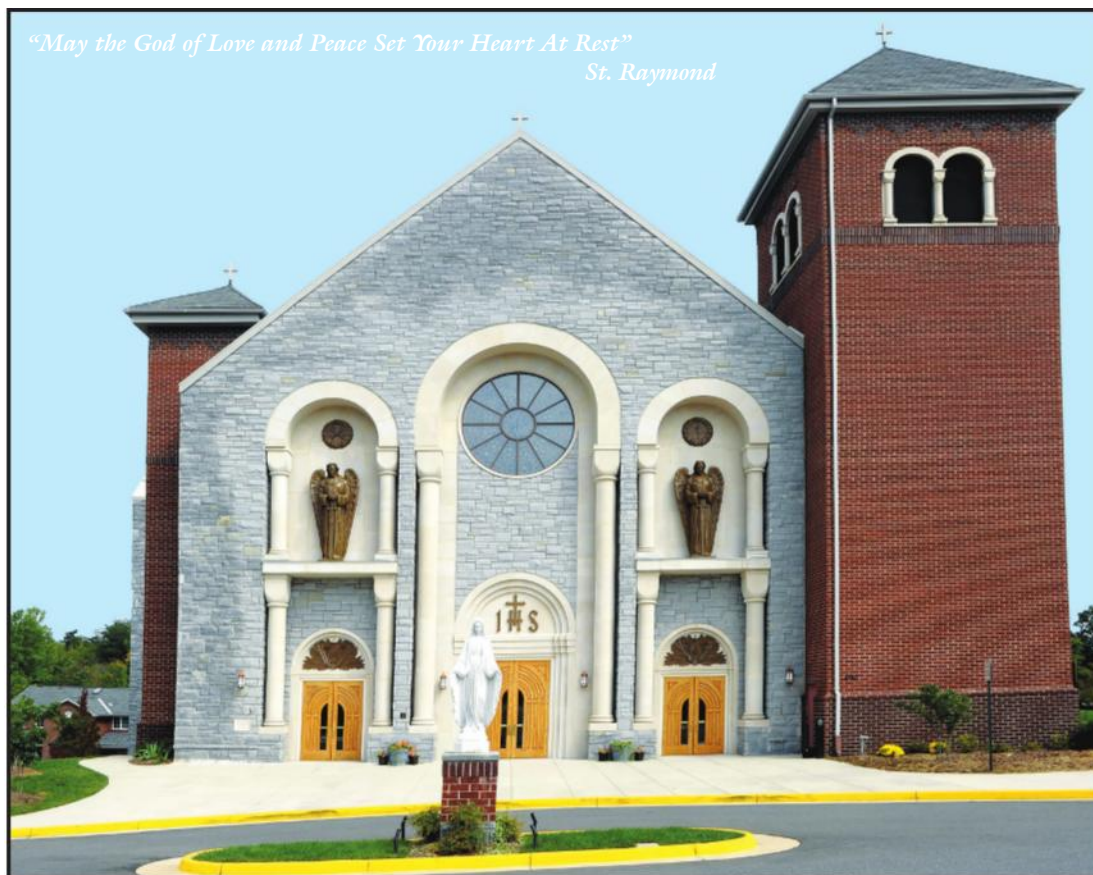


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
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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
Mary Hansen, Religious Education Secretary
Joe Marquart, Plant Manager
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

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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

Kirsti Tyson. Please pray for Kirsti, our Office Manager, and her family. Last week **her daughter and grandson were in a serious car accident**, and they are now in the hospital in Critical Care and ICU with broken bones and some serious internal injuries. Please also pray for the driver of their car, who was killed in the accident.

Kirsti has been working at St. Raymond's for over 20 years now, and several years before that at St. Agnes. She was Fr. Gould's (my predecessor) right hand in organizing the parish and building the church and rectory. She has been a great help to me and all of us all these years and needs our help now. She's had a difficult few months: surviving a critical illness last year, and then Covid last month, and as a result suffering from chronic fatigue for weeks. This, along with other medical problems in her immediate family and the recent death of her brother, has given her the chance to show what a remarkable woman she is as she continues to support her family and all of us.

Kirsti's Retirement. With all these developments in her life, she has decided to retire in September. As much as I hate to see her go, I do understand her decision. Please keep her in your prayers in this regard also, and join me in wishing her well. (More on this in the weeks to come.)

Job Opening. Of course this means we need to hire a new Office Manager. I am hoping to fill this position from within the parish, but am open to all applications. The job primarily involves responsibility for all bookkeeping, financial and personnel record keeping and policy compliance. Secondly the position will probably have the following responsibilities: prepare parish bulletin; coordinate funerals; schedule Altar Servers; schedule use of parish facilities; plan, schedule and prepare parish events (i.e. Parish Picnic, Christmas Giving Tree, etc.); order office and sacristy supplies; back up receptionist duties; assist other office staff, priests and parishioners as needed.

