



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON
with Whom I am well pleased

MATTHEW 17:5

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



Welcome to
St. Raymond of
Peñafort Roman
Catholic Church

8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am and 1:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday through Friday:
6:30 am & 8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am

Website
www.straymonds.org

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Rev. Joseph D. Bergida, Parochial Vicar
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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

Thursday Lenten Holy Hour. Every Thursday evening during Lent at 6:30, we will have a Holy Hour which will begin our **All Night Adoration**. The Holy Hour starts with **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament, and then before the Blessed Sacrament we'll pray the **Rosary** (incorporating our on-going "Family Rosary"), followed by the reading of the Gospel of the day (from Mass), a short **sermon**, private silent prayer and then close with **Benediction**.

At the end of the Thursday evening Holy Hours, we will not repose the Blessed Sacrament (i.e., put Our Lord back in the tabernacle), but continue Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, **continuously throughout the night** until 6:50pm on Friday, just before 7pm Stations of the Cross.

I'm hoping you will take advantage of this as a great opportunity for Lenten penance and prayer. Sign up if you can on our website (see the pop-up menu).

My thinking is this: 2000 years ago the Passion of our Lord lasted from the Agony in the Garden on Holy Thursday evening through His death on the Cross on Good Friday. **So I encourage all of you to take at least one hour during Lent**, if not every week, to spend with our Lord during this Exposition. I think it could change your life.

Stations of the Cross. Another excellent form of prayer during Lent is the Stations of the Cross (or Via Dolorosa, Via Crucis, Way of Sorrows, Way of the Cross), which can be prayed at home, but is most beneficially prayed in a place where "Stations" are physically erected, as they are in our church, and also along the perimeter of the woods behind our church.

Historically, this devotion goes back to the earliest days of the Church: tradition tells us that the Blessed Mother used to visit the places of her Son's Passion every day. By the beginning of the 4th century the route from Pilate's praetorium up the hill to Calvary was well worn and marked with the key stations of his suffering, and pilgrims came from all over the nascent Christian world to walk the "Via." By at least the 5th century the devotion spread outside of the Holy Land, as monasteries, chapels and churches erected their own set of Stations. The devotion particularly expanded in popular piety through the work of the Franciscans, and some say St. Francis of Assisi himself, beginning in the 13th century. The erection of Stations of the Cross in churches became widespread in the 18th century.

Today, virtually every Catholic church has a version of the fourteen Stations. And while the devotion may be fruitfully practiced throughout the year, it is particularly fitting to Lent. So please, consider praying the Stations, especially in the church, either by yourself or with your family, and/or joining other parishioners on **Friday evenings in Lent at 7pm**.

There are many different booklets available to guide you in praying the Stations. The one we use here on Friday evenings is found in a small violet covered paperback entitled, "The Way of the Cross: According to the Method of St. Alphonsus Liguori," which is available for purchase in our gift shop or on Amazon. Of course, copies are available for use on Friday evenings for all participants.

It should be noted that a plenary indulgence is gained by those who make them before Stations lawfully erected (e.g., in a church), while devoutly meditating upon the passion and death of the Lord, while moving from one Station to the other (at least the leader must move during public Stations), and fulfilling the other usual requirements for a plenary indulgence (i.e., the person must 1) be free of all attachment to sin, even venial, 2) go to confession and receive Communion within several days before or after, and 3) pray for the Pope's intentions).

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

FORMED.ORG. Another great tool in Lent is the website FORMED.ORG. The website, run by the Augustine Institute in Denver, describes itself, quite accurately as: "a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from trusted partners like the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire. Catechism and Personal Faith Formation are at the fingertips of every parishioner." There's something good for the little ones, teens, middle-aged, seniors, neophytes, cradle Catholics, well-educated, not so well educated, families, marrieds, singles, men, women—everyone. It really is great. Go to the site and see for yourself. This is FREE for St. Raymond's parishioners who are registered with FORMED.ORG. If you have not registered, just go online to www.straymonds.formed.org.

