

*"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](http://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  
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education  
Mary Hansen, Religious Education Secretary  
Maerose Naduvilekunnel, Business Manager  
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Mary Butler, Secretary

### **PARISH OFFICE:**

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### **E-Mail**

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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 Body and Blood of Christ.** Today is “Corpus Christi Sunday,” a feast established to remind us that, even as Lent and Easter are over, the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection and his continued presence on Earth remains with us in a most sublime way in the Eucharist. In particular, we remember that the bread and wine really become the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ himself—His Real Presence among us. Just as surely as he was bodily present on the Cross, at the Resurrection, and as He ascended to His Father in Heaven, he is also surely present on the altar under the mere appearance of bread and wine.

Scripture tells us that the angels and saints in heaven continually “fell down and worshipped” Jesus. How do we respond to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?

**Do we show reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament?** Do we *genuflect* before Our Lord present in the tabernacle whenever we enter the church or whenever we pass in front of the tabernacle? Do we chat loudly in church as if the Lord of Heaven were not present?

**How do we dress at Mass, especially on Sunday?** Like we are going to the Wedding Feast of Our King, or going to the beach? Do we remember that skimpy clothing can be a near occasion of sin for others, and so dress modestly at Mass?

**How do we act during Mass?** Do we focus prayerfully on the miracle transpiring on the altar, especially during and after the consecration? Do we chat and laugh with each other, ignoring the sublime miracle transpiring before us?

**How do we receive Holy Communion?** Do we observe the Eucharist fast for one hour before Communion? Do we examine our consciences so we don’t receive unworthily (i.e., if we need to confess mortal sins or are otherwise prohibited from receiving)? Do we approach prayerfully, or are we looking around or laughing? Do we carefully show some sign of reverence immediately before receiving Holy Communion: bowing or genuflecting, or kneeling?

**If we receive on the tongue,** to avoid any chance of the Host being dropped: Do we stand close enough to the priest, open our mouths and extend our tongues? Do we *hold still* our heads, tongues and mouths (not lurching, licking or biting) until we receive and the priest removes his hand?

**If we receive in our hand,** do we wash our hands before Mass? Do we extend *both* hands, one on top of the other, forming a throne for Our King? Do we *immediately* and reverently consume the Host before (standing and) leaving the altar rail? Do we examine our hands for particles?

**Do we remember after and outside of Mass?** Do we stay a few minutes after Mass is over to give thanks? Do we drop by the church during the week to visit Our Lord in the tabernacle, or attend Exposition? Do we share our faith in the Eucharist with others, especially our children?

**Cardinal Sarah.** A few years ago I printed the following thought provoking admonition from Cardinal Robert Sarah, former Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship. I reprint it now and ask you to read it prayerfully.

“...[T]he most insidious diabolical attack consists in trying to extinguish faith in the Eucharist, by sowing errors and fostering an unsuitable way of receiving it. Truly the war between Michael and his Angels on one side, and Lucifer on the other, continues in the hearts of the faithful: Satan’s target is the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in the

consecrated Host. This robbery attempt follows two tracks: the first is the reduction of the concept of ‘real presence.’ ...

“Let us now look at how faith in the real presence can influence the way we receive Communion, and vice versa. Receiving Communion on the hand undoubtedly involves a great scattering of fragments. On the contrary, attention to the smallest crumbs, care in purifying the sacred vessels, not touching the Host with sweaty hands, all become professions of faith in the real presence of Jesus, even in the smallest parts of the consecrated species: ...The substance is the same! It is Him! On the contrary, inattention to the fragments makes us lose sight of the dogma. Little by little the thought may gradually prevail: “If even the parish priest does not pay attention to the fragments...then it means that Jesus is not in them...”

“The second track on which the attack against the Eucharist runs is the attempt to remove the sense of the sacred from the hearts of the faithful... While the term ‘transubstantiation’ points us to the reality of presence, the sense of the sacred enables us to glimpse its absolute uniqueness and holiness. What a misfortune it would be to lose the sense of the sacred precisely in what is most sacred! And how is it possible? By receiving special food in the same way as ordinary food...”

“The liturgy is made up of many small rituals and gestures — each of them is capable of expressing these attitudes filled with love, filial respect and adoration toward God. That is precisely why it is appropriate to promote the beauty, fittingness and pastoral value of a practice which developed during the long life and tradition of the Church, that is, the act of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue and kneeling. The greatness and nobility of man, as well as the highest expression of his love for his Creator, consists in kneeling before God. Jesus himself prayed on his knees in the presence of the Father...”

“In this regard I would like to propose the example of two great saints of our time... St. John Paul II[‘s] ...entire life was marked by a profound respect for the Holy Eucharist... Despite being exhausted and without strength... he always knelt before the Blessed Sacrament. He was unable to kneel and stand up alone. ...Until his last days, he wanted to offer us a great witness of reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Why are we so proud and insensitive to the signs that God himself offers us for our spiritual growth and our intimate relationship with Him? Why do not we kneel down to receive Holy Communion after the example of the saints? ...

