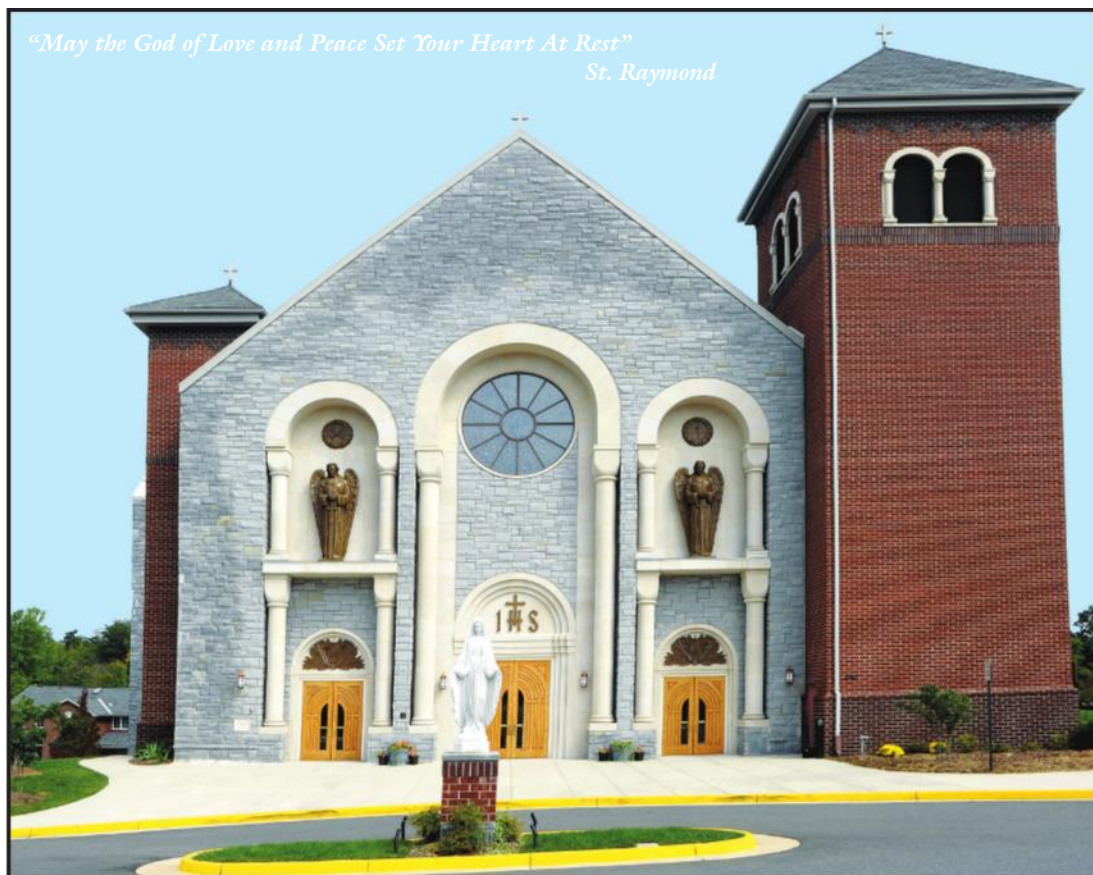


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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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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

September 11, 2001. Lest we forget...Never forget. God bless America, and all her warriors and others who protect our freedoms. May the Lord bless and protect us, and save us from our foes.

Archbishop Cordileone. I hope to see you all at the talk given by the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco, **at St. Raymond's tomorrow, Monday, September 12,** at 7:00 p.m., in the Church. His topic will be: **"The Mass: Essence and Foundation of Western Civilization."** Come out to hear and honor this true Catholic hero.

FORMED.ORG Coordinator. Many thanks to Mike Burns for promoting and coordinating the parish FORMED.ORG account and activities for the last few years. Unfortunately, he needs to step down now and I need a volunteer to take his place. If you are an active account user, you may be just the person I need for this apostolate. Contact me at the office if you're interested.

