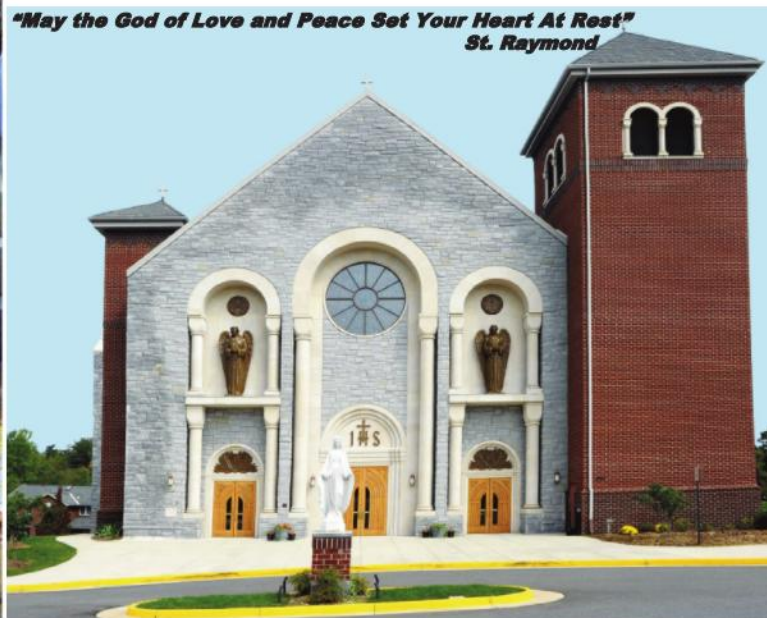


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John 2: 15,16

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



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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.

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 (Latin-
English), 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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

6:15 - 7:00 pm (during Exposition)

Saturday Morning

8:00 - 9:00 am

Saturday Afternoon

3:30 - 5:00 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

First Fridays 9:00 am Friday - 9:00 Saturday (Overnight)

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

St. Patrick's Sacrilege. By now you've all probably heard the horrifying news about the funeral at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral for Cecilia Gentili, a man who identified as a transgender woman and activist and as an atheist. According to The Pillar, these are some things that happened at this liturgy:

- "...the priest celebrant consistently used feminine pronouns for Gentili, describing the deceased as "our sister" ...
- ...the steps to the sanctuary were decorated ...with LGBT-themed flags and similar items,
- ...participants celebrated Cecilia as a "wh--re," a "p--a," and as the "mother of wh--es," in a manner that seemed to glamorize prostitution,
- ...the intercessory prayers included a call for "gender-affirming" healthcare,
- ...prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary were interrupted, with a participant shouting "Ave Cecilia" over the "Ave Maria," and dancing around the deceased's casket,
- ..."words of remembrance" were offered by the deceased's male partner, which focused on their union, and by a transgender person who referred to "girls like me" from the cathedral's pulpit, ...[and] focused on political advocacy regarding transgender issues,
- ...a transgender person could be seen kissing another man in the Church's sanctuary...
- ...the liturgy included raucous chanting and interruptions at various times,
- ...the deceased was frequently celebrated as a "saint" during the liturgy.

The hierarchy's reaction was sadly scandalous. According to The Pillar, Cardinal Timothy Dolan defended the cathedral's actions:

"They get a call, they didn't know the background of this woman who died, all they know is somebody called and said, 'Our dear friend died, we'd love to have the funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral, it would be a great source of consolation, she's a Catholic...it would be a great source of consolation for us, her family and friends....And of course the priest at the cathedral said, 'Come on in, you're more than welcome.'"

"...Regarding calls for him to impose ecclesiastical penalties, Dolan said ... 'I say to the people, 'What are you all looking at Daddy here for?... I don't have much clout, some fat, Irish, balding bishop, talking about defending the Church?... people are going to say 'Ho Hum!' ...Dolan said instead that lay people should "do something" about New York's [pro-LGBTQ+] governor, mostly through their votes. "Don't yell at me! Look at yourselves!" the cardinal said."

Yeah, it's the lay people's fault. Pass the buck. What leadership. But after all, he's just, in his own words, "some fat, Irish, balding bishop." He's not your "Daddy."

I don't know... I'm fat, part Irish, balding priest. I'm not your "daddy" but I am your Father. And I couldn't disagree more with the Cardinal's approach.

You wonder why so many people don't trust Bishops and priests anymore? Why when they speak, "people ...say 'Ho Hum!'" Maybe because too many bishops and priests refuse to 1) defend the morals, faith and liturgy of the Church, 2) take responsibility for their own failures and 3) try to be true leaders in the mold of Jesus.

