



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

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Rev. Joseph D. Bergida, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Edward R. Horkan, In Residence
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TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

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

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

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

Saturday Morning

8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Pastor's Corner

Parish Picnic. It was great to see so many of you come out to the parish picnic last Sunday. It was wonderful being able to socialize and mix with each other, and especially to see all the kids having fun together. Thanks to all who made it come together, especially the parish staff, headed by Virginia Osella, and the volunteers, headed by Phil Betwy, who worked so hard to make it a fun time for all of us. God bless you for your good work.

Happy Labor Day. This weekend our nation celebrates "Labor Day." For some, this weekend is merely the end of Summer. But for many it's a celebration of the hard work of so many Americans that has made our nation so successful in so many ways. We should rightly celebrate this, as "work" is one of the original gifts given to Man by God, as He gave Adam and Eve dominion ("lordship") over all the earth and commanded them: "fill the earth and subdue it." That "subduing" of the earth is the work/labor of Man, who was created in the image of the Creator. Man shares in God's creative work by his labor, and when he works in ways consistent with God's will, he grows in holiness.

My Working Vacation. The week before the picnic I was out in St. Meinrad, Indiana, taking time off from my parish work to attend the annual working retreat for **Catholic Vote**, the Catholic advocacy organization and publishers of the online newsletter "The Loop." I am their Chaplain.

It was a great meeting, as the folks at CV all seem to be devout Catholics and glad to have their chaplain provide confessions, Mass, adoration, an evening reflection and lead them in prayers. I enjoyed seeing the inner workings of this very dynamic and hope-filled lay group working hard on advocacy for and formation of American Catholics.

If you are not familiar with Catholic Vote or "The Loop" I recommend you consider checking them out at catholicvote.org. And to be clear, although I am very supportive of their work and provide spiritual support, I have no direct influence on their content, strategies or decision-making.

God Bless Pope Francis. Did you see this news story, discussed all across the media last week? Here is the article from the **National Catholic Reporter**:

"The situation in the United States is not easy: There is a very strong, reactionary attitude. It is organized and shapes the way people belong, even emotionally," said the pope. 'I want to remind these people that backwardism is useless, and it is necessary to understand that there is a correct evolution in the understanding of questions of faith and morals.'

"The pope's comments came during an Aug. 5 meeting with the Jesuits in Portugal...published by the Jesuit journal La Civiltà Cattolica on Aug. 28.

"[T]he pope pointed to what he described as 'concrete' examples of church teaching evolving over time.

"Today it is a sin to possess atomic bombs; the death penalty is a sin, it cannot be practiced, and it was not so before," he said. 'As for slavery, some pontiffs before me have tolerated it, but things are different today.'

"...While Francis did not name particular individuals or groups ...he offered a broadside against what he has frequently referred to as'backwardists'... 'If you don't change upward, you go backward, and then you take on criteria for change different from those that the faith itself gives you to grow and

change. And the effects on morality are devastating,' said Francis. "Those American groups..., so closed, are isolating themselves. And instead of living by doctrine, by the true doctrine that always develops and bears fruit, they live by ideologies...But when you abandon doctrine in life to replace it with an ideology, you have lost, you have lost as in war.'

"...When asked ...how this applies to gay students who are not living celibately...the pope did not demur. "The door is open to everyone, everyone has their own space in the church," said Francis. 'How will each person live it? We help people live so that they can occupy that place with maturity, and this applies to all kinds of people.'

Some observations: In general, this is very confusing.

1) Who is His Holiness talking about? The folks with a "radical-traditionalist Catholic ideology" that the FBI want to investigate? The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter? Or just conservatives in general?

2) What about the radical *progressive* ideologues who are far more organized in the United States, controlling most of the Catholic Universities, Seminaries, and Publishers (e.g., National Catholic Reporter), and religious orders (e.g., The Jesuits) in the U.S.

3) If "everyone has their own space in the church," does that apply the Catholics who are "backward" or "reactionary"?

4) The Church has never definitely taught that "it is a sin to possess atomic bombs; the death penalty is a sin."

