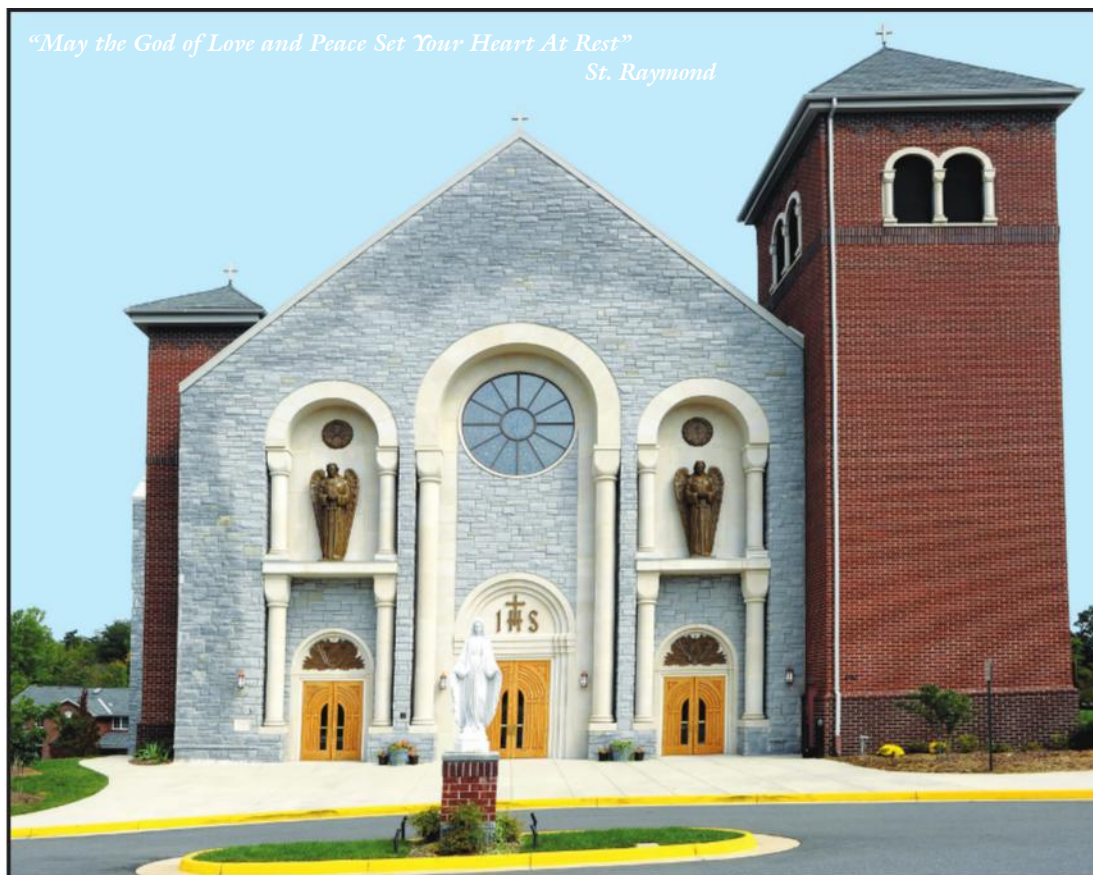


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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

PARISH OFFICE:

Telephone Numbers:

Rectory: 703-440-0535
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E-Mail

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Rel. Ed.: ReligiousEducation@straymonds.org
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

Scholarships to Catholic Schools. I hate to say it, but school is just around the corner. You all know my deep concerns about sending our children to the government-run, radical-leftist-controlled Fairfax County Public Schools, including my concern that it might be a mortal sin to send our children to these schools. But at the same time I recognize that many parents believe they simply can't afford, financially or otherwise, the alternatives. While many parents recognize the problem and dedicate themselves to offsetting the nonsense of the schools by aggressively countering these errors at home and in the parish, I'm afraid that doesn't work for most parents, for various reasons.

So, **the parish offers scholarships** to all qualified parishioners who attend Catholic schools: **\$1,000** for grade school and **\$2,000** for high school, renewable every year, and subject only to minimal qualification terms.

