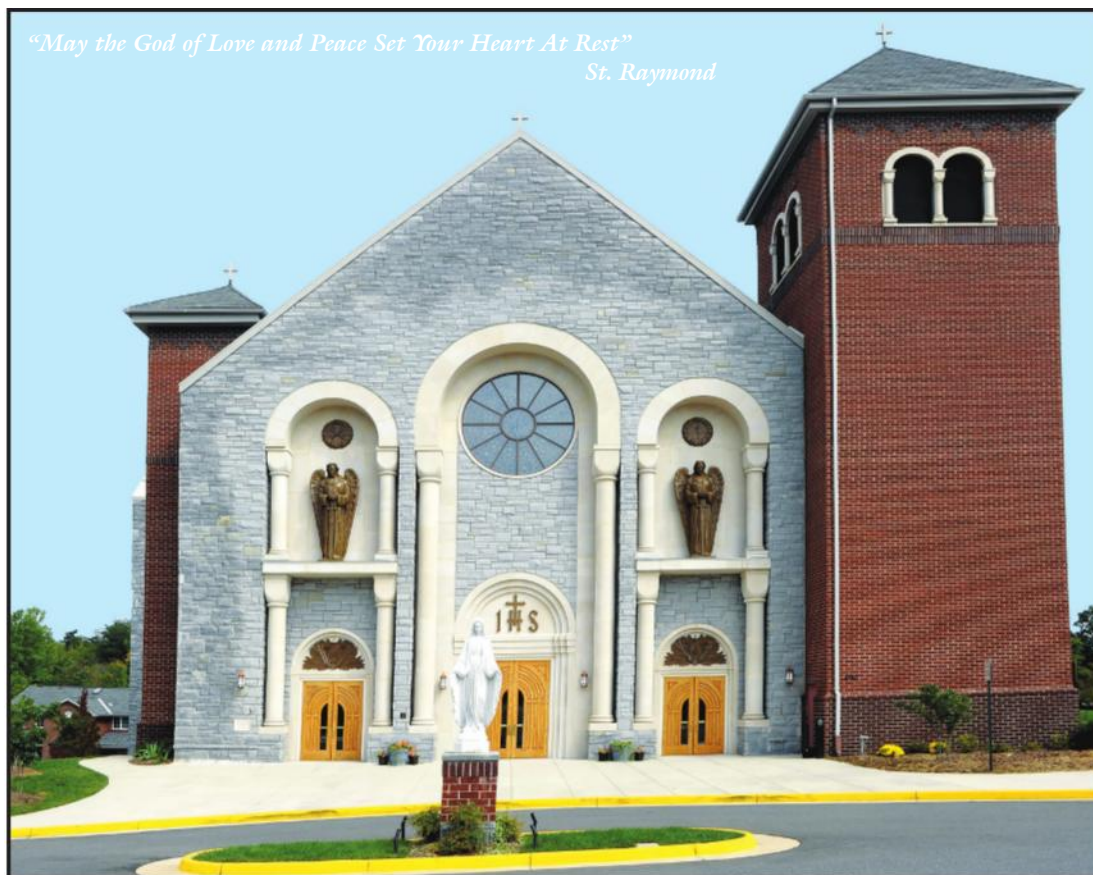


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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
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

DAILY ROSARY. October is the **Month of the Rosary**. In her various apparitions, the Blessed Mother has repeatedly begged us to pray the Rosary, an exhortation echoed by Popes and Saints for centuries. And one of the best ways to pray the Rosary is as a family—it can be a tremendous blessing.

With this in mind, I've decided that every evening during the month of October St. Raymond's will have a Daily Family Rosary in our church, Sunday - Saturday, at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend, but we ask for **ONE FAMILY VOLUNTEER TO LEAD** the rosary each evening (31 days = 31 families in all).

A "family" can be as few as two members of a family, or as many as you like. A family may volunteer for more than one evening if they want to. It may be that just the family is there alone to pray, but I hope and ask that any and all parishioners feel free and invited to join them. So we could have two people, or 850 people on any given night! The Rosary will be informal: we will just pray the Rosary out loud and together. No fuss or ceremony, just prayer.

Please, prayerfully consider participating, especially by signing up to "lead." You should have received an email last week with a **link to a SignUpGenius**. If not, just go to our parish website, and the pop-up will have the link. So far we only have 13 of the 31 nights covered. (And those who have signed up are the "usual suspects"—if you never do this sort of thing, let this be your invitation to do so now!)

