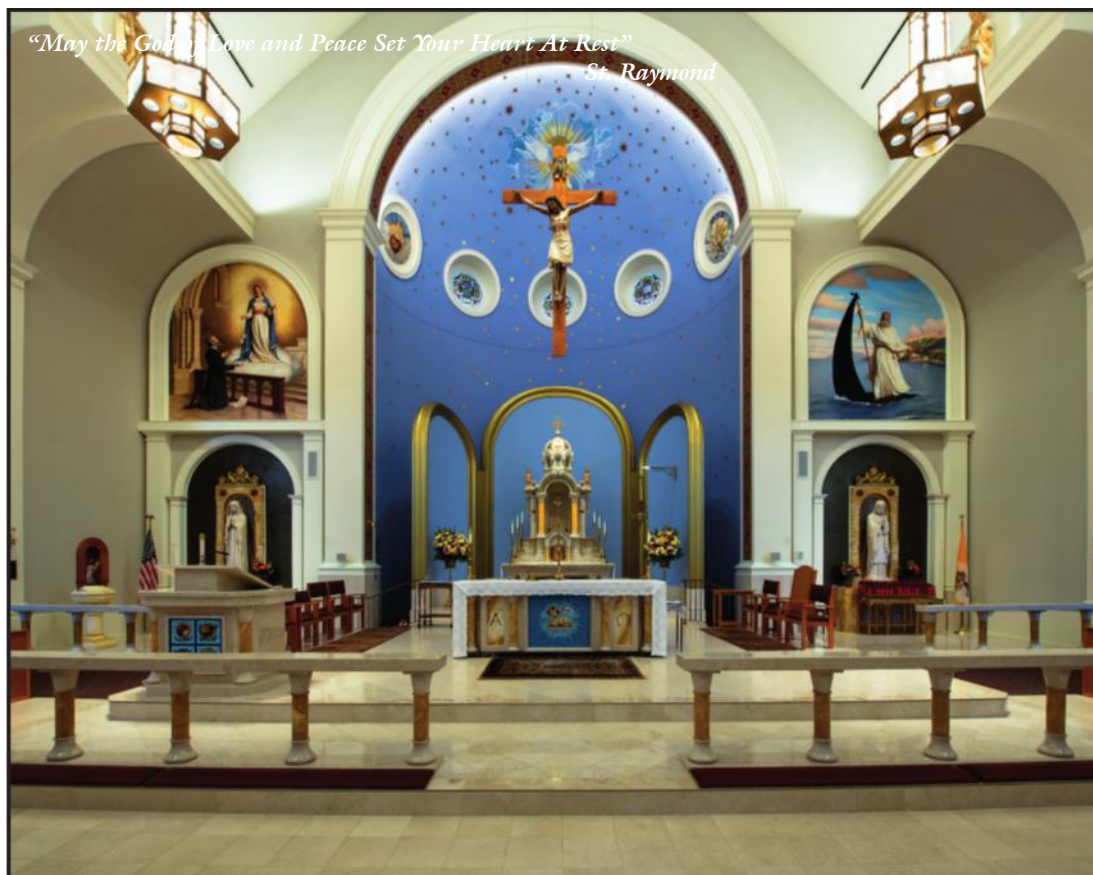


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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)

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
Joe Marquart, Plant Manager
Kirsti Tyson, Office Manager
Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

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Choirs: Music@straymonds.org

Website

www.straymonds.org

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

Angelus Academy

**7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153
703-924-3996**

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

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

Saturday Morning

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Pastor's Corner

SAVE THE DATE. As I announced last week, the **Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, will be coming to speak at St. Raymond's on Monday, September 12.** It is truly an honor for me to be able to host this great man here, as he is one of the bishops I most respect for his courage, fidelity and straightforward pastoral approach. He hasn't picked his topic yet, but I guarantee you will not be disappointed. I truly hope for a full house for his visit.

