



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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Maerose Naduvilekunnel, Business Manager
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary
Mary Butler, Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

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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

Fr. Daly, Requiescat in Pace. Last Saturday, January 14, in the early hours of the morning, Jesus called His faithful servant, the Reverend Jerome Richard Daly, to Himself. He was 91 years old, and a priest for almost 36 years.

Fr. Daly's death brings great sadness to those who loved, respected and even revered him, for we have lost the presence of a true friend, great man, a heroic patriot, a caring spiritual father and a holy priest. But I don't see how we can be at all sad *for him*, for surely, "his reward will be great in heaven."

(I borrow freely here from several obituaries and online tributes). Fr. Daly was born July 21, 1931, in Oakland, Calif., to John and Dorothy Daly. One of three boys, he attended public schools in suburban Philadelphia and graduated from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia in 1954. In 1949 he enlisted in the US Army 111th (RCT) Regimental Combat Team, and then re-enlisted in 1958 after serving as a volunteer firefighter, working at Bell Helicopter as a test pilot, and pursuing a career in insurance. He served three tours of duty as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He held most ranks from private to lieutenant colonel, including Chief Warrant Officer.

He was not only one of the most highly decorated soldiers of his generation, he was truly an outstanding hero. His many awards include the **Silver Star**, the **Bronze Star**, three **Distinguished Flying Crosses**, two **Purple Hearts**, and the second highest medal our nation can bestow (below the Medal of Honor): the **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**.

Here is an excerpt of the citation awarding the DSC: "*Chief Warrant Officer Daly ...on 26 March 1967 ...Three [USA] helicopters had been shot down in the contested landing zone and all rescue attempts had been thwarted by intense enemy fire from fortified emplacements in a treeline 100 meters from the aircraft. ...It was decided that Warrant Officer Daly's aircraft would place a smoke screen between the insurgents and the rescue aircraft. Although he knew that he would be required to fly less than 100 meters from a treeline which contained incredible Viet Cong firepower, he readily gave his consent to the plan. With the pickup aircraft right behind him, Warrant Officer Daly descended, flew in front of Viet Cong automatic weapons and concealed the rescue operation with thick smoke. Although the pickup operations were expected to last a very short time, the downed men were spread throughout the landing area and more evacuation aircraft were needed. Unhesitatingly, Warrant Officer Daly circled and once again placed a smoke screen while passing through the hail of enemy fire. By the time all of the men had been recovered from the field, he had placed himself before the enemy weapons twelve times. Although he and his crew escaped unscathed, his aircraft was so damaged that it was judged beyond repair.*"

Amazing.

After returning from Vietnam and for the remainder of his army career he continued to make significant contributions while assigned to key aviation positions, including commander of the 4th Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade. In August 1982, he retired as Lieutenant Colonel. One year later he was inducted into the **Army Aviation Hall of Fame** in Fort Worth, Texas.

After his retirement at age 51 from his very successful and celebrated career in the Army, we can imagine the plethora of lucrative and challenging opportunities in the private or government consulting sector that awaited him. But Fr. Daly was a man of dedication, service and commitment. For decades he had given his all in service to God and Country, and now he chose to give his all to Christ and His Church. He entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in MD in August of 1982. and was **ordained a priest** by Arlington Bishop John R. Keating, of happy memory, on May 9, 1987.

Fr. Daly would go on to serve as parochial vicar at St. Ambrose in Annandale (1987-1991), and St. Leo the Great in Fairfax (1991-1994). He then served as pastor of St. John in McLean (1994-2000) and St. Michael in Annandale (2000-2004). He retired in 2004, but went on to generously provide pastoral care for the Catholics at his retirement Community, *The Fairfax*, and other area parishes. In particular, he served our parish of St. Raymond's for much of that time. His last Mass here was in April of 2021, when his various infirmities made it no longer possible for him to celebrate public Mass.

I had the honor of serving as Fr. Daly's vicar at St. Michael's for two years, his last vicar before he retired. It's interesting, and very disappointing to me, to remember that when I first heard of my assignment to him and St. Michael's, I did not look forward to it. Put plainly, I thought our personalities would clash and that I would not do well under a pastor with as strong a hand as his. It took us a while to get used to each other, but we soon became good friends, and I learned very much from him. My fondest memory of him is his visit to me when I was deadly ill in the hospital just a few months after arriving at St. Michael's. The parish staff later told me that he returned from the hospital with tears in his eyes and announced that I was dying (I was). When I was miraculously healed a few days later and returned for several months of slow recovery at the parish, he couldn't have been kinder or more encouraging. So much for that tough exterior. He was strong, but a truly good shepherd, father and brother-priest.

I can attest to his personal strong work ethic, courage, dedication, charity, and holiness. He was a man of prayer, and a true and holy priest of Jesus Christ. I was honored and humbled to have him assisting me on weekends here at St. Raymond's for almost 11 years. In all sincerity, he was one of the greatest priests I have ever known.

