



"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
Rev. Edward R. Horkan, In Residence
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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.

Pentecost

Pastor's Corner

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed. Sincere congratulations to all our teens who received the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation last Monday evening. Let's keep them in our prayers as they go forward with these graces and become the good men and women God created them to be. Thanks to Bishop Burbidge for visiting and conferring the sacrament, and thanks also to parents, sponsors, and catechists for helping the kids prepare for the sacrament and for life as true followers of Jesus. Thanks especially to Mary Salmon for all her good work as our Religious Education Director.

PENTECOST. Today we remember the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the early Church when about 120 disciples gathered to pray in the upper room.

Some call this the "Birthday of the Church." Of course, other days are also called the "Birthday of the Church," for example, Christmas and Good Friday. Perhaps the best analogy here is to relate this "birth" back to the creation of Adam; as Genesis tells us: "Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" (Gen. 2:7). As you may know, the word "breathed" and "breath" here are translating two forms of the Hebrew words "ruah" which means "breath" or "wind"—or "spirit." So the "breath of God" or the "wind of God" also points to the Spirit of God. In a parallel to the creation of Adam, during His life on earth, Christ had built up a body for His Church, not from the "dust of the earth" but from the simple human beings he had brought together under the leadership of the Apostles. And in a certain sense it was like a lifeless body, as the disciples locked themselves in the upper room filled with fear (but also hope). Until the Pentecost, when the Lord breathed His Spirit, "like the rush of a mighty wind," into that body and it came to life, as we see in the above passage.

That Spirit remains alive and well in the Church today, coming to individual members of the Church in various ways, but in particular through the Sacraments of Confirmation. If only we would recognize and use with faith and confidence the gifts of the Holy Spirit we receive in that sacrament!

But the Holy Spirit remains with the Church in many other ways as well, continuing to give it life and making it the true Body of Christ on earth. It remains acting in all the sacraments, and in the preaching of the Church, and in the love of Christians. And it remains in the Church, acting through its hierarchical structure established by Christ through His Apostles.

Some ask, why don't we experience the Holy Spirit like they did on that first Pentecost—with the tongues of fire, the sound of the wind and the speaking in foreign tongues? Many scholarly saints have proposed that in the very beginning the Trinity deigned to show Its power and presence in the Church in these extraordinary ways in order to draw attention to this new and world-changing phenomenon, and to found the Church with a dramatic event that would always be a sign to all generations that the Holy Spirit had entered the Church and world in a unique way that day.

But don't we need that same kind of extraordinary and dramatic event/sign today? Perhaps. Then again, don't we actually have such a sign? What about the "sign" of the presence of the living Body of Christ, the Church, still alive and vibrant 2000 years later, not having 120 members, or 3000 members, but *over 1 billion members* (actually, *2 billion* when we count

all Christians) living in almost every nation on earth. What other institution, group or society has survived in any comparable way for so long, and with such an effect on human lives and human history? And considering all the frail and sinful human beings who have found a home in Her over all these centuries—whether layman, priest, bishop or pope—to me it seems her survival and flourishing is the greatest sign we could imagine or hope for of the Holy Spirit's continuing power and presence in the Church today.

Let us pray that the zealous fire of the Holy Spirit transforms our lives so that at every moment we may live and breathe our faith, hope and love in Jesus Christ.

Priest Transfers. Last week Bishop Burbidge announced dozens of new priest assignments and transfers. Thanks be to God, St. Raymond's was not affected—both Fr. Bergida and Fr. Horkan will be with us for another year! (Remember, Fr. Horkan lives here, but has a fulltime job at the Diocesan Chancery and Tribunal, so can help us only as his schedule permits).

Wednesday Evening Mass? When we were reduced to only one priest in October of 2020 I had to make the hard decision to cancel the 7pm Wednesday evening Mass. When Fr. Bergida joined us in February we were able to add the Wednesday Mass to the Lenten Schedule. Now I have decided to **bring back the regularly scheduled 7pm Wednesday Mass beginning in September.** (The delay is because of the priests' various summer vacations, etc.)

