

**"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  
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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

**Huge Win For Religious Liberty.** The day after our Week of Prayer for Religious Liberty, Friday, June 30, "The U.S. Supreme Court held that a Colorado graphic designer who wants to make wedding websites does not have to create them for same-sex marriages...[The] court ruled in favor of artist Lorie Smith, who sued the state over its ...law that prohibited businesses providing sales or other accommodations to the public from denying service based on a customer's sexual orientation.

"...The majority opinion [states]... 'Colorado seeks to force an individual to speak in ways that align with its views but defy her conscience about a matter of major significance... But tolerance, not coercion, is our Nation's answer. The First Amendment envisions the United States as a rich and complex place where all persons are free to think and speak as they wish, not as the government demands.... Colorado seeks to deny that promise ...'" (Foxnews.com).

God heard our prayers! Praised be Jesus Christ!

**Bad News From Texas.** As has been widely reported, Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, an outspoken and courageous bishop, is undergoing an "apostolic visitation" from the Vatican's Dicastery for Bishops. The focus of the examination is still a mystery, but some wonder if this is part of an effort to silence the faithful Bishop. Let us pray for Bishop Strickland!

**Brown Scapular.** Next Sunday, July 16, is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, although it will be suppressed liturgically for the Sunday liturgies. But with this in mind, we will be enrolling folks in the Confraternity and investing them with the Brown Scapular after all Saturday and Sunday Masses next weekend.

**In Their Own Words.** Did you see the video of taken at a New York City march celebrating LGBTQ Pride last week? In the 20 second long clip, you can clearly hear the strangely clothed marchers chanting, "**We're here, we're queer, we're coming for your children.**" Yep. Google it. If you have the stomach for it.

**Communion in the Hand.** In recent homilies and columns I have encouraged you all to consider receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, rather than on the hand. In doing so I mentioned how for centuries that we were all required to receive on the tongue, but in 1969 Pope St. Paul VI very reluctantly allowed individual bishops give permission to their people to receive communion in the hand. Some say my position contradicts "Vatican II." And yet the Council said nothing about this issue, but rather wrote: "...there must be no innovations unless the good of the Church genuinely and certainly requires them, and care must be taken that any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from forms already existing" Sacrosanctum Concilium 23).

What "good" "genuinely and **certainly required**" this change? Apparently none that Pope Paul could see, as he demonstrated in the instruction, *Memoriale Domini* issued under his direct order by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship in 1969. His words make clear that he didn't think Communion was "certainly require[d]" for "the good of the Church," as repeated expresses his concerns about the dangers in poses.

So, let's read what he actually said. Please read it prayerfully, and carefully. And then consider that **70% of Catholics now deny the truth about Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.**

How did this happen? I think Pope Paul's warning below goes a long way in explaining it. Here follows an excerpt of

## MEMORIALE DOMINI:

"It is certainly true that ancient usage once allowed the faithful to take this divine food in their hands and to place it in their mouths themselves.....**Later, with a deepening understanding of the truth of the [E]ucharistic mystery**, of its power and of the presence of Christ in it, there came a greater feeling of reverence towards this sacrament and a **deeper humility was felt to be demanded when receiving it. Thus the custom was established** of the minister placing a particle of consecrated bread on the tongue of the communicant.

**"This method of distributing holy communion** [on the tongue] **must be retained...especially because it expresses the faithful's reverence for the Eucharist.** The custom does not detract in any way from the personal dignity of those who approach this great sacrament: **it is part of that preparation that is needed for the most fruitful reception of the Body of the Lord.**

**"This reverence shows that it is not a sharing in ordinary bread and wine"** that is involved, but in the Body and Blood of the Lord, through which "The people of God share the benefits of the Paschal Sacrifice....

"Further, **the practice** [Communion on the tongue] which must be considered traditional **ensures, more effectively, that holy communion is distributed with the proper respect, decorum and dignity. It removes the danger of profanation of the sacred species**, in which "in a unique way, Christ, God and man, is present whole and entire, substantially and continually." [9] **Lastly, it ensures that diligent carefulness about the fragments of consecrated bread which the Church has always recommended:** "What you have allowed to drop, think of it as though you had lost one of your own members." [10]

"When therefore a small number of episcopal conferences and some individual bishops asked that the practice of placing the consecrated hosts in the people's hands be permitted..., the Holy Father decided that all the bishops of the Latin Church should be asked if they thought it opportune to introduce this rite. A change in a matter of such moment, ...does not merely affect discipline. **It carries certain dangers with it** which may arise from the new manner of administering holy communion: **the danger of a loss of reverence** for the august sacrament of the altar, **of profanation, of adulterating the true doctrine.**

**"...[Q]uestions were asked of the bishops**, and the replies received ...were as follows:

"1. Do you think that attention should be paid to the desire that, over and above the traditional manner, the rite of receiving holy communion on the hand should be admitted?