As I mentioned in this column about a month ago, this is part of an effort to add some simple ways for parishioners to grow spiritually, especially in prayer, and without the necessary participation of a priest (we're a little shorthanded). **I'm hoping that this works so well, that we might continue it even after October.** Wouldn't it be beautiful if we can have a public rosary every evening of **every day of the year**?

Adoration on the Last Wednesday of Every Month. As you may know, I am the Chaplain for "The Women's Apostolate to Youth" (usually called "WAY"), which is a Public Association of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Arlington founded in 1990. The mission of this society of Catholic women is to promote the spiritual well being of children and youth and to provide spiritual formation and moral support for women who are called to work in a variety of apostolates dedicated to this end, whether as mothers, teachers, catechists, youth ministers, social workers or as relatives, godparents and friends. WAY has several active apostolates, including **Angelus Academy**. For more information about WAY you can go to their website, www.waywomen.com.

For the last decade or so, on the last Wednesday evening of every month I've been hearing confession and saying Mass for WAY over at Angelus Academy. This summer, in order to help make this a little easier and more convenient for me, they offered/asked if they could move this to our church. I am happy to have them here, not just for my convenience, but for the good of the parish.

So, please be aware that every last Wednesday of the month, after I give Benediction with the exposed Blessed Sacrament at 7pm, instead of ending Adoration and reposing the Blessed Sacrament (putting the Host "away" in the tabernacle) I will leave the It/Him exposed and Adoration will continue by those who wish to stay praying until 7:30. At 7:30 the ladies of WAY will begin their Holy Hour (during which I will hear their confessions), and at 8:30 I will repose the Sacrament and offer Mass for them. I have no desire to "throw out" any parishioner

who stays past 7:30, but you should be aware that this time is specifically for the WAY ladies and their pastoral care.

German Synod, Again. Last week I wrote about the strange happenings at the German Synod, and wondered if "a large majority of the Bishops may now be material and perhaps formal heretics," and if so, have they, "been, de facto, excommunicated removed from their offices, losing their episcopal authority?"

This last week, this concern seemed to be echoed in an essay by the distinguished Church historian, **Cardinal Walter Brandmüller**, 93 year old President Emeritus of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences. According to remarks published by LifeSiteNews, Brandmüller wrote:

"The failure of the Frankfurt 'Synod' [aka 'the German Synod'] document on sexual ethics is remarkable in several respects. 'This result, however, **can only be called a mass apostasy from Holy Scripture and Tradition**, the sources of the faith revealed by God. The result of this vote reveals an understanding of the Church, of the doctrine of faith and morals, which is worlds apart from the authentic proclamation of the faith of the Church. Religion, Church, faith: in this 'synodal' view, these are variable factors that can be adapted to the social and cultural conditions of the particular 'today.' [This is] a point-of-view that not only makes it possible for the Church, but indeed even demands it, to march into the future in step with society, even as its avant-garde...."

Note: "Apostasy" is defined as: "The complete abandonment of the Christian religion and not merely a denial of some article of the creed."

And Now the Flemish Bishops. As was widely reported, and quoting from an article on "The Pillar" website:

"Belgian bishops published Tuesday a new document on the pastoral care of Catholics who identify as LGBT, which includes a text allowing for a ritual blessing of same-sex couples...."

"The Flemish bishops' text said that homosexual couples who choose to live 'in lasting and faithful union with a partner' deserve 'appreciation and support....' This relationship, although not a Church marriage, can also be a source of peace and shared happiness for those involved."

"In a preamble to the prayer, the bishops wrote: 'During pastoral meetings, the request is often made for a moment of prayer to ask God that He may bless and perpetuate this commitment of love and fidelity.the difference should remain clear from what the Church understands by a sacramental marriage.'"

"After an opening prayer and Scripture reading, the bishops suggested that the two people involved should 'express before God how they are committed to one another.' This would then be followed by the 'prayer of the community,' in which those present ask 'that God's grace may work in them to care for each other and for the wider community in which they live.' The prayer would conclude with intercessions, an Our Father, a final prayer, and a blessing...."

Be Not Afraid. We survived the Roman persecutions, Arian heresy, Barbarian invasions, "Dark Ages," Eastern and Western Schisms, Renaissance popes, Protestant Revolt (aka "Reformation"), French Revolution, Nazism, Communism, and the list goes on. But the gates of hell did not prevail, and they never will. Trust in Jesus. And pray the Rosary!

