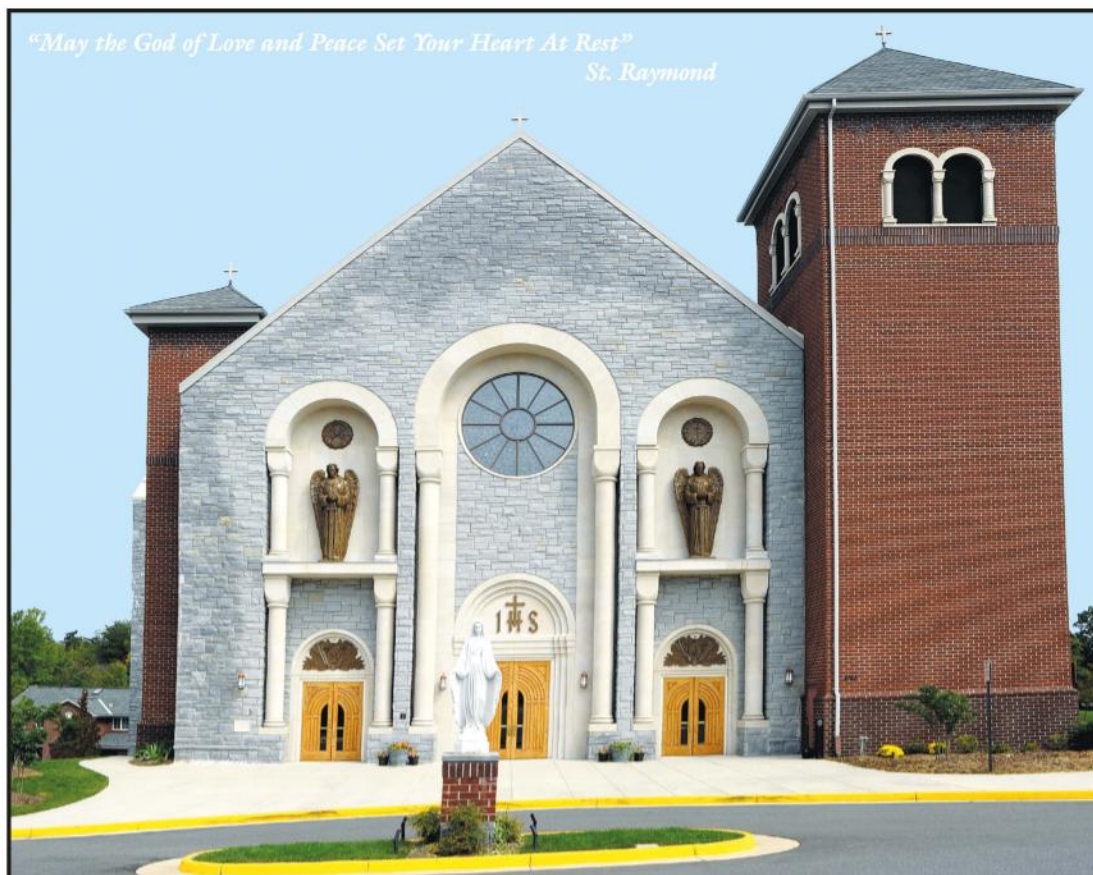


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
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Maerose Naduvilekunnel, Business Manager
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Mary Butler, Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

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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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The most fundamental dogma of our Christian faith is the Trinity. It is reflected in the first prayer every Catholic child learns ("In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit") and in the way we are baptized ("I baptize you in the name of the Father..."). And it is expressed in our most important summaries of our faith: the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed which we pray at every Sunday Mass. As the Catechism (CCC 253-255) teaches:

"The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the 'consubstantial Trinity'. The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire...."

"The divine persons are really distinct from one another. ...'Father', 'Son', 'Holy Spirit' are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: 'He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son' ..."

"The divine persons are relative to one another. Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in the relationships which relate them to one another: 'In the relational names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both. While they are called three persons in view of their relations, we believe in one nature or substance.' Indeed 'everything (in them) is one where there is no opposition of relationship'..."

It is extremely hard to fathom this mystery, and yet the Church has insisted on it since the earliest days as the *sine qua non* of being a Christian. And what would we expect of something that essentially reveals the inner life of the infinite and eternal God? How could we ever understand it completely, but isn't it wonderful that God has revealed this to us so that we can understand something of the great mystery of His life? A life of perfect love and absolute unity of the three divine persons. And in this mystery we begin to understand what it means to be a Christian: to be invited to live life in unity and love with Them, sharing in their unity, or communion, and love.