Let's Be Frank. Many Catholics continue to be confused and even angry about the crazy things some Bishops and Cardinals have been saying lately, especially in relation to the Synod on Synodality. Thanks be to God, some other Bishops and Cardinals, e.g., Cardinals Burke and Mueller, and others, have been steadfastly and boldly defending the Faith and challenging their brothers in the episcopate. Last week the "duro" Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois (the "other Springfield") wrote a very frank, clear and excellent essay in First Things entitled, "Imagining a Heretical Cardinal." Bishop Paprocki is a well-respected Canon Law scholar, and was recently elected chairman-elect of the USCCB's Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance. Here's an excerpt of the essay in which he clearly refers to a troubling article recently published by Cardinal McElroy of San Diego:

"Imagine if a cardinal of the Catholic Church were to publish an article in which he condemned "a theology of eucharistic coherence that multiplies barriers to the grace and gift of the eucharist" and stated that "unworthiness cannot be the prism of accompaniment for disciples of the God of grace and mercy." Or what if a cardinal of the Catholic Church were to state publicly that homosexual acts are not sinful and same-sex unions should be blessed by the Church?"

"Until recently, it would be hard to imagine any successor of the apostles making such heterodox statements. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon today to hear Catholic leaders affirm unorthodox views that, not too long ago, would have been espoused only by heretics.Thus, it is deeply troubling to consider the possibility that prelates holding the office of diocesan bishop in the Catholic Church may be separated or not in full communion because of heresy.

"Yet both the cases mentioned above would in fact involve heresy, since heresy is defined as "the obstinate denial or obstinate doubt after the reception of baptism of some truth which is to be believed by divine and Catholic faith" (canon 751 of the Code of Canon Law)....

"...[A] cardinal of the Catholic Church, like any other Catholic who denies settled Catholic teaching, embraces heresy, the result of which is automatic excommunication from the Catholic Church. In addition, a cleric can be punished with the penaltiessuch as ...removing "a power, office, function, right, privilege, faculty, favor, title, or insignia, even merely honorary," [and] "dismissal from the clerical state."However...[o]nly the pope can remove a cardinal from office...."

You should read the whole article, available all over the internet.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>	
<p><u>Monday, March 6th</u> 6:30 am Aimee Kang 8:30 am Lucila & Tomas Lopez +</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 7th</u> 6:30 am Esther JoAnn Dixon + 8:30 am Johanna Healy 7:00 pm Pope Benedict XVI +</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 8th</u> 6:30 am Patrick Wilkinson + 8:30 am Haynah Kang 7:00 pm Father Jerome Daly +</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 9th</u> 6:30 am Howard Benson + 8:30 am Bart Perricone</p> <p><u>Friday, March 10th</u> 6:30 am Margaret Lyster + 8:30 am Andrea Polito</p>	<p><u>Saturday, March 11th</u> 9:00 am Vincent Toa Truong +</p> <p><u>Vigil Mass</u> 5:00 pm Fr. Bergida Nathan Smith</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 12th</u> 7:00 am Fr. Rippy Louis Ward + 9:00 am Fr. Bergida Parishioners 11:00 am Fr. De Celles Carol Brann + 1:00 pm Fr. Horkan Sue Pauli</p>

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

Lenten Confession Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
Feb. 27- March 17: 6:30 - 7pm
March 20 - April 4: 6 - 7pm
Wednesday: 6 - 8pm
Saturday: 8 - 8:45am; 3:30 - 5pm
Sunday: 8:15 - 9am, 10:15 - 11am

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. Please visit our website to sign up to lead!** All are invited to attend.

Lenten Soup Suppers: Please join your fellow parishioners for a delicious but simple meal **each Friday during Lent, 5:30-7pm.** Bring your family or a friend and either a pot of homemade meatless soup, macaroni & cheese, fruit, salad or bread to share. **Stations of the Cross** takes place in the church at 7pm each Friday. Please join us!

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. Failure to "substantially" keep these penances is grave matter (e.g., potentially a mortal sin). The law of abstinence requires that no meat may be eaten on these days, and binds all Catholics who are 14 years old or older. No other penance may be substituted. Even though these rules do not bind all age groups, all are encouraged to follow them to the extent possible. The sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other folks with special physical circumstances may be partially or totally exempt from these rules—use good judgment and take care of yourself.