However, effective immediately, I've decided that since a priest will be available for many of these Wednesday evenings this summer, we will follow the unusual practice of having, if you pardon the expression, **"irregularly scheduled" Wednesday 7pm Masses.** That is, **if a priest is available** for Mass on any given Wednesday Evening, **the parish office will send out an email** to all parishioners sometime during the day announcing this (we will also post it on the website). This is not at all the best way to schedule Masses, but if a priest is available, why not try it, at least *ad experimentum*?

June and "Gay Pride Month." "LGBTQ" activists commemorate June as "Gay Pride Month." How sad, and evil. I know many of you deal with this at work and school—it must be terribly difficult for you. But remember, you are Catholic first and foremost—you follow Jesus and belong to His Body, the Church. You cannot willingly directly and intentionally participate or support this "celebration" of sin and perversion. You don't have to go out of your way to be martyrs, and you must love and respect all people who suffer from same-sex attraction, but you must not promote or otherwise encourage this disorder or the sins of homosexual acts or lifestyles.

As the Catechism states: "Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents **homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity**, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. **Under no circumstances can they be approved.**"

Speaking of which, see today's "Church Persecuted" column for the despicable anti-Catholic activism of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, May 29th****Memorial Day**

10:00 am For all who laid down their lives for our country

Tuesday, May 30th

6:30 am Richard Rohling
8:30 am Julia Riordan

Wednesday, May 31st

6:30 am Sara Imershein
8:30 am Jean Durham +

Thursday, June 1st

6:30 am Joyce Ann O'Connor +
8:30 am Paul Rinn +

Friday, June 2nd

6:30 am Edna Roach +
8:30 am Samuel Drouillard

Saturday, June 3rd

9:00 am Joseph Krupp +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
Mary Fescina and Eva Gress +

Sunday, June 4th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Priscilla Fritts Clouse +
9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Bergida**
RE Students & their Families
1:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Barbara McGinn +

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

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Glenn Bliss Tom Dietz Michael O'Neill Cindy Laird Patricia Lewis Mai Pham Joan Opiela Jason Saenz Phyllis Zitnik Patricia Del Buono John Florio	Debra Henkel Michael Malachowski Gaudencio Dizon Paul Haynes Dwayne Taylor Ted Tolpa Nena Brennan Serrin Foster Margaret O'Neill Tom Swengros	Megan Bradley Donald Trayer Ellen Trayer Patty Pacheco Virginia Cummings Margaret Carter Jeanne Seiberling Carl Spataro Jacques Courtillet Dennis Klitzke
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

May 28

Pentecost Sunday Food Truck 12-3:30pm

May 29

Memorial Day Holiday**One Mass at 10:00am****Parish Offices are closed**

May 31

Adoration 9am - 7pm

May 31

Legion of Mary

June 1

Bridge Club

June 2-3

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

June 3

Men's Prayer Group

June 3

Luminaries of Holy Mary

June 4

Donut Sunday

June 10

KofC Blood Drive 7am—12pm

June 11

Corpus Christi: Procession and Ice Cream Social after 1pm Mass**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass at St. Raymond's!**www.straymonds.org

Monday - Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am

Saturday at 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration, June 2. 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. However, this month due to a private event, **Exposition will be paused from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm** on Friday, June 2. **Please visit our website to sign up!** Two adorers are required per hour.

Daily Family Rosary leaders needed! St. Raymond's has a Daily Family Rosary in the church: Mon-Fri at 6:30pm and Saturday and Sunday after the 9am Mass. **Please visit our website to sign up to lead during June!** All are invited to attend.

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!

THE SAMARITAN GROUP WANTS TO HELP YOU! Our parish has a group of volunteers just waiting to provide a ride, bring a meal, or help in some other way during your time of need? If you are experiencing a time of illness, recovery, or other difficulty, let our Samaritans bless you. If we can help or if you want to join the Samaritan volunteer roster, contact the parish office, 703-440-0535.