Then There's This: Two weeks ago Pope Francis preached about the encounter of Jesus with a Canaanite woman, to whom He says, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." The woman persists in her prayer and Jesus grants her request. The Pope observes:

"We see that Jesus changed his attitude. What made him change was the strength of the woman's faith. Let us pause briefly over these two aspects: the change in Jesus and the woman's faith....He was directing his preaching to the chosen people.But ...On hearing the woman's prayer, ... he becomes even more sympathetic and compassionate. God is like this: he is love, and the one who loves does not remain rigid...And we Christians who want to imitate Christ, we are invited to be open to change.like Jesus did with the Canaanite woman."

Again, this is confusing. Do Catholics believe that the woman knew Jesus' mission better than He did? Does God really change? ("When we say 'God' we confess a constant, unchangeable being, always the same..." Catechism 2086). Did Jesus really intend to exclude this woman and all non-Jews from salvation?

The greatest of the Early Fathers of the Church had a very different understanding of this text. St. John Chrysostom (d.407) says that Jesus, "withheld the gift not to drive her away, but to make that woman's patience an example for all of us." St. Augustine (d.430) wrote, "She was ignored, not that mercy might be denied but that desire might be enkindled; not only that desire might be enkindled but... that humility might be praised" and, "[Christ] was giving the impression of ignoring her, so that her faith might show all the better... He concealed from her the gift, which he certainly intended to give, in order to wring from her heart the saying which would make her worthy to receive it." and St. Ambrose (d. 397) writes, "If God invariably listened to every supplicant equally, he might appear to us to act from some necessity rather than from his own free will."

May God bless the Pope, and relieve my confusion.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

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| <u>Monday, September 4th</u> Labor Day 10:00 am Mandy Shealy | <u>Saturday, September 9th</u> 9:00 am Kirsti Tyson & Family |
| <u>Tuesday, September 5th</u> 6:30 am Marilyn Krause 8:30 am Eric Dinh | <u>Vigil Mass</u> 5:00 pm Fr. Bergida Carmen Leahy + |
| <u>Wednesday, September 6th</u> 6:30 am Joanne Gemperline 8:30 am Family of Jesus Prayer Group | <u>Sunday, September 10th</u> 7:00 am Fr. Horkan RE Catechists 9:00 am Fr. Bergida Parishioners 11:00 am Fr. Rippy Cesar & Rosalino Garcia+ 1:00 pm Fr. De Celles Jeanne D'Arc Pham Thi Vien + |
| <u>Thursday, September 7th</u> 6:30 am Doris Marie-Anne Gorman + 8:30 am Riley Clark | |
| <u>Friday, September 8th</u> 6:30 am Kelly & Lynne La Fleur + 8:30 am Christian Hoopes | |

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 September!** 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 12:00 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!

Women of the Parish are invited to join The Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY), an inter-generational lay association for Catholic women, whose shared charism is the spiritual well-being of young people. Our chaplain, Fr. De Celles, has encouraged us to bring many of our apostolates to St. Raymond's, including Mother/Daughter retreats, the Men's Retreat, and the Pre-Lent Women's Retreat. **Women are invited to join us 3 Wednesdays a month at 7:30pm - all at St. Raymond's this year.** Our first study, beginning 9/13/23, features writings of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, aka Edith Stein, the Carmelite nun who was martyred at Auschwitz. Our second study, beginning 9/20/23, will be presentations on Women of the Bible. Each meeting is designed to stand alone - perfect for women interested in getting to know WAY. Our third monthly event is a Holy Hour and Mass to pray for troubled youth. Please visit www.waywomen.com and email womenofway@gmail.com for more information, or call the parish office.

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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| Sept. 4 | Labor Day: One Mass at 10am and parish offices are closed |
| Sept. 6 | Adoration 9am - 7pm |
| Sept. 6 | Legion of Mary in Library |
| Sept. 8 | Adoration 9am - 3pm |
| Sept. 10 | Altar Server Training Begins |
| Sept. 10 | Religious Education Classes & YA Begin |
| Sept. 12 | Adult Bible Study Resumes |
| Sept. 16 | Men's Prayer Group |
| Sept. 16 | Fr. Tad Talk at St. Raymond's |
| Sept. 16 | Shredding Event in parking lot |
| Sept. 21 | FCPS School Board Candidate Forum, 7pm |

Annual Mary's Nativity Feast Day (Birthday) Party: All parishioners and Legion of Mary members: To honor our Blessed Lady's feast day of September 8th, you are cordially invited to take part in our annual celebration on **Saturday, September 9 at 10 am** (following the 9 am Mass), in the parish hall. The Legion Tessaera prayers will be said throughout the program. There will also be a short quiz contest! Only those present (children & adults) can take part in the contest. Prizes! Light refreshments will be served. Please **RSVP** to Judy Mayer, jmayer9014@aol.com, or text 703-627-7320.