“St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta... had a respect and absolute worship of the divine Body of Jesus Christ...[F]illed with wonder and respectful veneration, Mother Teresa refrained from touching the transubstantiated Body of Christ. Instead, she adored him and contemplated him silently, she remained at length on her knees and prostrated herself before Jesus in the Eucharist. Moreover, she received Holy Communion in her mouth, like a little child who has humbly allowed herself to be fed by her God... The saint was saddened and pained when she saw Christians receiving Holy Communion in their hands...”

“...Let us come as children and humbly receive the Body of Christ on our knees and on our tongue. The saints give us the example....!”

**Procession Today.** Please join us today **shortly after the 1pm Mass** for our indoor Eucharistic Procession with prayers, Adoration, and Benediction.

**Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles**

MASS INTENTIONS	
<p><b>Monday, June 12th</b> 6:30 am Jody J. Koehler + 8:30 am Bob Boyle +</p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 13th</b> 6:30 am Edward Krensel + 8:30 am Ana Naria Bauer +</p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 14th</b> 6:30 am Ann McKenna + 8:30 am Romeo Baclig +</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 15th</b> 6:30 am Michael Marrone + 8:30 am Rodney Allen Cruz +</p> <p><b>Friday, June 16th</b> 6:30 am Natalie Marie Butler 8:30 am Bishop Michael Burbidge</p>	<p><b>Saturday, June 17th</b> 9:00 am Caleb Schweitzer</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass</b> 5:00 pm <b>Fr. Bergida</b> Audrey Marie Seiberling</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 18th</b> 7:00 am <b>Fr. Bergida</b> Anne Hansen 9:00 am <b>Fr. De Celles</b> Parishioners 11:00 am <b>Fr. Rippy</b> Joe Riedel + 1:00 pm <b>Fr. Horkan</b> Father's Day Triduum</p>

**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass at St. Raymond's!**

[www.straymonds.org](http://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. Please return the offering envelopes **by Friday, June 16!**

**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.

**St. Raymond's Young Adult Group.** Are you 21-40 years old? (Single or married, with or without kids) Contact [youngadults@straymonds.org](mailto:youngadults@straymonds.org) to be added to our email list and hear about upcoming events!

**St. Raymond's has Adoration most Wednesdays and Fridays!** Would you like to spend an hour in silent prayer and reflection with our Lord during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament? We are in need of weekly adorers especially at 4:00 pm on Wednesdays and 1:00 pm on Fridays. **We also need volunteers to be on our substitute list.** If you are interested in Wednesdays, please call Leslie Schratz at 703-569-1940 or email [spoiledk9s@verizon.net](mailto:spoiledk9s@verizon.net). If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email [virginia.osella@straymonds.org](mailto:virginia.osella@straymonds.org). Drop-ins are always welcome!

**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 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 Virginia Cummings Jeanne Seiberling Jacques Courtillet JoAnne Griffith
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**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

- June 11** Corpus Christi: Procession and Ice Cream Social after 1pm Mass
- June 12** Family of Jesus Prayer Group
- June 14** Adoration 9am - 7pm
- June 14** Legion of Mary
- June 15** Bridge Club
- June 16** Adoration
- June 17** Men's Prayer Group
- June 18-20** Father's Day Triduum of Masses
- June 19** Federal Holiday: One Mass at 10am  
Parish Offices Closed

**Corpus Christi Procession, June 11** will take place in the church after the 1pm Mass next weekend, June 11, 2023. 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.**

**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.

**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](mailto:victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org).

**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](mailto:mary.butler@straymonds.org).

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards Heaven. All are called in Christ, but some are chosen to nourish His body as priests and in the consecrated life. Could you be among them? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@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!

**Final Into the Breach, June 17.** All Knights and men of St. Raymond's Parish are invited to attend the last session of the Into the Breach Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, June 17, 10 am - 12 pm in the Maurer Room.** This session is on "the Cornerstone." The goal of Into the Breach is to help men grow in their faith and become the men that God is calling them to be. Pre-registration is required and is limited to 20 attendees. For more information and to register, please contact Pat Franco at (703) 220-2403 or at [popsfr8@aol.com](mailto:popsfr8@aol.com).

**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 July 1.** All are welcome.

**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 [ipebtp@verizon.net](mailto:ipebtp@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.

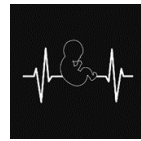
**Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women.** Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 16-18. The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus will lead 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](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 12.

