



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
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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

(I'm on vacation this week, so I hope you find these texts interesting. Oremus pro invicem, Fr. De Celles)

The Spiritual Testament of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

"When, at this late hour of my life, I look back on the decades I have wandered through, I see first of all how much reason I have to give thanks. Above all, I thank God Himself, the giver of all good gifts, who has given me life and guided me through all kinds of confusion; who has always picked me up when I began to slip, who has always given me anew the light of his countenance. In retrospect, I see and understand that even the dark and arduous stretches of this path were for my salvation and that He guided me well in those very stretches.

"I thank my parents, who gave me life in difficult times and prepared a wonderful home for me with their love, which shines through all my days as a bright light until today. My father's clear-sighted faith taught us brothers and sisters to believe and stood firm as a guide in the midst of all my scientific knowledge; my mother's heartfelt piety and great kindness remain a legacy for which I cannot thank her enough. My sister has served me selflessly and full of kind concern for decades; my brother has always paved the way for me with the clear-sightedness of his judgements, with his powerful determination, and with the cheerfulness of his heart; without this ever-new going ahead and going along, I would not have been able to find the right path.

"I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the many friends, men and women, whom He has always placed at my side; for the co-workers at all stages of my path; for the teachers and students He has given me. I gratefully entrust them all to His goodness. And I would like to thank the Lord for my beautiful home in the Bavarian foothills of the Alps, in which I was able to see the splendor of the Creator Himself shining through time and again. I thank the people of my homeland for allowing me to experience the beauty of faith time and again. I pray that our country will remain a country of faith and I ask you, dear compatriots, not to let your faith be distracted. Finally, I thank God for all the beauty I was able to experience during the various stages of my journey, but especially in Rome and in Italy, which has become my second home.

"I ask for forgiveness from the bottom of my heart from all those whom I have wronged in some way.

"What I said earlier of my compatriots, I now say to all who were entrusted to my service in the Church: Stand firm in the faith! Do not be confused! Often it seems as if science - on the one hand, the natural sciences; on the other, historical research (especially the exegesis of the Holy Scriptures) - has irrefutable insights to offer that are contrary to the Catholic faith. I have witnessed from times long past the changes in natural science and have seen how apparent certainties against the faith vanished, proving themselves not to be science but philosophical interpretations only apparently belonging to science - just as, moreover, it is in dialogue with the natural sciences that faith has learned to understand the limits of the scope of its affirmations and thus its own specificity. For 60 years now, I have accompanied the path of theology, especially biblical studies, and have seen seemingly unshakeable theses collapse with the changing generations, which turned out to be mere hypotheses: the liberal generation (Harnack, Jülicher, etc.), the existentialist generation (Bultmann, etc.), the Marxist generation. I have seen, and see, how, out of the tangle of

hypotheses, the reasonableness of faith has emerged and is emerging anew. Jesus Christ is truly the Way, the Truth, and the Life - and the Church, in all her shortcomings, is truly His Body.

"Finally, I humbly ask: pray for me, so that the Lord may admit me to the eternal dwellings, despite all my sins and shortcomings. For all those entrusted to me, my heartfelt prayer goes out day after day.

"Benedictus PP XVI.

St. Michael's Army of Intercessors. A recent Article from *LifeSiteNews*:

"...St. Michael's Army of Intercessors, a prayer mission run by the Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY), is dedicated to praying for youth who are struggling to fight against the evil pitted against them in modern society.

"We ask people to join the St. Michael's Army simply by saying that they will pray for these children every month," Sheila Jenkins, ...the prayer apostolate's coordinator [said]...

"St. Michael's Army of Intercessors consists of two main communications, sent over email to those who have signed up to 'join the army.' Jenkins ...sends the first message to participants 'asking for nominations' of young people to pray for in the coming month. Although submitted with names and some detail about a youth's particular struggle, Jenkins ... replaces names with aliases to maintain anonymity.... After gathering nominations for each month's intentions, she sends another email with the 'list of children to pray for' ...

