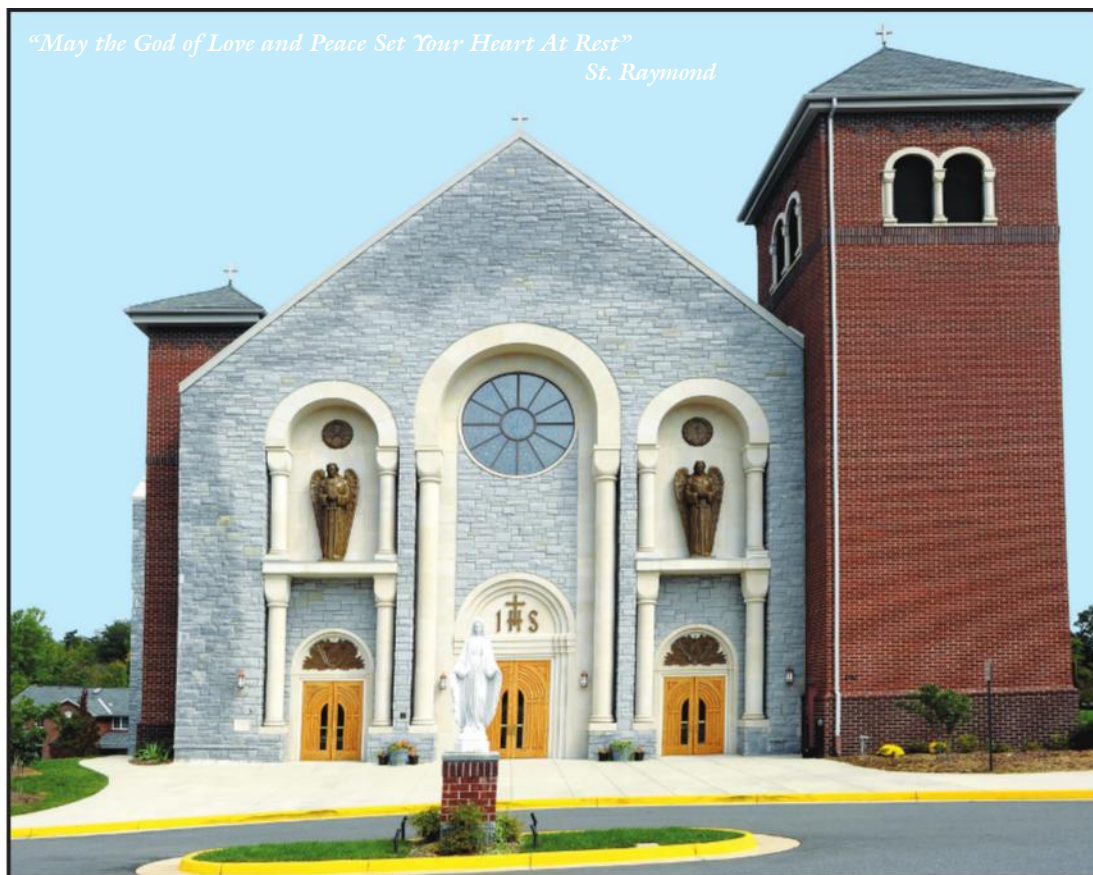


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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:

Rectory: 703-440-0535
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Office Hours

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

E-Mail

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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

Overturning Roe v. Wade. As you know, sometime in the next 2 or 3 weeks, the U.S. Supreme Court will be releasing its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, possibly overturning the terrible national "right" to abortion. We have lots of reasons to be optimistic that our 50-year pro-life struggle will finally bear great fruit, but we also have lots of reasons to continue to pray that the decision is in our favor. So: **PRAY!**

Enhanced Parish Security. Related to *Dobbs*, this last week the Department of Homeland Security issued a warning concerning an increased threat of dangers to various institutions, including churches, in part because of *Dobbs*, and because "individuals who advocate both for and against [what?] abortion have, on public forums, encouraged violence, including against government, religious.... personnel and facilities..."