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

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

Extra Scholarship to Help You Switch. Finally, we will double the scholarship for the first year for each child (a parishioner) who switches from public school (k-12) to Catholic school this year. That means, for Catholic grade school the scholarship will be **\$2,000** and for Catholic high school it will be **\$4,000**.

Just contact me or the parish office to apply.

Receiving Communion: Hand or Tongue? What is the "proper" or "best" way to receive Holy Communion—in the hand or on the tongue. The Church leaves this decision to our individual consciences, but allow me to make few brief observations in this regard.

For the first few centuries of the Church receiving Communion *in the hand* was a common practice. But as time passed it became the practice to receive Communion directly on the tongue in order to assure that the Host was received reverently. This was the law of the Church for almost 14 centuries, and *is still the general norm today*. However, in 1969 Pope Paul VI allowed an exception: individual bishops can give permission to their people to receive Communion in the hand if it does not lead to any loss of reverence. While most bishops permit Communion in the hand, some, seeing a loss of reverence, are withdrawing that permission and requiring their people to receive only on the tongue.

There are many reasons for not receiving on the hand. For example, consider the risk of having particles of the Host—each of which are also truly the Body of Christ—remain on your hand after you receive. Also, it is a fact of human nature that the more you handle an object, no matter how precious it is, the more likely it is that you will take it for granted and forget its value—and this is often the case with the Body of Christ. In this same line, the Host is no ordinary food, and receiving on the tongue—rather than handling it as we do most food—is a dramatic reminder of this.

Because of these and many other reasons, I recommend that all of my parishioners prayerfully consider receiving Communion on the tongue.

However, it is your choice, and there are many very good reasons for doing so. In particular, **since Covid struck** 2+ years ago, many people have opted for Communion in the hand

to reduce concern over passing germs. Again, I respect your choices. However, I would note that from what I've read, experts say that studies have shown **no indication of increased risk of passing germs by receiving either on the hand or the tongue**.

But if you do take Communion in the hand, ask yourself: *Do I do it in a way that expresses and protects my belief in the Real Presence?* For example, do I follow the ancient custom for reverent reception of Communion in the hand? That is: receive by placing your *left* hand on *top* of your *right* hand as if you were creating a *throne* to receive your *God*, keeping your eyes on Christ; and then, stepping to the side, carefully take the Host in your right hand and place It in your mouth, being careful to consume any crumbs remaining on your hands. Please remember, the Host must be "consumed at once, so that no one goes away with the Eucharistic species in his hand." Also, you should not receive in the hand if you are holding something or someone (i.e., a baby) in your hands or arms, which would naturally tend to diminish the attention and care you give to the Host in your hand.

Given this, please remember, if you receive on the hand, **please remain at the altar rail until you have placed the host in your mouth**—there is no need to rush away, and it is certainly irreverent to attempt to move from kneeling to standing while holding the host in your hand.

Please prayerfully consider my words, and I will respect your discernment.

A Change in Teaching? Last week we celebrated the 54th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI's encyclical affirming the ancient infallible doctrine of the Church condemning any and all intentional uses of contraception.

But just two weeks ago the press reported that the by the Pontifical Academy for Life had issued an article/document (completely unofficial) that suggested there might be "conditions and practical circumstances that would make the choice to generate irresponsible," so that a married couple may decide to use contraception in some cases. This seems to be based on a false understanding that conscience can override Church teaching.

Give me a break. Clearly this is contrary to Catholic doctrine repeated strongly not only in *Humanae Vitae* and *Veritatis Splendor* but also in the Vatican II document, *Gaudium et Spes* (#50), which states that Christians, "... must always be governed according to a conscience dutifully conformed to the divine law itself, and should be submissive toward the Church's teaching office, which authentically interprets that law in the light of the Gospel." In short, while a Catholic must always follow his conscience, that conscience will always follow Catholic doctrine. So, the above proposal to override or get around *Humanae Vitae* with your conscience, is self-contradictory, and so ridiculous and nonsensical. The folks advancing this see it as a new development, but it is actually the same old argument that the Church, particularly through the saintly Popes John Paul II and Paul VI, has repeatedly rejected for decades.