A little background: Archbishop Cordileone was ordained to the priesthood in San Diego on July 9, 1982. He continued his studies at Gregorian University from 1985-89, earning a doctorate in canon law. The Archbishop was appointed Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of San Diego in 1990 and served as an assistant to the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura from 1995-2002. On July 5, 2002, Pope John Paul II appointed him the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, where he served until his appointment as Bishop of Oakland on March 23, 2009. On July 27, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as the ninth Archbishop of San Francisco. He was installed on October 4, 2012.

Archbishop Cordileone serves as Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. He is also a member of the Administrative Committee of the USCCB and a member of the USCCB Committee for Canonical Affairs and Church Governance. The Archbishop serves on a number of boards, including the Governing Board of the International Theological Institute, in Trumau, Austria. In 2021, he was named prior of the U.S. delegation of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St. George.

Parish Picnic Today!! Today (Sunday, August 28) is our annual Parish Picnic from 2-5pm here on the Parish grounds, behind the church. There's lots of food, fun and music for kids and adults alike. For new parishioners (and visitors) this is a great opportunity to meet people and learn more about the parish; for the rest of us, this is one of the best chances we will have all year to welcome others into a deeper participation in the life and fellowship of our parish—don't pass it up!

This is also the kickoff to our **25th Anniversary** celebration. And it will also serve as a **retirement party for Kirsti Tyson**, our 22-year Business Manager. Kirsti played an essential role in getting the parish up and running, and in getting our church built. So come out and wish her a happy retirement and thank her for her 22 years of service to St. Raymond's.

A History. As we begin our celebration of our 25th Anniversary, I thought a very brief review of our history might be in order (especially for our newer members).

On July 5, 1997, Bishop John R. Keating established St. Raymond's as the sixty-third parish in the Diocese of Arlington. Bishop Keating was one of the foremost canon lawyers in the Church, and since St. Raymond of Peñafort is the "Father of Canon Law" I'm told he was delighted to give his patron saint to us as our patron.

Fr. Salvator Ciullo was our founding pastor. "Fr. Sal" designed a beautiful church, much like his boyhood church in Newark, New Jersey. But a church would have to wait. A house on Triple Ridge Road was the first rectory, office and daily Mass chapel. Eventually daily Mass was moved to Christ Methodist Church, with Sunday Mass at West Springfield High School. Later, Sunday Masses found a home at the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department Hall (i.e., "the Holy Fire Hall"), and

daily Masses were moved to Angelus Academy. Angelus was also home to the Religious Education Program. Over the years parish activities and groups began to flourish: the Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary, Youth Group, Bible Study, choirs, and many more.

In June 2000, Father James Gould became pastor of St. Raymond's. Fr. Gould had served as Vocation Director for many years, supervising the formation and ordination of over half the priests of the Diocese. He would bring those same skills to form and lead St. Raymond's forward into a period of amazing spiritual, numerical, financial and architectural growth. On June 4, 2003, ground was broken at the corner of Pohick Road and the Fairfax County Parkway to start the construction of an 850 seat church, including a basement with a parish hall, library and eight classrooms, as well as a rectory to accommodate the parish office and priests' residence. On December 19, 2006, the new church was opened, with Bishop Paul S. Loverde celebrating the Mass of dedication. In May of 2018, the parish's \$10.5 million building loan was paid off by the steady efforts of our generous parishioners.

On July 7, 2010, I was appointed pastor of Saint Raymond's. If Fr. Gould's main emphasis was getting things started and building a proper place for worship, I guess I would say my main emphasis has been to try to build on his excellent start, and develop a truly Catholic culture in our parish. We've tried to do this through opportunities for fellowship and education at all levels and all age groups. But most importantly we've tried to do this through opportunities to pray, worship and participate in the sacraments, especially through what I have called "emphatic" reverence in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

The Great and the Terrible. Archbishop Cordileone is an example of what a Bishop should be. Now, from last week's "The Pillar," an example of what a bishop should *not* be:

"Archbishop Rembert Weakland, formerly of Milwaukee, died Monday. He was 95 years old. Weakland is widely regarded as one of the most ignominious Churchmen in American Catholic history. The bishop was, in his day, the lion of the American Catholic left — he called for the ordination of women, excoriated the Church's teaching on sexuality and contraception...He was regarded as a liturgical "innovator" par excellence.