"The apostolate, founded roughly 25 years ago, currently has about 90 lay people and 20 clergy members involved in the mission... [E]veryone who joins St. Michael's Army commits to praying the St. Michael prayer and a prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception [daily]...

"St. Michael's Army of Intercessors is open to anyone who wishes to pray for troubled youth, both laity and clergy. Joining the apostolate is as simple as submitting a name and email address...

"While the intentions can range from tension with family members to drug addiction...prayer requests for young people struggling with gender ideology has increased recently...

"...Robin Maas, founder of the Women's Apostolate to Youth, ... called the apostolate 'a spiritual rescue operation' in a world that increasingly attacks the traditional family...

"The devil's final assault is going to be on the family," Maas added. 'With contraception and abortion, you're refusing to bring new life into the world. With gender ideology, you're actually mutilating young bodies so that they can't reproduce and they can't bring new life into the world.'

"WAY...a Public Association of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Arlington, strives 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 ministries dedicated to this end'... In addition to the Army of Intercessors, the group also hosts an annual men's retreat, a four-part retreat series for mothers and daughters called Project Daystar, and an independent Catholic school in the Diocese of Arlington [Angelus Academy]...

"Regarding St. Michael's Army, WAY is looking to expand the reach of the apostolate after 25 years of dedicated service....Those who feel called to join St. Michael's Army of Intercessors to pray for troubled youth or who are interested in learning more about the apostolate can do so..." [at www.waywomen.com, and click 'Apostolates']

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Jan. 16th 10:00 am Marvin Decker +	Saturday, Jan. 21st 9:00 am Richard Whearty +
Tuesday, Jan. 17th 6:30 am Dale Butler 8:30 am Dennis Akers	Vigil Masses 5:00 pm Fr. Horkan Stevens B. Woodrough +
Wednesday, Jan. 18th 6:30 am Lionel J. Washington, Sr. + 8:30 am Joe Riedel +	Sunday, Jan. 22nd 7:00 am Fr. De Celles Richard Whearty + 9:00 am Fr. De Celles Parishioners 11:00 am Fr. Rippy Tina Visaya 1:00 pm Fr. Horkan Bill Picardo +
Thursday, Jan. 19th 6:30 am Eileen Akers + 8:30 am James Maschoff +	
Friday, Jan. 20th 6:30 am Vincent Toa Truong + 8:30 am Arsenio, Sr. & Corazon Cruz + 10:30 am For the Unborn	

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; **Saturday and Sunday after the 9am Mass. All are invited to attend**, and we ask for one family to volunteer to lead the rosary each evening. Perhaps consider committing to a specific night of the week or month. **Please visit our website to sign up!**

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 Sundy. 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://cceli.powerappsportals.com/en-US/> and search for the class you are interested in. Please direct questions to Jenny Sundy at 719-649-4688.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER RETREAT, Feb. 4th. The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9), **"On the Road to Joy - the True Meaning of Friendship"** on February 4, 2023. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to the great Archangel St. Raphael--chosen by God to accompany young women on their journey through life and to bring them safely to their destination and to the companions God has prepared for them. The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass. The retreat begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond's. The \$60 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter (\$15 per additional daughter). For more information and to register by **January 28, 2023** visit www.WAYwomen.com/daystar. Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

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.

Ryan Higgins**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 Kelly Sward Maria Daugherty Elissa Mutumanje Unborn Baby Mutumanje Fatima Mutumanje
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Jan. 16	Federal Holiday
	One Mass at 10 am, Offices Closed
Jan. 17	Bible Study
Jan. 18	Adoration 9am - 7pm
Jan. 18	Legion of Mary
Jan. 20	Mass for the Unborn at 10:30 am
Jan. 20	Adoration 11:30am - 4:30pm
Jan. 20	March for Life and Chili Dinner
Jan. 21	Men's Prayer Group
Jan. 28	K of C Italian Dinner
Feb. 4	Mother-Daughter Retreat

Gabriel Project of St Raymond's is helping three moms in need, and we need your support to provide several items.