Fr. Daly. Last week Fr. Jerry Daly celebrated his 91st birthday. I'm sorry I forgot to remind you. If you'd like to send him a card, please do so, care of the Rectory. I spoke to him on his birthday, and he is doing well. Still struggles to walk, but does so with a walker, and he stands to offer Mass every day in his apartment. And his mind is as sharp as ever. Please keep him in your prayers, which he always asks me to thank you for.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Aug. 1st**

6:30 am Paul Chrenka Sr. +
8:30 am Frances Mullen +

Tuesday, Aug. 2nd

6:30 am Sean Patrick Ryan +
8:30 am Jennifer Anezin

Wednesday, Aug. 3rd

6:30 am Alicia Butron
Valencia +
8:30 am William Pagliaro +

Thursday, Aug. 4th

6:30 am Christina Saldaña +
8:30 am Yuko Takeuchi +

Friday, Aug. 5th

6:30 am Margaret D. Smith +
8:30 am Barbara DeCelles +

Saturday, Aug. 6th

9:00 am Carmen Palmaira

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm
Gertrude Seiberling +

Sunday, Aug. 7th

7:00 am
David Warren +
9:00 am
Parishioners
11:00 am
Christine Winseck +
1:00 pm
Evelyn Maragioglio +

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at St. Raymond's!**

straymonds.org

Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am

Saturday at 9:00 am

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

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass. St. Raymond's normally offers the Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also known as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite" (EFM), at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. Our next EFM Mass is this Friday, August 6th.

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.

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.

A Note of thanks from Kirsti Tyson. *Thank You all for your prayers, Masses, cards, gifts and support for my daughter, grandson, myself and my entire family. The outpouring from the parish makes me realize how much of a family you have all become to me. Both Heather and John are out of the hospital! They both have a long way to go in the healing process but they will heal eventually, which is all I ask. Please keep the prayers coming. Kirsti*

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.

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—
Returned Home Safely****

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss	Michael	Tom Swengros
Tom Dietz	Malachowski	Ellie Garcia
Michael O'Neill	Debra Henkel	Margaret O'Neill
Cindy Laird	Daniel Moore	Christina
Patricia Lewis	Gaudencio Dizon	Cautero
Mai Pham	Paul Haynes	James Bowling
Joan Opiela	Dwayne Taylor	Lupe Bowling
Jason Saenz	Christopher Quan	Heather Tyson
Phyllis Zitnik	Ted Tolpa	John Beyer
Patricia Del Buono	Nena Brennan	Jim Kirsch
Juanita Boarman	Serrin Foster	Ron Karcher
John Florio	Fr. Jerry Daly	Selva Morales

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

August 1	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
August 3	Adoration
August 3	Legion of Mary
August 4	Bridge Club
August 5	Adoration
August 5	EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
August 6	Men's Prayer Group
August 6	Luminaries of Holy Mary
August 13	Altar Server Training Begins
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.

Gift Shop Summer Clearance Sale. Stop by the tables in the narthex or step into the shop on August 13 and 14 to see religious articles on clearance: rosaries, bibles, scapulars, prayer books, holy cards, medals, crucifixes, jewelry, and more! Over the summer, as during the year, the gift shop is open by appointment. Write the shop committee at giftshop@straymonds.org with inquiries or to request an appointment.

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!

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.



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. 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.

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.

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!**

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

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. 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/

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!

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**



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

"Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, that you do unto Me."

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

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>

Youth Group & CCD start up again September 11th:

4-5:30pm Junior High Youth Group
5:30-7pm 7-12th Grade CCD
7-8:30pm High School Youth Group



Volunteers Needed to help with Youth Group on Sundays

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. youth@straymonds.org It is essential that more folks step up to volunteer in order to keep our thriving youth groups going. The time commitment to help with Jr. High is from 3:30-5:30pm and for High School it is 6:45-8:30pm. We can be flexible if you are out of town a week here and there!