Book Club Resumes! The parish Book Club will have its first meeting of the 2023-2024 year on **Thursday, September 7, May 12, 2023**, at 10:00 AM in the St Raymond Library to discuss "**Joan of Arc**" by Mark Twain. Note that this meeting will be on a **Thursday**, not Friday. The schedule for the year is on the parish website at <https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/book-club/>. New members are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org.

Father Tad Pacholczyk Returns to St. Raymonds on Saturday, September 16th. He will speak after the 9:00 am Mass in the parish hall. His topic this year is "**The Ethics of Transhumanism, Human Genetic Modification, and Age Extension Technologies.**" Some people believe that we can evolve beyond our current physical and mental limitations into a "superior species." Fr. Tad writes, "it's almost a competing system to what Christianity has to offer." Is this good? What does the Church say about that? Come and find out! No RSVP required.

Watch for our Constant Contact Updates! If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the parish office to verify your email address.



PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION -- Join the Knights! The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy, changing world. Join the St. John Bosco Council of St. Raymond's parish today! Simply go to <https://www.kofc.org/joinus> or use the QR code below and experience the Knights free for one year: Enter the Agent Code "CPEREZ", click "Add" and complete the form. Be sure to enter our council #12846 for local information when you register. Please call our Deputy Grand Knight, Mark Lawton, at (703) 576-7693 if you have any questions or want to learn more about the many benefits of being a Knight! Answer the call...**BECOME A KNIGHT!**



September Upcoming events:

11 KofC Council Meeting
16 Men's Prayer Breakfast
23 Grotto of Lourdes Rosary Pilgrimage (Emmitsburg, MD)
29 "Pints w/ Aquinas" Social/Fellowship
30-1 Oct KofC Membership Drive

Bulk Shredding: The Knights of Columbus will have a bulk shredding truck at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Road on Saturday, September 16 from 10 am to 12 pm. Bring your old files, receipts, and tax papers for a quick and secure disposal. Donations gratefully received and used to provide homes for the intellectually disabled and other great causes. No hard drives, 3-ring notebooks or binder clips please. For more information call Dave Wilson at 703-966-5327.

JOIN the CHOIR at St. Raymond's: Rehearsals resume on Sept. 12th! We practice on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and sing at 11:00 am Mass on Sundays with a warm-up at 10. The choir also provides music for Easter, Christmas and Holy Days. The repertoire of the choir contains masterpieces of classical liturgical choir music. Singers who have a pleasant voice and sing in pitch are welcome. Enjoy wonderful fellowship, music training and the joy of making uplifting music for the liturgy. Contact Elisabeth Turco at music@straymonds.org or call 703-506-4644.

Annual National Rosary Rally sponsored by The Holy League. Join fellow parishioners and Americans to pray for our nation's conversion on October 7th in Washington DC. For more information, visit rosarycoasttocoast.com. Contact Liz Hildebrand to reserve your free seat on our parish bus. hildebrandseven@gmail.com.

Adult Enrichment Opportunities:

2023-2024 RCIA/Catholic Update - St. Raymond's will offer RCIA classes on **Monday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm** in the Rectory Classroom (Maurer Room) from **September 11, 2023 until March 25, 2024 (except for Holidays)** Those seeking information to understand and/or to enter the Catholic Church, and baptized Catholics seeking additional sacraments are welcomed. No registration is required. If you have questions call Bob Ward, (703) 644-5873 or via email at biblestudy@straymonds.org.

2023-2024 Adult Bible Study - St. Raymond's will continue an overview of the **Synoptic Gospels on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am and again on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm** (except for holidays) in the Parish Social Hall, from **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 through Tuesday, May 14, 2024**. For further information please call Bob Ward at (703) 644-5873 or via e-mail at biblestudy@straymonds.org.

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



Early voting starts on 22 September.
Get informed and get in line to Vote Pro Life.

MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center: We proudly partner with MaRiH as they serve local expectant mothers in need. Donation Box for baby items up to 2T is in the narthex. **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.