And what do "leaders in the mold of Jesus" do?

Hmmmm....

"He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and ...said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, 'Zeal for your house will

consume me.'"

Not quite, "Come on in, you're more than welcome."

And you wonder why people don't believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist anymore? Maybe if bishops and priests showed more respect for the liturgy and refused to let our sacred churches be subject to sacrilege after sacrilege—not just the Gentili funeral, but all the unnecessary irreverence present in so many Masses and other events taking place in our Churches right in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.

At St. Raymond's. We take precautions that things like this will never happen here. We have strict rules about our liturgies, especially funerals and weddings. For example, we never allow "eulogies" at funerals. Sometimes we get pushback, sometimes vitriolic. But maybe you can understand why we're so careful. Not because we are uncaring, but because we *do* care.

Even so, with the growing influence of secularism on the way otherwise good people (including Catholics) view the Church and its liturgies, as well the growing activism of our enemies, we must always remain prayerful and "sober and alert."

And after thinking about all this, I've decided to make a few tweaks in the way we organize funerals and weddings. These may prove to be unpopular, but I hope you will support me.

In particular, in the past we have followed the general custom, permitted under Church law, to allow families at funerals and weddings to appoint their own readers/lectors. From now on, however, either our own parish readers or the priest celebrant will do the readings at all of our funerals and weddings. I will make an exception if the non-parishioner readers provide letters of good standing from their pastors (I will provide guidance to them on what these letters must say).

Cardinal Burke's 9 Month Novena. Our friend, Cardinal Raymond Burke recently stated:

"We live in most troubled times, throughout the world and even within the Church. The pervasive confusion and error about the most fundamental truths, about the law which God has written upon every human heart, tempt us to discouragement and even to abandon hope. But Our Lady draws us to herself, in order that she, in turn, may lead us to our only source of hope, her Divine Son, above all, to His Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist."

With this in mind, the good Cardinal, a true leader in the mold of Christ, has issued an invitation, "calling on every Catholic in America to return to Our Lady and join in prayer." To wit, to join him in a nine-month novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, beginning on March 12 and culminating with an act of consecration on her feast day, December 12. Every month participants will receive emails from the Cardinal with words of encouragement.

As your Pastor, I ask you all to join in this Novena with the Cardinal, me and thousands of other Catholics. You can sign up at novena.cardinalburke.com.

As Lent Continues. Daily Mass. How is your Lent going? Are you doing Penance? If not, why not?

Consider attending at least one extra Mass during the week: remember we have **extra evening Masses** on Monday through Thursday at 7pm. Or spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament especially during **Exposition and Adoration** on Wednesdays from 9am to 7pm, and on Fridays throughout the day, evening, and night ("Nocturnal"), until just before the Saturday morning 9am Mass. And also on Friday don't forget the **Stations of the Cross** at 7pm, and the **Soup Supper** at 5:30. And go to **Confession!**

And don't forget, this Tuesday at the 7pm Mass I'll continue my **Lenten Series** of Sermons on the topic of "**The Seven Last Words of Jesus.**" Please join us.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4th

6:30 am Barbara Blair
 8:30 am Edgardo Perigrino +
 7:00 pm Fr. Jerome Daly +

Tuesday, March 5th

6:30 am Vincente Toves +
 8:30 am John Sloan
 7:00 pm Pope Benedict XVI +

Wednesday, March 6th

6:30 am Monica Byers
 8:30 am Lucila & Thomas Lopez +
 7:00 pm Celebrant's Intentions

Thursday, March 7th

6:30 am Tomas Obejera +
 8:30 am Johanna Healy
 7:00 pm Pope Francis

Friday, March 8th

6:30 am Dennis Dila
 8:30 am John Greeley +

Saturday, March 9th

9:00 am Bart Perricone

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Anne Matty
 Bucchianeri+

Sunday, March 10th

7:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Catherine Hansen
 9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
 Parishioners
 11:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 RE Catechists
 1:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Family of Jesus prayer group

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

(See the website for Holy Days)

There will be a 7pm Mass Monday-Thursday during Lent. The Tuesday evening Masses will include a series of extended homilies on the theme, "The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Lenten Confession Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

Feb. 15 – March 15: 6:30 - 7pm

Wednesday: 6 - 8pm

Saturday: 8 - 9am; 3:30 - 5pm

Sunday: 8:30 - 9am, 10:30 - 11am

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 March!**

St. Raymond's has Adoration 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 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! **During Lent**, there will be **nocturnal adoration every Friday - Saturday**. Please visit our website to sign up!