"[Responses from the Bishops ("votes")]: Yes: 597; **No: 1,233**; Yes, but with reservations: 315... [I.e., 58% percent said "don't even pay 'attention' to the idea of Communion in the hand]. "From the returns it is **clear that the vast majority of bishops believe that the present discipline** [Communion on the tongue only] **should not be changed...**

"Therefore, **...in view of the gravity of the matter** and the force of the arguments put forward, the **Holy Father has decided not to change** the existing way of administering holy communion to the faithful ["no" to Communion in the hand].

"Where placing holy communion on the hand, prevails [i.e., where the law is being ignored], the Holy See...lays on those [national bishop's] conferences the task of weighing carefully whatever special circumstances may exist there.....Their decisions should be sent to Rome to receive the necessary confirmation... [In other words, it's a dangerous practice, but the Pope agreed to allow exceptions to allow to give Communion in the Hand.]"

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Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 10th**

6:30 am Andrew Tramel  
 8:30 am Ricardo Fernandez+

**Tuesday, July 11th**

6:30 am Buz & Beverly  
 Buczacki  
 8:30 am Frances Spataro + &  
 Carl Spataro, Sr.

**Wednesday, July 12th**

6:30 am Janet Meyer Smith +  
 8:30 am Family of Jesus  
 Prayer Group

**Thursday, July 13th**

6:30 am Jon Olinger +  
 8:30 am James Cade +

**Friday, July 14th**

6:30 am Timothy Ferguson +  
 8:30 am Joseph & Lydia  
 Fernandez

**Saturday, July 15th**

9:00 am Patricia Sebulnia +

**Vigil Mass**

5:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**  
 Priscilla Fritts Couse +

**Sunday, July 16th**

7:00 am **Fr. Bergida**  
 Kathy Collins +  
 9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**  
 Parishioners  
 11:00 am **Rippy**  
 Rosalino & Elie & Cesar  
 Garcia +  
 1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**  
 Macaria, Salvador &  
 Francisco Ramos +

**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 Jacques Courtillet Minerva Barnhart Linda Barnes Peggy Sundberg Ron Karcher Mary Gerken Margaret Mary O'Kane
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**Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church**

<b>July 10-21</b>	<b>Parish Hall closed for Summer Maintenance</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Family of Jesus Prayer Group</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Adoration 9am - 7pm</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Legion of Mary</b>
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Adoration 9am - 3pm</b>
<b>July 15-16</b>	<b>Brown Scapular Enrollment &amp; Investment</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>RCIA Class in the church at 7:30pm</b>
<b>July 22</b>	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>Parish Picnic 2-5pm</b>

**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.

**Brown Scapular Enrollment.** Sunday, July 16, is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and we will be enrolling people in the Confraternity and investing them with the Brown Scapular after all Sunday Masses (including vigil Mass) next weekend. If you have not been enrolled previously and would like to, please stay after Mass to participate.

**The Seven Sisters Apostolate** is a call to women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. We have Seven Sisters groups for the three priests at St. Raymond's with someone praying for each before our Lord in the Tabernacle, every day of the week! We are in need of a few more women to step into some openings. It is a beautiful apostolate, that will exponentially change YOUR prayer life for the better. For more information, contact Suzy McCready at [keiffer61@verizon.net](mailto:keiffer61@verizon.net) or 703-380-4303.

**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. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327. **Please note schedule change: Our next meeting is on July 22.**

**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

**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 July!** All are invited to attend.

**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 5:00 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!

**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).

**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. **Please note, the bridge club will not meet on July 13th or 20th.**

**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](mailto:office@straymonds.org) to verify your email address.**



**St. John Bosco Council #12846 Knights of Columbus** Attention, all Knight of Columbus! Come to the next meeting on Monday, July 10th at 7:30pm and be a part of the next fraternal year (FY 23/24). If you want to learn more about our Council, call the Grand Knight, Mark Menotti, at 401-644-7128 or email [mark.menotti@yahoo.com](mailto:mark.menotti@yahoo.com).

**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.

**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.

**Altar Server Training:** St Raymond's Parish has a very active Altar Server program. We invite all young men of the Parish to consider becoming an Altar Server. Young men between the ages of 9 and 18, who have received their First Communion are eligible. This is your opportunity to help assist the priest at Mass. **Training sessions with Fr. Bergida will begin on September 10, 2023.**

Please visit <https://forms.gle/AaKNNBimT8XZwaMR9> or contact the Parish Office at 703-440-0535 to sign up.

**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!

**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@ccda.net](mailto:smc@ccda.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.ccda.net/give-help/donate-goods-and-transportation/help-individuals-and-families/>.

## 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](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: [ccli.org](http://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](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... A person's a person no matter how small.** True, embryos are young human beings and are smaller than newborns and adult human beings, but why is that relevant? Do we really want to say that large people are more human than small ones; that older or younger people are more valuable than other ages? Men are generally larger than women, but that doesn't mean that they are more human. Neither size nor age bestow value. We each have intrinsic value because we each are created by and are loved by God... **uniquely and individually.** Thou shalt not kill applies. [Prolifetraining.com](http://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>

**Please pray** for our 19 teens & 5 adults attending the Steubenville Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Ohio this weekend!



