

SOLEMNITY OF

Mary, Mother of God



**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
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PARISH OFFICE:

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Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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
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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

Anno Domini 2023. Does it surprise you that I have no use at all for the designation "CE," short for "Current Era" or "Common Era," to count the years? I.e., "2023 CE," rather than traditional "2023 AD," short for "Anno Domini," meaning, "Year of the Lord." But the Current/Common Era is still counted by reference to the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ in the year 1. So, I refuse to yield to the tyranny of social correctness and will continue to use the traditional and rational "AD," and encourage you to do so, at least in private usage. And in doing so, I pray that it will become more than just a way of *counting* the years, but rather a way of *dedicating* the years: let us make this new year of 2023 truly the Year of the Lord, dedicating ourselves anew to the Lord Jesus.

As we continue the Christmas Season in this New Year of the Lord 2023, I pray that the Christ Child will shower you with His grace, His Blessed Mother Mary will keep you in her tender embrace, and St. Joseph will protect you in all you do. And I wish you Blessed and Merry Christmas, and Holy and Happy New Year!

Celebrating the Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort. Next Saturday, January 7, is our patronal feast day, the Feast of St. Raymond. Since it falls on a Saturday this year we are somewhat limited in how we can celebrate it liturgically—we can't have an evening Mass in his honor since that would be the Vigil Mass for Epiphany Sunday. So, I encourage you to attend the 9am Mass that morning to honor our great patron and to seek his intercession.

Another great way to honor St. Raymond and to draw closer to him is to read the little biographical book we have available in the Gift Shop and parish office. If you haven't read it, take some time this week to do so.

Finally, another way we are celebrating his feast this year is with our annual **Volunteer Reception/Dinner**. If you have volunteered in any capacity in the parish this last year, you and your spouse are invited to our annual appreciation dinner for parish volunteers this Saturday, January 7. If you haven't RSVPed yet, please contact the parish office or your committee chairman asap.

Year End Donations. Every year at this time, we all get inundated with requests for donations. The problem is knowing which charities are really worthy of our consideration. Unfortunately, many so-called "charities" are not doing work consistent with God's will, and some are actually working against Him. Still others may have good intentions, but are inefficient or ineffective in using their resources. So, we don't have to give to every group who asks for help, and I recommend you give mainly to those groups you have confidence in. These, of course, are many. But the groups I give to and would recommend for your consideration include: the Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, House of Mercy, Project Rachel, Gabriel Project, AAA Women for Choice, Mary's Shelter (Fredericksburg), the Poor Clares, Angelus Academy and, my personal favorite, St. Dominic Monastery in Linden, VA, our dear cloistered Dominican sisters who pray for us every day. And of course, St. Raymond's parish is a very worthy charity...

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**POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II
HOMILY OF HOLY MASS
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
January 1, 1979**

Entering the doors of this Basilica today,...I do so on the day of the octave of Christmas. Today is already the eighth day of this great feast which, according to the rhythm of the liturgy, concludes and begins every year.

The year is the human measure of time. Time speaks to us of the "passing" to which the whole of creation is subjected. Man is aware of this passing. Not only does he go through time, but he also "measures the time" of his passing: time made of days, weeks, months and years. In this human flow there is always the sadness of farewell to the past and, at the same time, opening to the future.

Precisely this farewell to the past and this opening to the future are inscribed, by means of the language and rhythm of the liturgy of the Church, in the solemnity of the Lord's Nativity.

Birth always speaks of a beginning, the beginning of what is born. The Lord's Nativity speaks of an extraordinary beginning. In the first place it speaks of that beginning which precedes any time, of the origin that is God himself, without a beginning. During this octave we have been nourished every day on the mystery of perennial generation in God, the mystery of the Son generated eternally by the Father: "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made" (Profession of Faith).