**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/](http://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!



**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/>

**SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE**  
*Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*



*The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which beats for love of you.*



**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](http://marih.org).

**THE ABORTION PILL** now accounts for up to 60% of all abortions. Call the abortion reversal helpline 855-209-4848. **It may not be too late.** [abortionpillreversal.com](http://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](http://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: [cdli.org](http://cdli.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](http://amomspeace.org).

**To those who have suffered an abortion:** Do not give in to discouragement; 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](http://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](mailto:GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org).

**IT STANDS TO REASON...** Pro-abortion advocates may clamor (politely or otherwise): "**Pro-choice!**" Well, the calm and charitable response is that we certainly support a woman's right to choose many moral goods in her life ... her own doctor, husband, job, place of residence... to name a few. But some choices are wrong for anyone to make, like killing innocent human beings. The fact that human beings before birth cannot in any way defend themselves should cement our will to protect, not destroy them. No, we shouldn't be allowed to choose to kill innocent and defenseless members of the human family. Thou shalt not kill applies.

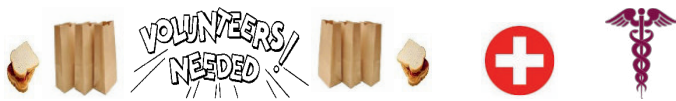
## St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

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

**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.

### **MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL 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.



### **Lunch Assembly Volunteers: 9am Tuesday, June 20**

We are in need of several volunteers to help make PBJ & cheese sandwiches and assemble a total of 172 bag lunches to send to the youth and adults serving at WorkCamp. If you are available to help in this endeavor **beginning at 9am (after Mass) on Tuesday, June 20 in the parish hall**, please contact the main office [office@straymonds.org](mailto:office@straymonds.org)

**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](http://www.asjb.org). Fr. Bergida & Jeanne plan on attending the one on July 12.

**Thursday Night Gatherings for ALL College Students (including rising freshmen) in June & July at GMU: <https://gmuccm.org/>**

**Jeanne Sause**

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

[youth@straymonds.org](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:dancertoo2@yahoo.com) or James Kolakoski at 703-455-3009 [bridgeclub402@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeclub402@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us.

**Join the Legion of Mary!** The Legion of Mary makes its members better Catholics through prayer, service and evangelization. "Active" members meet weekly for prayer, planning and discussion. In pairs, we perform several hours of apostolic work each week. (At St. Raymond's works include working with/teaching youth, sponsoring the Pilgrim Virgin statue visits at parishioner homes, and taking the bulletin and sacramentals door-to-door.) "Auxiliary" members of the Legion of Mary offer their daily prayers to Our Lady so that she can apply them where they are needed. The Active Legion group meets on Wednesday nights, 6:30 – 8:00pm, in the Maurer Room. If you are interested in joining the Legion or have any questions, please contact Judy Mayer, [jmayer9014@aol.com](mailto:jmayer9014@aol.com), or call / text 703-627-7320.

**Italy Pilgrimage, July 15-25, 2024.** You are invited to join Delores Nelson, Rachel Macasieb, and spiritual director, Fr. Nicholas Barnes for an 11-Day Italian pilgrimage! Stops will include Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Rome, and more! For more information, please contact Mrs. Nelson at 703-861-2738 or by email at [bakhita3@me.com](mailto:bakhita3@me.com).

**Marriage Encounter.** "I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER." (Pope John Paul II) The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://WWME.org), click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Only 25 couples per weekend so register soon! Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or [mstang1987@aol.com](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions.  
- September 22-24 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA  
- November 17-19 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA

### Church Persecuted

Christian colleges continue to battle the federal government in the courts to protect their First Amendment right to the free practice of their religious beliefs. An old case has risen its head again involving the College of the Ozarks, a small faith-based college in Missouri. The college is challenging the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) interpretation of the Fair Housing Act. Under the new HUD guidance, colleges such as College of the Ozarks and faithful Catholic Colleges (who receive federal funds) may be required to open their women's dormitories (including showers, gymnasium locker rooms, and other facilities) to men who identify as women.

HUD's directive was in response to an executive order of January 20, 2021, by President Biden redefining the terms "sex," "sexual orientation" and "gender identity," giving them protection under the law.

The college's suit made three claims: (1) "sex" means biological sex and was never intended to include men who identify as women; (2) the initial executive order violates their religious beliefs that a person's "God-given objective gender...is based on Genesis 1:27 and Matthew 19:4;" and (3) the Biden Administration violated the statutory public notice and comment period prior to implementing the rule.

The case has been dismissed by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and is now awaiting review by the U.S. Supreme Court. While these may sound like very technical appeals, these brave colleges are willing to stick their neck out and defend their religious beliefs, and they are important in countering the radical anti-religious agenda of the current administration.

<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2023/06/05/suit-filed-by-christian-college-aimed-at-hud-policies-undermining-sexual-distinctions/>

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*Watch Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist.* This four-part series by the Augustine Institute explores the teaching of the True Presence of Jesus, body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

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**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).

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