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!** What a year!! There is absolutely no way this year would have been as fruitful as it has been without the help of ALL of the many folks who have stepped up to share their time, talent, and treasure! It would take a whole bulletin to thank everyone by name, but you all know who you are and I pray that your reward will be great in Heaven! I would like to specifically thank a few folks who have gone FAR above and beyond all year long...Alex Kayser, Maricarmen Medina, Jonathan Sipple, Joe Adelman, Sheri Burns, Bobbi Jones, Court & Gretta Wheeler, Michelle Roberts, Katherine Ferguson, Michele O'Kane and Patty Miller. These folks have truly been the backbone of our Youth Apostolate this year, and only 3 of them have kids in the program! Alex, Maricarmen & Jonathan in particular came to nearly every Junior High and High School youth group all year and were always willing to volunteer in any capacity at any time! Maricarmen & Alex even **graciously** accepted my plea to take a week off of work to join us for WorkCamp in order to allow our teens to participate this year when no one else stepped up. And Mrs. Sheri Burns, with an empty nest at home, organized and served our Friday morning Mass group all year once again! It's time to start thinking about next year...so if you love the Catholic faith and want to make a difference in the lives of teens, pray about how you can help! Email Jeanne if you are interested in learning more.

**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:**

**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 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](http://www.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:

**It is time to register your children for the 2023-2024 academic year!!!**

**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**

Please contact the Religious Education office if you are interested in filling one of the positions listed above.

**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](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Home School Group:** for more information visit our website [www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/](http://www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/) Or email [straymondhsg@gmail.com](mailto:straymondhsg@gmail.com).

**Family of Jesus Prayer Group:** Weekly meetings are in the Church on Mondays at 4:00 pm. If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at [jpebtp@verizon.net](mailto:jpebtp@verizon.net) or by calling the parish office. You may also write down your prayer requests and drop them in the "Prayer Box" on the table in the narthex of the church.

**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!

**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).

**Open Positions at St. Paul VI High School.** Are you a lifelong learner who is passionate about Catholic education and works to inspire others to be extraordinary? St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly is busy making plans for next school year. God might be calling you to visit [www.paulvi.net/about/employment](http://www.paulvi.net/about/employment) to see positions that are available.

**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 **703-687-8987**, and for more information, visit <https://www.cdda.net/need-help/medical-and-counseling/counseling/>.



## Church Persecuted

The setting was the Mission San Francisco De Asís and the Mission Dolores Basilica in San Francisco on July 1, 2022. The event a solemn Pontifical Mass (*Missale Romanum 1962*) celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, featuring the world premier Mass of the Americas set to music honoring St. Junipero Serra. It was the final event of the international *Sacra Liturgia Conference*.

Arriving two hours prior to the event, the protestors had already occupied the sidewalks across from the main entrance to the basilica hurling profanities toward anyone entering and continuing throughout the Mass.

The question is why? Is it because Fr. Serra was one of the founders of California and the city of San Francisco took its name from the mission church that he founded? Was it because he walked from San Diego to Mexico City securing legal protection for the native Americans against the Spanish conquistadors who were abusing the natives? Perhaps he brought with him the know-how regarding fruit cultivation and other farming techniques which make California famous today?

No, they were protesting because of the current archbishop's willingness to stand up for the truth and deter the assimilation of the woke culture in his archdiocese; his refusal to endorse abortion, contraception, sterilization, and gender-altering surgeries; and his recognition of the historical significance of the impact that a Franciscan missionary had in the founding of California.

The Mass concluded, the participants were ushered out the side doors to avoid the protesters and life went on in San Francisco where a growing element of Californians refuse to recognize the historical significance of the Catholic Church's role in the founding of their state. Truth, beauty and goodness prevailed inside the Basilica on that day in spite of the protesters.



## Angelus Academy

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

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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).

**As you are traveling this summer, you can find a Mass near your destination by going to [Masstimes.org](https://Masstimes.org). Also, please remember that our parish expenses continue while you are away.**



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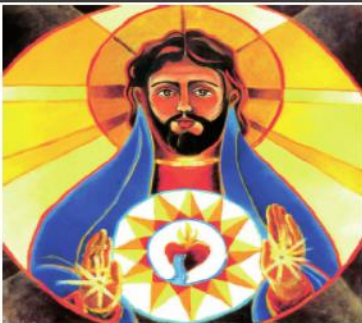
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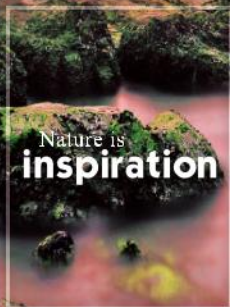
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