Corpus Christi Procession Next Sunday. Next week we will celebrate the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. The last few years we've foregone an outdoor procession in favor of an indoor procession. This worked very well and attracted more folks. So, shortly after the 1pm Mass we will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the church, and then have a short period of Adoration, followed by Benediction. Afterwards we gather in the Parish Hall to celebrate with ice cream.

Our Lady of Ransom Scholarships. You all know my deep concerns about sending our children to the government-run, radical leftist controlled Fairfax County Schools. But at the same time I recognize that many parents believe they simply can't afford, financially or otherwise, the alternatives. While many parents recognize the problem and dedicate themselves to aggressively countering these errors at home and in the parish, I'm afraid that doesn't work for most parents, for various reasons.

So, the parish offers scholarships to all qualified parishioners who attend Catholic schools: **\$1,000** for grade school and **\$2000** for high school, renewable every year, and subject only to minimal qualification terms.

We also offer to double those amounts (**\$2,000 grade school, \$4000 high school**) for each child (a parishioner) who

switches from public school (k-12) to Catholic school (this is a one-time first-year amount, reverting to the regular amounts in the following years).

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.

Finally, **similar financial assistance** to cover direct educational costs is also available to folks who homeschool.

Please let me know if you're interested.

Funding Scholarships. To fund the above scholarships I am once again asking all parishioners to consider donating whatever they can to the cause. In FYE June 30, 2022, we received over \$243,000 in donations, but this year, as of the end of April, **we are behind \$50,000** where we were last April!

We need to support these scholarships! And without diminishing our regular offertory donations. You can give a lot or a little; you can give monthly or yearly. **If you can give \$5 or \$50,000, please consider doing so.**

You can do this by using the **monthly envelope** provided to you with your other offertory envelopes. Or by **mailing a check to the parish**, and writing on the "memo" line something like "Scholarship Fund Donation." Or you can also give **through Faith Direct** (there is a special fund set up there on the "my gifts" page).

What charitable donation is more worthy than supporting the salvation of the children of our parish? What "evangelization" effort, would be more effective? **PLEASE, GIVE GENEROUSLY!**

Sister Wilhelmina. Have you read the incredible story coming out of Kansas, about the possibly incorrupt body of Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster? Read this excerpt from a Catholic News Service report.

"Hundreds of pilgrims have descended on a Benedictine monastery for religious sisters in rural Missouri in recent days after news began to spread on social media last week that the recently exhumed remains of the contemplative order's African American foundress appear to be incorrupt, four years after her death and burial in a simple wooden coffin."

"Sister Wilhelmina Lancaster, OSB, founded the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles...in 1995 at the age of 70, leaving the Oblate Sisters of Providence, her community of over 50 years, to do so."

"Known for her devotion to the Traditional Latin Mass and her faithfulness to Benedictine contemplation and the Liturgy of the Hours, she died at age 95 on May 29, 2019, on the vigil of the solemnity of the Ascension."

"Roughly four years later, on the solemnity of the Ascension in the Latin rite, the abbess and sisters decided to move her body to a final resting place inside their monastery chapel, a long-standing custom for founders and foundresses."

"Expecting to find bones, the Benedictine Sisters instead unearthed a coffin with an apparently intact body, even though the body was not embalmed and the wooden coffin had a crack down the middle that let in moisture and dirt for an unknown length of time during those four years...."

"The body was covered in a layer of mold that had grown due to the high levels of condensation within the cracked coffin. Despite the dampness, little of her body and nothing of her habit disintegrated during the four years...."

Interesting note, most of you remember our former secretary Eva Radel. Well, Eva has two sisters (biologically) who are nuns in this monastery. The nuns have also sewn several of our Mass vestments.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, June 5th**

6:30 am Cecile McNeill +
8:30 am Paul Rinn +

Tuesday, June 6th

6:30 am Matthew Gellas
8:30 am Priscilla Fritts
Clouse +

Wednesday, June 7th

6:30 am Ruby Joyce Lynch +
8:30 am Eduardo Visaya +

Thursday, June 8th

6:30 am Churck Tiso +
8:30 am Meredith Hoopes

Friday, June 9th

6:30 am Annie Gellas
8:30 am Joseph (+) & Elaine
Perricone

Saturday, June 10th

9:00 am Bob Boyle +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
Paul Rinn +

Sunday, June 11th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Mary Norton +
9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners
11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
Eduardo Visaya +
1:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
Jeremias Yau Quintero +

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

Father's Day Triduum: Sunday, June 18th is Father's Day. We will be honoring fathers with a Triduum of Masses on June 18-20. If you would like to include the special fathers in your life (i.e. Father, Grandfather, Godfather, etc.), cards are available in the narthex after all Masses this weekend.

