



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
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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

Synodality. On October 6, Cardinal Gerhard Müller, former Prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, appeared on EWTN talking with Raymond Arroyo about the ongoing "Synodal process" and the Synod on Synodality coming up in March. This is an extremely important interview, so I will dedicate this column to presenting a transcript here [edited for length]. The italics are Arroyo's questions. The edited text follows:

... What must you think as you watch a system being created, where all of that doctrine seems to be up for grabs?

The basis of the Church is the word of God as a revelation ... not our strange reflections. ... This [agenda] is a system of self-revelation. **This occupation of the Catholic Church is a hostile takeover of the Church of Jesus Christ.** ... And if you look at only one page, or read one page of the Gospel, you'll see that it has nothing to do with Jesus Christ ... and [in this agenda] they think that doctrine is only like a program of a political party, who can change it according to their votes.

...Cardinal Mario Grech, who is the secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops...last month in Rome...talked of ...divorced-and-remarried people receiving Communion, blessing same-sex couples...: "These are not to be understood simply in terms of doctrine, but in terms of God's ongoing encounter with human beings. What has the Church to fear if these two groups within the faithful are given the opportunity to express their intimate sense of spiritual realities which they experience? Might this be an opportunity for the Church, to listen to the Holy Spirit, speaking through them also." Your thoughts....?

That is a hermeneutic of the old cultural Protestantism; and observe modernism: That is the individual experience, as the same level as objective revelation of God. And God is only a wall to you, on which you can project your proper ideas, and to make certain populism in the Church; and surely everybody outside of the Church who want to destroy the Catholic Church, and the fundamentals, they are very glad about these declarations. **But it is obvious that is absolutely against the Catholic doctrine.** We have Revelation of God in Jesus Christ. And it is definitely closed and finished in Jesus Christ. ... This is absolutely clear: that Jesus has spoken about the indissolubility of matrimony. And **how is it possible that Cardinal Grech is more intelligent than Jesus Christ, where he takes his authority to relativize, to subvert of God?**

...I am shaken when I hear you say....that you believe the synodal process is ... shaping up into a hostile takeover of the Church, of an attempt to destroy the Church...

If they succeed, it will be the end of the Catholic Church. And we must resist it like the old heretics of the Arianism. When Arias thought, according to his ideas, what can God do and what can God not do? And it is irrationalism: human, the intellect to decide what is true and what is wrong.

All these national reports are being synthesized into a working document...This is being drafted by the synod leadership and advisory committee and a group of approximately 20 so-called experts. ...Who are these people...?

They are dreaming of another church that has

nothing to do with the Catholic faith ... and they want to abuse this process, for shifting the Catholic Church — and not only in other direction, but in the destruction of the Catholic Church. ... **Nobody can make an absolute shift and substitute the revealed doctrine of the Church,** but they have these strange ideas, as doctrine as only a theory of some theologians.

The doctrine of the apostles is a reflection and manifestation of the Revelation of the word of God. **We have to listen to the word of God in the authority of the Holy Bible, of apostolic tradition,** and of the magisterium. And all the Council said before: that it is not possible to substitute Revelation, given once and forever in Jesus Christ, by another revelation.

Why do you believe the Pope is allowing this?

That is a difficult question. But **I cannot understand it. I must say it openly,** because the definition of the pope is, and [based in] the Vatican Council and also the history of Catholic theology, he has to guarantee the truth of the Gospel and the unity of all the bishops, and in the Church, in the revealed truth...

...This week....Cardinal Grech ...[tweeted]: "A correct reception of the council's ecclesiology is activating such fruitful processes as to open up scenarios that not even the council had imagined, and in which the actions of the Spirit that guides the church is made manifest." What does that mean to you?