Moreover, the Pastors received an email this week from the Vicar General stating that because of *Dobbs*: "... [T]here is a concern that acts of vandalism targeting Catholic churches ..., which already have been occurring in recent months, may become even more prevalent. This concern has increased as law enforcement reporting and social media posts show that there may be an increasing effort to disrupt Catholic liturgies...to direct attention to pro-abortion advocacy."

Given this, our Parish **must be prepared to institute increased security on the property as soon as the decision is announced.** This may include these and other very temporary measures which **I ask to you charitably and humbly cooperate with:**

- Closing the parish grounds (no entrance to the parking lot) in the late evening (or perhaps earlier).
- Earlier closing of the church building.
- Cancellation of evening events.

-- **A parish-wide call for volunteers to stand watch in the parking lot during the day and especially in the evening and overnight** (with the purposes of calling 911 in the event of trespassers).

- Locking all but one door to the church during the day.
- **Security screening at all church doors at all Sunday Masses,** which might require, in some very rare cases, searches of unusual carried items (e.g., "Sir, could I please take a look at that banner you're carrying?" (Current or former Law Enforcement Officers will be at each door).

-- Current or former Law Enforcement Officers will be in the congregation at all Sunday Masses to respond in the case of aggressive behavior.

- Note: every Sunday we have a Fairfax County Police Officer directing traffic at every Mass; these officers will be ready to respond to any event inside the church.

I really don't think there is any danger of violence here—I'm mainly concerned about vandalism or protest. If any event does happen, **your proper response would be:**

- if you witness a **protest or vandalism** inside the church, **remain calm, and call 911.**

-- in the very remote case there is a direct incidence of violence, do not approach the aggressor (leave that to the several professionals in our congregation who are trained to deal with violence) but rather **protect yourselves and your family**, first, if possible, by calmly and carefully evacuating the building, or, if that is not possible/prudent, by sheltering in place under a pew, on the ground, etc.. And then call 911.

"Do not be afraid"—the odds are very small something might happen here. But every night you lock the door to your house, just in case. And then you sleep well. So, be vigilant, but don't worry.

And above all, trust Jesus, and pray to Him, to St. Michael, Our Lady of Ransom, and to St. Raymond.

Scholarships to Catholic Schools. You all know my deep concerns about sending our children to the government-run, radical leftist controlled Fairfax County Schools. We have to ask the question whether it is immoral—a grave sin—to send our children to these schools? In my opinion, it just might be. But at the same time, I recognize that many parents believe they simply can't afford, financially or otherwise, the alternatives. While many parents recognize the problem and dedicate themselves to offsetting the nonsense of the schools by aggressively countering these errors at home and in the parish, I'm afraid that doesn't work for most parents, for various reasons.

So, **the parish offers scholarships to all qualified parishioners** who attend Catholic schools: **\$1,000** for grade school and **\$2000** for high school, renewable every year, and subject only to minimal qualification terms.

We also **offer to double those amounts (\$2,000 grade school, \$4000 high school)** for each child (a parishioner) who **switches from public school (K-12) to Catholic school** (this is a one-time first-year bonus amount, reverting to the regular amounts in the following years).

Also, additional financial aid is available if a family truly can't afford Catholic school, even with the above scholarships. These decisions are made on a case by case basis.

Finally, **similar financial assistance** to cover direct educational costs is also available **to folks who homeschool.**

Please let me know if you're interested.

Funding Scholarships. To fund the above scholarships I am once again asking all parishioners to consider donating whatever they can to the cause. Last year we received over \$250,000 in donations. This year, I want to surpass that. You can give a lot or a little; you can give monthly or yearly. If you can give \$5 or \$50,000, please consider doing so.