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Weekend! Do not forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour next Saturday night (March 9th).

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	Paul Haynes	Jean Seiberling
Tom Dietz	Dwayne Taylor	Fran Zograib
Michael O'Neill	Ted Tolpa	Helen Zograib
Cindy Laird	Nena Brennan	Robert Petitti
Patricia Lewis	Serrin Foster	Margaret Carter
Mai Pham	Margaret O'Neill	Mark Gatanas
Jason Saenz	Donald Trayer	Donna Foster
Phyllis Zitnik	Ellen Trayer	Sonia Myers
Patricia Del Buono	Tom Swengros	Erich Whitt
John Florio	Virginia Cummings	Josephine Samudre
Debra Henkel	Arlene Pietraszko	
Gaudencio Dizon		

Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

March 3	Donut Sunday
March 4	Family of Jesus Prayer Group
March 5	Bible Study at 9:30am and 6pm
March 5	Tues. 7pm Mass with Lenten Series Homily
March 6	Legion of Mary 6:30 pm
March 8	Soup Supper 5:30pm
March 8	Book Club 10 am
March 8	Stations of the Cross 7pm
March 8-9	Nocturnal Adoration (Fri. 9am - Sat. 9am)
March 16	KofC St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Dinner

Donut Sunday, this weekend, March 3rd 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. March's Donut Sunday will be hosted by our Lectors and Altar Server families.

Lenten Soup Suppers continue! Please join your fellow parishioners for a delicious but simple meal **each Friday during Lent, 5:30-7pm**. Bring your family or a friend and either a pot of homemade meatless soup, macaroni & cheese, fruit, salad or bread to share. **Stations of the Cross** takes place in the church at 7pm each Friday. Please join us!

Book Club: The parish Book Club next meets on Friday, March 8th at 10:00 AM in the St Raymond Library to discuss "**The Pain of Christ and the Sorrow of God: Lenten Meditations**" by Fr Gerald Vann. 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 at bookclub@straymonds.org.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and very Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence (no meat). Failure to "substantially" keep these penances is grave matter (e.g., potentially a mortal sin). The law of abstinence requires that no meat may be eaten on these days, and binds all Catholics who are 14 years old or older. No other penance may be substituted. The sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other folks with special physical circumstances may be partially or totally exempt from these rules—use good judgment and take care of yourself.



ST. RAYMOND'S KNIGHTS EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY IS COMING!

If you are interested in becoming a Knight, **NOW IS THE TIME!** The St. John Bosco Council of St. Raymond's Parish will be conducting an Exemplification Ceremony to induct new Knights into the Council on March 11, 2024. It is not too late to join the many men who have wisely decided to step forward with Faith in their hearts to become a Knight! You will no doubt see more of them in the near future ... leading with faith, defending values in a busy, changing world, and committed to serving others. With all that they do, they need all the help they can get! 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! KofC/JoinUs**



Upcoming Events:

3/2-3 St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner Ticket Sales #1
3/7 Officer Meeting (7 PM – Library)
3/9-10 St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner Ticket Sales #2
3/11 Exemplification and Meeting (7:30 PM, Parish Hall)
3/16 St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner 6:30 PM)
3/23 Pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery
3/23 State Level Basketball Free Throw Competition

ST. PATRICK'S AND ST JOSEPH'S DINNER: The Knights of Columbus are hosting a parish dinner on Saturday, March 16th in honor of St. Patrick (Feast day - March 17th) and St. Joseph (Feast day - March 19th). Knights are in the narthex with tickets or you can purchase on line using this QR Code. Please come and join in on the fun. Erin go Brah!



Christ House Meal – March 29th. Monetary Donations Only. This year our commitment to the Diocesan Christ House Dining Room in Alexandria falls on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Because of that, this quarter, we are requesting cash donations in lieu of food items. The committee will order 72 hot, prepared meals to be delivered to Christ House that can be easily distributed by Christ House volunteers. Please drop off your cash (or check) donations at the office or place it in the collection basket clearly marked for Christ House!



JOIN the CHOIR at St. Raymond's: Do you want to sing with the choir for Lent and Easter? Singers who have a pleasant voice and sing in pitch are welcome. 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 repertoire of the choir contains masterpieces of classical liturgical choir music. 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.

Director of Religious Education Vacancy - Reporting to the Pastor, the Director of Religious Education (DRE) assists the Pastor in the Faith Formation programs for the parish. For more information, questions about the position or to apply, contact Mary Butler at 703-440-0535 or mary.butler@straymonds.org.

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 (Mary Rose in Haste – to help Elizabeth) 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 for generously supporting this work of mercy.** Donations welcome in the narthex collection box near the elevator. marih.org.



