



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 - Friday:
6:30 am & 8:30 am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm (Sept - May)
Saturday: 9:00 am

Website: www.straymonds.org

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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

(I write this on Tuesday due to an early bulletin deadline.)

New Sound System. By the time you read this our new sound system should be in place. We have new hardware and software as well as new and moved speakers. I hope you notice the improvement in sound. We also have a new set up for those with hearing trouble—ask the ushers for assistance if this applies to you.

I am eager for your feedback. No system is perfect, but I hope we see a positive difference. Let me know.

NOVEMBER: PRAYING FOR THE DEAD. Last Thursday we celebrated *All Souls Day*. But as we go forward in November we remember this whole month is set aside by the Church as a month to pray for the dead who are in Purgatory being prepared for their entrance into Heaven. So I encourage you to pray and offer Masses for our beloved dead this month, and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the “most abandoned,” the souls who no one else remembers to pray for.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.”

Vote Like a Catholic. This **Tuesday, November 7**, Virginians go to the polls to elect our Virginia State Delegates and Senators, as well as our Fairfax County government and **School Board members**. Sadly, many voters, including many Catholics, will vote for candidates who embrace abortion, the “LGBTQ+” (transgender) agenda, and the undermining of **parental rights** and religious liberty. Many others will not vote at all. But as the Church teaches that not only must Catholics vote, they must vote like Catholics, placing priority on the most “fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one's children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms (230). **These values are not negotiable**” (Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 83).

Prayer and Adoration for the Election. I encourage all of you to pray for God's will to prevail in the election, and remind you we will have **Adoration and Exposition in the church all day on Election Day (this Tuesday)**, beginning immediately after the 8:30am Mass and ending at 7pm. I also ask you all to pray the Rosary today, tomorrow and Tuesday.

Scandal in Rome. From the *National Catholic Register*, Father Raymond J. de Souza, October 27, 2023 (excerpt): “With the world media in Rome to cover the signature synodality initiative of Pope Francis, a stomach-churning Jesuit scandal returned to dominate the news.

“To the outrage of victims, the shock of the assembled synod delegates, the bewilderment of bishops and the shame of the Holy See, it turned out that the world's most infamous Jesuit abuser, Father Marko Rupnik, had been returned to ministry in a Slovenian diocese....

“Father Rupnik has been for generations one the world's most celebrated Jesuit priests...The most famous Catholic artist in the world.... The favor was not only official, but personal — he was granted papal audiences by his fellow Jesuit, Pope Francis, and invited once to preach to the Roman Curia.

“Hence it was a veritable earthquake in Rome when, in November 2022, it was reported that there were a long series of allegations of sacrilegious and repellant sexual abuse against various religious sisters over whom Rupnik had spiritual and

professional authority. What followed was still more appalling.

“The Jesuits knew in January 2020 that Father Rupnik had committed one of the most serious canonical crimes, offering sacramental absolution to someone with whom he had had illicit sexual contact. Despite being in a state of automatic excommunication, the Society of Jesus permitted Pope Francis to invite him to preach a Lenten recollection to the Pope himself and the Roman Curia.

“Father Rupnik's excommunication was formally confirmed by the DDF in May 2020, but lifted shortly thereafter. The Jesuits then put restrictions on Father Rupnik's ministry, especially regarding spiritual direction and confession for women.

“In 2022, a nauseating dossier of allegations arrived at the DDF. The dates of the allegations required the DDF to lift the statute of limitations in order to put Father Rupnik on trial. When it declined to do so, no case could proceed against the celebrity priest... Pope Francis ...expressed his agreement ...

“The international outcry in late 2022 forced the Jesuits to act. They further restricted Father Rupnik's ministry and declared that the allegations made by dozens of women were “highly credible.” When Father Rupnik would not abide by the restrictions, the Jesuits speedily expelled him for “stubborn disobedience” in June 2023....

“...Father Rupnik wrote to his hometown diocese of Koper, Slovenia...In August the local bishop admitted Father Rupnik, meaning that he had the capacity for ministry again....

“.... [A]fter dragging out the case and declining to act for years...[w]ithin 36 hours of the news breaking about the decision in Koper, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis was going to act against Father Rupnik.

[“...[T]he Holy Father reversed himself ...[and] directed that the Rupnik case be reopened at the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF), and lifted the statute of limitations to that effect....”]

Closing of the Synod. From *The Catholic Thing*, Robert Royal, October 30, 2023: “Several voices – mostly close to Pope Francis ...– declared the assembly, before the fact, the most significant event in the life of the Catholic Church since Vatican II. ...[S]everal of the officially selected speakers suggested, as one of them put it, ‘When we reach the consensus that the Church is constitutively synodal, we will have to rethink the whole Church, all the institutions, the whole life of the Church in a synodal sense.’