You can do this by using the **monthly envelope** provided to you with your other offertory envelopes. Or by **mailing a check to the parish**, and writing on the "memo" line something like "Scholarship Fund Donation." Or you can also give **through Faith Direct** (there is a special fund set up there on the "my gifts" page).

I especially appeal to those folks who don't have children in school anymore. What charitable donation is more worthy than supporting the salvation of the children of our parish? What outreach program, or what "evangelization" effort, would be more effective? **PLEASE, GIVE GENEROUSLY!**

Next Sunday's Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession. Next week we will celebrate the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. **The last two years we've foregone an outdoor procession in favor of an indoor procession.** This worked very well and attracted more folks, and with our security concerns it seems very appropriate this year. So shortly after the 1pm Mass we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the church, and then have a short period of Adoration, followed by Benediction. I look forward to leading the procession and seeing you there.

Vacation. Well, I'm off this weekend to go fishing in Alaska. I'm really looking forward to this. Fortunately, I'm fully recovered from Covid, and my stamina is almost back to normal. I'll be back next Sunday (Corpus Christi) in time to celebrate 1pm Mass. Please keep me in your prayers.

One problem: I may not be here when the *Dobbs* decision comes out, in which case I won't be here to supervise any enhanced security. But it will all be in place and parish staff and key volunteers will make sure it runs smoothly. And I'll be in touch with my cell phone.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, June 13th**

8:30 am Michael Allman +

Tuesday, June 14th

8:30 am Romeo Baclig +

Wednesday, June 15th

6:30am Catherine Flynn +

8:30am Natalie Marie Butler

Thursday, June 16th

6:30 am Edward Flynn +

8:30 am Bishop Michael
Burbidge**Friday, June 17th**

6:30 am Michael Sharkey +

8:30 am Caleb Schweitzer

7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Masses to be said Privately

6/13 Theodore Major +

6/14 James Cade +

Saturday, June 18th

9:00 am PFC Benjamin Park +

Vigil Mass5:00 pm **Msgr. Dempsey**

Julian and Isabel Santos +

Sunday, June 19th7:00 am **Fr. Horkan**

Joe Riedel +

9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**

Parishioners

11:00 am **Fr. Rippey**

Emily Severn

1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**

Father's Day Triduum

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

Lupe Bowling

Daniel Trayer

Claudette

Parman

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

June 11-12	Final Youth Apostolate Bake Sale
June 11-12	K of C KOVAR collection after Masses
June 13-14	No 6:30 am Daily Mass
June 13	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
June 15	Adoration
June 15	Legion of Mary
June 17	Adoration
June 17	EFM (Latin) Mass 7:00 pm
June 18	Men's Prayer Group
June 19	Corpus Christi (Procession and Ice Cream Social after 1pm Mass)
June 19-21	Father's Day Triduum of Masses

All Youth are invited to participate in the Parish Library Summer Reading Program! Check out the Parish Library collection and spend hot summer afternoons reading about our Faith, our saints, our traditions, etc. Complete the participation form found in the narthex or on the parish website and be eligible to win a prize!

Questions? Contact Liz Hildebrand: hildebrandseven@gmail.com

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!**

Corpus Christi Procession will take place in the church after the 1pm Mass on June 19, 2022. Please join us for an INDOOR Procession, Adoration & Benediction. 1 pm Mass attendees and all parishioners are encouraged to join in this special celebration to honor and worship Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. **Ice Cream Social to follow in the parish hall.**

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.

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

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 17th.

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.

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 June 11/12 after all 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 today, June 12!**



St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus:

Are you a man of 17½ 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. 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.

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.cdda.net/need-help/medical-and-counseling/counseling/>

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.

Courage Support Group for Those Experiencing Same-Sex Attraction. COURAGE is a group that meets regularly to offer fraternal, moral, and spiritual support for those who experience same-sex attraction and desire to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Meetings are for men and women and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more information, please contact Courage@arlingtondiocese.org or visit <http://couragec.net/index.htm>

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 till November 2023 to change the State Senate.