A young mom in a high risk pregnancy (living in our parish boundaries) is in need of: **A Car Seat, Stroller, Diapers (newborn), Wipes, Baby Girl clothes 0-3 months, Bottles, Swaddles, Swing or Rocker.**

Also, two different Afghan refugee moms of newborns are in need of a **Stroller** and a **Diaper Changing Pad.**

If you would like to donate an item or have questions, please contact Beth Berger, kmb43@verizon.net, or call the parish office.

March for Life Chili Dinner! Join us in the parish hall on Friday, Jan. 20th for the annual post March for Life Chili Dinner. Please see the Signup Genius for more information and opportunities to help: <https://bit.ly/2023MFLChili>. Questions? Please contact Sheri Burns at burnsfamily92@gmail.com.

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!



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!



The Knights of Columbus Annual Italian Dinner will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Tickets for the event will be sold after all Masses this weekend and January 21-22. Ticket Prices are \$6.00 for children (5-12), \$16.00 for Adults and \$55.00 for Families.



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.

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 21.** For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

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.

Mothers' Group: Do your young children need a bit more excitement? Are you looking for Catholic friendship with fellow mothers? Come to the moms' meet-up on Wednesday mornings! We alternate between meeting at our church and parks. Email Michelle for more information at mlcastry@gmail.com.

Virtus Seminar at St. Raymond's: There is a Virtus Seminar scheduled at St. Raymond in the parish hall on Thursday, February 2 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required (in addition to a background check) for anyone who has substantial contact with youth as part of their volunteer activities at St. Raymond. Attending a Virtus Seminar is required only once in a lifetime. You can register for the Virtus Seminar at virtusonline.org. Any questions, contact Mary Hansen at 703-440-0537.

Help for Troubled Marriages. - Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at all stages of trouble and unhappiness in their marriage. For confidential information about how to register for the program beginning on the weekend of February 17, 2023. Please call 703.351.7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.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.

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

*All are welcome to participate in Youth Apostolate events.
Make sure forms are signed and on file. <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

NO Youth Group or CCD this Sunday 1/15

Enjoy your 3 day weekend! We will resume next Sunday 1/22.

DIRE NEED! We are still in need of one male and one female (age 25+) to join us as Crew Leaders

in order for our teens to be able to attend WorkCamp this summer. Commitment to remain present and sleep at the school the full week of June 17-23rd is required. **If we do not have these volunteers, 6 of our teens will not be able to attend.** PLEASE pray about this opportunity. Absolutely no experience is required. Your role will be to experience WorkCamp alongside our youth while leading by example and ensuring that teens are following directions. Email Jeanne for more information.

March for Life (Friday January 20)

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate will be joining the parish for the annual March for Life on Friday, January 20. Parents are encouraged to join us, however, if any 7-12th graders would like to go but do not have parents going, please come with the youth apostolate! **Students in grades 7-12 are encouraged to go together with the youth apostolate on the bus.** Any youth coming to the March for Life under the supervision of the Youth Apostolate must turn in a permission slip, as well as have a YA Info Sheet on file. We will march with the parish, helping to carry our banner. No charge! Email Jeanne to save a seat. This is an all day event beginning with 10:30 am Mass, home in time for the chili dinner at 5pm or so. ***Note: The Life is Very Good evening of prayer at GMU has been canceled for this year, but we are invited to a Holy Hour at Holy Spirit Parish at 7pm.** Please check your email for more information

6:30am Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast Club January 27th (no breakfast on January 20th)

All 7-12th grade youth are invited to join us Friday mornings for 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!

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>

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

There are **NO CCD CLASSES THIS WEEK** January 15, 16 and 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

2023 Confirmation candidates (8th grade) the following paperwork is **due February 9th:**
Service Hours Record form and Service Experience form

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 - they were due December 15th!!**

Quo Vadis Father-Son Seminary Visit. Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on Saturday, February 11, 2023, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. Deadline to submit registration form is February 3. Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations.

