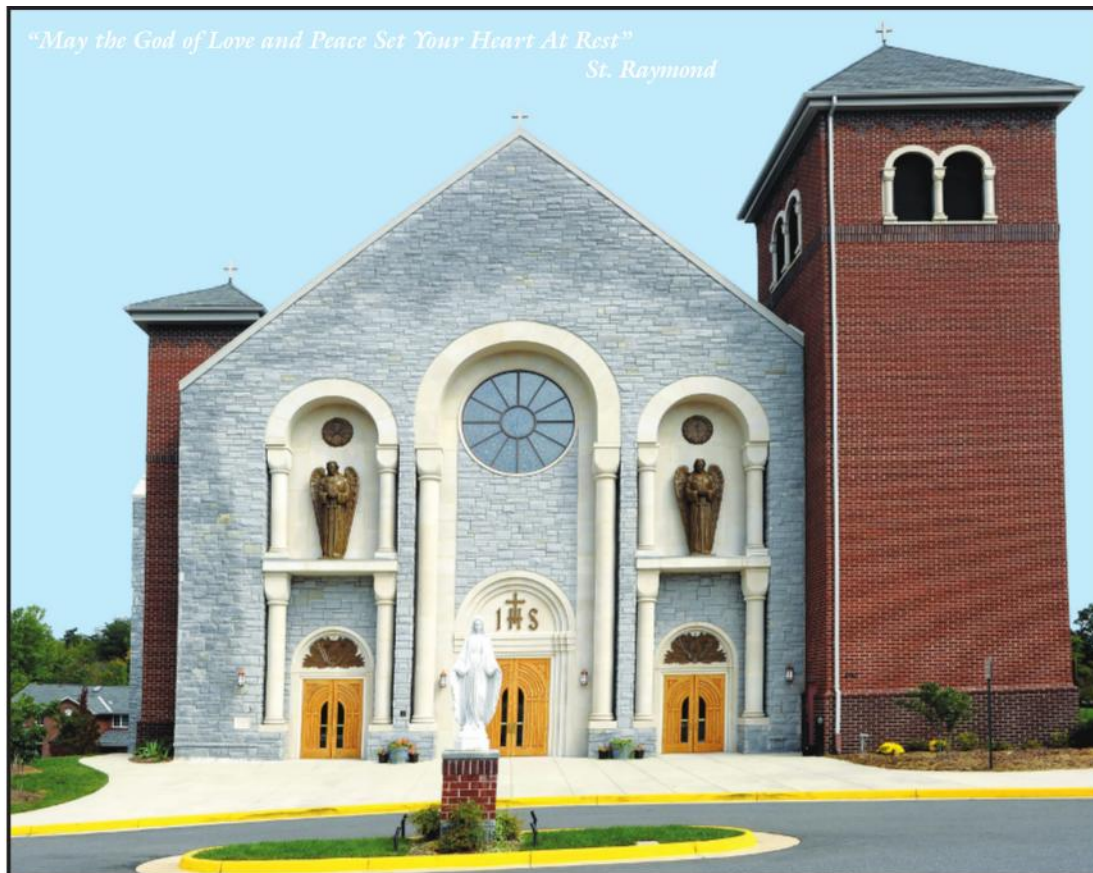


"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond



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
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
Mary Hansen, Religious Education Secretary
Maerose Naduvilekunnel, Business Manager
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary
Mary Butler, Secretary

PARISH OFFICE:

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E-Mail

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Rel. Ed.: ReligiousEducation@straymonds.org
Choirs: Music@straymonds.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

Angelus Academy
7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153
703-924-3996

Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

6:15-6:55 p.m. (during Exposition)

Saturday Morning

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to marry must contact a parish priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Couples who are living together will be expected to live separately at least during the 3 months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM: Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Office ONE MONTH in advance. Parents must participate in a one-session pre-Baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child. You must be REGISTERED in the Parish 3 MONTHS prior to the Baptism.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit announcements in writing 10 days prior to publication.

Pastor's Corner

"Pride Month"? It has always been interesting to me that the "LGBTQ" activist use the term "pride" to promote their movement, and celebrate their proclivities during "Pride Month." Because in Christianity "pride" is one of the "Seven Capital Sins," in fact it is known as "the Queen of vices" (no pun intended).

