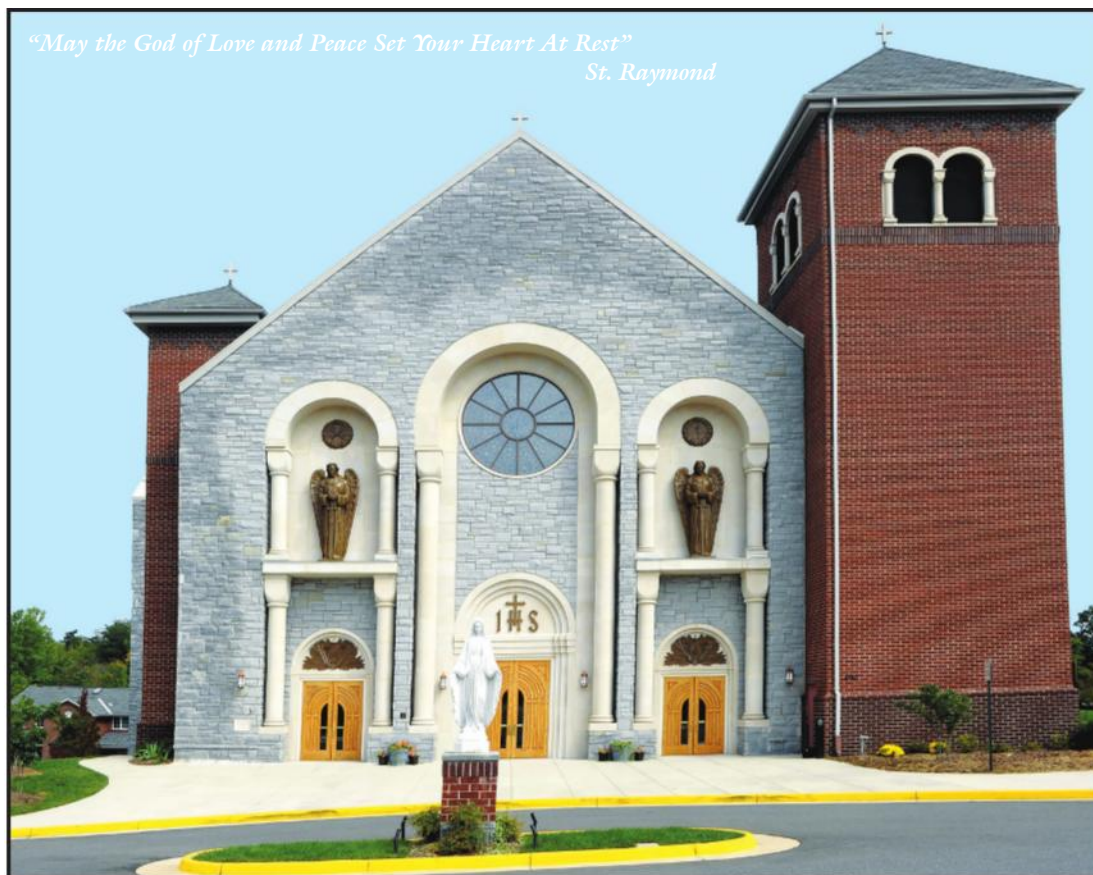


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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

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

Another Outstanding Picnic. Once again the Lord gave us a beautiful day for our annual parish picnic last Sunday, this year celebrating our 25th anniversary. We had a great turnout, and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. It's wonderful to see so many of you come together and get to know each other better in this joyful atmosphere, especially all the children.

I was also very happy that we were able to honor **Kirsti Tyson** for her 22 years' service to the parish. I was very pleased that Fr. James Gould (my predecessor and the "Building Pastor" who hired Kirsti), was able to join us, and I was amazed and very proud that a parishioner-instigated "Go-Fund-Me" raised about \$11,000 toward a reliable car as a retirement gift to Kirsti (you can still contribute to this at <https://gofund.me/1b750f94>).