“If that were to happen, it still wouldn't necessarily be the greatest Catholic event since Vatican II...But the Synod might well be...the most utterly wearying.

“...[E]ven the controversies and attempted infidelities, the rigging and manipulations, of the previous synods in the Francis era were more varied, interesting, and substantial than this one. ... With this one, you wandered in a fog that, for all its strict structuring and regimented march through various modules and discussions, seemed to go nowhere.

“And to judge from the final document, released late Saturday in Rome, the appearance was very close to the reality.

“The only ‘news’ for those hoping for the usual litany of changes – on LGBTs, women, married priests, etc. – was that there was no news, except the failure of the false expectations that the Synod had, intentionally or not, created.

“...Some more hopeful progressive voices characterized all this as a ‘postponement’.... Vatican spokesman Paolo Ruffini has confirmed that the same delegates will return next October to continue the synodal discernment process.

“If that process is conducted fairly, it's difficult to see how this same group will provide any greater satisfaction to those whose expectations have been raised by this confused ‘walking together.’”

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 6th

6:30 am John P. Rowley Jr. +
 8:30 am James Cade +

Tuesday, November 7th

6:30 am Vernon Butler
 8:30 am Robert Bracken +

Wednesday, November 8th

6:30 am John P. Rowley Jr. +
 8:30 am Christine Petitti +
 7:00 pm For our children who
 have preceded us into
 Eternity +

Thursday, November 9th

6:30 am Mary Butler
 8:30 am Christopher Matthews

Friday, November 10th

10:00 am Robin Dohn Laird
 & Family

Saturday, November 11th

9:00 am Deceased members of
 the Legion of Mary +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Joseph Fleming +

Sunday, November 12th

7:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
 William Rodriguez, Jr. +
 9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Parishioners
 11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
 Sunshine & Robert
 Edwards
 1:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Family of Jesus Prayer
 Group

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.

Michael Aldridge

Neil McNulty

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

Gaudencio Dizon

Paul Haynes

Dwayne Taylor

Ted Tolpa

Nena Brennan

Serrin Foster

Margaret O'Neill

Tom Swengros

Donald Trayer

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Virginia

Cummings

Joanne Griffith

Arlene Pietraszko

Jean Seiberling

Mariel Spiritosanto

Anjanee

Balkissoon

Fr. Stephen Schultz

Shireen Balkissoon

Margaret Carter

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

Nov. 5

Donut Sunday

Nov. 6

Family of Jesus Prayer Group

Nov. 7

Election Day Adoration 9am - 7pm

Nov. 7

Adult Bible Study

Nov. 8

Adoration 9am - 7pm

Nov. 8

Legion of Mary

Nov. 9

Book Club

Nov. 9

Bridge Club

Nov. 10

Veterans Day Holiday - One Mass at 10am

Adoration cancelled, Offices closed

Nov. 18

Men's Prayer Group

Donut Sunday, this Sunday, November 5th after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass to enjoy some treats and drinks and meet your fellow parishioners. We will also have **LOST & FOUND items** out for you to check. November's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our Trail Life Troop.

Coats for Kids! The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new Coats for Kids after all Masses this weekend. All new coats will be donated to local charities. Monetary donations will also be accepted and will be used to purchase new coats.

Gift Shop Open Nov. 4-5 after Sunday Masses: We carry Advent items, crucifixes, bibles, rosaries, jewelry and more. Credit cards, checks, and cash are welcomed. We are also available by appointment. Submit your request at giftshop@StRaymonds.org or call 703-440-0535.

Adoration for Election Day, November 7. Please remember to vote and to pray for God's will in this year's elections. On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 we will have Exposition and Adoration after the 8:30 Mass and conclude with Benediction at 7 pm. Please join us! Visit our website to sign up for an hour or stop by anytime during the day.

Parish Hall Kitchen Manager Needed. Volunteer needed to organize and maintain the Parish Hall Kitchen on a regular basis. Requirements include discarding any expired food from shelves, fridge and freezer; organization of pots, pans, bowls, serving dishes and drawers and coordinating with our current kitchen supply volunteer buyer. If you are interested in this role, please contact the Parish Office at 703-440-0535.

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

Additions to our Liturgical Calendar:

Mass each Wednesday at 7pm

First Friday Confessions from 3-4 pm and 6-8 pm.

Sunday morning: Confessions ½ hour before 9 and 11am

Masses, i.e., 8:30- 9am, 10:30-11am.

St. Raymond's has Adoration most Wednesdays and Fridays! 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 helping, please call 703-440-0535 or email virginia.osella@straymonds.org. Drop-ins are always welcome!

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 November!** All are invited to attend.

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.

