



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)

Every Friday at 7:00 pm
through September 2, 2022.
After this, the EFM will not
be permitted

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
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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

Assumption of Mary. Tomorrow, August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is **usually a Holy Day of Obligation, but not this year, since it falls on a Monday.** It recalls the day in history when, as Pope Pius XII infallibly declared in his 1950 Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*: “the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” This, of course, is a great day in the life of our Blessed Mother so we rightly celebrate it as such. But it is also a great day for the life of the Church and for each Christian. Because, as we pray, “where she has gone, we hope to follow.” Our Lord Jesus has given to His Mother the heavenly rewards of her faith and love on earth, rewards that we hope to share in when we die.

But it's important to remember that this feast is not just about Mary going to heaven: it is about her having her body with her in heaven, just as Jesus has His Body in heaven. This reminds us that at the end of time, all the souls who go to heaven after death (including by way of the cleansing of Purgatory) will be reunited with their glorified bodies in the Resurrection of the Dead.

This, in turn, reminds us that all of us are created to live bodily in heaven, that we are not souls imprisoned in bodies, nor are we souls using an outward shell (the body) that we can manipulate or abuse as we choose without affecting or damaging our souls. Our body is part of us, that part that communicates to others. And so what we do with our bodies expresses us and who we are. This is important in these days when so many people seem to think the body means nothing—you can abuse it with drugs or deviant sex, or you can even mutilate it with senseless surgeries. The Assumption reminds us, no! the human body—ours and everyone else's—has a fundamental dignity. It is US. It is, in some fundamental sense, created in the image of God. And is destined for the glory of heaven.

To New Parishioners. Summer is always a time we lose and gain parishioners, especially those in the military. So I'd like to welcome all who have joined us in the last few months. I hope you find St. Raymond's to be a welcoming parish, and I encourage you to get involved in our many liturgies, committees, and activities.

One thing to know about our parish is that we place great importance on the Grace and Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Flowing from this you will find a pronounced emphasis on reverence, especially during Holy Mass, what I call “emphatic reverence.” Nowadays reverence is a lost virtue. The word “reverence” comes from the Latin for “fear,” “revere,” and Scripture tells us, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.” But this kind of fear is not like being in terror or afraid, but rather of being in “awe”: recognizing that God is the all-powerful creator and sustainer of the whole world, and I am just a little tiny speck in comparison—and yet, he loves me. So Christian reverence is fundamentally rooted in love.

So we go out of our way here in our liturgies to be reverent, to remind ourselves we are in the presence of God, the God who loved us so much He became one of us and died for our sins on the Cross, and gave us the Eucharist to be with us always, even to enter into us, especially in the mystery of

His Sacrifice.

To encourage this reverence we follow some ancient customs of the Church that set the liturgy apart as radically different from the mundane world we live in. For example, we sing traditional Catholic hymns, which are different than most contemporary liturgical music that incorporates so many aspects of modern secular music. And we use the ancient language of the Church, Latin, to remind us we're doing something very different, in union with the Church all the way back to the time of Jesus. And we incorporate beautiful vestments and vessels to remind us that Mass is a participation in the heavenly banquet come down to earth. And at most Masses the priest turns with the people, so that facing the same direction as them, he leads them in prayer before the Most High God.

It's a little different. But then again, so is God. Welcome to St. Raymond's.

Captain Paul X. Rinn. We mourn our loss of a beloved member of our parish, Paul Rinn, who died suddenly and unexpectedly on August 3. Paul was a true American hero. As one public article tells: as a young officer he served as a “counterinsurgency adviser and military training officer along the Mekong River and was involved in combat operations along its upper reaches.” Which is code for saying he endured great, brave and heroic sacrifices for America, the details of which we will never know.

But one display of his heroism was well known. On April 14, 1988, he was commanding the frigate Samuel B. Roberts, in the Persian Gulf during the Iran-Iraq War, when it struck an Iranian mine. By all accounts it should have sunk, except for Paul's leadership both in the moment and in the months before. The ship and crew were saved, and Paul's efforts remain a case study in combat preparedness, and the subject of the book, “*No Higher Honor*.”

But Paul was more than that. He was a dedicated husband and father, a great friend, and first and foremost, a devout Catholic. He served our parish in so many capacities, most especially in advising me. I will miss him.

I am confident in hope that he is on his way to Heaven, but please join me in honoring this good Catholic man by helping him with your prayers through his final purification. And please also pray for the consolation of his family, especially his wonderful wife Pam.