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Sept. 26th**

6:30 am Lisa Rickards
8:30 am Blake Hoopes

Tuesday, Sept. 27th

6:30 am Jane Adkins
8:30 am Stephen Schweitzer

Wednesday, Sept. 28th

6:30 am Dr. Joy Hickey
8:30 am Sam Roberts

Thursday, Sept. 29th

6:30 am Rosalino (+), Elie (+),
Cesar Garcia & Family
8:30 am Herman and Nelida
Brouillette +

Friday, Sept. 30th

6:30 am Therese Nguyen
8:30 am Floyd E. Wharton +

Saturday, Oct. 1st

9:00 am In Thanksgiving

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
Walter Junior Seiberling +

Sunday, Oct. 2nd

7:00 am Fr. Rippy
Shirley Hull +
9:00 am Fr. De Celles
Parishioners
11:00 am Fr. De Celles
Lynn Kline
1:00 pm Fr. Horkan
James Drouillard

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 Margaret O'Neill Christina Cautero James Bowling Lupe Bowling Jim Kirsch Larry McKinley Catherine Vanduin
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Sept. 26	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
Sept. 26	RCIA Class
Sept. 27	Bible Study
Sept. 27	Choir Practice
Sept. 28	Legion of Mary
Sept. 28	Adoration
Sept. 30	Adoration
Oct. 1	Family Daily Rosary Begins
Oct. 1	Men's Prayer Group
Oct. 1	Luminaries of Holy Mary
Oct. 2	Donut Sunday

Donut Sunday Returns. Next Sunday, October 3rd after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass to enjoy some treats and drinks and meet your fellow parishioners. October's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our ProLife Group & our Library Volunteers.

JOIN the CHOIR at St. Raymond's: Rehearsals have resumed! 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. The choir also provides music for Easter, Christmas and Holy Days. 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.

Saint Raymond's is seeking a Business Manager/Bookkeeper. Responsibilities include: bookkeeping, financial and personnel record keeping and policy compliance. Bookkeeping experience required. Experience in Parish Data System and Microsoft Office Suite preferred. Interested applicants should send resume to mary.butler@straymonds.org or call Mary Butler at 703-440-0535 for more information about the position.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE: St Raymond's will host a Voter Registration Drive after Masses during the weekends of Oct. 1-2 and 8-9. The registration deadline is October 17, so do not delay! The safest way to vote absentee is in-person at one of the many satellite locations, because no mail is involved! Information will be available at the table or on <https://straymonds.org>.

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

The 11th Annual PROJECT MANGER Fundraiser is THIS weekend, September 24/25. Join St. Raymond's Knights of Columbus and the Pro-Life Committee in supporting Project Manger! After all the Masses this weekend, St. Raymond's will once again have the opportunity to support **Project Manger** which purchases new cribs and mattresses for moms and their babies in need. The cost of one crib is approximately \$170; please prayerfully consider donating any amount or even the full cost of a crib! POC is John Crennan, 339-223-0887. This year's contributions can also be made throughout September and October using the Knights' QR Code.



September 30th Christ House Meal - Calling for volunteers to serve folks who are homeless and/or food insecure a meal at our Diocesan Christ House Dining Room in Alexandria. Sign up at the 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 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>

WAY Holy Hour and Mass. 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 Wednesday 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.



St. John Bosco Council #12846

Founded in 1882, the **Knights of Columbus** is an international Order of nearly two million Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend Catholic values in a changing world. Our organization's core principles are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. To be eligible for membership, you must be a baptized Catholic male, 18 years of age or older, and a practicing Catholic in union with the Holy See.

Our local council, Saint John Bosco Council #12846, is over 250 members strong, and annually volunteers thousands of man-hours during charitable, fundraising events, which allows the donation of approximately \$60,000 towards a myriad of charitable causes (KOVAR, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Program, Project Manger, Tepeyac Pregnancy Mobile Ultrasound, Vocations, Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Scholarship Fund, etc.). Our committees promote events in four areas: Life, Community, Family, and Faith to serve our Parish. You will also see many of our Knights supporting various other ministries within the Parish: Religious Education, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, etc. Additionally, various life insurance benefits and investment management are also available for members.