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.

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.

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!

"God so loved the world, He gave His only Son." How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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	John Florio	Margaret O'Neill
Tom Dietz	Debra Henkel	Tom Swengros
Michael O'Neill	Michael	Megan Bradley
Cindy Laird	Malachowski	Donald Trayer
Patricia Lewis	Gaudencio Dizon	Ellen Trayer
Mai Pham	Paul Haynes	Virginia
Joan Opielea	Dwayne Taylor	Cummings
Jason Saenz	Ted Tolpa	Jeanne Seiberling
Phyllis Zitnik	Nena Brennan	Jacques Courtillet
Patricia Del Buono	Serrin Foster	JoAnne Griffith

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

June 4	Donut Sunday
June 5	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
June 7	Adoration 9am - 7pm
June 7	Legion of Mary
June 9	Adoration
June 10	KofC Blood Drive 7am—12pm
June 11	Corpus Christi: Procession and Ice Cream Social after 1pm Mass
June 18-20	Father's Day Triduum of Masses

Donut Sunday, June 4th after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy some treats and drinks, and meet your fellow parishioners. This month's Donut Sunday is being hosted by our CYO Sports families. **This will be our last Donut Sunday until the Fall.**

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

Corpus Christi Procession, June 11 will take place in the church after the 1pm Mass next weekend, June 11, 2022. Please join us for an INDOOR Procession, Adoration & Benediction. 1 pm Mass attendees and all parishioners are encouraged to join in this special celebration to honor and worship Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. **Ice Cream Social to follow in the parish hall.**

Gift Shop. Would you like to shop for gifts for that special person receiving a Sacrament? Email the Shop to make an appointment. The shop carries gift items for First Holy Communicants and Confirmation candidates, including cards, gift bags, wooden crucifixes 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 an appointment, email giftshop@straymonds.org and we'll get back to you. We accept credit cards/cash/checks. **Narthex Sale after Masses this weekend.**

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.



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. 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 17.** 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.

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 pm and Scythian rock band from 7:00-8:30 pm. Games, rides, and vendors! **Where: Warren County Fairgrounds, 26 Fairground Road, Front Royal, VA 22630.** Register at arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival.

A Jubilee Journey with Mary. Did you know there are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named for Our Lady? During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of those 11 churches as possible and spend time in prayer at each! Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/ for more information about this Jubilee Journey with Mary! We hope that this initiative encourages you to grow in your understanding of Mary and your devotion to her!



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>

Friday June 9: 6:30am Morning Mass & Breakfast followed by PILGRIMAGE to St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church

All 7-12th graders: Join us for our final Friday morning Mass and breakfast with Fr. Horkan & Fr. Bergida in the parish hall. After breakfast we will car pool to St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church. Fr. Bergida will give us a brief history of the church, which along with Clara Barton, played an important role in the Civil War. We will walk the grounds, pray a rosary and be back by 9:30am. Permission slips required.

Monday, June 5th: 8am Family WALKING Pilgrimage Solo 8-12th graders also welcome-with permission slip

Join Fr. Bergida and Jeanne in a walking pilgrimage from St. Raymond's to Nativity parish in Burke to join in the 10am blessing of their restored grotto. The walk is just over 4 miles, or about an hour and a half each way. We will be walking both there and back, but you are free to coordinate a ride to pick you up at Nativity after the blessing of the grotto. All families are welcome to join us! If any 8-12th graders would like to attend without a parent, permission slips are required. We will meet at St. Raymond's at 8am.

Senior Send-Off! June 14 (6-10pm) Fr. De Celles invites all 2023 high school graduates to a holy hour at St. Raymond's (6-7pm) followed by a trip to Woody's in Fairfax for ice cream, fellowship, conversation with Fr. De Celles, Fr. Bergida and current/recent college students and a parting gift from the parish. RSVP to Jeanne. Permission slips required.

Class of 2023 College Night! The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes **beginning at 7pm:**

June 28 (St. Mark)

July 5 (St. Michael)

July 12 (Holy Trinity) -Fr. Bergida & Jeanne plan to go to this one!

July 19 (Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town Alexandria)

July 26 (Holy Cross Academy in Stafford)

College Nights help rising college freshmen and transfer students to network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the often difficult transition of faith life in college. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their **personal testimonies** about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. There are **small groups divided by students' universities** and students walk away with a free bundle of **Catholic books** called the "Bosco Bundle" that will help them deepen their faith while away at school. The events come with a free pizza dinner, too. Please encourage your senior to sign up! For more information, please visit www.asjb.org. Fr. Bergida & Jeanne plan on attending the one on July 12.