Kirsti Tyson. This last Friday was Kirsti's last day working at St. Raymond's. For 22 years she has been such a part of the parish, and for 9 years before that, working at St. Agnes a part of the Diocese. I can't thank her enough for all she's done for us, and for me. May the Lord Jesus bless her, the Blessed Mother Mary keep her, and St. Raymond protect her as she enjoys a well earned retirement.

Blessed John Paul the First. Did you hear that Pope Francis just beatified Pope John Paul I, who died in 1978 after only 33 days in office? It is kind of, what, strange, interesting? I'm not sure exactly why he was canonized. Not that he wasn't a holy man, but he was not particularly famous for his personal holiness, and he did nothing historic other than get elected pope and die quickly. No disrespect intended.

Makes me wonder: of the 4 popes have who reigned and died since the beginning of Vatican II, 3 have been canonized (John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II) by Pope Francis, and 2 of those were first beatified by Pope Francis. Counting John Paul I, he has now beatified or canonized all 4 post-Vatican II deceased popes (the only other post-V2 popes are Benedict XVI and Francis who are both, obviously, still alive).

But consider: among all the popes who reigned during the almost 700 year period between the year 1294 and 1958 (Pope John XXIII's reign) only 2 popes are listed as canonized saints, and only 1 other is listed as beatified. 3 saints/blessed in 700 years, but then 5 straight in 56 years. Again, strange/interesting.

"Making of a Saint." (Taken from an article by Msgr. Robert J. Sarno, found on several websites). *"The exact number of canonized Saints is unknown because not all recognized as Saints have been officially canonized. For the first half of the Catholic Church's history, Saints were canonized in various ways. Today, the process of canonization is very complex and thorough. A record number of Saints have been canonized in the past thirty years, and about 2000 candidates are being evaluated today."*

"The official process of canonization, called a Cause, does not begin until five years after the death of the candidate. This period of time permits the Church to verify whether the candidate enjoys a true and widespread reputation of holiness and of intercessory prayer. When a Cause is officially begun the

candidate receives the title "Servant of God."

"The first stage of the process begins with the official opening of the Cause by the Bishop of the Diocese where the Servant of God died, and the appointment of a Postulator, to assist in its promotion. The Bishop then nominates various Officials for a Tribunal, to gather all the evidence for and against the Canonization. Two theologians examine the Servant of God's writings to make sure that there is nothing in them contrary to the Faith and Moral teaching of the Church. Afterwards they proceed to taking the testimony of witnesses who knew well the candidate."

"The second step toward canonization starts when all the evidence is studied by the Congregation for Causes of Saints in Rome. If the evidence reveals true holiness exercised by the Servant of God, the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation informs the Pope that the Servant of God either was a true Martyr or has lived a life of extraordinary and heroic virtue. The Pope then orders the Congregation to issue the Decree either of Martyrdom or of Heroic Virtue, and the Servant of God is given the title "Venerable." This means that the Servant of God either died as a true Martyr for Christ or led a life of heroic virtue and, is worthy of imitation by the Faithful."

"When the Servant of God has been declared a Martyr he or she may be beatified, that is, declared "Blessed." If, on the other hand, the Servant of God has been declared to have lived a life of heroic virtue, it must be proven that one miracle has been granted by God through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God. Then, he or she is declared "Blessed."

"For a healing to be considered a true miracle, a tribunal to gather all the evidence is established in the Diocese where the event took place. It must be determined that there is no scientific explanation for the cure and that the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God is proven. The Congregation for Causes of Saints conducts its study and judgment of the cure by the testimony of medical experts that no scientific reason can explain the recovery, and of theological consultants to verify that the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God was requested. Once again the conclusions are presented to the Pope who alone can declare that the event is a true miracle. Then the Venerable Servant of God may be beatified. When someone is declared "Blessed," public ecclesiastical veneration is permitted by the Pope but only in the Diocese or Country, or Religious Community to which the Blessed belonged. Churches may be dedicated to the Blessed but only with the permission of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship."

"For all those beatified, both Martyrs and Confessors, to be canonized one miracle is required. It must be proven that this event took place through the intercession of the Blessed and after the date of his or her Beatification."