As you can see, Kirsti has done a lot for the parish, and her shoes will be hard to fill. Still, we must fill them, and **I am accepting applications now.**

Abortion Polling Surprise? From the website of politically "moderate" U.S. Constitutional Law Professor Jonathan Turley:

*"[A] Harvard poll conducted after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade found that **72 percent of Americans would allow abortion only until the 15th week of pregnancy or a more restrictive law.** That transcends party affiliation. Even 60 percent of Democrats believe abortion should be prohibited after the 15th week or a more restrictive law.*

"That is also consistent with most other countries. Internationally, only seven countries allow abortion after the 20th week.

"Notably, 75 percent of women support the 15-week cut-off or a more restrictive law while 69 percent of men also agree with that timeline.

*"The poll also shows that **44 percent of voters believe that state legislatures should have the power to determine abortion standards** while 25 percent believe Supreme Court justices should decide the issue. Another 31 percent believe that Congress should pass national abortion laws.*

"That is significantly at odds with the position of the dissenting justices and most of the Democratic leaders, including candidatesin close races....

"While the media has been overwhelmingly portraying voters as pro-abortion based on the question of whether they would overturn Roe v. Wade, the specific question reflects far greater opposition to abortion, particularly beyond the 15th week."

Works of Mercy. Last week's Gospel included the parable of the Good Samaritan, giving us an example of how we must show mercy to our neighbor.

The virtue of mercy is sometimes defined as the virtue influencing one's will to have compassion for and to try to alleviate another's suffering (cf. *Catholic Encyclopedia*). Since people suffer in both body and soul, the Church has, from ancient times, continuously proposed certain categories of both corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are traditionally listed as follows:

The corporal works of mercy:

- feed the hungry;
- give drink to the thirsty;
- clothe the naked;
- shelter the homeless;
- visit the sick;
- ransom the captive (visit the imprisoned);
- bury the dead.

The spiritual works of mercy:

- instruct the ignorant;
- counsel the doubtful;
- admonish sinners;
- bear wrongs patiently;
- forgive offences willingly;
- comfort the afflicted;
- pray for the living and the dead.

Many of us often forget the spiritual works of mercy, especially "instructing the ignorant" and "admonishing sinners" in this age of false-tolerance and wokeness. Of course, they involve prudence, but so does any work of mercy.

Gun Control. The issue of gun control has many different facets, and decisions in this regard are **largely a matter of individual conscience and prudential judgment**. So reasonable Catholics can disagree with each other, to some extent, on what restrictions should be placed on gun rights. Even so, all such judgments are **subject to underlying unchanging moral principles**.

Some Catholics, however, argue that the "right to bear arms" necessarily conflicts with "the right to life." That you must be anti-gun ownership if you are "truly pro-life."

But it seems to me that "the right to bear arms" **cannot** oppose "the right to life," since the right to bear arms is part of the right to self-defense (or defense of the innocent) which is included in the right to life; that is, the right to life includes the right to bear arms to defend one's own right to life.

Now, in a certain sense, the right to life is not absolute, and neither is the right to bear arms. For example, you can take the life of someone who is intentionally and directly aiming a gun at you to kill you, and the right to bear arms can be taken away from someone threatening to kill innocent people.

But the right to life is absolute in some cases: you can never intentionally and directly kill an innocent human being. Similarly, the right to self-defense is also absolute when it comes to innocent people. And so it would seem clear that the right to bear arms is somewhat/sometimes absolute as well.

As the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** tells us at 2264: "Love toward oneself remains a **fundamental principle of morality**. **Therefore it is legitimate to insist on respect for one's own right to life.** Someone who defends his life is not guilty of murder even if he is forced to deal his aggressor a lethal blow."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, July 18th**

6:30 am Chrissy Joyner +
8:30am Thomas Benson +

Tuesday, July 19th

6:30 am Caleb Joseph Shealy
8:30 am Forgotten Souls in
Purgatory +

Wednesday, July 20th

6:30am Bernard Gilsenan
8:30am Elizabeth Sehý +

Thursday, July 21st

6:30 am Jacqueline Watcher +
8:30 am Phil Carter +

Friday, July 22nd

6:30 am Carly McCrumb
8:30 am Geoffrey Bald +

Saturday, July 23rd

9:00 am World Leaders

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Emma Carlos +

Sunday, July 24th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Miriam F. Watanabe +
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Sarah Balut +
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 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 Heather Tyson John Beyer
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

July 18	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
July 20	Adoration (9 am - 7 pm)
July 20	Legion of Mary
July 22	Adoration (9 am - 3 pm)
August 6	Men's Prayer Group
August 6	Luminaries of Holy Mary
August 28	Parish Picnic 2 pm - 5 pm

SAVE the DATE: PARISH PICNIC! Sunday, August 29th (2:00pm - 5:00pm) Come enjoy the Annual Parish Picnic with your fellow parishioners. Food and fun for all ages! We are need of volunteers to help with set up, cooking, games, clean up and more. Call the parish office 703-440-0535 for more information or to volunteer.