A new virtual group for abortion after care for women is starting on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm for six weeks on Zoom. For confidential inquiries and to learn more, please contact Sarah at info@helpafterabortion.org.

A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Sat, Sept 30. Private and peaceful setting. English and Spanish. All are welcome so please bring a friend. Take the first step. (888)456-HOPE. For confidential inquiries, please contact info@helpafterabortion.org. Men: 703-841-3833.

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.

Natural Family Planning. A gift to your marriage. The truth will set you free! Visit ccli.org

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

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.

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 Challenge your listeners to be intellectually honest. Ask the tough questions. When critics say that birth makes the unborn human, ask, "How does a mere change of location from inside the womb to outside the womb change the essential nature of the unborn?" If they say that brain development or self-awareness makes us human, ask if they would agree that IQ level dictates humanness. If not, why not? True, some people will ignore the scientific and philosophic case you present for the pro-life view and argue for abortion based on self-interest. That is the lazy way out. Remind your critics that if we care about truth, we will courageously follow the facts wherever they lead, no matter what the cost to our own self-interests. www.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>*

St. Raymond's truly has the most amazing families! I am so grateful for the strong showing of parents who were able to attend our recent parent meeting and/or emailed me. I appreciate your ideas, suggestions, and encouraging words as to how St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate is supporting your role as your children's primary catechists and educators. The sheer number of you who showed up shows how deeply you are invested in your children's formation and I am deeply honored and thoroughly excited to walk alongside you and your children on the journey of faith and life this year!

~Jeanne Sause

CCD & Youth Group for 7-8th Grade & 9-12th Grade

Learning about our Faith is a life-long process! We should all continue to seek out opportunities to learn more about our Faith throughout our entire lives. AND at the same time, it is super important to have friends who share your values and beliefs, with whom you can form life-long friendships and grow in the Faith ... thus youth group! Don't forget to sign up for CCD at <https://bit.ly/CCDforMe> We have a TOP NOTCH high school program open to all 9-12th graders, whether public, private, or home schooled. Come check it out! No charge for HS CCD.

Youth Group & CCD start up again September 10th:

4-5:30pm Junior High Youth Group

5:30-7pm 7-12th Grade CCD

7-8:30pm High School Youth Group

Attention all high school girls! Talitha Koum, our high school girls group will re-start **September 18, 2023!** Join us on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, 5:30-7pm in the Maurer Room! Come prepared to grow in your faith, play fun games, create closer bonds with friends and more!

High School Men: Our high school "Sons of Thunder" group will re-start **September 19, 2023.** Mark your calendars, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 7-8:30 pm in the Maurer Room. Come hungry (physically and intellectually) and ready to rumble. More details to follow.

6:30am Fri. Morning Mass & Breakfast resumes Sept. 10th!

All 7-12th graders: Join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan & Fr. Bergida in the parish hall. RSVP by Wed. we can coordinate our volunteers to drive you to school. If not, you can show up for Mass and have your parent drive you to school after breakfast! <https://bit.ly/FRIDAYRSVP>

Breakfast Donations Please consider supporting our parish teens who start their Friday's off with Mass, breakfast, and fellowship by donating a baked good, fruit, etc. **Donations can be brought on Thursdays, so you don't have to get up early!** Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FriBfast>

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

Email Jeanne to be added to the weekly email list for the most updated info on Youth Apostolate news & upcoming events!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2023-2024 Religious Education (CCD) classes begin NEXT WEEK - September 10th.
We have classes for grades K-12

If you have not registered your child(ren), please pick up a bright green registration form in the Narthex or from the Religious Education or Parish office.

PARENTS: All classes begin in the church. Please drop your children off at the front of the church each week; they will be directed to their teacher once inside the church. You will pick them up in the Parish Hall at the end of the class session.

ALL CCD PARENTS are expected to attend a "Back to CCD Night" meeting scheduled for September 24th at 5:45 pm and September 25th at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall. **You may attend the meeting which is most convenient for you.**

HOMESCHOOL PARENTS and CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS with children in sacrament preparation years (grades 2, 7 and 8), who will be receiving Sacraments here at St. Raymond's, **need to attend one of these parent meetings.**

Home School Group: for more information visit our website www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhs/ Or email straymondhs@gmail.com.