What then is "pride"? Webster's dictionary offers two diametrically opposed definitions: : on the one hand, it is **"reasonable self-esteem"**: confidence and satisfaction in oneself: SELF-RESPECT." But on the other it is, **"exaggerated self-esteem"**: CONCEIT."

Christianity recognizes these distinctions: reasonable versus exaggerated self-worth. For example, St. Thomas Aquinas quotes St. Jerome saying, "there is a good and an evil pride"; or "a sinful pride which God resists, and a pride that denotes the glory which He bestows."

Even so, the term "pride" is generally used in Christianity to refer to the "exaggerated" sense of self, or as Aquinas defines it: "Pride is so called because a man thereby aims higher than he is... Pride may be understood as overpassing the rule of reason, and in this sense we say that it is a sin." And he continues, most pertinently, "it is written (Sirach 10:14): 'The beginning of the pride of man is to fall off from God' because, to wit, the root of pride is found to consist in man not being, in some way, subject to God and His rule." So pride is the (always unreasonable) presumed self-sufficiency from God.

Because of this it is considered "the Queen" or "the Mother" of all vices/sins: in pride we consider ourselves greater than God, love ourselves more than God, and therefore we do what we want, not what God wants. We obey ourselves, not God.

Thus, pride is really the "original sin" of Adam and Eve, who thought they knew better than God, loved themselves more than Him, and did what they wanted, not what God commanded.

Even in its positive definition ("a pride that denotes the glory which [God] bestows" or "reasonable self-esteem"), "positive pride" is something to be careful of, because it can so easily slip into the vice of pride, due to our fallen nature (sin) and concupiscence (our tendency to confuse good with evil) and the temptations of the devil.

So pride is not really something to celebrate.

And yet it makes perfect sense that the LGBTQ folks embrace it as their motto. Think about it: going back to Genesis, and the creation of Mankind in His image as male and female, complimentary to each other, equal in dignity but radically and wondrously different. God defines humanity by his gift, he creates us a certain wonderful way. But then pride enters, and man begins to yield to pride and reject God's creation, his plan, His/The truth about the nature of man.

The sin of Pride is what the "gay" and "transgender" movements are all about: they reject God and his plan in nature for mankind.

So then, how can a Catholic celebrate "pride month"? We cannot.

Month of the Sacred Heart. Instead of "Pride Month," for almost 200 years Catholics have celebrated June as the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And what does Jesus say about His Heart? "I am meek and **humble of heart**."

The Sacred Heart is a humble heart. And so St. Paul tells us, "Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant.... **He humbled Himself**

and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross."

It is in His humility that He was able to love the Father as a Son so much that Jesus would obey His Father unto death, and able to love us so much that He would die in service to us.

Let June be a month of humility for you. And in your humility, reject the pride of Adam and Eve and imitate Christ, making the words of St. Peter your own: "we must obey God rather than man."

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This last Friday, June 16, was the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This feast was established by Pope Pius IX in 1856, reflecting the request Our Lord made in an apparition to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, when showed her His heart and told her,

"Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its love; and in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for Me in this Sacrament of Love. ...Therefore, I ask of you that the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi be set apart for a special Feast to honor My Heart..."

Irony, or Devilish Plot? With all this we see just how diabolic and vicious it is that the Los Angeles Dodgers decided to honor the blasphemous and radically anti-Catholic group called the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" on June 16, i.e., the Feast of the Sacred Heart. As Jesus once said of the wicked Pharisees and scribes: "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?"

Thank God the president of the US Bishop's Conference, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio (of the Archdiocese for the Military Services) and Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles responded to the Dodger's attack with the following statement:

"This year, on June 16—the day of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—a professional baseball team has shockingly chosen to honor a group whose lewdness and vulgarity in mocking our Lord, His Mother, and consecrated women cannot be overstated. This is not just offensive and painful to Christians everywhere; it is blasphemy."

"It has been heartening to see so many faithful Catholics and others of good will stand up to say that what this group does is wrong, and it is wrong to honor them. We call on Catholics to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart on June 16, offering this prayer as an act of reparation for the blasphemies against our Lord we see in our culture today."