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. 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!**

Scholarships to Catholic Schools. St. Raymond's will again offer a **one-time \$2,000 scholarship** for each parish child who is switching from public school (k-12) to Catholic school this year. **For all parish families**, each student in Catholic grade school can receive \$1,000 and Catholic high school students can receive \$2,000. This amount is renewable every year and is subject only to minimal qualification terms. You need to be a parishioner and send a request for the scholarship to Fr. De Celles. 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. There is also **assistance available for homeschooling families.** Contact the parish office for more information.

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

Altar Server Training: St Raymond's Parish has a very active Altar Server program. We invite all young men of the Parish to consider becoming an Altar Server. Young men between the ages of 9 and 18, who have received their First Communion are eligible. This is your opportunity to help assist the priest at Mass. **Training begins on Aug. 13th.** Please visit shorturl.at/ceRW3 or contact the Parish Office at 703-440-0535 to sign up.

Back to School Sock & Underwear Drive: The St. Martin de Porres Committee is again sponsoring a "Back to School" drive for students in the Springfield area. We will be accepting donations of **NEW** Socks and Underwear for school aged children (age 5-17) on the weekends of **July 30 - 31 and August 6 - 7.** For health code reasons we can only accept **NEW** items. A collection box will be in the Narthex. Items requested are:
Boys: Socks, Undershirts, Briefs & Boxers
Girls: Socks, Tights, Undershirts, Camisoles & Briefs
Thank you for your continued support!

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

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



St. John Bosco Council #12846

The Knights of Columbus are discussing new programs at this time. We will be adding a "Wheelchair" program as well as "Coats for Kids"

This is the time for members of St. John Bosco Council to provide their input at our membership meeting or you can email Grand Knight Larry Saenz at 703-832-1042 or

lsaenz1@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 or James Kolakowski at 703-455-3009 bridgeclub402@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. **Please note, the bridge club will not meet on July 21st or 28th.**

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

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

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.

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 August 6th. 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.

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*

PRAISE GOD!

*Abortion is no longer federally protected in the USA.
However, nothing in VA has changed. Abortion in VA, MD,
DC is still legal.*

*If any legislative changes are to take place, Virginians need to
pray and work to change the State Senate in the Nov 2023
election. We have a long way to go in making abortion un-
thinkable. Pray for conversion of hearts and minds and a re-
newal of a Culture of Life in our country.*

Are YOU registered to vote?

"America, choose life!" Saint Pope John Paul II



Now's the time to learn more!
40daysforlife.com/en/university

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

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

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? *A Mom's Peace*, offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit amomspeace.org.

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

Post-abortion Healing Retreat. An *Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing* (in English and Spanish) for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday October 15th**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. **You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing.** For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org. Men who are suffering the effects of abortion, please call (703) 841-3833.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

Thank you for your support and your many prayers for our Youth Apostolate trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Ohio this past weekend! It was a very powerful weekend for our teens. From meeting new people and making new friends to having deep, profound and intimate encounters with God's love for them personally in the Eucharist at Mass and in Adoration, - our teens were captivated by Jesus! Half of our group stood up publicly to say that if God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life, they are willing to follow Him! Please continue to keep our teens (and adult leaders) in your prayers as they continue to process their experiences of both Steubenville and WorkCamp. Pray that they would be open to receive the graces God continues to pour out on them and to draw near to Him through prayer and the Sacraments, and that He would continue to bless them and deepen their relationships with their family members and friends and help them to live fearlessly in Christ!

High School Service Project: Friday July 22 (8am-3pm)

Last summer St. Raymond's WorkCamps did an incredible job demolishing and rebuilding a rotted out deck for one of our parishioners. Now that the wood has had time to dry out, we need to go back to power wash and stain the deck. We are looking for FIVE teens to commit to helping from 8am-3pm. If interested, please contact Jeanne.

Thursday Gatherings for ALL 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 or email vsieral@gmu.edu.

ATTN: Class of 2022!

Associates of St. John Bosco College Nights!

This summer, The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes.

All events begin at 7:00 pm and end around 9:00 pm

July 20, 2022: Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria
(held at St. Mary's Lyceum)

July 27, 2022: 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.

Student registration & More Info at 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

Registration for the 2022-2023 Religious

Education year is ongoing - two sessions to choose from (Sunday or Monday). Pick up a bright blue form in the Narthex of the church, in the Parish Office or outside the Religious Education Office. Online registration is also available on the parish website. **Class enrollment is on a first come, first served basis, so register early to get the session you want.**

We have classes for high school students on Sundays (5:30-7 p.m.). There is no fee to participate in the high school program.