Mother Daughter Retreat: The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, **"To Light and Guard, To Rule and Guide: Your Guardian Angel's Mission to Form You into a Woman of Integrity"** on **September 23, 2023.** The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass. The retreat begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort. The \$60 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter (\$15 per additional daughter). For more information and to **register by September 15** visit <https://www.waywomen.com/daystar>. Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

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 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.

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians. Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998? You are invited to join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3 pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Contact your parish office to register no later than Monday, October 2, 2023. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg. Join Bishop Burbidge and our diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD, on Saturday, October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary), from 9am - 3pm. For more information please visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/>.

Church Persecuted

This is an update of a column from last year. Hoping that the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) would comply with our governor's order concerning "gender identity," the column should have been written to rescind what is below. But, unfortunately, FCPS system is retaining their anti-parent attitude from the previous years.

Last year, Father De Celles spoke and wrote emphatically about the serious attacks against the dignity of the human person inherent within the FCPS curriculum, especially regarding "gender identity" and the undermining of parental rights. Again this year, school staff and children will be forced to act against their consciences regarding gender identity and the truth that we are created male and female.

Furthermore, school employees are instructed not to notify parents if their child requests to be identified by a gender other than his/her birth sex, if that child does not want parents to know. Father has made it clear that St. Raymond's parish is offering financial assistance to parents who have enrolled their children in Catholic schools but need help with tuition, as well as parents who have decided to homeschool their children rather than expose them to the perils of FCPS.

Past articles have referenced Angelus Academy and St. John Paul the Great Catholic Schools as two excellent options. But what about homeschooling? How does one begin homeschooling in Virginia? Am I capable of homeschool my children? What about their socialization? Can they get into college? Military ROTC? NCAA sports? What if my child is a struggling learner? With school beginning, is it too late? These are all valid questions. For answers to these questions and more, contact the parish home school group at www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/.



Get In-Formed!

School is back in session...time for all of us to learn!

Watch Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained. This 20-episode series provides "big picture" instruction on "Knowing the Faith" (10 episodes) and "Living the Faith" (10 episodes). A teen option is available, too.

Watch Heresies. This 7-episode series presents major heresies (i.e. Marcionism, Gnosticism, Arianism, Pelagianism, Donatism, and Modernism), their historical context, the Church's response, and the saints of the time period.

Listen to The Face of God. St. Teresa of Kolkata (Feast Day, Sept. 5) gives presentations on God's gift of life, the Eucharist, and our call to imitate Christ.

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.

There are still spots available for the 2023-24 school year in our Little Messengers faith formation program for preschoolers. Little Messengers enrollment includes Level I Atrium (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) sessions each week.

Apply soon! 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
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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 to minimal qualification terms. 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).

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The Faith Direct totals printed in last week's bulletin were from August 2023, not July. We apologize for the error.

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| Sunday Offertory | \$ 13,680.00 |
| Family Assistance | \$ 954.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$ 960.00 |
| Our Lady of Ransom Catholic | |
| School Scholarship Donations | \$ 788.00 |
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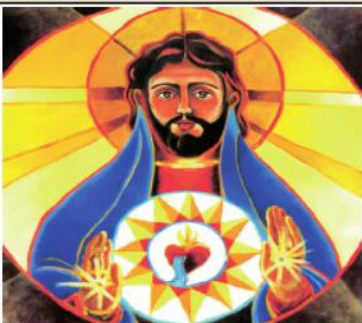
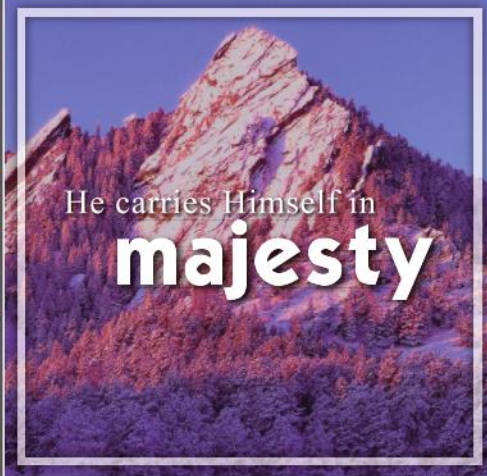
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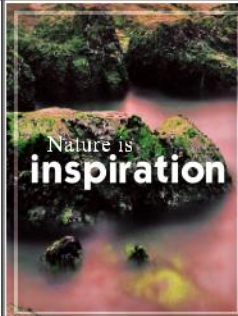
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