Hopefully you received our parish "constant contact" email inviting you to the Holy Hour last Friday to pray the Litany and make reparation to Our Lord and His Sacred Heart present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Religious Freedom Week. Considering all this, it is more important than ever that we defend our Catholic Faith and we observe Religious Freedom Week, which runs from this Thursday, **June 22**, the Feast of St. Thomas More (and St. John Fisher), through June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. St. Raymond's will keep this "Week" by:

- praying the "Prayer for Religious Freedom" after every Mass; encouraging all parishioners to pray the "Prayer for Religious Freedom" daily at home, and perhaps also making the Novena to St. Thomas More.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday, June 19th 10:00 Father's Day Triduum | Saturday, June 24th 9:00 am Regine Benayoun Feuer |
| Tuesday, June 20th 6:30 am Emily Severn 8:30 am Father's Day Triduum | Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Fr. De Celles Tessa Shea Seiberling |
| Wednesday, June 21st 6:30 am Family of Jesus Prayer Group 8:30 am PFC Benjamin Park + | Sunday, June 25th 7:00 am Fr. Rippy Karen Spataro 9:00 am Fr. Bergida Parishioners 11:00 am Fr. De Celles James Gaston + 1:00 pm Fr. Horkan Mary Norton + |
| Thursday, June 22nd 6:30 am Beverly Ann Nally Sobraske + 8:30 am Bob Boyle + | |
| Friday, June 23rd 6:30 am Walker McGraw + 8:30 am Berger Family | |

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

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.

Annual Summer Maintenance in Parish Hall: Please note that during July 10-21, the Parish Hall will be closed, and access to the basement restrooms will be very limited. Please follow the directions on signage in the narthex and vestibules regarding access to the restrooms. The Religious Education offices will be open during their regular hours (M-Th 9:30-4:30), but please follow the signage to determine whether or not there is public access to the offices. Thank you for your cooperation as we strip and re-wax the floors.

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!

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. If you are interested in Fridays, please call Virginia Osella at 703-440-0535 or email virginia.osella@straymonds.org. Drop-ins are always welcome!

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.

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

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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

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| June 18-20 | Father's Day Triduum of Masses |
| June 19 | Federal Holiday: One Mass at 10am Parish Offices Closed |
| June 19 | Family of Jesus Prayer Group |
| June 19 | RCIA Class |
| June 21 | Adoration 9am - 7pm |
| June 21 | Legion of Mary |
| June 22 | Bridge Club |
| June 22-29 | Religious Freedom Week |
| June 23 | Adoration 9am - 3pm |
| July 1 | Men's Prayer Group and Luminaries |
| July 10-21 | Parish Hall closed for Summer Maintenance |

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 July 1.** 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.

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.

Sewing Volunteer needed for Baptism Bibs. St. Raymond's provides a special bib for each child baptized at the parish. We had a loyal volunteer making these for many years, and she recently moved away. Do you have a sewing machine and a little spare time to help with this important project? Please contact the parish office for more information at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org.

Religious Freedom Week 2023 begins on June 22, the feast of St. Thomas More and runs until June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. Please join us in praying the "Prayer for Religious Freedom" after Mass or at home. Visit our website for more information.



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!

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 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.

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!



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/>

Volunteers Needed: St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional & Maternity Housing, a pro-life ministry for pregnant and single mothers in the Diocese, is seeking childcare volunteers on Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm so that the mothers can attend Life Skills classes. Please consider giving an hour of your time to help families grow in mind, body, and spirit! Please call 703-910-4845 or email smc@cdda.net for more information. St. Margaret of Cortona is also in need of household supplies and baby/toddler supplies for our families. Each donation goes directly to mothers in need. For a list of most-needed items, please visit <https://www.cdda.net/give-help/donate-goods-and-transportation/help-individuals-and-families/>.

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.

Save the Date! Our Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 27 from 2-5 pm. More details to follow.

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



*"Human fatherhood gives us an anticipation of who God is."
Pope Benedict XVI*



Fatherhood is essential to the stability of the home, the sanctity of the family and the survival of civilization.

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 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.

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: cdi.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; 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... When does human life begin? This is a scientific, not philosophical or theological question. Scientifically, we know that from the earliest – initial - stage of development, the moment of conception, the unborn are distinct, living, and whole human beings. Leading embryology books confirm this. "The zygote a highly specialized, totipotent cell marking the beginning of each of us as a unique individual." And since a zygote is a member of the human race, "Thou shalt not kill" applies. Prolifetraining.com

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>



Prayer Request



Please keep our parish's 16 WorkCampers in your prayers this week. They left this weekend for Winchester, VA and will be serving in various capacities to help make homes warmer, safer and drier June 17-23. Particular intentions are that each individual serving this week would encounter God in a new way and that they would grow in their love for Him. Also for their safety and that the rain in the forecast will not hinder their work!