Virtus Seminar at St. Raymond's Thursday, October 6th at 6pm (parish hall)

St. Raymond's is hosting a Virtus seminar for anyone interested in volunteering to help with any ministries involving youth under the age of 18. For more information contact Mary Hansen mary.hansen@straymonds.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 p.m. and Monday 4:45-6:15 p.m. Complete a blue registration form or register online on the parish website.

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*
Monday high school aide for Kindergarten class
Monday Grade 7 Assistant teacher
Monday - RCIC elementary class teacher and assistant

*** PLEASE NOTE:** If we are unable to fill the teacher vacancies on Sunday, we will cancel the classes and move the registered students to Monday.

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.

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.

Church Persecuted

Istanbul, Turkey is home to one of the greatest architectural structures of the world: Hagia Sophia, the Byzantine Church of Holy Wisdom. The original church was built by Constantine I on the site of a pagan temple in 325 AD. It was damaged by fire after St. John Chrysostom, then the patriarch of Constantinople, was banished from it. The current structure was built on the site around 537 AD and restored to its present form in the 1300s. For centuries this was the Cathedral of the Patriarchate of Constantinople.

In 1453, the Turks conquered Constantinople and converted the church into a mosque.

In 1935, the Turkish president made the building into a museum and in 1985 it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. In 2020, Turkish president Erdogan converted the building back into a mosque.

The above is merely to provide context for the construction of the Greek Orthodox Hagia Sophia Church in Al-Suqaylabiyah, near the city of Hama in Syria. The design of the Church was to be a miniature of its Turkish namesake. The idea for this church was conceived in 2020 after the Istanbul building was converted back into a mosque with the approval of the Russian military, which controlled the area at that time.

Last Sunday, at the inaugural service, a rocket attack to the church courtyard killed three members of the congregation and injured twelve. At the time of this writing, no one has claimed responsibility for the attack. The Christians have again been caught in the cross-fire in a geopolitical tug-of-war with the Syrian government, Russia, and Turkey.

<https://www.persecution.org/2022/07/25/2-killed-and-12-injured-in-syria-church-rocket-strike/>

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua – This is the first major feature length drama on the life of St. Anthony of Padua, the beloved miracle worker and one of the most popular saints in Christian history. Made in Italy with top-notch acting talent, and superb cinematography, this is an outstanding film on the amazing life of St. Anthony. It presents Anthony as a dynamic and appealing person who sacrificed wealth, popularity, and family for the Kingdom of God. Born into a Portuguese noble family in 1195, Anthony defied his father's wishes that he become a knight and, instead, followed the call of God to become a monk, eventually joining the Franciscans as a follower of St. Francis of Assisi. Anthony became renowned for his powerful preaching and his miracles that won countless souls to Christ. The film follows his travels through Italy, his mission to Morocco, and his meeting with St. Francis. It beautifully portrays the power of his preaching, the holiness of his life, his love for the poor and oppressed, and the wonders of his miracles. Actor Daniele Liotti gives a truly memorable inspiring and performance as St. Anthony

Watch now at www.straymondsformed.org

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Questions? Need help? Email us at: formed@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!

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



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.

FAITH DIRECT JULY 2022

Sunday Offertory	\$ 52,038.50
Family Assistance	\$ 2,467.34
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,657.34
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 4,572.00
Sol. Fund for Church in Africa	\$ 659.00

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Sunday Offertory	\$ 12,909.00
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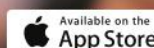
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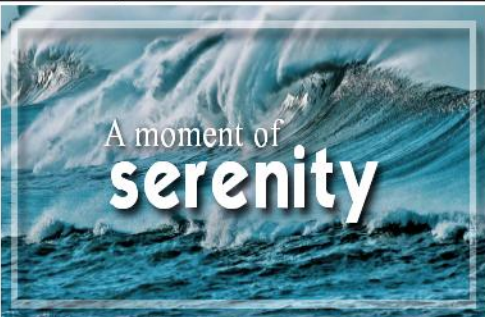
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