That is coming from the authority of Cardinal Grech, his own revelation for him. And not only this: It is a theory about so-called processes, which are overcoming Revelation. And **everybody knows who studied the first semester of sociology: The Church and the authorities in the Church cannot change the Revelation** ...to found a new church according to things and then use all the offices speaking about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not a way of Presbyterianism, or all these pneumatic movements outside of the Catholic Church ... substituting Jesus Christ. It is the Spirit of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit that will introduce us into full truths, but once said forever, revealed in Jesus Christ, and therefore not an impulse only for one process which leads us in the end against the Revelation; and, therefore, we have a clear Apostolic Creed. I am wondering that, as Cardinal Grech here presents himself as a super authority, he is not a recognized theologian, he has no importance in the academic theology, and how he is presenting a new hermeneutic of the Catholic faith only because he is the secretary of the synod, which has no authority about the doctrine of the Church; and all these Synods of Bishops and the process has no authority, in no way an magisterial authority.

Is this a play for Vatican III?...

Yes, it certainly is. It is very astonishing, that it is allowed under the authority, in this context, of the Vatican. And it gives the impression that it is really possible that the Church [can change] ... [that the synod organizers] are authorized to be the audience of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is only a function for them. ... It has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit, who reveals himself as the Father and Son and the Holy Spirit ...

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

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Oct. 17th**

6:30 am Jennie Trapasso +
8:30 am Jose Aleman +

Tuesday, Oct. 18th

6:30 am Maureen Simms +
8:30 am Bob Ferguson +

Wednesday, Oct. 19th

6:30 am Angel Gustavo
Llerena+
8:30 am Pedro Ortiz +

Thursday, Oct. 20th

6:30 am Nancy McLain +
8:30 am Robert Card +

Friday, Oct. 21st

6:30 am Paul & Marie
Sundberg +
8:30 am Robert Ferguson +

Saturday, Oct. 22nd

9:00 am Norman Bedard +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Pauline Ferguson & Family

Sunday, Oct. 23rd

7:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Joseph Schweitzer
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Robert Ferguson +
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Family of Jesus Prayer
Group

Please pray for our parishioners serving in Combat Zones and their families. If you have a relative serving in harm's way and would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss	Michael	Margaret O'Neill
Tom Dietz	Malachowski	Christina
Michael O'Neill	Debra Henkel	Cautero
Cindy Laird	Daniel Moore	James Bowling
Patricia Lewis	Gaudencio Dizon	Lupe Bowling
Mai Pham	Paul Haynes	Jim Kirsch
Joan Opiela	Dwayne Taylor	Bob Brickner
Jason Saenz	Ted Tolpa	Natasha
Phyllis Zitnik	Nena Brennan	Paglinawan
Patricia Del Buono	Serrin Foster	Arlene Harper
Juanita Boarman	Fr. Jerry Daly	Jean Sullivan
John Florio	Tom Swengros	Philip Nicklas

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Oct. 17	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
Oct. 18	Bible Study
Oct. 19	Legion of Mary
Oct. 19	Adoration—begins at noon due to a funeral
Oct. 21	Adoration
Oct. 22	Men's Prayer Group
Oct. 22	Oktoberfest
Oct. 29	Men's Day of Recollection
Nov. 1	All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation

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

October Daily Family Rosary. October is the month of the rosary! Every evening during the month of October St. Raymond's will have a Daily Family Rosary in the church, at 6:30pm. **All are invited to attend**, and we ask for one family to volunteer to lead the rosary each evening.

Oktoberfest 2022. The Knights of Columbus will host their annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, **October 22, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Tickets will be available in the Narthex after all Masses on this weekend for cash and check sales. Additionally, credit/debit card sales will be available through a QR code in the recent bulletin insert. Come join in the fun and fellowship of our Catholic community! Proceeds will go to the "Our Lady of Ransom" Scholarship Fund for Catholic Education. The Chairman of this event is Mr. Patrick Franco.