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 at 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 in Vienna)

July 5 (St. Michael in Annandale)

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.

Thursday Gatherings for College Students (including rising freshmen): George Mason University's Catholic Campus Ministry is hosting weekly summer events for college students and graduating high school seniors every Thursday night in June and July at the St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax). It's a great way to meet college students from different schools who are home for break and/or meet future classmates before school starts! Like us on Facebook: College Summers with GMU CCM. Find out more at www.gmuccm.org

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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!

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 p.m.):

Grade 5 Assistant Teacher

Grade 7 Assistant Teacher

RCIC (upper elementary) Assistant Teacher

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.

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, 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.

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, 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 with any questions.
- September 22-24 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA
- November 17-19 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA

Church Persecuted

In his classic, *Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis identifies many of the problems facing our society today and points to one antagonist, Screwtape, a seemingly venerable senior devil who writes letters of instruction to one of his underlings, Wormwood. Written during World War II, Lewis touches on many of the normal activities of individuals' lives and how Wormwood tries to steer his target to an activity which would make Screwtape proud.

Screwtape writes to Wormwood of a vicar who is long "engaged in watering down the faith," while the other religiously preaches the true doctrine of the faith. Screwtape advises Wormwood, that if he can't keep the target out of church entirely, at least send him to the one with the "more lukewarm doctrinal issues." Probably wouldn't send him to St. Raymond's.

In another case, Screwtape advises Wormwood to keep his target away from teaching with "connected thinking" and a resulting "chain of reasoning." He encourages him to engage the target in doctrines where truth is relative. "Jargon, not argument, is your best ally in keeping him from the Church."

"Don't waste time trying to make him think that materialism is *true*! Make him think it is strong, or stark, or courageous – that it is the philosophy of the future. That's the sort of thing he cares about."
"The trouble about argument is that it moves the whole struggle onto the Enemy's (God's) own ground...By the very act of arguing, you awaken the patient's reason; and once it is awake, who can foresee the result?"

Many Catholics have succumbed to Wormwood as their pride, power, and possessions suppress or attack the Truth, beauty, and goodness of our Faith. As Catholics, we need to "awaken our reasoning" – sooner rather than later!

FORMED

Get In-Formed!

Happy Father's Day! These suggestions are especially geared towards dads!

Read *Boys to Men: The Transforming Power of Virtue*. Tim Gray & Curtis Martin offer this Bible study for men who want to grow in their Christian discipleship because "every father needs a few essential books in his father's tool box."

Listen to *Pure Fatherhood*. This short talk encourages men to model their fatherhood on the example of our Heavenly Father. Presented by Devin Schadt, co-founder of an apostolate for the renewal of authentic fatherhood.

Read *The Father of the Family: A Christian Perspective*. Rooted in scripture, Clayton Barbeau's book suggests that "husbands should see themselves as ...spiritual and material providers and models of holiness" for their families. Downloadable on EPUB or Kindle.

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).

As you are traveling this summer, you can find a Mass near your destination by going to Masstimes.org. Also, please remember that our parish expenses continue while you are away.

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

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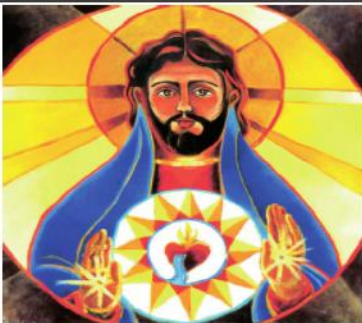
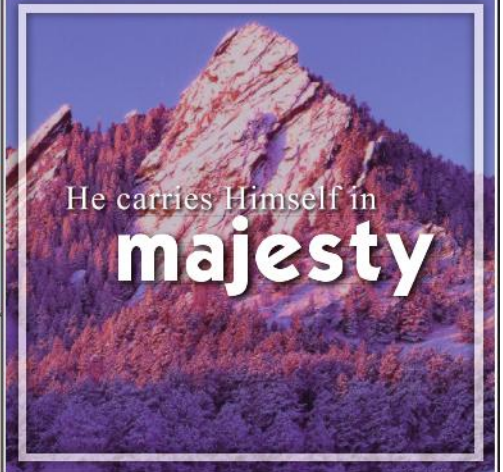
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