Thanks to everyone who did so much to make it such a success. Special thanks to our parish staff, particularly Virginia, the "3 Marys" (see the front of the bulletin) and Joe, and to the Knights of Columbus, particularly the omnipresent Phil Bettwy.

And thanks be to God for all He does for our parish!

Mama Garcia. Last week one of our most special parishioners passed on to meet Our Lord—105 year old Elie Torres "Mama" Garcia. She had not been able to join us for Mass for a couple of years now, but she was always a wonderful example of faith to all who knew her, even if only from a distance. We will miss her. *Requiem aeternam dona ei, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei. Requiescat in pace. Amen.*

Archbishop Cordileone. As I announced the last two weeks, the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, will be coming to speak **at St. Raymond's on Monday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Church. His topic will be: **"The Mass: Essence and Foundation of Western Civilization."** This is going to be good. I really hope to see a full church for this.

Labor Day. This weekend our nation celebrates "Labor Day," a day celebrating the hard work of so many Americans that has made our nation so successful in so many ways. We should rightly celebrate this, as "work" is one of the original gifts given to Man by God, as He gave Adam and Eve dominion ("lordship") over all the earth and commanded them: "fill the earth and subdue it." That "subduing" of the earth is the work/labor of Man, who was created in the image of the Creator. Man shares in God's creative work by his labor, and when he works in ways consistent with God's will, he grows in holiness.

Often, however, we don't work in ways consistent with God's will. Too often we work motivated by envy or greed. Sometimes we deceive or cheat our customers, co-workers, employers or employees. Sometimes we don't give an honest day's work for our wages, or we don't pay just wages to our workers. Sometimes we work too much and neglect our family and God, and sometimes we force our employees to do that. Some neglect work to engage in criminal activities or simple dependence on governments. Of course, some are retired after years of hard work, and some can't work for good reason—God bless them, and may they work in whatever way they can (volunteering, assisting friends, etc.) so that they may always participate in God's creative work!

The Church has a long history of defending the dignity of work and workers, but with the rise of Marxism (which includes Socialism and Communism) in the 19th century, the

Popes began to speak vociferously against these inherently unjust ideologies. All this came to a head in 1891, when Pope Leo XIII issued his monumental encyclical, *Rerum Novarum* ("Of the New Things"), which is the foundational document of modern Catholic teaching on "social justice." Sadly, many Catholics misunderstand this teaching. Some Catholics even believe that Socialism is the way to social justice. But as Pope Pius XI wrote in his 1931 encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno*: "Religious socialism, Christian socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist."

One of the errors/sins of Marxism is to promote class warfare—to pit different groups in society against each other. How is this consistent with the Christian command to "love your neighbor as yourself"? So the Church particularly condemns this aspect of Marxism, whether it manifests in the supposed struggle between the "proletariat" vs. the "bourgeoisie," capitalists vs. labor, rich vs. poor, male vs. female, or minority race(s) vs. majority race(s).

Yet there is a movement in our country that embraces this Marxist class warfare approach in its often violent struggle to reshape our country's values. Many Catholics have fallen into the snares of this movement, even though it is directly contrary to basic Catholic principles.

Moreover, the dignity of work, especially as a participation in divine creativity, is particularly promoted in what we now commonly call "Capitalism." The problem is, the term "capitalism" is actually a term that became popular as a kind of pejorative in the lexicon of the earliest Marxists, particularly Karl Marx himself, in his seminal work, in "Das Kapital" (1867). But the great Pope St. John Paul II, who lived under the repressive evil of a Marxist regime for over 33 years in Poland and was a crucial force in the fall of Soviet-Communism, had a different view about this economic view of "Capitalism." In his classic encyclical, *Centesimus Annus* (1991) John Paul wrote: "...can it perhaps be said that, after the failure of Communism, **capitalism is the victorious social system**, and that capitalism should be the goal of the countries now making efforts to rebuild their economy and society? **Is this the model which ought to be proposed** to the countries of the Third World which are searching for **the path to true economic and civil progress**?...The answer is obviously complex. **If by "capitalism" is meant an economic system** which recognizes the fundamental and positive role of business, the market, private property and the resulting responsibility for the means of production, as well as **free human creativity** in the economic sector, then **the answer is certainly in the affirmative**, even though it would perhaps be more appropriate to speak of a "business economy", "market economy" or simply **"free economy"**.