Men's Day of Recollection, Oct. 29, entitled "*The Eucharist as the Cure for the Cult of Unreality*." What is the connection between the decline in belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the current alienation from biological and moral realities? How should a Catholic man respond to the illusions afflicting our culture? **The 24th Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by the Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia**, will be held on Sat. Oct. 29 from 9:15am-1:15pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort. There is no charge for this event, **but you must register before Oct. 22 to attend. Donations gratefully accepted. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat** For more information, contact Robin Maas at rmvmaas@gmail.com.

Watch for our Constant Contact Updates! If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org to verify your email address.

Gift Shop: Bible and Book Sale October 15-16 in the Narthex. Fall is the perfect time to curl up with a good book! We have many hard or soft covers, large print Bibles, and a beautifully illustrated family Bible that would make a great gift! Also in stock are other titles, including children's books, from well-known religious scholars/authors to further educate yourself in the faith.

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.

We are Looking for Families for our Christmas Giving Tree. Each year, St. Raymond's "adopts" families who need help with Christmas. If your family, or someone you know could use help providing gifts for their children, please let the parish office know. The information is kept completely confidential! The office phone number is 703-440-0535.

Eucharistic Symposium with Archbishop Emeritus Charles Chaput. Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, cordially invites you to attend a Eucharistic Symposium led by His Excellency the Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput. Join us for Mass, coffee, talk, adoration and benediction from 9 am - 12:30 pm on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Please register for this free event at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/eucharistic-symposium/>.

Home School Group: for more information visit our website www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/ Or email straymondhsg@gmail.com.



St. John Bosco Council #12846

Founded in 1882, the **Knights of Columbus** is an international Order of nearly two million Catholic men. Our organization's core principles are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. To be eligible for membership, you must be a baptized Catholic male in good standing, 18 years of age or older. If you would like to join today, simply go to "KofC.org/joinus" enter our council number (#12846), and fill out the form. Also feel free to contact our Membership Chairman, Deputy Grand Knight, Mark Menotti (mark.menotti@yahoo.com; 401-644-7128) with any questions.

Nov. 5 Blood Drive. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, November 5th, in the St. Raymond's parish hall from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please consider signing up for a 15-minute timeslot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. You may sign up either online at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the Narthex after all masses in the coming weekends. If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at 703-690-7285 or by email at mam7253@msn.com.

Join the Legion of Mary! The Legion of Mary makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. "Active" members meet weekly for prayer, planning and discussion. In pairs, we perform several hours of apostolic work each week. "Auxiliary" members of the Legion of Mary offer their daily prayers to Our Lady so that she can apply them where they are needed. The Active Legion group meets on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the Maurer Room. If you are interested in joining the Legion, please contact Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or call / text 703-627-7320.

Annual Event: Remembrance Mass for Legion of Mary founder, Servant of God Frank Duff. The Legion of Mary Arlington Regia invites all Legion of Mary active and auxiliary members to commemorate and pray for the beatification of Frank Duff. The event will be held on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 830 23rd Street South, Arlington, VA. It will begin with 6:30pm Holy Rosary, followed by 7:00pm Holy Mass. Light refreshments will be provided following the event.

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).

Seton School Annual Open House. Seton Jr.-Sr. High School, located at 9314 Maple St. in Manassas, VA, will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, November 6. Formal presentations begin at 2 pm followed by mini-classes, tours, and a reception. For additional information, please call 703.368.3220 or email the Admissions Director, Julie Mantooth, at setonadmissions@setonschool.net.

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!

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE



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. ***This weekend is our support weekend!*** **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 is underway! and continues until Nov 6th. This is a period of time dedicated to extra prayer and fasting to end abortion in our country. Please consider fasting, adding an extra rosary to your routine or attending an extra weekly Mass. We will also participate in a time of peaceful prayer and public witness at the Falls Church Women's Healthcare Center. 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.

Save the date: Wed Nov 9th at 7pm. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at St Raymond's for our children who have preceded us into eternity, especially those who have died in the womb. Kara Palladino from ***A Mom's Peace*** will be available to visit and answer questions in the narthex after Mass. ***A Mom's Peace***, offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. amomspeace.org

Please see the parish website for info regarding **COVID-19 Vaccines** and their relation to aborted fetal cell lines. **You must speak up!** Sample letter to pharmaceutical companies urging ethical practices available in the narthex and on the parish website.