During the weekend of October 1-2, our council will be holding a membership drive after all Masses to seek out men who want to make a difference in our Parish and our community. If you would like to join today, simply go to "KofC.org/joinus" enter our council number (#12846), and fill out the form OR use this QR Code for ease of reference. Also feel free to contact our Membership Chairman, Deputy Grand Knight, Mark Menotti (mark.menotti@yahoo.com; 401-644-7128) with any questions. Give us a try—be part of the Brotherhood.



Into the Breach Program. All Knights and all men of St. Raymond's Parish who are 18 or over are invited to attend the *Into the Breach* Program, 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 each month is limited to 20 attendees. **The next session, on "Brotherhood," will be on October 15 from 10-12 in the Maurer Room.** 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.

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!

Endow Young Adult Women's Group

Are you looking to grow in faith and community with other young adult women of the parish? Soon the Endow group will be starting a new study! The topic is *St. Hildegard--Discovering the Doctors of the Church*. For more information about ENDOW & this study, visit www.endowgroups.org. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Theresa Tolpa at tctolpa159@gmail.com for more information.

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. **Our next support weekend is October 15/16. Thank you for your continued generosity! Join fellow parishioners who volunteer at the center. For more info, visit marih.org**

40 Days for Life. Fall 2022 Campaign begins on **September 28th**. Sign-ups in the narthex! Do you need a ride or a friend to witness with? Come and see! Contact Liz Hildebrand hildebrandseven@gmail.com.

Life Chain! Sunday October 2nd 2:30-3:30pm. Bring your family and friends for this peaceful, prayerful, silent witness. Our parish spot is in front of Key Middle School along Franconia Road in Alexandria. Park in their lot. Signs provided. (no victim images)

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.

Coming October 3 and 4 to a theater near you:
Mother Teresa No Greater Love fathomevents.com/events/Mother-Teresa-No-Greater-Love

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/

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.

Are you aware of the Safe Haven laws in Virginia?
Help spread the word. Visit nationalsafehavenalliance.org

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 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* to 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.

Sunday 9/25: Youth Group & CCD (Parish Hall)

4-5:30pm Junior High Youth Group (pizza served)

5:30-7pm 7-12th Grade CCD

7-8:30pm High School Youth Group (pizza served)

There is no "registration" for youth group, however, all youth who are participating need to complete and turn in an annual YA Info Sheet. It's not too late to sign up for high school CCD! Our High School CCD program is like none other! Ask anyone who has participated...you'll want to check it out! No cost and no homework either :) Sign up at <https://bit.ly/CCDforMe>

Sons of Thunder: High School Guys' Group 6:30-8pm THURSDAY 10/13 (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 meets the 2nd and 4th THURSDAY of each month from 6:30-8pm in the Maurer Room. Newcomers are always welcome! There will be food!



Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group! 7-8:30pm TUESDAY, October 11 (Maurer Room)

All 9-12th grade girls are invited to join in cultivating an authentic community, friendships, and space to share our faith as together we learn and encourage one another in ways to practically apply the faith to our daily lives. Talitha Koum meets the 2nd & 4th TUESDAY of each month in the Maurer Room from 7-8:30pm. All high school ladies are welcome!! Our September and October meetings will be a great time to get to know one another. Our first project will be building little caskets to donate to a Mom's Peace, a Manassas based apostolate supporting mothers of miscarried and stillborn souls. (See pic above of the Sons of Thunder working on this same project, which they came up with last year.)

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

ALL CCD PARENTS are expected to attend a "Back to CCD Night" meeting THIS WEEK - The meetings will begin in the Parish Hall once we return from our *Holy Ten Minutes* in the church: September 25th (5:50 p.m.) and 26th (5:05 p.m.) You may attend the meeting which is most convenient for you.

Parents of homeschool students who are in sacramental preparation (grades 2, 7 and 8) need to attend one of these meetings.

Parents of Catholic school students in grades 2, 7 and 8 who will be receiving their Sacraments here at St. Raymond's also need to attend one of these meetings.

Planning ahead: There will be no CCD classes on October 9, 10 or 11 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

Special event coming up: Be sure to mark your calendar for the Parish Holy Hour and Rosary which is scheduled for Thursday October 13th. This is a good opportunity for 7th and 8th grade students to earn two Prayer Service Hours!!

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.

Book Club: The parish Book Club will next meet on Friday, October 14, at 10:00 AM in the St Raymond Library to discuss "Christ versus Satan in our Daily Lives: The Cosmic Struggle Between Good and Evil" by Fr Robert Spitzer, S.J. A full list of books to be read and discussed during the period from Sept 2022 to June 2023 is included in the Book Club section of the parish website. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

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 October 1st. Our second October meeting will be on Oct. 22 due to a scheduling conflict. 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 October 1. All are welcome.