Plant Manager Vacancy. We are seeking a Full Time Plant Manager. Experience Preferred. To ask questions or to apply, please contact Mary Butler at 703-440-0535 or mary.butler@straymonds.org.

Pentecost Feast Day Food Truck: The Parish has arranged for a Feast Day Food Truck in honor of Pentecost Sunday, May 28, from 12pm until 3:30pm in the Parish parking lot. If this is successful, we might try to have similar events for other feast days. We will also have a couple of yard games out for your enjoyment! Our vendor is *The Hangry Panda*. Please try out the food; it's delicious and reasonably priced. **Pre-orders are highly recommended to reduce wait time** or you can purchase food when you arrive. Simply go to their website and look for Saint Raymond's address (8750 Pohick Road) under "Locations". Here's the website: [HANGRY PANDA \(square.site\)](http://HANGRYPANDA.square.site) or try the QR Code:



Gift Shop. Would you like to shop for special gifts during the week for that special person receiving a Sacrament? Email the Shop to make an appointment. The shop carries gift items for First Holy Communicants, Confirmation and RCIA candidates, including cards, gift bags, wooden crucifixes (cherry & walnut) made in Italy and Jerusalem, and holy water fonts made in Italy. We also carry rosaries, Bibles, missals, and devotional bracelets and books. To set up your appointment, email us at giftshop@straymonds.org and we'll get back to you. We accept credit cards/cash/checks. **Next Narthex Sale: June 3/4.**

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 June 3.** All are 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> to become a Knight today!

June 10 Blood Drive. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, June 10th, in the St. Raymond's parish hall from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please consider signing up for a 15-minute timeslot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. You may sign up either online at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the Narthex after all masses this weekend and next. If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at 703-690-7285 or by email at mam7253@msn.com.

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 June 3.** 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 jpebt@verizon.net or by calling the parish office. You may also write down your prayer requests and drop them in the "Prayer Box" on the table in the narthex of the church. **We will not meet at on May 29, Memorial Day.**

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women. Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 16-18. The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus will lead the retreat this year. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$100 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 5.

Diocesan Family Festival. Celebrate family at our *Diocesan Family Festival: Rejoicing in One God, One Family* with the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington! **When: June 10, 2023.** Holy Mass at 4 p.m. and Scythian rock band from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Games, rides, and vendors! **Where: Warren County Fairgrounds, 26 Fairground Road, Front Royal, VA 22630.** Register at arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival.

Nine Seminarians to be Ordained Priests. On June 3, 2023, Bishop Burbidge will ordain the seminarian deacons to the priesthood of Jesus Christ: Jonathan Bennett, Andrew Clark, Timothy Courtney, Zinjin Iglesia, Michael Nugent, Luke Poczatek, Charles Wilton, and David Witherow. The Mass will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Bishop Burbidge will ordain Deacon Elder Maldonado on May 27 in Rome. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

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

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.

The Hosea Initiative is a powerful pro-life organization dedicated to educating Americans about the deception in the abortion industry. Visit Hosea4you.org.

THE ABORTION PILL now accounts for up to 60% 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.

The Power of Prayer. *Abortionists trespass against us.* Please continue to pray for their conversion.

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

Natural Family Planning. A gift to your marriage. For more info visit: ccli.org

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: Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. The Father of Mercies is ready to give you His Forgiveness and His Peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." **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, call 866-444-3553 or contact GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org.

IT STANDS TO REASON... Is the unborn child a member of the human family? If so, killing him or her to benefit others is a serious moral wrong. Abortifacient 'contraception' and abortion treats the distinct human being, with his or her own inherent moral worth, as nothing more than a disposable instrument. Arguments based on "choice" or "privacy" miss the point entirely. Faith instructs, science reveals and reason knows the unborn are human; therefore, we shouldn't kill them any more than we would any older member of the species. Thou shalt not kill applies.