Book Club: The parish Book Club next meets on **Thursday, November 9**, at 10:00 am in the St Raymond Library to discuss "St Mary Magdalene, Prophetess of Eucharistic Love, by Fr Sean Davidson. **NOTE** that we are meeting on a Thursday because Veterans Day, a federal holiday, is celebrated on Friday, November 10. The schedule for the year is posted 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, bookclub@straymonds.org.



MEN: ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

Our communities and our Parish need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy, ever-changing and tumultuous world. For over 100 years, the Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and our families. **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! Don't delay ... **BECOME A KNIGHT!**



Upcoming Events:

- 11/4-5 Coats for Kids donations/collections (after Masses)
- 11/9 Officer Meeting, 7 pm
- 11/13 Council Rosary in the Library, 7 pm
- 11/13 Exemplification and Membership Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 11/24 Christmas Tree Delivery/ Sales Commence

Wreaths Across America Sponsorship Drive. American Heritage Girls will be collecting cash donations after all of the Masses Veterans' Day weekend (Nov. 11-12) to sponsor wreaths to be laid at the US Soldiers & Airmen's Home National Cemetery in Washington, DC on December 16. If you would prefer to donate electronically, please visit our troop's sponsorship site at <https://tinyurl.com/VA0683WAA>. We thank you for your support!

Opening of the Golden Jubilee Celebration. Please join us on Sunday, November 26 at 5 pm, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Annandale for the opening of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the celebrant and homilist. A reception will follow in the school gym. Please RSVP to events@arlingtondiocese.org

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of Weather or Emergency closings, St. Raymond's Parish NO LONGER follows Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) decisions.

In the event of Weather or other Emergency situations, notice of cancellations or closings of parish events and/or facilities will be posted to the parish website. If possible/practical the parish will also send out an email to all parishioners notifying them of the closing/cancellations.

There are only TWO exceptions to any closing decisions we make and issue:

- 1) **Regularly scheduled Masses and Confession will NEVER be cancelled due to inclement Weather.**
- 2) Meetings of very small groups that receive the pastor's personal permission, in which case members will be notified of the exception personally by their group leader.

SAINT RAYMOND'S RESPECTS LIFE

Learn the TRUTH. Live the TRUTH. Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE



If you haven't already, **it's time to Vote!**
Every seat in the Virginia Assembly is on the ballot! **Get informed** and get in line to **Vote Pro Life.**
VoteValuesVA.com



This is our Weekend to Witness! Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion. Peaceful. Prayerful. Public witness for the purpose of ending abortion. Please join us outside the Falls Church Women's 'Healthcare' (abortion) Clinic. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired over a million volunteers and saved thousands of lives. Thank you to all who have already signed up in the narthex! Questions? Visit 40daysforlife.com or contact Liz at hildebrandseven@gmail.com.

This Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00pm the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for our children who have predeceased us. Kara Palladino, from A Mom's Peace, will be with us to answer any questions you may have. All are most welcome.

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.

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.

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

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.

Whether one is pro-abortion or pro-life, there is overwhelming scientific consensus that life begins at the moment of conception. That point is settled; it is not debated in scientific circles. Therefore, since **life begins at conception**, it is morally objectionable and cowardly not to defend the innocent lives of the unborn. Thou shalt not kill applies.

America, Defend Life!
-Pope Saint John Paul II

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

<https://straymonds.org/ministries-and-groups/youth-apostolate/>

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

Youth Group & CCD November 5th:

4-5:30pm Jr. High Youth Group (pizza served)

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

7-8:30pm High School Youth Group (snacks served)

Snack Donations Are you able to contribute a snack for our high school youth group to enjoy on a Sunday evenings? It can be as simple as a few bags of chips or cookies. If you are able to help, please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/feedtheteens>

Sunday 11/ 12: High School Q&A with Fr. De Celles

5:30-7pm (Parish Hall) Fr. De Celles will be doing Q&A in place of High School CCD class. ALL high school age youth are encouraged to come, whether you are in CCD or not.

Friday 11/10: NO 6:30am Mass & Breakfast

There is NO 6:30am Mass this Friday, 11/10, due to the holiday, so there will be no Mass & breakfast club.

More info on all of the Youth Apostolate activities below can be found online at <https://bit.ly/PERMISSIONSLIPS>



Pie Sale Fundraiser for Youth Apostolate

Would you, your family, friends, and/or neighbors enjoy a fresh, delicious homemade pie this Thanksgiving? Back by popular demand, our youth apostolate will be hand making about 70 apple pies & 70 pumpkin pies **ready for pick-up Nov. 18-19**, just in time for Thanksgiving! All proceeds support our Youth Apostolate—from our weekly meeting supplies & snacks to trips like WorkCamp & Steubenville. **Pre-Orders are due November 12th, unless we sell out sooner!** Forms for pre-order can be found on youth bulletin boards & in this week's bulletin insert. Thank you, in advance, for supporting our parish youth!



