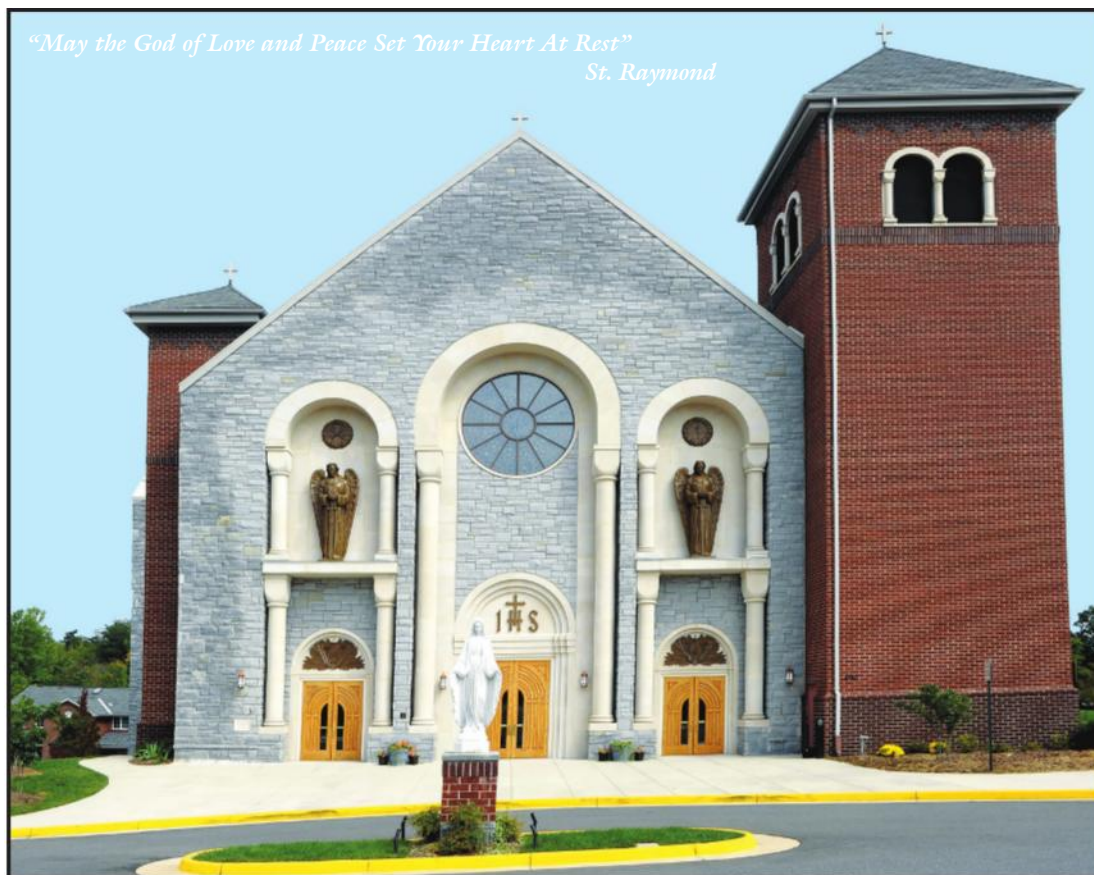


*"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"*  
*St. Raymond*



## **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)**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

Father De Celles was enjoying a much-needed vacation at the time of publication. Please read this beautiful excerpt from a homily by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on Corpus Christi in 2012.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This evening I would like to meditate with you on two interconnected aspects of the Eucharistic Mystery: worship of the Eucharist and its sacred nature. [...] First of all, a reflection on the importance of Eucharistic worship and, in particular, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We shall experience it this evening, after Mass, before the procession, during it and at its conclusion. A unilateral interpretation of the Second Vatican Council penalized this dimension, in practice restricting the Eucharist to the moment of its celebration. [...]

Of course, this evaluation of the liturgical assembly in which the Lord works his mystery of communion and brings it about still applies; but it must be put back into the proper balance. In fact — as often happens — in order to emphasize one aspect one ends by sacrificing another. In this case the correct accentuation of the celebration of the Eucharist has been to the detriment of adoration as an act of faith and prayer addressed to the Lord Jesus, really present in the Sacrament of the Altar.