"When this has been proven, the Pope proceeds to the ceremony of Canonization, which is an act of the infallible teaching authority of the Pope. By this act, the Church declares that he or she is a Saint in heaven with God. It also means that the Saint is worthy of public veneration by the universal Church, and held up as a model for imitation and a powerful intercessor for all. Catholics do not "worship" the Saints but rather venerate them. United in the Communion of Saints the faithful on earth ask the faithful in heaven, who are their brothers and sisters in Christ, to join them in presenting their needs humbly and prayerfully to God."

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Sept. 12th**

6:30 am Michael Hurley +
8:30 am Teams of Our Lady

Tuesday, Sept. 13th

6:30 am Vivian Zini
8:30 am Charlotte Roberts

Wednesday, Sept. 14th

6:30 am Helen Donovan +
8:30 am Pauline Iaconangelo +

Thursday, Sept. 15th

6:30 am Christy Karako
8:30 am Bobbi Tiso

Friday, Sept. 16th

6:30 am Pauline Ferguson
8:30 am Charlie Tougas +

Saturday, Sept. 17th

9:00 am Serrin Marie Foster

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. Pacholczyk
Anna Anezin +

Sunday, Sept. 18th

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
Anthony Hansen
9:00 am Fr. De Celles
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. De Celles
Erica Anezin
1:00 pm Fr. Horkan
Anna Mildred Mault +

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	Ellie Garcia
Tom Dietz	Malachowski	Margaret O'Neill
Michael O'Neill	Debra Henkel	Christina
Cindy Laird	Daniel Moore	Cautero
Patricia Lewis	Gaudencio Dizon	James Bowling
Mai Pham	Paul Haynes	Lupe Bowling
Joan Opiela	Dwayne Taylor	Jim Kirsch
Jason Saenz	Ted Tolpa	Larry McKinley
Phyllis Zitnik	Nena Brennan	Shea Herlihy-Abba
Patricia Del Buono	Serrin Foster	Priscilla Fritts
Juanita Boarman	Fr. Jerry Daly	Clouse
John Florio	Tom Swengros	Claudette Parman

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at St. Raymond's!**

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Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am
Saturday at 9:00 am
Sunday Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

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.

**HEADS UP! The 11th Annual PROJECT MANGER
Fundraiser is in two (2) weeks, September 24/25**

Join St. Raymond's Knights of Columbus and the Pro-Life Committee in supporting Project Manger again!

After all the Masses on the weekend, September 24/25, St Raymond will once again have the opportunity to support **Project Manger** which purchases new cribs and mattresses for moms (and dads) and their babies in need. The new cribs and mattresses are distributed through "A Woman's Choice" Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Center in Falls Church. There will be more detailed information in next week's bulletin. POC for this effort is John Crennan who can be reached at 339-223-0887.

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.

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Sept. 12	Speaker: Archbishop Cordileone at 7 pm
Sept. 13	Bible Study starts
Sept. 14	Legion of Mary
Sept. 14	Adoration
Sept. 16	Adoration
Sept. 17	Men's Prayer Group
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. 19	RCIA Begins

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.

September 30th Christ House Meal - Call for volunteers to serve folks who are homeless and/or food insecure a To Go meal at our Diocesan Christ House Dining Room in Alexandria. Sign up at link below. Volunteers are needed to donate food for 72 servings. This month our menu includes: fish sandwiches, home fries, a garden salad, and fruit. Or, if you prefer to donate time instead. Great! We need help preparing and distributing the meals at the Catholic Charities Dining Room in Alexandria on Friday, September 30. Check out the full menu and sign-up for your Corporal Act of Mercy opportunity at the Perfect Potluck link: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/RFHM0492>



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!

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.

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 was 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 Tessaera 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.

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.

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

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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..
Thank you for your continued generosity! Join fellow parishioners who volunteer at the center. For more info, visit marih.org

Holy Hour for healing from abortion. All are welcome.
September 13th 7:30pm at St Leo Church in Fairfax. Confession available. Please come and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration while praying for healing and conversion in families especially those affected by abortion.