In these days we have also been, in a particular way, witnesses of the earthly birth of this Son. Being born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary as Man, "Word-God, he accepts time. He enters history. He submits to the law of human flow. He closes the past: with him there ends the time of expectation, that is, the Old Covenant. He opens the future: the New Covenant of grace and reconciliation with God. He is the new "Beginning" of the New Time. Every new year participates in this Beginning. It is the Year of the Lord. Welcome, Year 1979! From the very beginning you are the measure of the new time, inscribed in the mystery of the birth of God!

...3. Today the church particularly venerates the Motherhood of Mary. This is, as it were, a last message of the octave of Christmas. Birth always speaks of the Begetter, of her who gives life, of her who gives man to the world. The first day of the New Year is Mother's day.

We see her then—as in so many pictures and sculptures—with the Child in her arms, with the Child at her breast. The Mother, she who begot and fed the Son of God. The Mother of Christ. There is no image that is better known and that speaks in a more simple way of the mystery of the Lord's birth than that of the Mother with Jesus in her arms. Is not this image, perhaps, the source of our extraordinary confidence? Is it not just this image that allows us to live in the circle of all the mysteries of our faith, and, while contemplating them as "divine", to consider them at the same time so "human"?

But there is yet another image of the Mother with her Son in her arms. It is in this basilica: it is "la Pietà": Mary with Jesus taken from the Cross; with Jesus who died before her eyes, on Mount Golgotha, and who after death returns to those arms on which he was offered as Saviour of the world at Bethlehem.....

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 2nd 10:00 am Gertrude Philips +	Saturday, Jan. 7th 9:00 am Corazon Garma +
Tuesday, Jan. 3rd 6:30 am Teofilo & Filomenada Tulayba + 8:30 am Kirsti Tyson	Vigil Masses 5:00 pm Fr. Horkan Gertrude Seiberling +
Wednesday, Jan. 4th 6:30 am In Thanksgiving 8:30 am Donna & Rick Rhoads	Sunday, Jan. 8th 7:00 am Fr. Rippy Peter Hansen
Thursday, Jan. 5th 6:30 am Joyce Ann O'Connor + 8:30 am Genevieve Maines	9:00 am Fr. De Celles Parishioners
Friday, Jan. 6th 6:30 am George Elliot, III + 8:30 am Marie-Faustina Dinh	11:00 am Fr. De Celles Cecilia Ramos + 1:00 pm Fr. Horkan Family of Jesus Prayer Group

**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

Daily Family Rosary leaders needed! St. Raymond's has a Daily Family Rosary in the church Mon-Fri at 6:30pm; **starting in January, the Rosary on Saturday and Sunday will take place after the 9am Mass. All are invited to attend, and we ask for one family to volunteer to lead the rosary each evening. Please visit our website to sign up!**

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration, Jan. 6. On the first Friday of the month, we extend our regular hours of Friday adoration to continue through the evening until Saturday at 9am. Our regularly scheduled adorers will cover the daytime hours (9am – 3pm), and **we will need extra volunteers** to cover from 3pm on Friday through 9am on Saturday. **Please visit our website to sign up!** Two adorers are required per hour so that Our Lord will not be left alone, but you can come at any time.

St. Raymond's will be hosting NFP classes offered by the Couple to Couple League (Sympto-Thermal Method) and taught by parishioners Joe and Jenny Sundry. The NFP Main Series three-session class will be offered January 22, February 26, and March 26 from 2pm-4pm. In addition, a Postpartum class will be offered April 23 from 2pm-4pm. To sign up, please visit <https://celi.powerappsportals.com/en-US/> and search for the class you are interested in. Please direct questions to Jenny Sundry at 719-649-4688.

Saturday, January 7 is the Feast of our patron, St. Raymond of Peñafort! Please join us for a special Mass with music at 9 am. Adult volunteers are invited to join us for dinner after the 5 pm Mass that night.

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.