This imbalance has also had repercussions on the spiritual life of the faithful. In fact, by concentrating the entire relationship with the Eucharistic Jesus in the sole moment of Holy Mass, one risks emptying the rest of existential time and space of his presence. This makes ever less perceptible the meaning of Jesus' constant presence in our midst and with us, a presence that is tangible, close, in our homes, as the "beating Heart" of the city, of the country, and of the area, with its various expressions and activities. The sacrament of Christ's Charity must permeate the whole of daily life.

Actually it is wrong to set celebration and adoration against each other, as if they were competing. Exactly the opposite is true: worship of the Blessed Sacrament is, as it were, the spiritual "context" in which the community can celebrate the Eucharist well and in truth. Only if it is preceded, accompanied and followed by this inner attitude of faith and adoration can the liturgical action express its full meaning and value. The encounter with Jesus in Holy Mass is truly and fully brought about when the community can recognize that in the Sacrament he dwells in his house, waits for us, invites us to his table, then, after the assembly is dismissed, stays with us, with his discreet and silent presence, and accompanies us with his intercession, continuing to gather our spiritual sacrifices and offer them to the Father.

[...] At the moment of Adoration, we are all equal, kneeling before the Sacrament of Love. The common priesthood and the ministerial priesthood are brought together in Eucharistic worship. [...] It is clear to all that these moments of Eucharistic Vigil prepare for the celebration of the Holy Mass, they prepare hearts for the encounter so that it will be more fruitful.

To be all together in prolonged silence before the Lord present in his Sacrament is one of the most genuine experiences of our being [as a] Church, which is accompanied complementarily by the celebration of the Eucharist, by listening to the word of God, by singing and by approaching the table of the Bread of Life together. Communion and contemplation cannot be separated, they go hand in hand. If I am truly to communicate with another person I must know him, I must be able to be in silence close

to him, to listen to him and look at him lovingly. True love and true friendship are always nourished by the reciprocity of looks, of intense, eloquent silences full of respect and veneration, so that the encounter may be lived profoundly and personally rather than superficially. And, unfortunately, if this dimension is lacking, sacramental communion itself may become a superficial gesture on our part.

Instead, in true communion, prepared for by the conversation of prayer and of life, we can address words of confidence to the Lord, such as those which rang out just now in the Responsorial Psalm: "O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid. / You have loosed my bonds. / I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving / and call on the name of the Lord" (Ps 116[115]:16-17).

I would now like to move on briefly to the second aspect: the sacred nature of the Eucharist. [...] It is true, and this is still the case, that the center of worship is now no longer in the ancient rites and sacrifices, but in Christ himself, in his person, in his life, in his Paschal Mystery. However it must not be concluded from this fundamental innovation that the sacred no longer exists, but rather that it has found fulfilment in Jesus Christ, divine Love incarnate.

The Letter to the Hebrews, [...] speaks to us precisely of the newness of the priesthood of Christ, "high priest of the good things that have come" (Heb 9:11), but does not say that the priesthood is finished. Christ "is the mediator of a new covenant" (Heb 9:15), established in his blood which purifies our "conscience from dead works" (Heb 9:14). He did not abolish the sacred but brought it to fulfilment, inaugurating a new form of worship, which is indeed fully spiritual but which, however, as long as we are journeying in time, still makes use of signs and rites, which will exist no longer only at the end, in the heavenly Jerusalem, where there will no longer be any temple (cf. Rev 21:22). Thanks to Christ, the sacred is truer, more intense and, as happens with the Commandments, also more demanding! Ritual observance does not suffice but purification of the heart and the involvement of life is required.

I would also like to stress that the sacred has an educational function and its disappearance inevitably impoverishes culture and especially the formation of the new generations. If, for example, in the name of a faith that is secularized and no longer in need of sacred signs, these Corpus Christi processions through the city were to be abolished, the spiritual profile of Rome would be "flattened out", and our personal and community awareness would be weakened.

Or let us think of a mother or father who in the name of a desacralized faith, deprived their children of all religious rituals: in reality they would end by giving a free hand to the many substitutes that exist in the consumer society, to other rites and other signs that could more easily become idols.