FIAT Day of Recollection for High School Girls. Can prayer be a joy? Join the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy for some prayer tips and tricks along with fellowship and fun. This event will be held Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the St. John Paul II National Shrine and will also include Mass and adoration. For girls currently in high school. Deadline to register is January 20. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations. For more information visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

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

Mothers' Group: Do your young children need a bit more excitement? Are you looking for Catholic friendship with fellow mothers? Come to the moms' meet-up on Wednesday mornings! We alternate between meeting at our church and parks. Email Michelle for more information at mlcastry@gmail.com.

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.

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, 703-440-0535.

Church Persecuted

During a “quiet news day” Christmas week, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a republished “self-assessment tool” urging teachers, administrators and school health staff, and others to become an ‘awesome ally’ by advocating for LGBT causes in school.” The document recommended several pro-LGBT organizations from which they can draw support, including the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC).

The document, “LGBTQ inclusivity in Schools: A Self-Assessment Tool,” is posted on the portion of the CDC website set aside “For Schools” under the drop-down “Tools for Supporting LGBTQ Youth.”

The document clearly portrays itself as a “critical” tool in supporting the health and academic development of the LGBTQ children in the schools. It promotes the use of “inclusive” terminology such as “using individuals’ chosen names/pronouns” and rejecting terms such as “boyfriend” and “girlfriend” for “neutral terms” like “partner.”

This CDC proposes exactly the opposite of what Bishop Burbidge published last year in his [Catechesis on the Human Person and Gender Ideology](#). He writes, “The claim to be ‘transgender’ or the desire to seek “transition” rests on a mistaken view of the human person, rejects the body as a gift from God, and leads to grave harm. To affirm someone in an identity at odds with biological sex or to affirm a person’s desired “transition” is to mislead that person.” Later he continues, “We can never say something contrary to what we know to be true. To use names and pronouns that contradict the person’s God-given identity is to speak falsely.”

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

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.



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

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/

www.AngelusAcademy.org

703-924-3996

7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153

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).

Save the Date! Women’s Retreat on February 18, 2023:

The Women’s Apostolate to Youth (WAY) will once again host a retreat for the women of the parish, this year on the Saturday before Lent begins. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Previously Omitted: Donations for our Christmas Flowers were received in memory/honor of the **Deceased Members of the Perricone and DiCarlo families; Dimattina, Bordonaro, Gancio, Bellofatto, and Stingo Families.**

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	\$ 12,956.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,130.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,239.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 733.00
Additional Christmas Donations	\$ 1,036.00

Our Second Collection next weekend is for the Church in Latin America.

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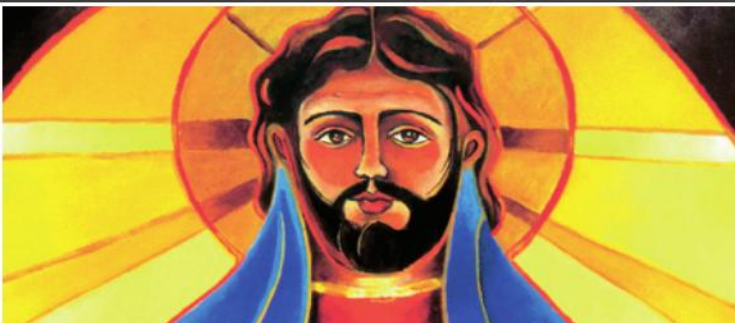
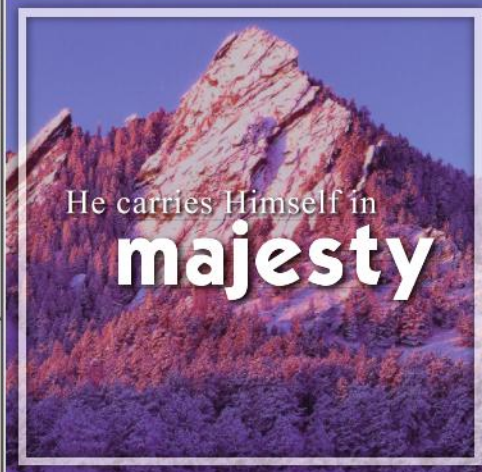
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