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 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 Gaudencio Dizon Paul Haynes Dwayne Taylor	Ted Tolpa Nena Brennan Serrin Foster Fr. Jerry Daly Margaret O'Neill Christina Cautero Jean Sullivan Michael O'Neill Eugene Kardohely
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Jan. 2	1 Mass at 10am, Parish Offices Closed
Jan. 3	Bible Study
Jan. 4	Adoration 9am - 7pm
Jan. 4	Legion of Mary
Jan. 6	First Friday Nocturnal Adoration
Jan. 7	Men's Prayer Group
Jan. 7	Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort
Jan. 7	Special Mass with music at 9am
Jan. 7	Luminaries of Holy Mary
Jan. 7	Annual Adult Volunteer Dinner
Jan 8	Donut Sunday

Due to the holiday, Donut Sunday will take place next weekend, January 8! January's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our Homeschool Group. LOST AND FOUND items will be on display. Please come by the parish hall to check for items you may have left at church!

ATTENTION All Adult Volunteers! Our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be Saturday, January 7th after the 5pm Vigil Mass. All adult volunteers and their spouses are invited to join Fr. De Celles for dinner. Please RSVP to the parish office at 703-440-0535 by January 3rd. We hope you can join us!

St. Raymond's 2022-23 Snow Team: Your Parish needs your HELP! St. Raymond's is seeking industrious, cold weather loving, able-bodied people to join the 2022-23 Snow Removal Team. The Snow Team will work with the Plant Manager to clear the sidewalks and entryways in proximity of the Church during snow and/or ice events. Equipment is provided; sidewalks and aprons must be clear no less than 30 minutes before the first Mass of the day (and as needed thereafter). Snow Team members must have transportation that enables them to get to the church in inclement weather. Earn \$20.00 per hour and a hot beverage. For more information or to apply, please contact the Parish Office, at 703-440-0535 during office hours.

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. **We will not meet on January 2nd.**



St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus Are you a man of 17½ years or more and a practicing Catholic? Then we invite you to join the Knights! Contact Deputy Grand Knight Mark Menotti at 401-644-7128 or go to <http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs> (or scan this QR code) 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 *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, and 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 "Life," will be on January 14 from 10-12 in the Maurer Room.** Fellowship will follow the session. For more information and to register, please contact Pat Franco at (703) 220-2403 or at popsfr8@aol.com.

Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023. Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the Sundays with the Sisters Rejoice Tour 2023! An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024, the tour will showcase the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender. The tour features an event at a different convent each month, bringing together sisters and lay women for prayer and community. For single women ages 18-50. Upcoming: January 22, The Dominicans, Congregation of St. Cecilia; February 5: Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. RSVP by the Monday before each event to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. More info at ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour.

St. Raymond's has Adoration nearly every Wednesday and Friday! Would you like to spend an hour in silent prayer and reflection with our Lord during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament? We are in need of weekly adorers especially noon and 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and at noon and 1:00 pm on Fridays. We also need volunteers to be on our substitute list. If you are interested in Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email spoiledk9s@verizon.net. If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email virginia.osella@straymonds.org. Drop-ins are always welcome!

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. **Our next meeting will be January 7.** 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 **January 7**. All are welcome.

"God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts." If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE *Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*

MARCH FOR LIFE: Join your fellow parishioners and fellow Americans for the **National March for Life** on Friday, **January 20th**. Sign up in the narthex or online. Seats are free but require a reservation. Our three buses will be departing immediately following a 10:30 Mass. We will return by 5pm to a parish sponsored Chili Dinner. Stand up for life!



Mark your calendars! The Virginia March for Life and Defending Life Day will take place in Richmond on Wed. **February 1st**. We will be sending one bus. Details to follow. Watch this message from Bishop Burbidge. <https://youtu.be/mTXasGcwZHs>

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center: We proudly partner with MaRiH as they serve local expectant mothers in need. Knowing each child has an unrevealed holy purpose, MaRiH volunteers strive to see the face of God in the mothers and families they help. ***Thank you, dear friends at Saint Raymond's, for so generously supporting us in this work of mercy.*** For ways to become involved, please visit: marih.org. Donations of *warm outerwear for newborns or 2T* are particularly appreciated at this time.

Angel Wall: Have you suffered the loss of a child or grandchild? If you would like to honor the memory of your deceased child, please contact the Parish Office to have your child's name added to the Angel Wall in the narthex.