Women often regret the desperate decision to take the abortion pill. Call the abortion reversal helpline 855-209-4848. **It may not be too late. abortionpillreversal.com**

Wrapped In Love. 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.

Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare. tepeyacobgyn.com 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

To those who have suffered an abortion: Project Rachel can help women and men who are carrying the grief and sorrow of a past abortion. (888)456-HOPE. Confidentiality always respected. www.helpafterabortion.org. For Men: (703) 841-3833. Email: info@helpafterabortion.org or info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.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 must be turned in annually for every child *prior* to participating in any Youth Apostolate function. Forms are by the YA bulletin board at the 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 10/16: 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)

Friday, October 21st

6:30am High School Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast Club

All high school teens are invited to join us Friday mornings for 6:30am Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan in the parish hall. If you RSVP a week ahead, we can coordinate our volunteers to drive you to school. If not, you are welcome to just show up for Mass and have your parent drive you to school after breakfast! RSVP to youth@straymonds.org.

October is the Month of the Rosary!

Every evening during the month of October St. Raymond's will have a Daily Family Rosary in the church, Sunday - Saturday, at 6:30pm. All are encouraged to join us.

Youth Apostolate 40 Days for Life Witness & Social After Saturday, November 5th (Time TBD)

More info in week's bulletin! We will need compliant adults to drive. Contact Jeanne if you can help.

High School Outing: Apple Picking, Saturday, October 29th! Details will be sent via email.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

***Adults:: Are you a morning person? We are looking for a new volunteers** to help coordinate, setting up and serving our high school breakfasts on Friday mornings. Please consider this worthy investment in our incredible teens! Email Jeanne if you are interested in more information.

Breakfast Donations for High School Mass & Breakfast Club

Please consider supporting our parish teens who want to start their Friday's off with Mass, breakfast, and Christian fellowship before they head off to classes. By helping in this ministry, you are a vital part in strengthening these youth on their walk with Christ. We are looking for donations of Baked Goods, Fruit & Deviled Eggs, which can be dropped off before 3pm on Thursday of the week you sign up for. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FriBfast>

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

Planning ahead: parents please note: Even though FCPS has student holidays scheduled for October 24 and 31; **THERE WILL BE CCD classes on both of these days.**

ATTENTION Parents of Homeschool or Catholic school students in grades 2, 7 or 8 who are preparing to receive sacraments at St. Raymond parish, **you must register your child with the Religious Education Office.** Please pick up a bright blue registration form at the Religious Education Office or at the Parish Office and return it to the RE Office as soon as possible. Or you may register online. If you do not register, you will not receive important notices related to the reception of the sacrament.

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 **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. 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.

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 Oct. 22.** 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 **November 5.** All are welcome.

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 other Holy Days. Contact Elisabeth Turco at music@straymonds.org or call 703-506-4644.

ECHO needs your help!! In recent months, the donations to our Housewares Department have lessened, and the number of clients in need have increased. We are in need of 2qt and 3qt saucepans with lids, 6-8 qt large pots with lids, and large frying pans 10-12". These can be new or "gently used." Other items which are always needed are queen sheets and comforters, and bath towels.

Volunteers are always needed, as well as donations of food, clothing, and housewares. For more information, go to the website at echo-inc.org. Donation hours are M-F 9:30am-12:30pm, T/Th nights 7-9pm, and the first Saturday of the month 9:30am-noon. All donations are most welcome and appreciated! You can contact our Board Representative, Kathy Siner, at 703-405-8164 with questions.

Church Persecuted

On October 19, we honor eight North American Martyrs, Jesuits who were crowned with their martyrdom between 1642 and 1649 in the New World.