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>

Fridays through June 9: 6:30am Morning Mass & Breakfast

All 7-12th graders: Join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan & Fr. Bergida in the parish hall. RSVP by Wed. and we can coordinate our volunteers to drive you to school, or 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 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>.

Handyman "Contractors" Needed for WorkCamp! Sunday, June 18-Thursday, June 22

A WorkCamp Contractor is not necessarily a licensed contractor; these are **men and women who are skilled at basic home repair and maintenance and act as a project leader during WorkCamp.** These skills can be anything from interior or exterior painting to building wheelchair ramps or decks and many projects in between. Your project will be selected based upon your experience as well as safety and time constraint considerations. When you register for WorkCamp, you will input your experience level for different areas of construction, which will allow them to assign a suitable project. In certain circumstance, you will be assigned an assistant or co-contractor. You will be working with an adult leader and a crew to complete your work project as scheduled. As the skilled member of the team, you will be responsible for teaching your crew of 5-6 teens how to do the repairs correctly. It is the crew's job to perform the work under your guidance! **Please contact Jeanne if you are willing to help, even if you can only help a few days!** In order for our teens to attend WorkCamp, we need *at least 2* adult volunteer "contractors" to come with us. **Contractors do not have to be Catholic.**

ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in Catholic setting.

Returning July 10-21, Broadway Spotlight and Drama Bootcamp trains campers in Acting, Improv, Song & Dance and concludes their week with a show for families! **Art Camps** incorporate many special projects in different mediums that all go on display in an end of week Art Show. Most of the professional instructors teach in our Diocesan Schools and bring a myriad of experience in their specialties. Camps are designed to be both fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts within a safe environment. **Register by May 31st to receive an early bird discount and get a free t-shirt.** www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

St. Paul VI Catholic High School is hosting a variety of camps and clinics this summer, including theatre, band, basketball, football, volleyball, and much more. All will take place on our campus in Chantilly. Go to Visit www.paulvi.net/student-life/summer-camps for details and to register.

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



Congratulations to the 43 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 22nd. We are very proud of you! You are now strengthened to go forth and be **witnesses and defenders of the Faith.** We pray for God's continued blessings on each one of you!

Heartfelt thanks to all those people who made this such a special time for our Confirmandi!!!

Don't forget to ask your parents to sign you up for High School CCD and to participate in the High School Youth Group!

2023-2024 bright green Religious Education Registration Forms are available in the Narthex of the church, in the Parish Office, outside the Religious Education Office and on the Parish website. Class assignment is made on a first come - first served basis. Register early to get your first choice!!

We are in need of the following volunteers for the 2023-2024 academic year:

Monday (4:45-6:15 p.m.):

Grade 5 Assistant Teacher

Grade 7 Assistant Teacher

RCIC (upper elementary) Assistant Teacher



**MEMORIAL DAY
May 29, 2023**

Teaching Opportunities: Looking for a rewarding opportunity to share your knowledge and passion for teaching? **Consider joining our home school group as a teacher for high school or middle school classes!** Our group is made up of motivated and engaged students who are eager to learn. We welcome teachers from all disciplines. Teachers will have flexibility to set schedule and fees. If you are interested, please contact Katherine or Malia today at straymondhsg@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.

Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse: June 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Falls Church, VA. Please join us. The Office of Victim Assistance offers outreach and support. For more information, please contact their office at 703-841-2530 or victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org.

Church Persecuted

A devoted Catholic, the late legendary Los Angeles Dodgers' broadcaster Vin Scully must be flipping in his grave! Scully was a regular Mass attendee who lived his faith openly; his devotion to the Rosary was well-known. Sadly, less than a year after his death, the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" (SPI) will be honored at the team's June 16th LGBTQ+ Pride Night. Actually they were invited and then after a massive backlash by Catholics led by Catholic Vote, the Dodgers flipped and disinvited them, only to change their minds a few days later and re-invited them.

According to their website, the SPI "are a leading-edge Order of... trans nuns..." who "...use humor and irreverent wit to expose the forces of bigotry, complacency and guilt that chain the human spirit." More accurately, they are an anti-Catholic hate group of born males sacrilegiously dressed as nuns who mock Jesus, Mary, and religious sisters especially, and are so vulgar they cannot be adequately described here.