"Free human creativity"—is the basis of the American economy, government and culture. Not the oppressive chains of Marxism, Communism, Socialism. The worker is creative in as he works in cooperation with his Creator, not a slave as he works according to the will of the state.

That being said, one of the ways we respect the dignity of the worker is allowing him time to rest from his labors, so it's good to take a day off from work to honor work: "And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done." So enjoy this "last day of Summer," rest and recreate, as God also created you to do.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Sept. 5th****Labor Day**

10:00 am John Geddert +

Tuesday, Sept. 6th

6:30 am Madeline Runyan

8:30 am Miriam F. Watanabe +

Wednesday, Sept. 7th

6:30 am Raymond St. Pierre

8:30 am Riley Clark

Thursday, Sept. 8th

6:30 am Jeanne D'Arc Pham

Thi Vien +

8:30 am Christian Hoopes

Friday, Sept. 9th

6:30 am Rosalino & Cezar

Garcia +

8:30 am Repose of the soul of
Jared +**Saturday, Sept. 10th**

9:00 am Normand Bedard +

Vigil Mass5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**

Ron Dietz +

Sunday, Sept. 11th7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**

RE Students & their Families

9:00 am **Fr. Rippy**

Parishioners

11:00 am **Fr. Horkan**

Joe & Johanna Healy

1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**

John Spataro +

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

Tom Dietz

Michael O'Neill

Cindy Laird

Patricia Lewis

Mai Pham

Joan Opiela

Jason Saenz

Phyllis Zitnik

Patricia Del Buono

Juanita Boarman

John Florio

Michael

Malachowski

Debra Henkel

Daniel Moore

Gaudencio Dizon

Paul Haynes

Dwayne Taylor

Ted Tolpa

Nena Brennan

Serrin Foster

Fr. Jerry Daly

Tom Swengros

Ellie Garcia

Margaret O'Neill

Christina

Cautero

James Bowling

Lupé Bowling

Jim Kirsch

Larry McKinley

Shea Herlihy-Abba

Priscilla Fritts

Clouse

Claudette Parman

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**Sept. 5****Labor Day Holiday****One Mass at 10:00 am****Parish Offices are Closed****Sept. 7****Legion of Mary****Sept. 7****Adoration starting at 12:30 pm this week****Sept. 9****Adoration****Sept. 9****Book Club 10:00 am****Sept. 10****Into the Breach****Sept. 12****Speaker: Archbishop Cordileone at 7 pm****Sept. 13****Bible Study starts****Sept. 17****Fr. Tad Talk after 9 am Mass****Sept. 17****Bulk Shredding in Parking Lot 10am-1pm****Sept. 17****Annual Mary's Feast Day Party 6:30 pm****Sept. 17****Men's Prayer Group****Sept. 19****RCIA Begins****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 17th. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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, and 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.

Into the Breach Program. All Knights and all men of St. Raymond's Parish who are 18 or over are invited to attend the initial session of the *Into the Breach* Program from 10am- 12pm on Sept. 10 in the Maurer Room. The first session is on "Masculinity." *Into the Breach* is inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix. The Knights of Columbus produced a 12-part video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man in today's world. The goal of *Into the Breach* is to help men grow in their faith and become the men that God is calling them to be. Pre-registration is required and registration is limited to 20 attendees. Fellowship will follow the session. For more information please view the trailer at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>. For more information and to register, please contact Pat Franco at (703) 220-2403 or at popsfr8@aol.com.