God, our Father, did not do this with humanity: he sent his Son into the world not to abolish, but to give fulfilment also to the sacred. At the height of this mission, at the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of his Body and his Blood, the Memorial of his Paschal Sacrifice. By so doing he replaced the ancient sacrifices with himself, but he did so in a rite which he commanded the Apostles to perpetuate, as a supreme sign of the true Sacred One who is he himself. With this faith, dear brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the Eucharistic Mystery today and every day and adore it as the center of our life and the heart of the world. Amen.

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI  
Basilica of Saint John Lateran  
June 7, 2012

**MASS INTENTIONS****Monday, June 20th**

10:00am Father's Day Triduum

**Tuesday, June 21st**6:30 am John McGraw +  
8:30 am Father's Day Triduum**Wednesday, June 22nd**6:30am Philip McGraw Family  
8:30am Frank Jolly +**Thursday, June 23rd**6:30 am LeRoy Carhart  
8:30 am Edwin Joseph Baron+**Friday, June 24th**6:30 am Cassie Billedeau  
Stratton +  
8:30 am Priests and Religious**Masses to be said Privately**

6/20 Philip McGraw +

**Saturday, June 25th**

9:00 am Catherine Flynn +

**Vigil Mass**5:00 pm Fr. De Celles  
Miriam F. Watanabe +**Sunday, June 26th**7:00 am Fr. Rippey  
Alphonse Castellana +  
9:00 am Fr. De Celles  
Parishioners  
11:00 am Fr. De Celles  
Christian Hoopes  
1:00 pm Fr. Horkan  
Family of Jesus Prayer  
Group

**Please pray for our parishioners serving in Combat Zones and their families.** If you have a relative serving in harm's way and would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please contact the parish office. **Also, please be sure to let us know when they return home.**

Peter Collins

**Please pray for the sick of our parish**

Glenn Bliss	Michael	Ellie Garcia
Tom Dietz	Malachowski	Margaret O'Neill
Michael O'Neill	Debra Henkel	Christina
Cindy Laird	Daniel Moore	Cautero
Patricia Lewis	Gaudencio Dizon	James Bowling
Mai Pham	Paul Haynes	Lupe Bowling
Joan Opiela	Dwayne Taylor	Daniel Trayer
Jason Saenz	Christopher Quan	Claudette
Phyllis Zitnik	Ted Tolpa	Parman
Patricia Del Buono	Nena Brennan	Jim Gaston
Juanita Boarman	Serrin Foster	Josephine Samudre
John Florio	Fr. Jerry Daly	Amish Samudre
	Tom Swengros	Regina Chopra

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

[straymonds.org](http://straymonds.org)

Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am

Saturday at 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at 9:00 am &amp; 11:00 am

**Corpus Christi Procession** will take place in the church after the 1pm Mass today, 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.**

**Father's Day Triduum:** 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. **Please drop the offering envelope in the collection basket or hand it to an usher if you want it to be included in the remaining Masses of the triduum.**

**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](mailto:hildebrandseven@gmail.com)

**Last Gift Shop Sale before a summer break!** Stop by the tables in narthex or step in the Shop on 25 and 26 June to see clearance items. Over the summer, as during the year, the gift shop is open by appointment. Write the shop committee at [giftshop@StRaymonds.org](mailto:giftshop@StRaymonds.org) and a volunteer will get back to you soonest. Have a blessed summer.

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church****June 19** Corpus Christi (Procession and Ice

Cream Social after 1pm Mass)

**June 19-21** Father's Day Triduum of Masses**June 20** Federal Holiday - Juneteenth**One Mass at 10:00 am****Parish Offices are closed****June 22** Adoration**June 22** Legion of Mary**June 24** NO Adoration due to a funeral**June 25/26** Gift Shop Sale after Masses**July 2** Luminaries of Holy Mary

**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](mailto:spoiledk9s@verizon.net). If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email [virginia.osella@straymonds.org](mailto:virginia.osella@straymonds.org). Drop-ins are always welcome!

**Basilica of Saint Mary to Host Relics of Saint Pio.** On Thursday, June 23, relics of Saint Padre Pio will be available for veneration at the Basilica of Saint Mary. The first-class relics will be available for public veneration on June 23 after the 8:00 am Mass until the 12:10 pm Mass. After the 12:10 Mass ends, Father Jerome Fasano, who has a deep devotion to Saint Pio and a keen understanding of the humble Italian priest's spirituality, will give a reflection on the Saint's life. After the reflection, public veneration of the relics will continue until 8 p.m. in the Basilica, which is located at 310 South Royal Street in Alexandria.