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 Unborn Baby Mutumanje Fatima Mutumanje Megan Bradley Tom Swengros Leonora Ramos
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- Mar. 5 Donut Sunday**
- Mar. 6 Family of Jesus Prayer Group**
- Mar. 7 Bible Study**
- Mar. 8 Adoration 9am - 7pm**
- Mar. 8 Legion of Mary**
- Mar. 9 Bridge Club**
- Mar. 9 6:30pm Family Rosary and Holy Hour**
- Mar. 9-10 Adoration from 6:30 pm Thurs - 7pm Fri.**
- Mar. 10 Book Club—10 am**
- Mar. 10 Soup Supper 5:30 – 7pm**
- Mar. 10 Stations of the Cross 7pm**
- Mar. 11 K of C St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Dinner**

Donut Sunday, March 5th after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass to enjoy some treats and drinks and meet your fellow parishioners. This month's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our Lectors and Altar Server Families.

Lost and Found Items will be displayed in the Parish Hall during Donut Sunday. If you are missing something and may have left it in the church, please be sure to check the table! Items not claimed by March 6 will be donated or disposed of, as appropriate.

Thursday Evening Lenten Holy Hours: This year Father De Celles will lead a holy hour each Thursday at 6:30 pm, which will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Family Rosary led by a parish family. Fr. De Celles will give a brief reflection on the Gospel of the day. We will continue Adoration through the night until 7pm on Friday. **Please visit our website to sign up for an hour of Adoration!**

Gift Shop for Lent: We have Crucifixes, Lenten candles, crown of thorns wreaths, and more. Stop by the Shop's table in the narthex after the Saturday 5pm Mass and the 9, 11, and 1pm Sunday Masses this weekend, March 4/5. We are also available by appointment. Email us at giftshop@StRaymonds.org.



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Weekend!
Do not forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour next Saturday night (March 11th).



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!



CAR RAFFLE UPDATE: Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle tickets and special thanks to those who have requested extra tickets to sell to their relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Sales are off to a great start! Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints - mail them directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. If you need additional tickets, please contact Mark Lawton at mark_cindy85@msn.com.

The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner is Saturday, March 11th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Tickets for the event will be sold after all Masses this weekend March 4-5. Ticket Prices are \$6 for children (5-12), \$16 for Adults and \$55 for families.

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 March 18.** For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

March 31st Christ House Meal - Call for volunteers to serve To-Go meals to folks who are homeless and/or food insecure. The dinner takes place at our Diocesan Christ House Dining Room in Alexandria. Volunteers are needed to donate food for 72 servings. This month our menu includes: fish sandwiches, pasta salad, apples, bananas, clementines, snack bars, chips, and chocolate cupcakes. Or, if you prefer to donate time instead, great! We need help preparing and distributing the meals on Friday, March 31st. Please sign-up for your Corporal Act of Mercy opportunity at : <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=QPHL4156&v=d46ee4c7ec>

Annual Acies Ceremony for Legion of Mary members. For both Active and Auxiliary LoM members, you are cordially invited to attend the Potomac Comitium's annual Acies ceremony, this year held at Holy Family Catholic Church, 14160 Ferndale Rd in Woodbridge on Saturday, March 25. You are welcome to attend the parish Mass at 9am, with the ceremony beginning 10:30am. Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served. Two alternative ceremonies you may consider are 1) hosted by the Alexandria Curia - Saturday, March 25, 10:30am, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alexandria, (includes Mass) and 2) hosted by the Arlington Regia - Sunday, March 26, 1:30pm, at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax (includes Mass). Receptions also follow these ceremonies.

Book Club: The parish Book Club will next meet on **Friday, March 10, 2023** at 10:00 AM in the St Raymond Library to discuss "**The Lord**" by Romano Guardini. Because the book is rather long, discussion in March will be only on Parts 1 through 3. The remainder of the book will be discussed at our meeting on April 14. A full list of books to be discussed during 2022-2023 is included in the Book Club section of the parish website. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

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

*"The care of human life and not its destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government."
President Thomas Jefferson*

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 more ways to become involved, please visit: marih.org.