Archbishop Cordileone Returning to St. Raymonds -

Please join us Monday, September 12 at 7 pm for our Distinguished Speaker Series with Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, the Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the US Bishop's Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. His Excellency's talk is entitled "The Mass: Essence and Foundation of the Western Civilization" and is located inside the church. This event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

Father Tad Talk - Father Tad Pacholczyk, PHD, Director of Education, National Catholic Bioethics Center will speak at Saint Raymond's about "Keeping Your Nose Clean in a Dirty World - Can We Ever Cooperate With Evil?" The event is September 17th after the 9 am Mass in the Parish Hall and will conclude with Q&A at 11:30 am. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

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 **Oct. 1st**. 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!

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 Tessera 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 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 10 Sept. 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

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.

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 next week! 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

Attention parents: Religious Education (CCD) classes begin NEXT SUNDAY - September 11th! If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

All CCD sessions begin in the church. Parents are welcome to walk the children into the church or you may drop them off at the front of the church.

Parents will pick the children up in the Parish Hall at the end of each class session.

Attention home school parents: if you have a child in a sacramental preparation year (grades 2, 7 and 8) it is necessary to register the child with the Religious Education Office.

ALL PARENTS are expected to attend a "Back to CCD Night" meeting scheduled during the week of September 25th. The meetings will begin once we return from our *Holy Ten Minutes* in the church: September 25th (5:50 p.m.), 26th (5:05 p.m.). You may attend the meeting on the day of your child's CCD class or choose another day if it 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.

JOIN the CHOIR at St. Raymond's: Rehearsals resume on Sept. 20th! Singers who have a pleasant voice and sing in pitch are welcome. 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. 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.

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! Join us for Adoration and fellowship on Sept. 7th and Brunch on Sept. 11th!

Church Persecuted

He was only a tailor in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II. The Nazi regime had already “killed a third of the Polish clergy, sent thousands of priests and religious into concentration camps, and outlawed education in the faith...” Without any formal training in theology and putting his own life at risk, Jan Tyranowski formed Living Rosary groups that he ran from his own apartment. He recognized the need to pass on the faith to the younger generation and began by instructing several young men. In *Witness to Hope*, George Weigel writes that during one of these Living Rosary meetings, the Nazi’s showed up at the door, “but he evidently convinced the raiders that no conspiracy was afoot and the Germans left” (p. 59-62).

This underground prayer group might seem somewhat insignificant within the context of world history, but at least ten of the men involved later became priests. Consider for a moment where we would be today if Tyranowski decided he was too busy, or not smart enough theologically, or was too fearful to form these Living Rosary groups. “Indeed, the world might be a very different place today: we might not have had a Saint John Paul II,” for Karol Wojtyla was one of those priests!

The Church relied on laypeople to pass on the Faith via underground catechetical groups, and Jan Tyranowski decided to give it his best during this time of crisis. As a result, he played “a crucial part in forming one of the most influential people the world has ever known.”

(*The Art of Living*, Edward Sri, 2021, pg. 116-117)

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.

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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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/>

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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.

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.

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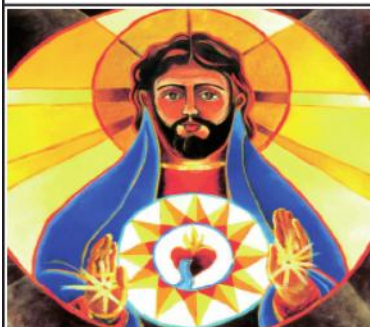
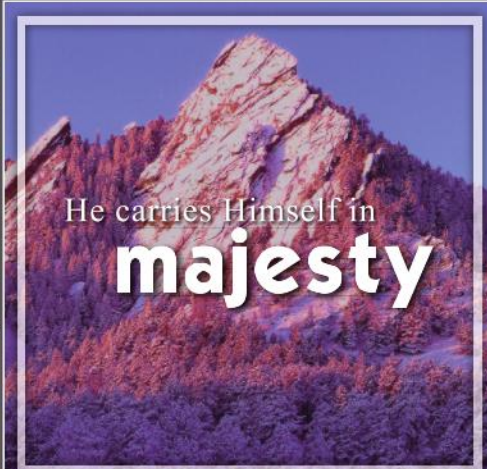
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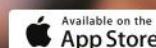
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