Church Persecuted

We have heard over the past few years of the elimination of freedoms and the forming of a socialist/Marxist form of government in Nicaragua with the rise of the dictatorship of President Daniel Ortega. Such eliminations of freedom have devastated a previously sound economy. The curtailing of religious freedoms in this predominantly Catholic country have been numerous. Here are some recent events:

On September 17th, the National Police of the city of Masaya “for reasons of public security” stated that Eucharistic processions and processions honoring the Blessed Virgin and saints can no longer take place.

In August, the regime would not allow a procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima to proceed as part of a Marian Congress.

Several priests are currently imprisoned in El Chipotle, a Managua prison known for torturing its residents. Six priests from two dioceses are being held there. All but one were arrested on August 19 at the chancery in Matagalpa.

As previously reported, the Ortega government shut down the radio stations run by the Diocese of Matagalpa.

This past week we celebrated the martyrdom of Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and companions. Although this persecution of the Church in Korea stymied its growth during the mid-nineteenth century, today it is alive and vibrant with a large Catholic population. Let us pray that the same will be true of Nicaragua...that one day these persecutions will cease and the Catholics will again embrace their faith as they have done for so many years.

<https://www.CatholicNewsAgency.com> (Sept. 18, 2022)

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.

Divine Intimacy Retreat, November 4, 2022. All married couples are invited to join us for an incredible retreat weekend Fri. Nov. 4 through Sun. Nov. 6, 2022 led by Dan and Stephanie Burke. Dan is the author and editor of more than 15 books on authentic Catholic spirituality. He and Stephanie host the weekly Divine Intimacy Radio show on EWTN Radio. The Divine Intimacy Retreat is designed to draw married couples more deeply into communion with God and each other. Register at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/divineintimacyretreat/>

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Open Houses at Angelus Academy, where the Truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in the lives of Pre-K - 8th graders and their families.

Come see Catholic liberal arts education in the classical tradition! Join one of our open house sessions on Friday evenings, October 21 and January 27, 4:00-7:00pm and on Saturday, January 28, 10:00am-2:00pm.

Email Julie Maimone, Director of Admissions, at Admissions@angelusacademy.org for more information.

We are now accepting applications for 2023-24.

Visit angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/

www.AngelusAcademy.org, 703-924-3996
7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153

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.

Bridge Club: All levels of players are welcome. We play Bridge cards each week in the Church Hall. Contact Lois Kotlowski at 703-455-6567 dancertoo2@yahoo.com or James Kolakoski at 703-455-3009 bridgeclub402@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

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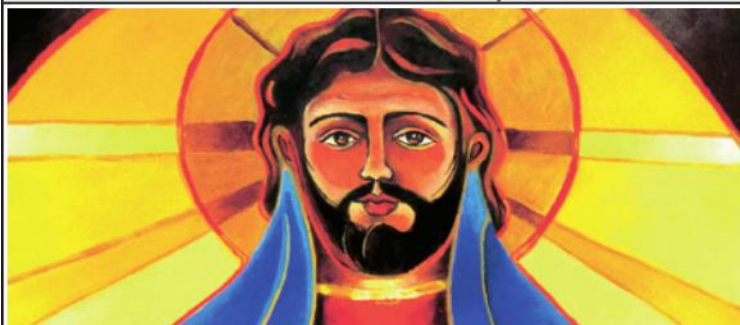
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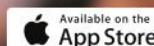
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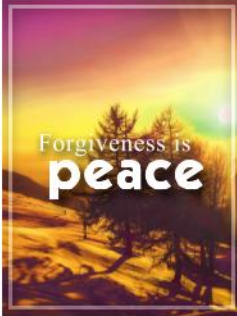
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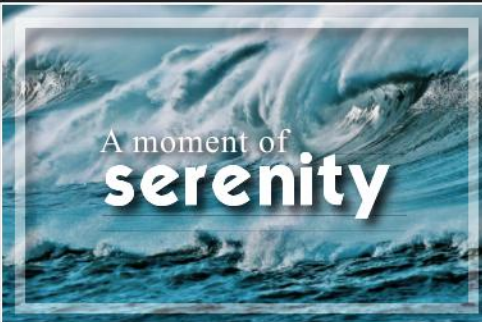
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