

*"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  
Rel. Education: 703-440-0537  
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### **Office Hours**

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

### **E-Mail**

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### **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

**Roe is Gone. Thanks be to God, Praised be Jesus Christ!** By now all of you have heard the best news and the greatest miracle in America in the last 50 years. As Justice Alito wrote for the majority in the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*:

*"We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled. The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision, including the one on which the defenders of Roe and Casey now chiefly rely—the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment."*

If you haven't read Alito's opinion, you should. It provides a clear, step by step, logical explanation of why the *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* were clearly wrongly decided, and why there never has been a constitutional right to kill unborn babies.

It is mindboggling to hear how pro-abortion activists have misrepresented the Dobbs decision. They say that SCOTUS has "banned abortion." It has not. Dobbs merely said there was no constitutional right to abortion and added that the states are still able to write laws that allow or restrict abortion. So if SCOTUS says a state *can allow* abortion SCOTUS has *not banned* abortion. (I personally think they should have found a "right to life" guaranteed in the Constitution; but few good constitutional experts agree with me).

They also say that SCOTUS has "destroyed democracy." That's ridiculous. As Alito makes clear, back in 1973 when Roe was decided, the democratic process was working in state governments to modify the laws about abortion according to the will of the people of those states, when the SCOTUS intervened and unilaterally, against all polling of the American people at the time, set aside the democratic process by the decree of 7 unelected men. The SCOTUS now admits its prior undemocratic mistake.

They also say that "conservatives have high-jacked the Court." No. As former President Barack Obama said so often: "elections have consequences." In 2016 Americans elected a President and Congress that they wanted to appoint the next 3 judges of SCOTUS, to make decisions more in line with the original meaning of the Constitution, and not legislate from the bench.

As a wise man once said, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

**Miracle.** For 50 years we've been working to defend life and overturn Roe, and now it's happened. But as I try to let it sink in I am still stunned. And I admit, I hoped, but I was never confident that it would happen in my lifetime. And certainly not in 2022.

Many of the most adamantly pro-life folks feel this way. For example, Judge James Buckley, the 99 year-old retired Judge of the US Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, introduced the **Human Life Amendment** to the US Constitution in 1974 when he was the US Senator from New York State, (the amendment was never approved by Congress). (He is also the older brother of William F. Buckley). In the wake of the Dobbs decision, he stated how overwhelmed he was and how **he never imagined he would see this in his lifetime.**

How did it happen? I mean, just 6 years ago, in 2016, when President Obama nominated liberal Merrick Garland to fill conservative Justice Antonin Scalia's seat on the SCOTUS, making the court even more liberal, who'da thought we'd have a 6-3 ruling for life in 2022. And just 2 years ago, so many conservatives were questioning whether nominee Amy Barrett would be bold enough to vote to overturn Roe. And just weeks

ago many people thought Gorsuch, or Kavanaugh or Barrett, or certainly Roberts, would fold in favor of Roe.

How did it happen? **I truly do believe that this is a miracle.** The greatest I've seen in my lifetime. Jesus has directly intervened, moving the hearts and minds of the electorate in 2016, and of the Senate in 2020, and the 6 Justices last week. It is no coincidence that Dobbs was announced on June 24, 2022: **the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> and Dobbs: Propriety and Irony.** The unelected Justices of the Supreme Court are not Kings—they can only interpret laws and the Constitution, not invent new rights or issue new laws on their own. In 1776 America declared itself free from the tyranny of the Kings; how appropriate that in 2022, in Dobbs, we are freed from the tyranny of SCOTUS Justices.

But there is an amazing irony as well in the activities of those who are violently protesting Dobbs and threatening and committing physical violence against pro-life institutions and Churches—especially Catholic Churches. There is, in fact, no "right to abortion," or anything like it, mentioned in the Constitution. **But** "free exercise of religion" is explicitly mentioned as the first enunciated right in the Constitution's "Bill of Rights." And "freedom of speech" is the second right explicitly mentioned there in. As the First Amendment reads:

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

If someone thinks the Constitution should bind our thinking on abortion (even if the SCOTUS says it does not), fine, they can speak and vote about it freely. But they shouldn't then attack us in our Churches when we exercise our religious freedoms, or in our pro-life organizations, where we exercise our constitutional rights of freedom of speech.

But what if someone disagrees with the First Amendment, and wants to take away our free speech, or religious liberty? Do we fight them? We must. But we must always and only fight them governed by the principle that we must always "love our enemies." Which means, we fight them, but we constrain ourselves to use only the force absolutely necessary. We must not resort to violence, but fight with prayer and patience and respectful argument, reason, and logic—imbued and informed by the love and teachings of Christ and His Church.

**Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles**

**IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776**

**The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America**

*"When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...."*

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	
<p><b><u>Monday, July 4th</u></b>  <b><u>Independence Day</u></b>                      One Mass                      10:00 am For Our Beloved Country</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, July 5th</u></b>                      6:30 am Ed &amp; Diane Waldrup                      8:30 am Catherine Flynn +</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, July 6th</u></b>                      6:30am Rev. Paul Marich, OP                      8:30am Eduardo Visaya +</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, July 7th</u></b>                      6:30 am Isabel Ortiz +                      8:30 am Ben &amp; Mandy Shealy</p> <p><b><u>Friday, July 8th</u></b>                      6:30 am Pham Thi Loan                      8:30 am Linda (+) &amp; Greg Pasternak</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday, July 9th</u></b>                      9:00 am Matthew &amp; Heather Perricone</p> <p><b><u>Vigil Mass</u></b>                      5:00 pm                      Donna Hayden Foster</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, July 10th</u></b>                      7:00 am                      George &amp; Diane Watson                      9:00 am                      Parishioners                      11:00 am                      Alan Shealy +                      1:00 pm                      Catherine Flynn +</p>

**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**

<b>Please pray for the sick of our parish</b>		
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 Cautionero James Bowling Lupe Bowling Daniel Trayer

**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 & 11:00 am

**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

**July 4**                      **Federal Holiday—One Mass at 10:00 am**  
 Parish Offices will be closed

**Because of security concerns, we cancelled events, and group meetings on the church property last week (except Mass, Confessions, and adoration). This will continue through July 4 and possibly all next week. Please watch your email and the parish website for updates. We will post updates early this week.**

**Please pray for the 18 youth and 4 adults traveling to Steubenville, Ohio July 8-10 for a Summer Conference with other youth from throughout the country.**

**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 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!**

**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.

**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 July 16th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

**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 Aug 6th. All are welcome.

**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.

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."* Are you called to be a laborer for Christ as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).



**St. John Bosco Council #12846**

“Did you know the Knights of Columbus run four program categories:

- 1: Faith in Action Programs
2. Community Programs
3. Life Programs
- 4 Family Programs

There is a program for you. I am looking forward to the next Family program - Fredericksburg Nationals baseball in August! If you want to learn more about our Council, call Larry at 703-832-1042 or email [Isaenzl@verizon.net](mailto:Isaenzl@verizon.net)

**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/>

**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!

**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)

**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).

**SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE**

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



**“The authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives.” SCOTUS  
Abortion is no longer federally protected in the United States of America.**

**PRAISE GOD!**

*We now live in a post Roe America!  
However, nothing in VA has changed. Abortion in VA, MD, DC is still legal. Are YOU registered to vote?  
If any legislative changes are to take place, Virginians will have to wait till November 2023 to change the State Senate. 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!” Saint 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. Collection box is near the elevator. **Presently, there is a particular need for size 5 and 6 diapers.**  
**Thank you for your continued generosity throughout the summer!**

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.

Women often regret the desperate decision to take the abortion pill. 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)

**Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare.** [tepeyacobgyn.com](http://tepeyacobgyn.com) 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

**Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life?** **A Mom's Peace**, offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit [amomspeace.org](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). Men: (703) 841-3833.

**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



*Wow! What a year! What a parish! What incredible teens ! What faith-filled families! What devoted parishioners! God is so good! You know, eight and a half years ago, when I moved to Virginia to work here as the Director of the Youth Apostolate I assured Father that my intention was to stay longer than a year. I also knew that the average burnout rate for youth ministers was three years, so in the back of my head my goal was to make it to that three year mark. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that 8.5 years later I would still be going strong and absolutely LOVING it! The reality is, without the support of Fr. De Celles, the many dedicated volunteers, parents, teens, and parishioners of all ages and backgrounds...there is absolutely no way I would have lasted. There are so many moving parts to a successful Youth Apostolate, from prayer support to meal support, to folks willing to share their lives and dedicate time to invest in our young people, accompanying them on their journey of faith. "You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it." (1 Cor. 12:27) The Word of God is living and true and I encounter Him through each of you. And based on the sheer growth (in particular the growth in holiness) amongst our young people, I can assure you that our young people do as well. Every prayer, every smile, every act of generosity has born and continues to bear so much fruit. May God be praised! Thank you for loving so well! Keep it up! Many of our long-time volunteers are moving away, so please, pray about how God may be calling you to fill their shoes :) Our young people need you. I need you. ~Jeanne*