PARENTS please note: there is a two-year preparation process for the Sacraments of Penance/Holy Communion and Confirmation: grades 1-2 and grades 7-8 respectively.

Attention HOME SCHOOL and CATHOLIC 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 are in need of the following volunteers for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year:**

Sunday Grade 3 Teacher
Grade 3 Assistant teacher
Sunday Grade 4 Teacher
Grade 4 Assistant teacher
Monday Kindergarten high school aide
Monday Grade 7 Assistant teacher

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

Join the Legion of Mary! The Legion of Mary makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. "Active" members meet weekly for prayer, planning and discussion. In pairs, we perform several hours of apostolic work each week. (At St. Raymond's works include working with/teaching youth, sponsoring the Pilgrim Virgin statue visits at parishioner homes, and taking the bulletin and sacramentals door-to-door.) "Auxiliary" members of the Legion of Mary offer their daily prayers to Our Lady so that she can apply them where they are needed. The Active Legion group meets on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the Maurer Room. If you are interested in joining the Legion or have any questions, please contact Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or call / text 703-627-7320.

LEGION OF MARY 100-YEAR (CENTENNIAL)

PILGRIMAGE: Legion Auxiliaries, you are cordially invited with your families to attend the Potomac Comitium's 2022 Centennial Pilgrimage on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at the National Shrine Grotto at St. Mary's University, 16330 Grotto Road, Emmitsburg, MD. The schedule includes 10:45am – Adoration and Confessions on the grounds, 12:00pm – Mass in Glass Chapel, 12:45pm – Legion opening prayers with Rosary and talk by Deacon Gerard Anthony, 1:30pm – Free time, 2:15pm – Legion closing prayers and Divine Mercy chaplet, 3:00pm – Mid-afternoon meal at the Mt. St. Mary's university cafeteria. The Comitium needs to have total attendance (with family names) by Friday, August 5. Contact Sheila Swenson at Sheila_Swenson@aol.com if you desire further information.

Church Persecuted

On June 21, the Biden administration proposed radical changes to the implementing regulations to Title IX – the law that originally was designed to prevent discrimination against women. Some of you may recall that it was Title IX that required colleges and universities to have equal number of men's and women's sports. Over the years it required institutions of higher education to set up procedures to adjudicate assault claims against women. During the Obama administration, these were sometimes little more than "kangaroo courts" where defendants were not given the opportunity to counsel. The Trump administration changed that by offering more protections for those accused of sexual harassment and assault on college campuses, and it limited the definition of sexual misconduct.

Unless a school specifically asks for a religious exemption from aspects of Title IX (there is a limited provision in the law), all schools that take federal funds (yes, including grade and high schools) fall under it, including Catholic schools.

The new regulations undo the Trump changes and broaden the definition of sex discrimination to include gender discrimination focusing on so-called "transgender" and "non-binary" students. (Note, Bishop Burbidge in his excellent pastoral letter on the transgender problem issued last summer noted that "there is no such a thing as a transgender person.") This would give students who define their gender as something other than the gender they were born with legal ammunition to file a Title IX complaint against anyone (another student, faculty or staff member). This places Catholic schools in a position where they either comply with these new regulations or lose federal funding.

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

Be a Man! Audio Book by Fr. Larry Richards – Men are rediscovering the importance of the spiritual life. And Father Larry Richards is helping them do it. While some writers apply a one-size-fits-all approach to the Christian life, Father Richards draws on his many years of ministry and his own experience as a man to inspire other men as men. In "Be a Man!" he recounts his struggles to learn true manhood, as well as the inspiring stories of others he has served in his decades as a priest. He tells men how to focus on the right goal, how to live as a beloved son of God, of the need to acknowledge one's faults and to live according to the Holy Spirit, to be a man of true love and of wisdom, to appreciate properly the differences between men and women, to pursue holiness, and to make a difference in the world. Not preachy but direct, Father Richards challenges men to be strong, without putting on a mask of false strength or machismo. He calls men to admit their weaknesses and limitations, while urging them to find strength in faith and genuine love to overcome their sins and faults. He shows that true manliness is not opposed to love but thrives on it. Father Richards stresses that a relationship with Christ reveals the meaning of a man's life and his identity as a man. He inspires men to become the true heroes they long to be -men of authentic courage, compassion and integrity. This is a highly readable book for men by a man who knows how to talk to men about the things that matter most.

Watch now at www.straymondsformed.org

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Questions? Need help? Email us at: formed@straymonds.org



Angelus Academy

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

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

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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).

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.

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 17,566.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,443.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,606.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 985.00
Sol. For the Church in Africa	\$ 2,482.00

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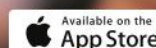
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