The most well-known of these Jesuits was Saint Isaac Jogues, who on his first trip into Northern New York and Canada was rewarded for his preaching by being tortured and having his thumb and index fingers removed. For a priest, those were the fingers which he used to touch the Eucharist when celebrating Mass. He managed to escape imprisonment and returned to Europe where he received permission from the Pope to hold the Eucharist with his remaining fingers. Undaunted by this inconvenience, St. Isaac returned to the New World, again preaching the Gospel, and he was martyred in 1646.

We are all called by our baptism and confirmation to preach the Gospel. In his recent column in *The Catholic Thing*, "Preach the Gospel: Use Words More Often," Peter Laffin critiques the "show, don't tell" approach to evangelization.

(www.TheCatholicThing.org 10/9/22) Imagine if St. Ambrose didn't firmly preach the gospel when young St. Augustine was listening. We may never have had the latter saint.

"What value does one place on the Gospel? Is it worth a few fingers? Death?" (Br. Bartholomew Calvano, O.P.) Let us celebrate this great feast day by remembering all those who fearlessly preach the gospel regardless of the cost, especially the North American Martyrs.

The National Shrine of the North American Martyrs is in Auriesville, NY. While these Jesuits did not die a peaceful death, it is a peaceful place to visit.

<https://www.dominicanajournal.org/gnawed-off-fingers/>

Catholic Charities Family Services can help if you or someone you know is struggling with anxiety, depression, grief, and marital or parenting concerns. We offer transformational outpatient counseling services to individuals, couples, and families of all faiths and backgrounds. Call **703-447-9402**, and for more information, visit <https://www.cdda.net/need-help/medical-and-counseling/counseling/>

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Get In-Formed!

October is the Month of the Rosary!

Listen to *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before* Dr. Edward Sri, founding leader of FOCUS, shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the rosary to have a deeper encounter with Jesus.

Watch Formed Now! *Saint John Paul II's Letter on the Rosary* Augustine Institute founder Tim Gray discusses the apostolic letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae" with Lucas Pollice. There is also a link to the actual letter below the video.

FOR KIDS! Watch *Brother Francis – The Rosary: A Special Way to Pray* This animated episode will introduce your children to the rosary and how to pray it.

Watch now at www.straymonds.formed.org

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Angelus Academy

Where the Truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in the lives of Pre-K - 8th graders and their families.

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

"Saint Mary Magdalene - At the Feet of Jesus," a one-woman drama about repentance and God's mercy, comes to St. Leo the Great Catholic Church on Saturday, October 22. Biblically-based, the story shines a reverent light on this great saint who remained at the foot of the cross and announced the Resurrection. Catholic performing artist Nancy Scimone portrays Mary Magdalene. Recommended for ages 10 through adult. \$10. per person for dinner and play, or \$5. for play only. Dinner is at 6:15 PM; Play begins at 7:30 PM. Tickets are available at the event, or reserved by emailing carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com. 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, in the school gym. (MaryMagdaleneDrama.com)

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.

FAITH DIRECT: eGiving helps you continue to support St. Raymond's. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA64. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 14,455.00
Family Assistance	\$ 761.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,811.00
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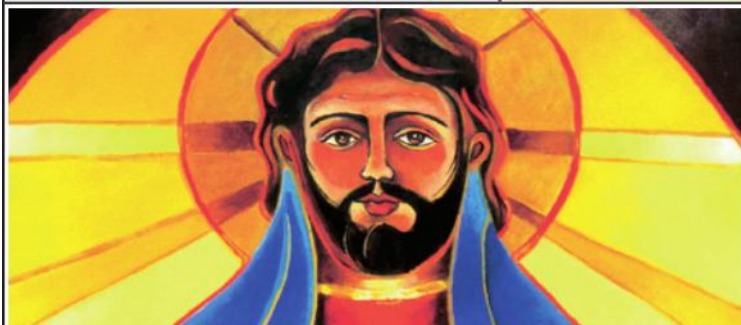
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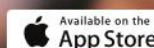
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