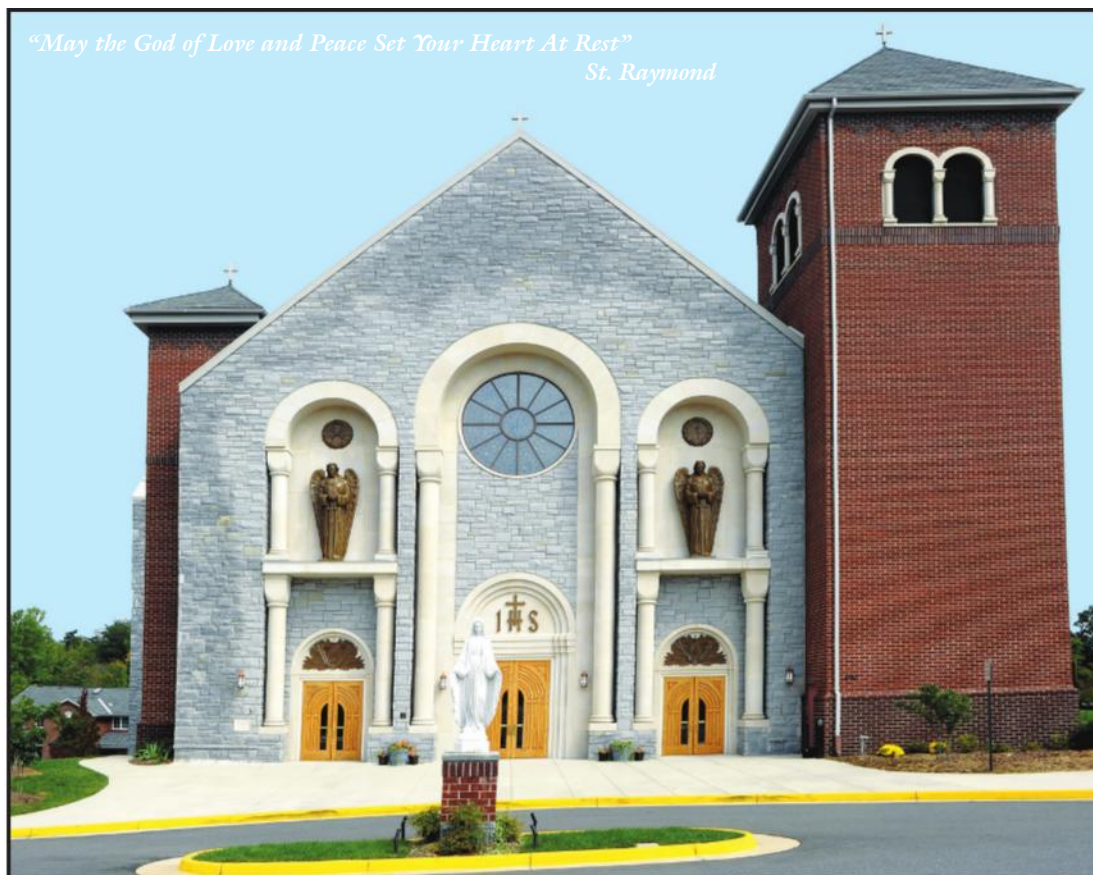


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153**

WEEKEND MASSES:

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

WEEKDAY MASSES:

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

EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS (LATIN)

1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

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

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Website

www.straymonds.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

Angelus Academy
7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153
703-924-3996

Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

6:15-6:55 p.m. (during Exposition)

Saturday Morning

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to marry must contact a parish priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Couples who are living together will be expected to live separately at least during the 3 months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM: Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Office ONE MONTH in advance. Parents must participate in a one-session pre-Baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child. You must be REGISTERED in the Parish 3 MONTHS prior to the Baptism.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit announcements in writing 10 days prior to publication.

Pastor's Corner

Humanae Vitae. This coming Wednesday, July 25, is the anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical reaffirming the ancient and apostolic teaching of the Church that **contraception is a grave sin**. In the years since, his words have been largely ignored by the world, even by Catholics. But they still remain as true today as ever. Moreover, his explanations of the reasons for and the consequences of disregarding this teaching have been proven out over the years. He warned that it would lead to increased sexual infidelity and "the general lowering of morality," especially among young men, and that eventually men would lose respect for women, seeing them only as an object of selfish enjoyment. Elsewhere he would specifically point to the immediate connection between contraception and abortion.