The SPI was not only invited to the L.A. Dodgers Pride Night; the Catholic mayor of Anaheim, CA, Ashleigh Aitken, invited them to be her personal guests at the Los Angeles Angels' Pride Night on June 7th. CatholicVote co-founder and Communications Director Josh Mercer noted that "If a group showed up in KKK hoods, people would throw a fit. But if another group mocks Christianity using hyper-pornographic costumes and desecrating the Eucharist, suddenly they're welcomed with open arms and a trip to the mayor's private box."

What happens next remains to be seen. CatholicVote President Brian Burch has "vowed to launch a 'barrage' of advertising against the team across Los Angeles and in game broadcasts... This is a slap in the face of every Catholic."

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

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

Watch **Lectio: Peter & Pentecost**. Dr. Tim Gray lectures on the Holy Spirit's transforming effect on St. Peter at Pentecost, emboldening him to be a courageous preacher.

Watch **Sacred Art: The Visitation**. Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the theological meanings depicted in various artworks of The Visitation (Feast of the Visitation, May 31).

For Kids. Read **Golden Legend of Young Saints**. This book of saints, written for kids ages 10 and up, includes the story of Joan of Arc (Feast Day, May 30). Let your kids be inspired by the lives of the saints!

See the Formed bulletin board by the central doors of the narthex for additional suggestions.

Available for **FREE!** To set up an account, visit Formed.org/ signup and select our parish.

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



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. St. Raymond's will again offer a **one-time \$2,000 scholarship** for each parish child who is switching from public school (k-12) to Catholic school for the upcoming school year. **For all parish families**, each student in Catholic grade school can receive \$1,000 and Catholic high school students can receive \$2,000. This amount is renewable every year and is subject only to minimal qualification terms. You need to be a parishioner and send a request for the scholarship to Fr. De Celles. Also, additional financial aid is available if a family truly can't afford Catholic school, even with the above scholarships. These decisions are made on a case by case basis. There is also **assistance available for homeschooling families**. Contact the parish office for more information.

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, 1 qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil).

FAITH DIRECT: eGiving helps you continue to support St. Raymond's. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. 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	\$ 15,710.00
Family Assistance	\$ 194.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 590.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 865.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 2,469.00



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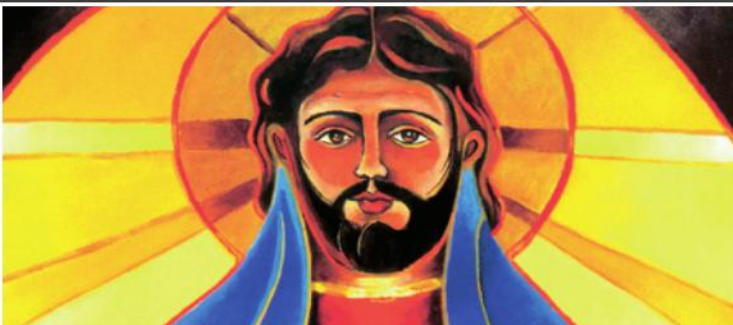
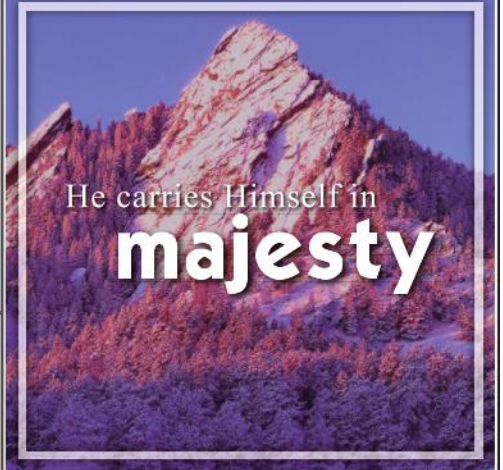
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