And he loved you all, and profoundly appreciated your prayers. So now in turn we **must pray for his soul**—he would be the first to insist on this, and scold us (in that strong, stern-but-kind fatherly tone of his) if we failed to do so. But I also truly rejoice for him, confident that soon, if not already, the Lord Jesus will say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord."

*Requiem aeternam dona ei,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.*

(For more on Father Daly's biography and accomplishments, see our website.)

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, Jan. 23rd**

6:30 am Jan Paul Fruiterman
8:30 am Victims of Abortion +

Tuesday, Jan. 24th

6:30 am Derek & Stephanie Shickel
8:30 am Eugene & Rose Maria Tougas +

Wednesday, Jan. 25th

6:30 am Daniel Noonan
8:30 am Russell Gooding +

Thursday, Jan. 26th

6:30 am Barbara Shaughnessy+
8:30 am Moinul Akhand

Friday, Jan. 27th

6:30 am Edmund Healy +
8:30 am The Knight Family

Saturday, Jan. 28th

9:00 am Marie-Faustina Dinh

Vigil Masses

5:00 pm
Jacob Fleming

Sunday, Jan. 29th

7:00 am
Thomas Conboy +
9:00 am
Parishioners
11:00 am
Daniel & Emily Shickel
1:00 pm
Kimberly Ann Brooks +

**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. **Please visit our website to sign up!**

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration, Feb. 3. 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.

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.

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!

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 Margaret O'Neill Christina Cautero Maria Daugherty Elissa Mutumanje Unborn Baby Mutumanje Fatima Mutumanje Megan Bradley
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Jan. 23	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
Jan. 24	Bible Study
Jan. 25	Adoration 9am - 7pm
Jan. 25	Legion of Mary
Jan. 27	Adoration 9am—3pm
Jan. 28	K of C Italian Dinner
Feb. 4	Luminaries of Holy Mary
Feb. 4	Men's Prayer Group
Feb. 4	Mother-Daughter Retreat

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 on the Saturday before Lent begins. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

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 **stroller**, **diapers (newborn)**, **wipes**, **baby girl clothes 0-3 months**, **bottles**, **swaddles**, and a **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.

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!

AHG Valentine's Day Fundraiser. The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop VA 0638 will be selling Chocolate & Roses for Valentine's Day after all Masses February 11 and 12. Please stop in the narthex at St. Raymond's after Mass and purchase some delicious chocolate and beautiful roses.



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. Ticket Prices are \$6.00 for children (5-12), \$16.00 for Adults and \$55.00 for Families.



Into the Breach, Feb. 11. All Knights and men of St. Raymond's Parish who are 18 years of age or older are invited to attend the next session of the Into the Breach Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, February 11, 10 am - noon in the Maurer Room for a session on Prayer.** 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 is limited to 20 attendees. For more information and to register, please contact Pat Franco at (703) 220-2403 or at popsfr8@aol.com.

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 February 4.** 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.

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 February 4. All are welcome.

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.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT! Give the gift of time to each other this year! On the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, learn to prioritize the important things. Make 2023 the best year of your marriage by signing up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb 3-5, 2023 in Warrenton, VA and Mar 31-Apr 2, 2023 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE

Thank you to all who supported the National March for Life by your prayers and presence. As Bishop Burbidge has said, "Every day is Respect Life Day." So we faithfully carry on – every day.



In Post Roe America, the people of each state must stand up for life. Join us for **The Virginia March for Life and Defending Life Day** in Richmond on **Wed. February 1st**. We will be sending

one bus leaving after the 8:30 Mass and returning by 4:30. Seats are free but registration is required. Sign Up sheets are in the narthex. For more information visit: marchforlife.org/virginia-march-for-life/ 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>

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT! (YA Fundraiser) **5:30-8:30pm Saturday, February 4th**

Our high school Youth Apostolate (YA) is trying out a new fundraiser, which we hope will not only support the endeavors of the YA, but also help you by giving you a night off to relax! **Write it down on your calendar now!** See next weekend's bulletin for more details!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (HS Teens & Adults) **5-9pm Saturday, February 4th**

We will need a LOT of high school teens and compliant adult volunteers (ideally those without young children) in order to make our Parents' Night Out babysitting fundraiser a success. **Contact Jeanne if you are willing and available to help.** Teens will do most of the work, compliant adults are needed for oversight and to ensure we have the proper child protection ratio. Adults willing to help but who are not yet "compliant" -contact Jeanne.

Sunday 1/22: Youth Group & CCD (Parish Hall)

4-5:30pm Jr. High Youth Group (pizza served)
5:30-7pm 7-12th Grade CCD
7-8:30pm High School Youth Group (pizza served)

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.

Friday, January 27th

6:30am Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast Club

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

Parents of Second Grade students: First Penance is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th at 10 a.m.