"...He was publicly accused in 2002 of sexually assaulting a younger man in the 1980s, and of later paying him off with "hush money" ...taken from the coffers of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee - money which he paid back, years later While the man said he'd been raped by Weakland, the archbishop said he was "in love," and he regarded the whole thing as "an affair."

"In fact, Weakland admitted in 2009 to having several relationships with men during his tenure as an archbishop..."

"Beyond the personal allegation of sexual assault, Weakland ...was aggressive in his efforts to cover up sexual abuse allegation, is indisputable.

"As Archbishop of Milwaukee, he frequently oversaw the transfer of sexually abusive priests between parishes, has been accused of castigating victims, and coercing them into signing settlement agreements which prevented abusers from seeing justice, and is known for suing abuse victims to recover archdiocesan court costs."

Weakland retired at age 75 in 2002. He was never, to my knowledge, publicly punished by the Church. Join me in praying that God may have mercy on his soul.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Aug. 29th**

6:30 am Hannah Brink
8:30 am Brad Hoopes

Tuesday, Aug. 30th

6:30 am Sheila Bruen
8:30 am John Christensen

Wednesday, Aug. 31st

6:30 am Tracy Frelk
8:30 am Sanchez & Tolentino
Families

Thursday, Sept. 1st

6:30 am Marie Gemperline
8:30 am Meredith Hoopes

Friday, Sept. 2nd

6:30 am BettyJo Lash
8:30 am Mason Shealy
7:00 pm FINAL EFM (Latin)

Saturday, Sept. 3rd

9:00 am Bishop Emeritus
Paul S. Loverde

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Gertrude Seiberling +

Sunday, Sept. 4th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Alli & Steve Schweitzer
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Mandy Shealy
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Angelina Esquerro-Sanchez

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	Jim Kirsch
Phyllis Zitnik	Ted Tolpa	Virginia Javier
Patricia Del Buono	Nena Brennan	Larry McKinley
Juanita Boarman	Serrin Foster	Diane Whalen
John Florio	Fr. Jerry Daly	Michael Whalen

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Aug. 27/28	Bethlehem Wood Carvers
August 28	Parish Picnic 2 pm - 5 pm
August 29	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
August 31	Adoration
August 31	Legion of Mary
Sept. 2	Adoration
Sept. 2	FINAL EFM (Latin Mass) 7:00 pm
Sept. 3	Men's Prayer Group
Sept. 3	Luminaries of Mary
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday
	One Mass at 10:00 am
	Parish Offices are Closed
Sept. 9	Book Club 10:00 am
Sept. 12	Speaker: Archbishop Cordileone at 7 pm

PARISH PICNIC! TODAY (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** for more information or to volunteer.

Bethlehem Wood Carvers are here this weekend! Please stop by our display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land. These Carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.

Save the Date: Archbishop Cordileone to speak at St. Raymond's on Sept. 12. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, the courageous Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth will come for a return visit on **Monday, Sept. 12 at 7 pm**. His Excellency spoke here to a packed church in November 2015. Please join us! Stay tuned for this year's topic.

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 2, 2022.

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

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 September 3rd. 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 may be 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.



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!

Knights Financial Benefit Night

Learn how to protect your family!