Requiem æternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei: Requiescat in pace. Amen.

(Let me add: it is an honor to serve in a parish where so many of you are American heroes; thank you, and God bless you for your service.)

To “Anonymously Concerned.” This I write to the parishioner who wrote an anonymous letter to Bishop Burbidge to criticize me:

My friend, thanks for sending me a copy of your calumnious letter. I don't read anonymous letters, but I do skim them to understand what is at stake. All I can say is, is it truly manly to write such vicious things about someone (me) and then refuse to identify yourself? Forgive me if I'm wrong, but that strikes me as...what's the word...? Never mind. God bless you, and I will pray for you.

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

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Aug. 15th****The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 am In Thanksgiving
 8:30 am Robert Hart +
 Noon Miriam F. Watanabe +
 7:00 pm Mary Salmon

Tuesday, Aug. 16th

6:30 am Joseph Nguyen
 8:30 am Charles Hagemeister+

Wednesday, Aug. 17th

6:30 am Anthony & Kendra Pomilla
 8:30 am Richard Ciccarelli +

Thursday, Aug. 18th

6:30 am Luis Gonzalez +
 8:30 am Ruben Nãñez

Friday, Aug. 19th

6:30 am Rev. John C De Celles
 8:30 am Barbara De Celles +
 7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Saturday, Aug. 20th

9:00 am Fr. Mario Shivaji Henriques, SFX +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
 Barbara Jarvis +

Sunday, Aug. 21st

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
 David Warren +
 9:00 am Fr. De Celles
 Parishioners
 11:00 am Fr. De Celles
 Veronica Riordan
 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.**

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	Allison Harper
John Florio	Fr. Jerry Daly	Mark Randall

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

August 15	The Solemnity of the Assumption
	Masses: 6:30 am, 8:30 am, Noon & 7:00 pm
August 15	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
August 17	Adoration
August 17	Legion of Mary
August 19	Adoration
August 19	EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
August 20	Men's Prayer Group
August 28	Parish Picnic 2 pm - 5 pm

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond's ends Sept. 2, 2022. St. Raymond's has offered the Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also known as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite" (EFM), on Friday evenings for several years. Following the recent decree of Bishop Burbidge, the Extraordinary Form, or Traditional Latin Mass, will not be offered at St. Raymond's after September 7, 2022. Until then, we will continue to offer the EFM/TLM every **Friday at 7 pm through Sept. 2.** Please join us.

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

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.

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 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.

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. **Please visit our website** or call the parish office at 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.

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.



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!

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.

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 20th. 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 **Sept. 3rd**. 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.

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!**

MARRIED COUPLES. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience!

Upcoming dates:

September 23-25, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza in Reston VA
Only 11 spots available so sign up early! To register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search on Virginia. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

Pregnancy Care Centers remain on the frontline of helping mothers choose and sustain life. We proudly support The MaRiH Center in Alexandria. 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!** There are many volunteer opportunities at the center. marih.org

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. 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. Visit amomspiece.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 (in English and Spanish) for women who have experienced abortion. **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.** Contact Project Rachel Ministry at (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org. Men suffering the effects of abortion, please call (703) 841-3833.



Stay informed! Every state in the Union has a Safe Haven Law whereby an uninjured newborn can be left (anonymously) in designated locations where emergency medical attention is available. nationalsafehavenalliance.org

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 lifelong 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 lifelong friendships and grow in the Faith ...thus youth group! Don't forget to register for CCD at <https://bit.ly/CCDforMe>. **There is no fee and no homework for high school CCD.**

Youth Group & CCD start up again September 11th:

4-5:30pm Junior High Youth Group (pizza dinner included)
5:30-7pm 7-12th Grade CCD
7-8:30pm High School Youth Group (pizza dinner included)

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group!

7-8:30pm TUESDAY, September 27 (Maurer Room)

All 9-12th grade girls are invited to join in sisterhood! We look forward to meeting new people and getting to know others better as together we cultivate authentic community, friendships, and space to share our faith, as we learn and encourage one another in ways to practically apply the faith to our daily lives. Note the change in day and location; **Talitha Koum is now meeting on the 2nd & 4th TUESDAY of each month in the Maurer Room from 7-8:30pm.** All high school ladies are welcome!!

Sons of Thunder: High School Guys' Group

6:30-8pm THURSDAY, September 22 (Maurer Room)

Come join the brotherhood! All 9-12th grade guys are invited who want to learn more about their faith, deepen their relationship with Christ, and hang out with other guys in a chill atmosphere. **Sons of Thunder is switching to meeting on the 2nd and 4th THURSDAY of each month, beginning and ending slightly earlier this year, from 6:30-8pm in the Maurer Room.** Newcomers are always welcome! There will be food!