Peacefully changing hearts and minds! Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in front of an abortion clinic. The Spring Campaign is underway!

Sign-up sheets in the narthex. Questions? contact Liz: hildebrandseven@gmail.com. **PLEASE**, come and see.

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.

THE ABORTION PILL now accounts for 54% of all abortions. Women often regret the desperate isolated decision to take the abortion pill. Call the abortion reversal helpline 855-209-4848. **It may not be too late.**
abortionpillreversal.com.

Are you involved in an ethically complicated medical situation? Beginning or end of life situations? Please know that you can contact the **National Catholic Bioethics Center** for free consultation. More info at: nbccenter.org. 215-877-2660
Consultations: consults@nbccenter.org.

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.

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, March 25, 2023. This group healing event is held in English and Spanish in a private and peaceful setting, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Give a Gift for Life! No woman should ever feel that she is alone or that abortion is her only choice. **Gabriel Project** helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or email at 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>

Sunday March 5th: 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)

Monday, March 6th

5:30-7pm Talitha Koum: HS Girls' Group (Maurer Room)

All 9-12th grade girls are invited to cultivate authentic community and friendships, as we chat, pray and have fun together! Going forward we will meet from 5:30-7pm in the Maurer Room 1st & 3rd Mondays

Fridays in Lent—6:30am Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast

Looking for a great Lenten Sacrifice & addition to your spiritual life?? All 7-12th grade youth are encouraged to join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan in the parish hall. RSVP if possible, so we know how much food we need. Also, if you RSVP by Wed. 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! <https://bit.ly/FRIDAYRSVP>

Breakfast Donations Please consider supporting our parish teens who start their Friday's off with Mass, breakfast, and fellowship by donating a baked good, fruit, etc. **Donations can be brought on Thursdays, so you don't have to get up early!** Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FriBfast>



Steubenville Youth Conference (July 7-9, 2023)

Teens currently in 8-12th grade are invited to join us for a weekend away with a few thousand Catholic teens to encounter God & experience His love through the power of the Sacraments, youthful dynamic Catholic speakers, uplifting music & new friends! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join our group in road tripping to Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio from July 7-9, 2023 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. For more info. & to register go to <https://bit.ly/steubenville2023>

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for current 9-12th graders to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs July 9-13. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs from July 16-20. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery is open March 1-31. See pics & videos from past years, get more info. & register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

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

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

1. Sponsor Eligibility letter (from sponsor's home parish) is due March 23rd
2. Statement of Sponsor form due March 23rd

Please note: Confirmation rehearsal is scheduled for May 21st at 7 pm. Confirmation Mass will be celebrated May 22nd at 7 pm

Attention parents of 7th Grade students please check out Confirmation requirements as outlined in the *Supplement to Parent/Student Handbook Sacrament of Confirmation 2024* which you received in your red folder at the beginning of the academic year.

Confirmation Registry form with Certificate of Baptism attached (unless baptized here at St. Raymond's) was due February 9th

JOIN the CHOIR at St. Raymond's: Do you want to sing with the choir for Lent and Easter? Singers who have a pleasant voice and sing in pitch are welcome. We practice on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and sing at 11:00 am Mass on Sundays with a warm-up at 10. The repertoire of the choir contains masterpieces of classical liturgical choir music. Enjoy wonderful fellowship, music training and the joy of making uplifting music for the liturgy. Contact Elisabeth Turco at music@straymonds.org or call 703-506-4644.

Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil!

The Trail Life troop sponsored by St. Raymond of Peñafort, is kicking off its annual mulch and topsoil sale to help parish families prepare for spring lawn and garden care. Your support will help our growing troop buy camping gear, advancement and recognition badges and instructional materials. You can mail in your order or order online. Ordering instructions can be found at this website, <https://straymonds.org/trail-life/>. We offer home delivery for an extra donation. Questions? Contact Jeff Stevens at 703-314-0976 or jeffstevens@verizon.net. **Thank you very much!**

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).

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.

Holy Hour Offering Cards. Are you making a Holy Hour for a loved one or a friend? There are complimentary Holy Hour Offering Cards (with envelopes) available in the narthex suitable for mailing. Please feel free to take one and let someone know that you are remembering them in prayer.