Over the last 54 years, we have seen this all bear out as we've seen the dramatic and catastrophic increase in divorce, marital infidelity, pornography, abortion, prostitution, teenage pregnancy and promiscuity, child abuse, wife abuse, and acceptance of homosexuality and transgenderism.

But Pope Paul also recognized that it was morally acceptable, for a "just reason," to "regulate birth" using methods that take into account the "natural rhythms" of the fertility cycle of women. Today several highly scientific methods are available to couples in this regard, usually referred to as "Natural Family Planning" (NFP). These are very effective in both postponing and promoting conception. They have the full approval of the Church.

Sunday Mass Obligation. It always surprised me how many Catholics don't know that it is a mortal sin to miss Mass on Sunday or on any other Holy Day of Obligation. As the Catechism reminds us: "The [first] precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: 'On Sundays and other holy days of obligation **the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass**'..." [2042]. This obligation may be fulfilled "on the evening of the preceding day," e.g. the Saturday Vigil Mass.

During Covid this obligation was **temporarily** dispensed by our Bishop. But that dispensation no longer exists, and the **Sunday obligation again applies to all of us**, except for: "those who...have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus, another serious or contagious illness;...are confined to their home,...or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions."

If you have any question as to whether you are obligated to attend Mass on Sundays let me know. Remember, as the Catechism states (2181) **"Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."**

The Church acknowledges certain other general exceptions from any obligations created by any merely Church law, i.e., when: 1) you are truly unable to do what is obliged, or 2) the obligation conflicts with another equally important obligation. So, for example, if you're sick (as is discussed above), or if there is inclement weather, and you are not able to go out because of ice or heavy rain or snow (this especially applies to some of our elderly). Another case would be those who are required by employers to work on Sunday, and those who do critical work for the common good, i.e., policemen, nurses, etc. Still another case is that of a mother or father having to stay home to take care of a sick child.

Some ask whether they are excused from Sunday (or Holy Day) Mass when they are on vacation or otherwise

travelling. The answer is "no," unless one of the exceptions above specifically applies. The Church recognizes and, to some extent, encourages the importance of recreation in the form of vacation. So that if the circumstances of your vacation cause you to be unable to attend Mass, you are excused. So, for example, you are free to choose to go on a cruise, or travel to a non-Christian country, even though there may be no Mass available. Moreover, if you are camping out in some place hours away from a Mass, or if you're on a guided tour that requires you to be with the group on Sunday, you are excused as unable to go to Mass. Also, if you are travelling in such a way that it is not possible to attend Mass, you are excused: let's say you are flying on a Sunday, leaving at 5am and arriving at 7pm.

Most (but not all) orthodox priest-confessors and theologians believe that this would apply to all-day car trips on a Sunday, since it is so difficult to coordinate Mass times in strange cities along the way. Moreover, car trips provide unique challenges to families with little children (parents have special obligations here), that might make it extra difficult. Note though, with the availability of internet and smart phones this is less difficult today than in the past.

Even so, the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass is a grave one, never to be excused lightly. One should not seek out, invent or make excuses for missing Mass. The reason for the exception must be genuine. For example, if a worker could easily get off from work by simply asking the boss for Sundays off, then there is no excuse not to go to Mass. Or if you're on vacation in a non-Catholic country, but there's a Catholic church just 15 minutes away, there is no excuse. Or if you drank too much the night before, that maybe a *reason* you are physically unable to go to Mass, but it is not an *excuse* from your obligation since you freely chose the consequences of your actions the night before.

And remember: you can also go to Saturday evening Vigil Mass. And if you think you might run into difficulty attending Mass at any time, especially on vacation, you can ask your pastor (me) for a dispensation (if you are my parishioner), and I can commute it to some other pious spiritual act (e.g., watching Mass on TV, saying the Rosary, reading the Scriptures).

Enjoy your travels and vacations this summer. But go to Mass. And if you miss Mass without a serious excuse, make sure you go to Confession before you return to Holy Communion.