Join Bishop Burbidge for Holy Mass in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at Saint James Catholic Church in Falls Church, VA. Holy Mass will be followed by a rosary at the abortion facility at 900 S. Washington St., Falls Church

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.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) respects the **love-giving** (unitive) and **life-giving** (procreative) nature of the conjugal act, God's design for married love. Visit: 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.

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 amomsppeace.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 For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org

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 in the Parish Hall TONIGHT - SUNDAY, September 11th!

All CCD sessions begin in the church - Sunday at 5:30 p.m. and Monday at 4:45 p.m. Parents may walk children into the church or may drop them off at the front of the church. Your child(ren) should be seated in the church by the start time of the session.

Parents will pick children up in the Parish Hall at the end of each class session - Sunday at 7 p.m. and Monday at 6:15 p.m..

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: Sept 25th (5:50 p.m.) or Sept 26th (5:05 p.m.). You may attend the meeting on the day which is more convenient for you.

Parents of homeschool students who are in sacramental preparation (grades 2, 7 and 8) need to register (not enroll) their child with the RE office and are expected to attend one of these meetings, also.

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).

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 Brunch on Sept. 11th!

Church Persecuted

The Spiritual Combat was written by Dom Lorenzo Scupoli first published in 1589. It was one of the favorite books of St. Francis de Sales. It is said that he carried a copy around with him wherever he went, recommending that it be read by all. The name has been synonymous with warfare against Satan. The Church uses sacramentals "in order to achieve through merits of the faithful certain effects, mainly a spiritual nature" (Fr. John Harden's, *Pocket Catholic Dictionary*). One of these sacramentals is the Rosary, that weapon which repelled the Moslems at Lepanto in 1571. It was also mentioned by Our Blessed Lady at Fatima and at Lourdes. Again and again Catholics turn to the rosary for a multitude of needs as we fight the spiritual war against Satan and his minions. Christ tells Pilate, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kinship is not from the world" (John 18:36).

Yet after these relatively well-known events of history, Daniel Panneton writes in *The Atlantic* "How Extremist Gun Culture is Trying to Co-opt the Rosary" (8/14/2022). He writes that "the rosary has acquired a militaristic meaning for radical-traditional...Catholics." He cites parallels between carrying the rosary and carrying a gun. Even noting that Catholic "cyber-militia" are armed with rosary (both open-carry as religious sisters wearing a rosary openly or concealed-carry with everyday Catholics carrying it in their pockets or purses) campaigning against LGBTQ, against abortion, and other radical socialistic ideals. (Continued next week)

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.

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Weekly meetings are in the Church on Mondays at 4:00 pm. If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office. You may also write down your prayer requests and drop them in the "Prayer Box" on the table in the narthex of the church.

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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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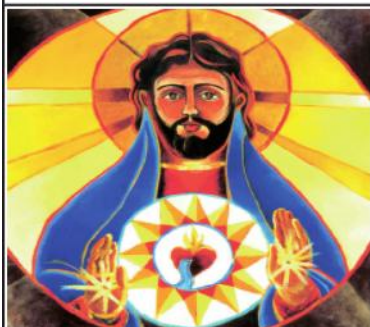
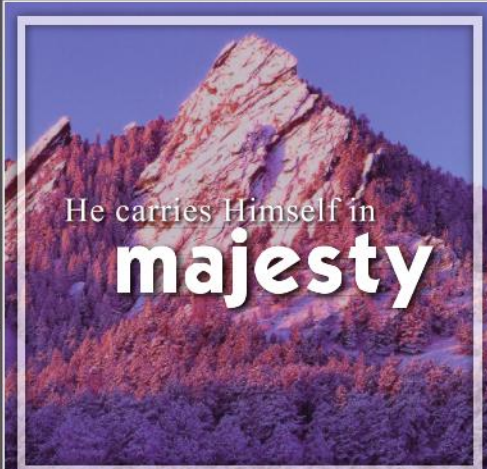
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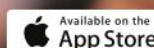
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