Currently, there are 44 abortions in VA 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 country.

"America, choose life!" St. Pope John Paul II

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. Our next support weekend is 18-19 June. Donation collection spot is near the elevator in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 10:00 am.** 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

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>

Volunteers Needed for WorkCamp

Bake Sale in Narthex after ALL Masses this weekend!

This weekend will be our final Youth Apostolate bake sale. We will not be continuing monthly bake sales next year, so don't miss this opportunity to support our youth and get some delicious treats after Mass! Thank you so much to all who have made these bake sales possible by donating your time, talent and treasure!



Lunch Assembly Volunteers: 9am Wednesday, June 22

We are in need of several volunteers to help make PBJ & cheese sandwiches and assemble a total of 160 bag lunches to send to the youth and adults serving at WorkCamp. If you are available to help in this endeavor beginning at 9am (after Mass) on Wednesday June 22 in the parish hall, please contact the main office office@straymonds.org

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 (Thurs) (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 years 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 youth@straymonds.org ASAP if you are interested/available to help on either date.

Class of 2022 College Night! The Associates of St. John Bosco invite 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** 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: the only classes meeting on Tuesdays for the 2022-2023 academic year are RCIC classes!

Attention HOME SCHOOL parents: if you have a child in a sacramental preparation year (grades 2, 7-8) it is necessary to **register your child** with the Religious Education office.

We have classes for high school students on Sundays (5:30-7 p.m.) The goal of the high school program is to deepen the students' understanding of the Faith so they can meet the challenges they face in the culture in which they live. **Our high school team of teachers is top-notch** and there is no fee to participate in the program.

****We are in need of the following volunteers for 2022-2023**

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

Please contact the Religious Education office if you are interested in filling one of the positions listed above.

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 grades K - 12. Some camps are full, but openings still exist: visit www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to check it out!

Church Persecuted

Last Sunday in Owo, Nigeria, over 50 Catholics, both adults and children, were gunned down by masked gunmen during the celebration of Mass for Pentecost. The massacre occurred at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church located in Ondo State, in Southwest Nigeria. The attackers detonated explosives and sprayed bullets to maximize the loss of life.

While no group has claimed responsibility (as of this writing), much of the terrorist activity in Nigeria is due to a radical Fulani herdsmen terrorist group, which has been involved in religious violence leading to direct attacks on Christians and kidnappings. They are believed to be responsible for thousands of deaths in central Nigeria. While the Fulani are Muslim, some analysts say that religion is only one reason why the radical Fulani's kill, kidnap, and molest Christians, even though in the past they have been linked to Boko Haram and other jihadist groups. The Fulani people are primarily nomadic herdsmen and they "constitute an ethnic minority in every country they occupy." The geopolitics between Fulani and Christians is complex but it amounts to the former needing grazing lands that the Christians own. Thus, the attacks in rural Christian farming communities.

This southern sector of Nigeria has been relatively peaceful over the years, with most of the attacks occurring in the northern states. Ondo has been known as one of Nigeria's more peaceful states. Recently though, these attacks have been spreading south, where more favorable cattle grazing conditions exist. Often violent clashes occur over dwindling farmland in the region.

<https://www.pillaratholic.com/p/who-are-the-fulani-herdsmen-a-nigerian?s=w>

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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.

The fun at Angelus Academy doesn't end in June. We are bringing back our Summer Program for 2022!

Join us for one, two, or three weeks.

June 13-17, June 20-24, and August 1-5

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/tkterehf>

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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New Congressional and General Assembly districts in Virginia.

Please note that recent redistricting may affect your district(s) and polling place. Mailings have been going out to residents, and some St. Raymond's families will be affected by the changes. Make sure you know where to vote! Visit the "citizen portal" at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation> for more details.

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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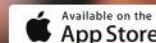
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