Baptizing Babies ASAP! There is a growing tendency of parents to postpone the baptism of their babies for months after birth. This is a huge risk—and normally a mortal sin.

Baptism is not merely a nice symbolic rite of passage. Rather it is a necessary sacrament, that washes away original sin and gives a share in the Eternal Life of God to the baptized. The grace of Baptism is necessary for salvation, as Christ taught: "no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit"—John 3:5). And while the Church teaches that God sometimes gives the grace of Baptism in extraordinary ways, e.g., martyrdom, the Church has always maintained that *it does not know* if anything like that applies to *babies who die without baptism*.

Because of this, and with loving concern for the eternal souls of babies, the Church requires [Can. 867 §1]: **"Parents are obliged to see that their infants are baptized within the first few weeks"** after birth.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, July 25th**

6:30 am Jacqueline Wachter +
8:30am Pauline and Walter Rizzard+

Tuesday, July 26th

6:30 am Erik Shipley
8:30 am Brad and Catherine Hoopes

Wednesday, July 27th

6:30am O'Halloran Family
8:30am Martha Riedel +

Thursday, July 28th

6:30 am Barbara Machado
8:30 am Floyd H. Haywood +

Friday, July 29th

6:30 am Stephens Woodrough+
8:30 am Ofelia Lana

Saturday, July 30th

9:00 am Nicholas Prabhavat+

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Peter James McGuire +

Sunday, July 31st

7:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Joshua Cox +
9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Catherine Hoopes
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Holly Cox

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 Jim Kirsch Ron Karcher
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

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 and continues the next two Saturdays.** 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!

July Christ House Dinner. Sign up to support our parish Christ House Committee's preparation of 65 **To Go Dinners**. Volunteers are needed to purchase, prep, and distribute at the Catholic Charities Dining Room in Alexandria on **Friday, July 29**. The meal is for folks who are homeless and food insecure. This month our menu includes BBQ Chicken sandwiches, pasta salad, and potato chips. Check out the full menu and sign-up opportunities at the Perfect Potluck link: www.PerfectPotluck.com/TCKQ1511

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.

July 25	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
July 27	Adoration (9 am - 7 pm)
July 27	Legion of Mary
July 29	Adoration (9 am - 3 pm)
July 29	Christ House Dinner Prep
August 13	Altar Server Training Begins
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 28th (2-5pm) 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!**

Business Manager Vacancy. We are seeking a full time Business Manager for the Parish Office. Responsibilities include: bookkeeping, financial and personnel record keeping and policy compliance. Accounting or Finance degree preferred. 3-5 years of financial management experience preferred. Experience in Parish Data System and Microsoft Office Suite preferred. Interested applicants should send a resume to mary.butler@straymonds.org.

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!



St. John Bosco Council #12846

St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus:
Are you a man of 17 ½ years or more? Are you a practicing Catholic? Then we invite you to join the Knights! Contact Deputy Grand Knight Mark Menotti. mark.menotti@yahoo.com or go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs (and enter #12846 for our Council number) to become a Knight today!

Blood Drive Aug. 6. Our parish's Knights of Columbus are co-sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, August 6th, at the Nativity parish hall from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please consider signing up for a 15-minute time slot and giving the gift of life. You may sign up either online at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the narthex after all masses this weekend and next. If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at (703) 690-7285 or by email at: mam7253@msn.com.

Bridge Club: All levels of players are welcome. We play Bridge cards each week in the Church Hall. Contact Lois Kotlowski at 703-455-6567 dancertoo2@yahoo.com or James Kolakoski at 703-455-3009 bridgeclub402@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. **Please note, the bridge club will not meet on July 28th. We will resume on August 4th.**

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.

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.

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.

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/>

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE *Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*

*"Generous openness to accept children from God as the gift to their love is the mark of the Christian couple."
Saint Pope John Paul II*

July 25th marks the 54th anniversary of the positive and helpful 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, which teaches about God's gifts of married love and human life. Pope Paul VI proved himself a prophet as he predicted grave consequences if methods of artificial birth control were accepted. His predictions ring true today: "Let [upright men] consider, first of all, how wide and easy a road would thus be opened up towards conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality... It is also to be feared that the man, growing used to the employment of anti-conceptive practices, may finally lose respect for the woman and, no longer caring for her physical and psychological equilibrium, may come to the point of considering her as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment, and no longer as his respected and beloved companion." *HV* #17
You are encouraged to read the full text:

www.papalencyclicals.net/Paul06/p6humana.htm

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is the general title for the scientific, natural, and moral methods of family planning that can help married couples either achieve or postpone pregnancy. NFP methods are based on the observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy. Since the methods of NFP respect the **love-giving** (unitive) and **life-giving** (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, they support God's design for married love! For more information: www.arlingtondiocese.org/family-life/marriage/natural-family-planning/

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. 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.