Volunteers Needed to help with Youth Group on Sundays

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 for a week here and there!**

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

Email Jeanne to get our weekly emails with important Youth Apostolate news & upcoming events!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2022-2023 Religious Education (CCD) classes begin September 11th

If you have not already registered your children, please do so. Use the bright blue registration form or you can register online at the parish website. We have classes for grades K-12. We are offering only two sessions this year - Sunday and Monday.

Attention homeschool parents: if you have a child in a sacramental preparation year (grades 2, 7-8) it is necessary to register the child with the Religious Education Office. This will ensure you receive all information regarding sacrament preparation.

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 - RCIC elementary class (sacrament prep) 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. **

Virtus Seminar at St. Raymond's: There is a Virtus Seminar scheduled at St. Raymond in the parish hall on **Thursday, October 6 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.** Attending a Virtus Seminar is required (in addition to a background check) for anyone who has substantial contact with youth as part of their volunteer activities at St. Raymond. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required only once in a lifetime. You can register for the Virtus Seminar at virtusonline.org. Any questions, contact Mary Hansen at 703-440-0537.

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.

Church Persecuted

Much has been written in this column and Father De Celles' column about the protection of deeply held religious beliefs in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as they pertain to the COVID vaccines. Military members are being discharged for not getting the jab. People are being denied life-saving organ donations because they are not vaccinated. Health care workers are also being terminated for the same reason. One group fought back and won.

A group of 500 health care employees in the NorthShore University Health System will share a \$10.3 million settlement. More importantly, NorthShore will permanently change its unlawful "no religious accommodations" policy to align with current law, making "religious accommodations available to every position across its numerous facilities."

The class-action suit was filed on behalf of an acute care nurse (Jane Doe 3) against the 18,000-employee health system in Illinois. The nurse contracted COVID in 2020 and fully recovered. Her deeply held religious beliefs prohibited her from taking shots which were produced or tested using aborted fetal cell lines. She also knew that since she had COVID, there were sufficient antibodies in her system to prevent a future severe infection with the disease. She was also the sole breadwinner in her family. She was fired.

The agreement required NorthShore to change their religious accommodation policy, and not only provided a payout for those who faced religious discrimination, but also made them eligible for rehire at their previous seniority levels. The agreement is binding and could be a model for other similar class-action lawsuits.

[https://lc.org/072922NorthShoreSettlementAgreement\(FILED\).pdf](https://lc.org/072922NorthShoreSettlementAgreement(FILED).pdf)

WAY Holy Hour and Mass. Beginning in August, there will be a monthly holy hour and Mass at St. Raymond's for the Women's Apostolate to Youth, a group for which Father De Celles is the chaplain. This event, usually on the last Wednesday of the month, is at 7:30 pm. Father will celebrate benediction at 7pm as usual, but leave the Blessed Sacrament exposed for Adoration by WAY. The event at 7:30 is intended only for the members of WAY and their (female) guests. If you would like to learn more about WAY and how you can get involved, visit waywomen.com or email the director, Mary Camarca, at womenofway@gmail.com.

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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.

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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Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1972 or 1997? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2022 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 3, 2022. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

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: 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	\$ 16,897.00
Family Assistance	\$ 923.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 3,678.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,689.00

The second collection this week is the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal. This year our parish mission organization is **Bánica**. To find out more about the **Bánica Mission** please go to <https://arlingtonmissions.org/diocese-of-arlington-banica-mission/>

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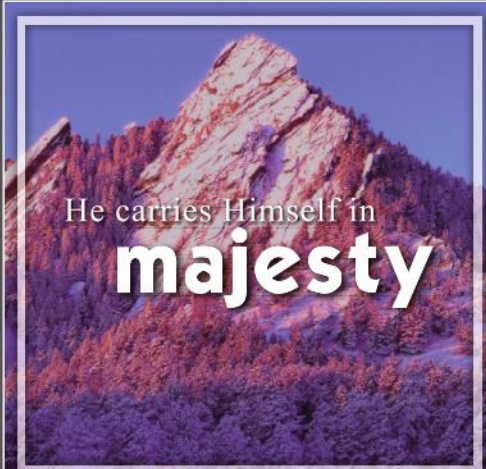
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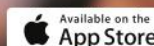
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