September 7, 2022 (Wednesday)

6:30-6:55 pm - registration

7 pm – session commences

Farrell Hall within the Saint Mary of Sorrow Parish Center
5222 Sideburn Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032

Email - Grand Knight Larry Saenz to reserve your spot. Lsaenz1@verizon.net

Special parish event - Annual Mary's Feast Day (Birthday) Party and Legion of Mary Praesidium's 25th Anniversary Commemoration:

All Legion Auxiliaries and parish families: You are cordially invited to take part in this special event to honor our Blessed Lady (feast day is actually September 8), plus commemorate the presence of the Mary Help of Christians Praesidium at St. Raymond's for the past 25 years. Event will be held on Saturday, September 17, 6:30pm, in the parish hall. Legion Tesserat prayers will be said throughout the program. Light refreshments will be served. **RSVPs are needed** in order to have enough tables / chairs set up. Contact Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or text at 703-627-7320, **with your RSVP**.

Book Club: The initial meeting of the parish Book Club for 2022-23 will be on Friday, September 9, at 10:00 AM in the St Raymond Library. We will discuss both versions of "The Spirit of the Liturgy": the one by Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI) and the one by Romano Guardini. They can most easily be found together in a Commemorative Edition published in 2018 by Ignatius Press. Discussions generally run until about 11:15 AM. A full list of books to be read and discussed from Sept 2022 to June 2023 is included in the Book Club section of the parish website. New members are welcome. If questions, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

Adult Enrichment Opportunities:

2022-2023 RCIA/Catholic Update - St. Raymond's will offer RCIA classes on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Maurer Room from **September 19, 2022 until April 3, 2023 (except for Holidays)** Those seeking information to understand and/or to enter the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics seeking additional sacraments are welcomed. No registration is required. If you have questions call Bob Ward, (703) 644-5873 or via email at biblestudy@straymonds.org

2022-2023 Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond's will offer an overview of the Synoptic Gospels on **Tuesday mornings** from 9:30 to 10:30 AM and again on **Tuesday evenings** from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. (except for holidays) in the Parish Hall, from **Tuesday, September 13, 2022 until Tuesday, May 9, 2023**. For further information please call Bob Ward at (703) 644-5873 or via email at biblestudy@straymonds.org

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!** Join fellow parishioners who volunteer at the center. For more info, visit marih.org

Diocesan Respect Life Conference 2022. Saturday Sept. 10 Holy Trinity Catholic Church Gainesville, VA. Join us for a morning of information and inspiration on how you can support life at its vulnerable beginning and end. Learn about HerPlan.org, a comprehensive resource for pregnant women created by the Susan B. Anthony List. Then discover the Diocesan Palliative Care Initiative which supports parish outreach to the sick and suffering. To register and for more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/respect-life-conference-2022-tickets-399053960137>

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/

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. 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 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 (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.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

Youth Apostolate Participation (Grades 7-12)

2022-2023 YA Info Sheet - This form must be turned in annually for every child *prior* participating in any Youth Apostolate function. Forms are by the YA bulletin board at church entrances and/or online at <http://bit.ly/YAforms>. Completed forms can be emailed to Jeanne at youth@straymonds.org or turned in to the main office.

Junior High & High School Sunday Night Youth Groups!

We are so excited to begin a new year together in just a few weeks! 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. There is no "registration" for youth group, however, all youth who are participating need to complete and turn in an annual YA Info Sheet.

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. Contact Jeanne for more info. **We need more volunteers, ESPECIALLY FOR JR. HIGH, in order to comply with the required ratio of youth to adults** 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 registered your child(ren), please do so now either online or in person - we only have two sessions this year and some classes are almost full. We offer classes for grades K-12.

We are in need of the following volunteers for the 2022-2023 Religious Education year:

Sunday Grade 3 Assistant teacher
Monday Grade 7 Assistant teacher
Monday - RCIC elementary class (sacrament prep) assistant

ALL PARENTS are expected to attend a "Back to CCD Night" meeting scheduled for September 25th (5:50 p.m.) and September 26th (5:05 p.m.) in the parish hall. You may attend the meeting on Sunday OR Monday whichever is more convenient for you.

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.