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

Junior High & High School Sunday Night Youth Groups!

It seems like summer has just begun, and yet, here we are planning for the next school year already! As a reminder, we HIGHLY encourage everyone to attend both youth group and CCD if at all possible! Remember, learning about our Faith is a life-long process...and does not end after Confirmation. We should all continue to seek out opportunities to learn more about our Faith throughout our entire lives. AND at the same time, it is super important to have friends who share your values and beliefs, with whom you can form life-long friendships and grow in the Faith ...thus youth group! Don't forget to register for CCD at <https://bit.ly/CCDforMe>

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.

Volunteers Needed to help with Sunday Night Youth Group

This summer several of our long-standing volunteers have moved out of state, which means WE NEED YOU! We are in need of folks (ages 21+) to help lead our teens to Christ via your example, witness, time and relational ministry. Is your faith important to you? Might you have a gift in working with teens? Maybe you do and you don't even know it yet! Take it to prayer. Ask God if He is calling you...and if He says yes, or maybe...or if you ask and can't hear His answer...contact Jeanne for more info.

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 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

It's time to register for 2022-2023 Religious Education classes!! Two sessions available - Sunday 5:30-7 pm and Monday 4:45-6:15 pm. Complete a blue registration form or register online at the parish website.

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 have classes for high school students on Sundays (5:30-7 pm). There is no fee to participate in this **outstanding** high school program.

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
Monday high school aide for Kindergarten class
Monday Grade 7 Assistant teacher

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

**** Attention volunteers for the 2022-2023**

academic year: there is a training session scheduled for August 27th - ALL VOLUNTEERS are required to attend. **

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. "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

July 25th is the 54th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, the encyclical issued by Pope Saint Paul VI enunciating the evils of contraceptives and suggesting that couples wishing to avoid a pregnancy practice abstinence during the fertile times of the month. When the document was issued, the secular press immediately attacked it. Before the ink was dry on the document, the *Baltimore Sun* gathered 55 young priests together in the basement of a rectory to discuss the encyclical. Their purpose was to publish a story the next day saying that 100% of the priests polled signed a document opposing the encyclical. The only problem was that one priest refused to sign the document. He did so for two reasons: (1) he had not read the document (and neither had any of the other priests), and (2) he supported the findings of the encyclical.

"The leader of the dissenters tried several times, using strong, coercive tactics and verbal abuse, to change the mind of the priest. None of the priests came to his defense. Rather than the scorecard reading 55-0. It was 54-1."

The priest moved from Baltimore to become a bishop, an archbishop, and then a cardinal. He was the keynote speaker at a conference in Omaha celebrating the 25th anniversary of the encyclical, where he told his story. Archbishop J. Francis Stafford described the surrounding days, weeks, months, and years after *Humanae Vitae* and the persecution he felt throughout his priestly life because he would not go along to get along. Read the full story at the link below.

<https://ccli.org/2013/07/part-5-humanae-vitae-45-years-later-is-it-still-relevant/>.

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.

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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

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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).

Donations for House of Mercy (HOM) -- Additional Drivers Needed. For the past few years, about eight stalwarts from St Raymond's have made the trip to the House of Mercy in Manassas every week, delivering loads of donations to this charitable group. The eight of us have shared the load, with each individual making the 50-mile round trip about once every other month. The current schedule is set through September, but we would like to add 2-4 additional drivers starting in October. Donated items are generally small and not too heavy (large trash bags filled with clothing or boxes with small appliances, dishware, houseware items). Donated items usually fill an SUV or pick-up truck. If you have a large vehicle and are interested in joining us, please contact Jim Mault for more details: jmault1@cox.net or 703-362-9195.

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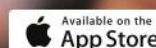
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