Are you aware of the **Safe Haven Laws** in Virginia? Please become informed. nationalsafehavenalliance.org You never know who may turn to you for help.

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

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

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? ***A Mom's Peace***, offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. Visit amomspeace.org.

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. Men: (703) 841-3833.

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 Happy New Year!

1/1: No CCD or Youth Group

May the New Year & the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God provide you an opportunity to grow in holiness! We look forward to seeing you Sunday, January 8th.



WorkCamp 2023: June 17-23 **ADULT Crew Leaders Needed**

Adult volunteers are essential to making WorkCamp a success. **Adult Crew Leaders (Chaperones, age 25+)** play an active role in leading by example throughout the week. A commitment to stay at the school, sleep on the floors and be present for the duration of camp is required. If we do not have enough adult crew leaders, we have to tell our youth they are unable to go. St. Raymond's covers the charge for all of our adult volunteers! No experience or ability to work with tools necessary! Learn more about WorkCamp at our website <https://bit.ly/workcamp2023> Contact Jeanne (info below) with any questions.



VOLUNTEERS & FOOD NEEDED!

Volunteers Needed to Help with High School Youth Group

Our Youth Apostolate is in need of more volunteers/role models (*particularly women*) to help with our weekly high school youth group on Sunday nights from 6:45-9pm. Is the Holy Spirit nudging you? Contact Jeanne for more information.

Breakfast Donations for High School Mass & Breakfast Club

Please consider supporting our parish teens who start their Friday's off with Mass, breakfast, & fellowship by donating a Baked Good, fruit, etc. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FriBfast>

Youth Apostolate Participation (Grades 7-12)

[Info Sheet](#) must be turned in annually for every child *prior* to participating in any Youth Apostolate function. Forms are by the YA bulletin boards or online at <http://bit.ly/YAforms> Completed forms can be emailed to Jeanne or turned in to the main office.

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

Get on our weekly email list for the most updated info on Youth Apostolate news & upcoming events!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRAYERS FOR A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR to all our CCD families!!!!

PLEASE NOTE:

NO CCD classes this Sunday or Monday 1/1-1/2.

TUESDAY Religious Education class resumes this week - January 3rd.

Full CCD schedule resumes next week - January 8, 9 and 10 with Midterm Exam reviews.

Mark your calendars: There will be **NO CCD**

CLASSES January 15, 16 and 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Midterm exams will be administered January 22,23 and 24 for grades K-8.

Mass Attendance Cards: Reminder to all students in Sacrament preparation years (Grades 2, 7 and 8): You must document **Mass attendance for Sundays (or Saturday evenings) and Holy Days of Obligation** by placing Mass Attendance cards in the collection basket at St. Raymond's. If you attend Mass at a **parish other than St. Raymond's**, provide the RE office with a **bulletin from that parish with your name written on it and signed and dated by the parish priest or deacon.**

Parents of students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on Saturday, February 11th: be sure you have turned in the **First Holy Communion Registry form and Certificate of Baptism to the RE Office - it was due December 15th!!**

Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men. Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-50) Friday-Sunday, February 24-26, 2023. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, and talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is \$100 and includes overnights and all meals. Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Monday, February 13. There is a similar retreat for women June 16 -18.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of Weather or Emergency closings, St. Raymond's Parish **NO LONGER** follows Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) decisions.

In the event of Weather or other Emergency situations, notice of cancellations or closings of parish events and/or facilities will be posted to the parish website. If possible/practical the parish will also send out an email to all parishioners notifying them of the closing/cancellations.

There are only **TWO** exceptions to any closing decisions we make and issue:

- 1) Regularly scheduled Masses and Confession will NEVER be cancelled due to inclement weather.**
- 2) Meetings of very small groups that receive the pastor's personal permission, in which case members will be notified of the exception personally by their group leader.**

Church Persecuted

"The plague of relativism" and the "eclipse of truth" is encompassing every aspect of American life, warned Archbishop Paul Coakley of Oklahoma City at a recent talk. He sees the "plague of relativism" in every aspect of American life. "In politics, we speak of alternative facts, in education this emphasis on equally valid perspectives, and sadly sometimes even in the church with its push to change her moral teaching, especially her sexual ethic. There is no starker proof that we live in a culture where experience and desire eclipse the truth than the transgender movement."