**Thursday Gatherings for College Students (including rising freshmen):** 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 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** to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith while away at school. The events come with a free pizza dinner. 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



**May God bless and preserve our nation.**

**Happy Fourth of July!!**

**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](mailto:jmayer9014@aol.com), or phone 703-627-7320.

**Healing Our Past: Victim Assistance Ministry:** The Victim Assistance Ministry offers referrals to therapists with experience working with victims/survivors of sexual abuse as well as referrals for spiritual assistance. In addition the diocese offers Masses and prayer services for healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse, as well as various other support services. If you or someone in your family has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator at 703-841-2530. All calls are confidential. For more information about services provided by the Victim Assistance Ministry, please visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org).

**Protecting Our Future: Child Protection & Safety:** The Office of Child Protection & Safety was created to assist all parishes and schools in creating a safe environment where our children are free from sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect. The office provides various services including child abuse prevention training for employees, volunteers, children and youth and criminal background history investigations for employees and volunteers who work with children. For more information about services provided by the Office of Child Protection & Safety as well as diocesan policy regarding the prevention of child abuse, please visit our website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org).

**Want to strengthen your marriage?** Join us for "The Good, the Messy, and the Beautiful" with Edward & Beth Sri on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Aldie, VA. The retreat will be 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and costs \$125 per couple. Takeaways include: How to avoid pitfalls and overcome marital struggles; lessons learned through 20+ years of marriage; tips, mindsets, and reminders for when reality hits; hilarious and relatable stories of real married life! Register at [arlingtondiocese.org/goodmessybeautiful](http://arlingtondiocese.org/goodmessybeautiful).



### Church Persecuted

While everyone was giving thanks for the recent Dobbs decision overturning Roe and Casey, a significant religious freedom decision was released this past Monday. The story is simple: Coach Joe Kennedy from Bremerton, WA, would quietly go onto the field and offer a prayer after each football game. He was fired from his coaching position at Bremerton High School and he filed suit. The 6-3 Supreme Court decision was written by Justice Neil Gorsuch who said, “The Free Exercise and Free Speech Clauses of the First Amendment protect an individual engaging in a personal religious observance from government reprisal.” He went on to say that the Constitution “neither mandates nor permits the government to suppress such religious expression.”

Yet another example of a government school overreach, the school district told him that he could no longer pray even though it was for “an average of 8 - 12 seconds.” No parent or student complained about the prayer, and as Kennedy said, “He made a covenant with God that he would thank him in prayer at the 50-yard line at the end of every game.”

This decision has broad ramifications in government school education in that a teacher or coach does not surrender their First Amendment rights when they enter the classroom, gym, or athletic field. As the Court concluded, “Respect for religious expressions is indispensable to life in a free and diverse Republic. Here a government entity sought to punish an individual for engaging in a personal religious observance, based on a mistaken view that it has a duty to suppress religious observances even as it allows comparable secular speech. The Constitution neither mandates nor tolerates that kind of discrimination.”

**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.

## FORMED

### Get In-Formed!

**FORMED Now! The Gospel and Freedom** – Taylor Kemp sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss freedom—specifically in relation to the Bible. What is freedom? How has the understanding of freedom changed over the centuries? Is there a purpose to freedom?

Watch now at [www.straymonds.formed.org](http://www.straymonds.formed.org)

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### Angelus Academy

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

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

Join us for August 1-5

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

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](http://www.AngelusAcademy.org)

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**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).

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

### FAITH DIRECT JUNE 2022

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 45,184.00</b>
<b>Family Assistance</b>	<b>\$ 2,367.34</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$ 5,457.34</b>
<b>Our Lady of Ransom Catholic</b>	
<b>School Scholarship Donations</b>	<b>\$ 980.00</b>
<b>Holy Father (Peter's Pence)</b>	<b>\$ 1,560.00</b>

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 13,678.00</b>
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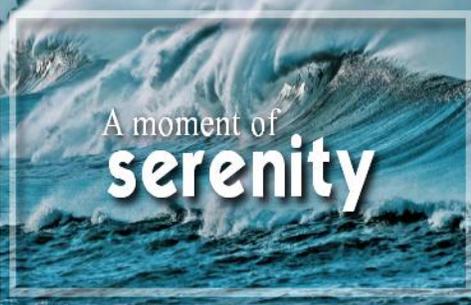


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