**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](mailto:office@straymonds.org) to verify your email address.





**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](http://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?

**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](mailto:dancertoo2@yahoo.com) or James Kolakoski at 703-455-3009 [bridgeclub402@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Courage@arlingtondiocese.org) or visit <http://couragec.net/index.htm>

**St. Raymond's Young Adult Group.** Are you 21-40 years old? (Single or married, with or without kids) Contact [youngadults@straymonds.org](mailto:youngadults@straymonds.org) to be added to our email list and hear about upcoming events!

**SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE**

*Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*

**A BLESSED FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS AND SPIRITUAL FATHERS!**

*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.**

**Donation collection spot is near the elevator in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity!**

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](http://abortionpillreversal.com)

**Wrapped In Love.** Summer is here! Maybe you have more time on your hands?! Perhaps you'd like to handcraft a blanket for a baby in need? Donated blankets may be brought to the parish office or deposited in the MaRiH Collection Box in the narthex. Store bought blankets and monetary donations for blankets are also most welcome. "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto Me."

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.

**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](http://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](http://www.helpafterabortion.org). For Men: (703) 841-3833. Email: [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org) or [info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.org](mailto: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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife). For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or [GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto: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>



### 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 Mary Hansen at [Mary.Hansen@straymonds.org](mailto:Mary.Hansen@straymonds.org)

Please pray for our 14 youth and 3 adults at WorkCamp this week! Your prayers and sacrifices can go a long way in making this a fruitful week for everyone involved.

### Our June Bake Sale brought in \$897!

What a beautiful and generous parish family we have here at St. Raymond's! Thank you to all who baked goodies, ran the table after Mass, and to all who bought the delicious baked goods and/or donated to support our youth this year!

**Thursday Night Gatherings at GMU CCM.** George Mason University's Catholic Campus Ministry is hosting weekly summer events for college students and graduating high school seniors every Thursday night in June and July at the St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax). It's a great way to meet college students from different schools who are home for break and/or meet future classmates before school starts! Like us on Facebook: College Summers with GMU CCM. Find out more at [www.gmuccm.org](http://www.gmuccm.org) or email [vsieral@gmu.edu](mailto:vsieral@gmu.edu).

**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](http://www.asjb.org).

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)  
[youth@straymonds.org](mailto:youth@straymonds.org) Call/Text: 571-334-9890  
<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Registration for the 2022-2023 Religious

**Education year is ongoing.** You can pick up one of the bright blue forms in the Narthex of the church, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. Online registration is available on the parish website. Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis, so register early to get the session you want.

**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.**

**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.

**Home School Group:** for more information visit our website [www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/)  
Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at [straymondhsg@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Smos.yardsale@gmail.com)

"They all ate and were satisfied." Are you called to feed his flock as a priest? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

### Church Persecuted

Two weeks ago, we focused on the vandalism and theft of a 19<sup>th</sup> century tabernacle and the desecration of consecrated hosts at a church in Brooklyn in late May. This is not an isolated incident, but a continuing trend of Catholic Church attacks since the U.S. Supreme Court leak of the draft abortion decision. Here's a rundown of other recent events:

Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in LA was disrupted on May 8 by female protestors dressed in red gowns and large white hats shouting slogans.

St. John XXIII parish in Fort Collins, CO was smeared with graffiti on May 7 with pro-abortion slogans. The same slogans appeared at Sacred Heart Parish in Boulder a few days prior.

On May 7, the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in lower Manhattan, NY had protesters disrupt their monthly pro-life procession from the church to a nearby Planned Parenthood clinic. The pastor of the parish has received numerous threats to bomb the church or burn it down.

The tabernacle at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church in Katy, Texas was stolen on May 9.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Houston had "Pro-choice is pro-life" sprayed on it on May 8.

These are only attacks on Catholic institutions, the citation below also contains several attacks or protests at pro-life pregnancy resource centers, right-to-life offices, and Supreme Court justices' homes.

(see [www.catholicnewagency.com](http://www.catholicnewagency.com) May 10, 2022 "Catholics under attack: Incidents since SCOTUS draft abortion decision, by state.")

**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](http://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](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions.

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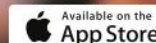
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