Archbishop Coakley noted that the current wave of LGBT propaganda began with the movement's acceptance of the birth control pill. "The pill gave the illusion of completely untethering sex from reproduction, fueling the fiction that sexual desire could be pursued with cost or without consequences," leading to the "rapid breakdown of the family" and the establishment of abortion as a constitutional right as a protection against contraceptive failure.

"In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality as a category of mental illness," leading to the connection between homosexuality and the moral relativism that underlies transgender ideology. "Support for homosexuality severed the connection between sexual activity and the inherent difference between the men's and women's bodies, turning sexual orientation into an individual choice based solely on desire."

Thus, the Catholic Church's promotion of clarity and truth, is countered in a world by the devil who "obscures our understanding of God's plan for humanity at its very roots."

https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/us-archbishop-denounces-madness-of-lgbt-ideology-in-address-to-catholic-businessmen/?utm_source=news&utm_campaign=usa

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**January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
January 6 is Epiphany.**

Watch *The Woman*. In this film, various religious and young adults speak on Mary and her role in salvation history and in our lives today. It also presents the Church's dogmas related to the Blessed Mother: The Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity, and the Assumption.

Listen to *Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God*. Tim Staples speaks on the Marian dogmas and doctrines and their contribution to our Faith and relationship with her Son.

Listen to *Prepare the Way of the King*. Dr. Scott Hahn speaks about what is known about the shepherds, the Magi, and King Herod.

Available for FREE! To [set up an account](#), visit [Formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

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



Angelus Academy

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Open Houses at Angelus Academy

Come see Catholic liberal arts education in the classical tradition! Join our open house session on Friday evening, 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/

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Scholarships to Catholic Schools are still available!

Please send requests for tuition assistance to Fr. De Celles or contact the parish office for more information. We can also help cover homeschooling expenses.

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).

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.

FAITH DIRECT DEC. 2022

Offertory	\$ 47,227.00
Family Assistance	\$ 2,329.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,039.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 7,625.00
Christmas	\$ 4,572.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,069.00
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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the Christmas weekend collections will be in next week's bulletin.

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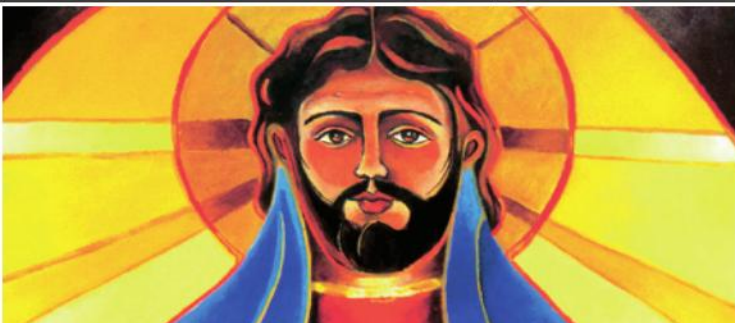
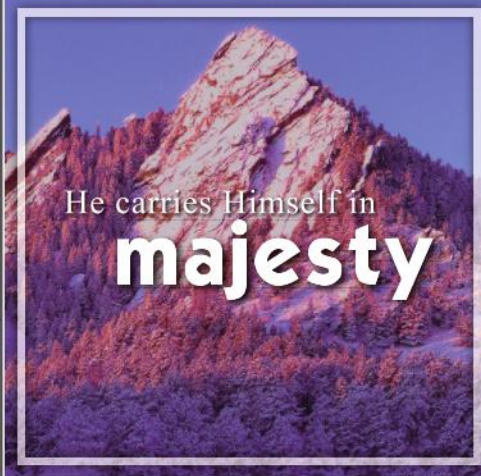
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