MEDICALPROFESSIONAL volunteers needed for WorkCamp June 18, 19, 20, 21 and/or 22

We are in need of additional volunteers to support our first-aid/nursing office at WorkCamp. Nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians, physical therapists, etc. who may be able to serve at WorkCamp, even if just for a day, contact Jeanne ASAP.

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: In case you are not aware, we have excellent high school CCD classes in addition to our incredible K-8 program. The high school classes meet on Sunday evenings 5:30-7 pm and there are no tests or homework!! **Don't forget to register your high school student for the 2023-2024 CCD year!**

2023-2024 bright green CCD Registration forms for grades K-12 are in the Narthex and outside the Parish Office and the Religious Education Office, as well as on the parish website.

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

Monday (4:45-6:15 pm):

Grade 5 Assistant Teacher

Grade 7 Assistant Teacher

RCIC (upper elementary) Assistant Teacher

Attention HOME SCHOOL parents: if you have a child in a sacramental preparation year (grades 2, 7-8) it is necessary to **register your child** with the Religious Education office.

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.

Bridge Club: All levels of players are welcome. We play Bridge cards each week in the Church Hall. Contact Lois Kotlowski at 703-455-6567 dancertoo2@yahoo.com or James Kolakoski at 703-455-3009 bridgeclub402@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us. **The Bridge Club will not meet on June 8 due to the unavailability of the parish hall.**

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).

Legion of Mary: Do you want to develop a closer relationship with our Mother Mary and her Son, Jesus? The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Maurer Room. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome. Point of Contact: Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or 703-627-7320.

Church Persecuted

Perpetrators who vandalized the Mission San Rafael, a parish church in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and also damaged and toppled the statue of St. Junipero Serra got off with a slap on the wrist by the Marin County district attorney, Lori Frugoli. The facts of the case are clear. The destructive vandalism took place in October 2020 when a group of protestors vandalized the church and statue while San Rafael police stood by and watched. They were obeying orders from higher authorities not to disrupt the protest or the vandalism, and not by their own choice. Two years later, against the wishes of the Archdiocese, the felony charges were reduced to misdemeanor offenses. The lesson learned is that as long as DA Frugoli is the prosecutor of Marin County, Catholic churches are free targets for vandalism and destruction.

On May 24th, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, had enough and wrote a blistering letter to the DA criticizing her for her actions and “that government officials do not have [the American people’s] best interest at heart, but instead make decisions based on what is politically advantageous to them.

I regret that when the Marin County District Attorney’s office had the opportunity to rebuild trust, you instead further undermined it.”

The archbishop wrote that “an undeniable felony was committed in public, in front of the police, and caught on camera. What you propose is not a punishment that fits the crime.”

While most probably little will be done to change the pro-crime policies of several DA’s not only in California, but around the country, we are grateful to have Archbishop Cordileone willing to take a stand against such obvious atrocity. His entire letter is worth reading. You may do so at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/response-to-marin-da-decision-in-serra-statue-case/>.

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

Watch *Lectio: God-The Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible*. The Augustine Institute explores Scripture to illuminate the Holy Trinity as presented by Jesus and the Apostle Paul.

Listen to *The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity*. Fr. Collins uses Scripture and Tradition to highlight the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the faithful.

Watch *Blaze: Anima for Youth*. This short video provides a basic teaching on the “fire of the Holy Spirit” for middle-schoolers and older.

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

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.

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.

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Offertory	\$ 52,699.00
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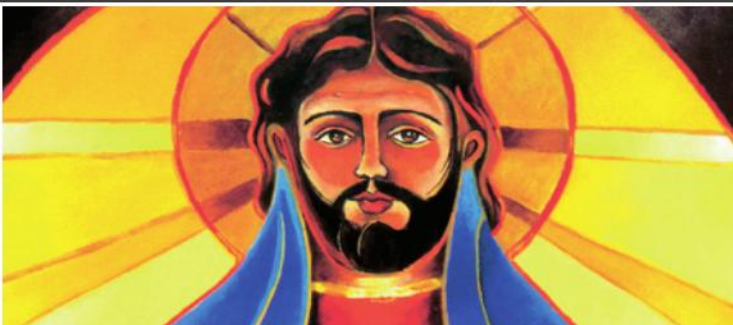
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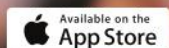
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