Saturday, Nov. 11: High School Swing Dance (10am-12pm) at

Angelus Academy Mark the date & tell your friends! Students from Christendom College's swing dance club will be back to teach us some moves! Snacks & water will be provided. Unfortunately, if we do not have more young men participate, this will be our last dance. Come have some fun! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. FREE!!

Saturday, Nov. 18: Father-Son Axe Throwing Competition! 10:30am-2pm (Will drive together to Autobahn in Sterling)

Permission slip, waiver, cost & more at <https://bit.ly/PERMISSIONSLIPS>

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

THANK YOU to all our veterans!!!!

NEXT week - November 12, 13 and 14 we will be collecting baby items for the MaRiH pregnancy care center in Alexandria. There is great need for the following items:

Diapers size newborn - size 6

Baby Wipes

Similac Advance Formula

Fall/Winter clothing - especially size 12-18 months and 2T

Car seats

Baby blankets

Please drop off your items at the Religious Education Office in the Parish Hall.

Parents please note: November 20, 21 and 26: Thanksgiving Holiday - there WILL BE NO CCD classes!



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

Diocesan High School Placement Test, Dec. 2nd. 8th grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools, who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington, need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The test will be on Saturday, December 2, 2023 8:30am-12pm (Snow Date - December 9, 2023) at each of the Diocesan High Schools. Students must register online on the high school's website.

Mothers' Group: Do your young children need a bit more excitement? Are you looking for Catholic friendship with fellow mothers? Come to the moms' meet-up on Wednesday mornings! We alternate between meeting at our church and parks. Email Michelle for more information at mlcastry@gmail.com.

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

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.

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.

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.

Church Persecuted

The cancel culture has been the subject of multiple discussions over the past years as it not only pertains to our schools, but also businesses and government entities. Dr. Dan Guernsey, now the director of the M.Ed. in Catholic educational leadership at Ave Maria University, wrote an article in *The Catholic Thing* over two years ago that addresses the problem and provides for a solution. (Excerpts of this essay continue from last week.)

“Catholic education serves the common good. Unjust discrimination based on race or gender is an affront to the common good, and therefore Catholic education should respond to these evils with the fullness of a Catholic worldview and morality. Catholic educators should bring the joy of the Gospel and the wisdom of the Church to bear on social justice issues, instead of duplicating or amplifying already loud and divisive secular voices.

“The Catholic worldview is based on the dignity of all people and their universal call to holiness and salvation in Christ, in whom we are all one (Gal. 3:28). In Catholic education, ‘there is no longer any distinction between Gentiles and Jews, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarians, savages, slaves and free, but Christ is all, Christ is in all (Col. 3:7).

“This worldview has no room for unjust discrimination. In Catholic education, all men and women and people of all nationalities, races, and creeds are treated with their inherent dignity as children of God. Catholic education seeks to overcome division, not to create it. The answer to the division caused by the sins of racism and discrimination is the unity brought about by fundamental human fraternity and forgiveness.”

(To be concluded next week)

www.TheCatholicThing.org/2021/05/19/the-remedy-for-canceling-and-division-catholic-education/

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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 are still available!

Please send requests for tuition assistance or homeschool reimbursement to Fr. De Celles, or 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).

FAITH DIRECT: eGiving helps you continue to support St. Raymond's throughout the year. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish throughout the year. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. 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

Sunday Offertory	\$ 13,507.00
Family Assistance	\$ 775.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 900.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 680.00
World Missions	\$ 2,239.00

The Second Collection next weekend will be for Retired Religious.

REMINDER— Time Changes Nov. 5th: Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend! Please remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.



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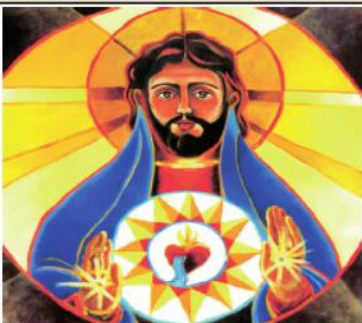
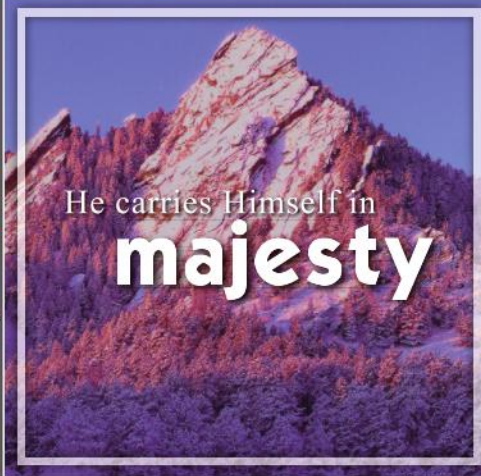
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