Please consider bringing the entire family to the 9:00 a.m. Mass to prepare for this wonderful sacrament of healing. All second grade students and Monday and Tuesday RCIC students-whether they attend Mass or not - are to gather in the Narthex no later than 9:45 a.m. and should check in with their teacher. Home school students and those from Catholic schools other than Angelus Academy should check in with Mrs. Hansen or Mrs. Salmon. At least one parent should remain at the church; your child may leave after reception of the Sacrament and completion of their penance.

Looking ahead: There will be NO CCD classes February 19, 20 and 21 in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

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.

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.

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.

St. Raymond's 2022-23 Snow Team: Your Parish needs your HELP! St. Raymond's is seeking industrious, able-bodied people to join the 2022-23 Snow Removal Team. For more information or to apply, please contact the Parish Office, at 703-440-0535 during office hours.

Church Persecuted

Tammy and Kevin Martian's Mayo Pharmacy in Bismarck, ND, is not your typical pharmacy. Against all odds, it is a Catholic pharmacy. It carries all of the normal medications except those drugs that alter a woman's reproductive system – artificial birth control, the morning-after pill, etc. Kevin didn't exactly get into this on his own accord, but through prayer and the sound counsel of some Catholic voices.

1) The Martians wanted to teach Natural Family Planning through the Couple to Couple League but needed to sign a statement promising not to cooperate with artificial birth control. Kevin said that he couldn't because he was a pharmacist and that is what pharmacists do.

2) Kevin heard Tammy calling into the EWTN Radio talk show, *Doctor Is In*, and ask what a Catholic pharmacist should do about birth control. The response was, "I don't know what he should do, but...pray, God will find a job for him." Kevin was angry that "he didn't understand."

3) Kevin then called the National Catholic Bioethics Center hoping for an answer. He received one from none other than Father Tad Pacholczyk. After 30 minutes on the phone with him, Martian said, "He totally knocked me off my feet, and I knew my life was never going to be the same....I really started praying... and told God I would trust in Him."

Today the pharmacy also houses a religious goods and book store and is doing fine. As one priest put it, "When you enter Mayo Pharmacy, it is apparent that it is clearly not a drug store. It is a committed effort to assist the well-being of the human person: body, mind and soul."

<https://www.ncregister.com/features/mayo-pharmacy-a-catholic-pharmacy-passionate-about-life>

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

We celebrate several great saints at the end of January: St. Francis de Sales (24th), St. Paul (25th), St. Thomas Aquinas (28th), and St. John Bosco (31st). Learn more about these saints by reading, watching, or listening to the resources on Formed.

Listen to *The New Conversation: Changing Hearts & Minds on Abortion*. Stephanie Gray speaks to Students for Life about different life issues and provides biblical support for the dignity of human life.

Read *The Appalling Strangeness of the Mercy of God*. Be inspired to put your faith into action from the story of Ruth Pakaluk, a convert to Catholicism, an avid pro-life advocate and debater, and mother of seven who succumbed to breast cancer at age 41.

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

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).

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins! The 2023 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The theme is "My soul rejoices in the Lord," which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You may make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA

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	\$ 13,440.00
Family Assistance	\$ 356.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,209.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 723.00

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

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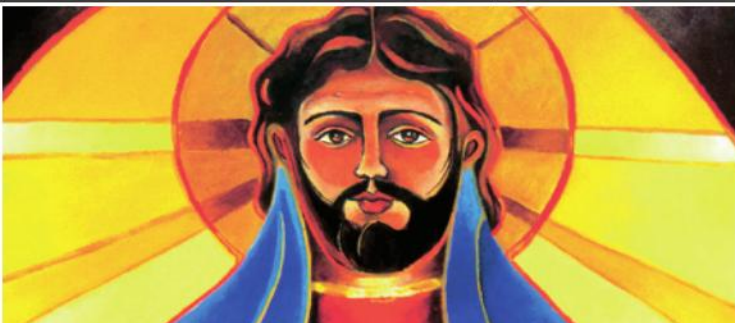
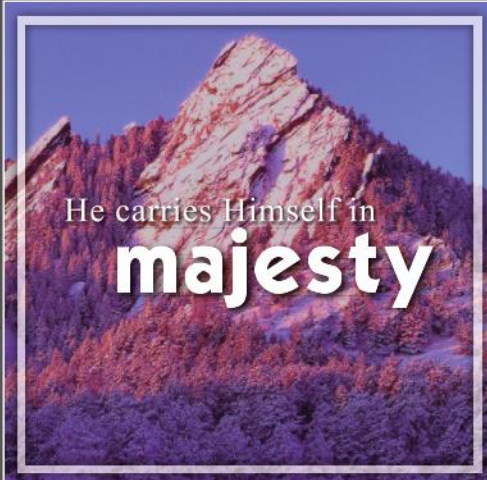
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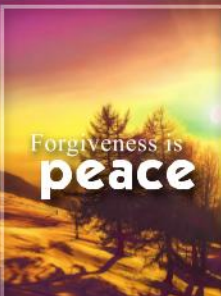
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