Bulk Shredding: The Knights of Columbus will have a bulk shredding truck at St Raymond's Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Road on Saturday, September 17 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Bring your old files, receipts, tax papers for a quick and secure disposal. Donations gratefully received and used to provide homes for the intellectually disabled and other great causes. No hard drives, 3 ring notebooks or binder clips please. For more information call Dave Wilson at 703-966-5327.

JOIN the CHOIR at St. Raymond's: Rehearsals resume on Sept. 20th! We practice on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and sing at 11:00 am Mass on Sundays with a warm-up at 10 (starting 9/25). The choir also provides music for Easter, Christmas and Holy Days. The repertoire of the choir contains masterpieces of classical liturgical choir music. Singers who have a pleasant voice and sing in pitch are welcome. Enjoy wonderful fellowship, music training and the joy of making uplifting music for the liturgy. Contact Elisabeth Turco at music@straymonds.org or call 703-506-4644.

Church Persecuted

Early on August 20, the Diocese of Matagalpa in Nicaragua announced that Bishop Rolando Álvarez and his companions had been taken into custody by the Daniel Ortega regime. The bishop (as of this writing) is being held in house arrest at the home of one of his relatives while others are being held in a detention center, "notorious among human rights advocates for inhumane treatment of suspected criminals." Prior to that, he had been detained with others in his chancery since August 5th while being investigated for "inciting violence."

During the time of the house arrest in the chancery building, the Ortega regime was attempting to negotiate the exile of Bishop Álvarez but he refused to leave his diocese.

The "house arrest" comes amid a crackdown of activities of the Catholic Church to include the arrests of priests and the shutting down of Catholic radio stations. The Diocese of Matagalpa had been the center of persecution of Catholics by the police. While in the chancery, Bishop Álvarez live-streamed daily Mass and rosary along with catechesis and hymns.

After the Thursday evening Mass (on the 18th) prior to Bishop Álvarez's removal from the chancery, one of the chancery co-detainees, Father Ramiro Tijerino prayed, "It is hard for us Nicaraguans to sit down and talk with someone who thinks differently, who has a different ideology, a different religion. Help us Holy Spirit find paths of understanding, paths of peace, paths [of] harmony, so we can all find unity."

Sound familiar?

(www.pillar.com) 8/19/22 "Nicaraguan Bishop Álvarez of Matagalpa arrested"

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!

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.

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

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.

We continue to accept applications for 2022-23.
<https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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WAY Holy Hour and Mass. Beginning on Aug. 31, there will be a monthly holy hour and Mass at St. Raymond's for the Women's Apostolate to Youth. This event, usually the last Wed. of the month, is at 7:30 pm. Father will celebrate benediction at 7pm, but leave the Eucharist exposed for Adoration by WAY. The event is intended for members of WAY and their (female) guests. If you would like information about how to join WAY, visit waywomen.com or email the director, Mary Camarca, at womenofway@gmail.com.

Mother-Daughter Retreat: The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, "God's Plan for My Life: The Vocation of Woman" on Sept. 24, 2022, 8:30am-3pm, at St. Raymond's. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to our Eucharistic Lord and the great Archangel St. Gabriel. The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as Confessions, adoration, and Mass. The \$60 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter (\$15 per additional daughter). For more information and to register visit <https://www.waywomen.com/daystar-stgabriel>. Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

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Sunday Offertory	\$ 45,739.00
Family Assistance	\$ 2,134.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,824.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 1,979.96
Assumption	\$ 1,585.00

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Sunday Offertory	\$ 13,342.00
Family Assistance	\$ 755.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,025.00
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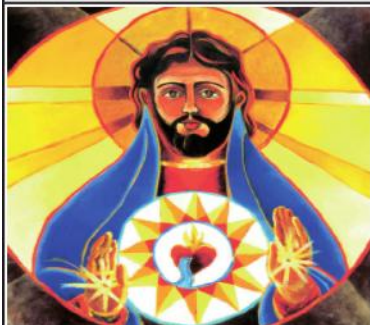
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