Bridge Club: All levels of players are welcome. We play Bridge cards each week in the Parish 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.

Church Persecuted

Questions have recently surfaced about the relationship between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). A previously discredited report issued by the SPLC is the source of a FBI memorandum suggesting that the latter develop “sources with access” in “places of worship” where Catholics prefer the traditional Latin Mass and “pre-Vatican II” teachings. To translate: the FBI “proposes recruiting Catholics to enter a sacred house of worship, talk to their fellow Catholics, and report those conversations back to the FBI so that the federal government can keep tabs on the bad Catholics.”

“The memorandum distinguishes between what the FBI deems acceptable and unacceptable Catholic beliefs and practices.” It also “suggests that there are ‘radical traditionalists’ who could be ‘racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists.’ The memo became public on February 8, 2023 and has since been withdrawn.

Virginia Attorney General (AG) Jason Miyares sent a letter co-signed by 19 other state AGs calling on U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland and FBI Director Christopher Wray to “unequivocally order agency personnel not to target Americans based on their religious beliefs and practices.” They are also calling on the U.S. government officials to “produce publicly all materials relating to the memorandum and its production.”

Citing a 1943 Supreme Court ruling in *West Virginia State Bd. Of Educ. V. Barnette*, Miyares wrote, “If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in...religion.”

Source: Jason S. Miyares letter to AG Garland and Director Wray dated 2/10/23.

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For more specific suggestions that align with the liturgical calendar, see the bulletin board to the left of the center vestibule doors as you exit the church.

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

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!



Angelus Academy

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

We love having Saint Raymond parishioners at our school. What a blessing it is to be learning together!

We are now accepting applications for 2023-24. Space is limited and we are filling up fast. Apply soon!

<https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>.
Call or Email Julie Maimone, Director of Admissions, at Admissions@angelusacademy.org for more information or to schedule a tour.

Come visit us and see why our students love coming to school. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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

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.

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA): The BLA theme this year is “My soul rejoices in the Lord,” which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. 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 make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA.

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Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,615.00

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Sunday Offertory	\$ 17,437.00
Family Assistance	\$ 3,235.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 2,754.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,560.00
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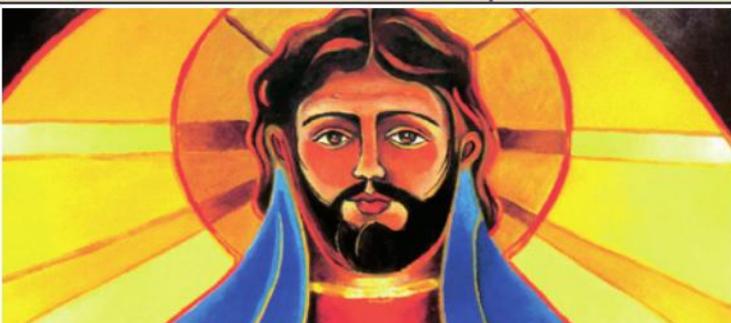
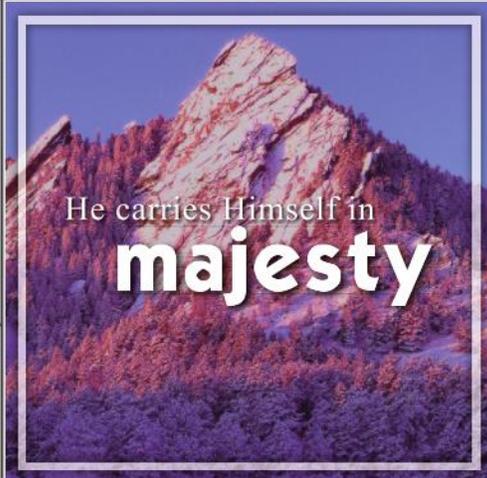
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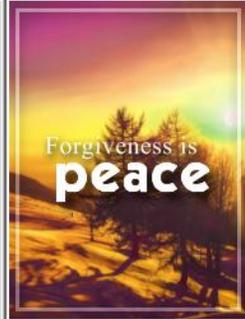
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