The spring Campaign of **40 Days for Life** began on Ash Wednesday. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Our witness weekend will be 9 – 10 March. Thank you for peacefully and prayerfully standing up for life!

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.

Do you have a real-life bioethical decision to make? **The National Catholic Bioethics Center** offers explanations of Catholic moral teaching to help you form your conscience in fidelity to the magisterium with trustworthy resources and free confidential person to person interaction. Visit ncbcenter.org/consultation-form. An ethicist will respond within 5 business days. For urgent matters, call 215-877-2660.

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.

Help After Abortion: Project Rachel Helpline: (703) 841-2504 (888-456-HOPE) **For Men:** (703) 841-3833 or info@helpafterabortion.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.

Stay engaged in what's going on with life issues at the Virginia General Assembly. Subscribe (free) to the email Action Alerts from The Virginia Catholic Conference and The Family Foundation. **Make your voice count for those who have no voice!**

Thank you to all who participated in the Virginia March for Life! Our neighbors in Maryland will be marching for life in Annapolis on Monday evening, March 11. For more information: mdmarchforlife.com. Life Marches are happening all over our nation! Encourage your friends and family to join a march near them. marchforlife.org/state-marches-near-you/

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>

Have fun. Make friends. Make a difference.

ST. RAYMOND'S SERVICE WEEK



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

More info. soon

Are you looking for community? Consider helping out with our summer service week at the parish!

Youth Group & CCD Sunday, March 3

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

5:30-7pm ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS are invited to a Q&A session with Fr. De Celles in the parish hall. Bring your questions! Bring your friends!

7-8:30pm Bob & Bev Ward, back by popular demand, share the story of how they met and fell in love, with one another, and with the Church! This is a story you won't want to miss!

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group

5:30-7pm Monday, MARCH 4th & 18th Maurer Room)

High School Ladies! "Little Girl, arise!" (Mt. 5:41) and come to Talitha Koum! Deepen your faith, play fun games, and grow in sisterhood! NOTE: we are meeting the 1st & 3rd Monday this month.

DEEPEN YOUR PRAYER LIFE THIS LENT

Start your Fridays with Mass & discussion afterwards

6:30AM MASS & BREAKFAST EVERY FRIDAY

Shout out to WSHS & homeschool students for your dedication!!

Where are you at SoCo Hayfield & LBSS? WSHS is wondering if you're up for the challenge?! All 7-12th graders: Join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan & Fr. Bergida in the parish hall. RSVP's help make sure we have enough food! <https://bit.ly/FRIDAYRSVP>

40 Days for Life & Chick-Fil-A Witness

10:15-1:15pm Saturday, March 9th

7-12th graders, please join us in praying outside the abortion clinic in Falls Church to change hearts and save lives. Bring your Rosary & a friend. We will car pool. Youth Apostolate will pay for milkshakes at Chick-Fil-A afterwards. Chaperones needed.. Permissions slips (on website & bulletin boards) due Monday 3/4.

Scholarship Contests/Opportunities for youth in grades 7-12

* Check the website for more info. <https://bit.ly/StRayYAnews>

Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Looking ahead: In observance of Holy Week and Easter, CCD classes will **NOT** meet:

Holy Week: March 24, 25, 26

Easter Week: March 31, April 1, 2

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

1. Sponsor Eligibility letter (from sponsor's home parish) is due March 21st

2. Statement of Sponsor form due March 21st

* Parents of 8th grade students - please mark your calendars:

Confirmation rehearsal is scheduled for May 19th at 2:30 pm.

Confirmation Mass is scheduled to be celebrated May 20th at 7 pm.

Mothers' Group: 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.

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 or bridgeclub402@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

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.

10th National Eucharistic Congress. You are invited to join the Diocese of Arlington for the historic 10th National Eucharistic Congress to be held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21, 2024. Tour packages including accommodations and a ticket to the Congress are available through Corporate Travel Services. For pricing and more information, check out our website at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/>.

Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil!

Trail Life Troop 0683, the troop sponsored by St. Raymond of Peñafort, is kicking off its annual mulch and topsoil sale to help parish families prepare for spring lawn and garden care. Your support will help our growing troop buy camping gear, advancement and recognition badges and instructional material. You can mail in your order or order online. Ordering instructions can be found at this website, <https://straymonds.org/trail-life/>.

Holy Hour Offering Cards. Are you making a Holy Hour for a loved one or a friend? There are complimentary Holy Hour Offering Cards (with envelopes) available in the narthex suitable for mailing. Please feel free to take one and let someone know that you are remembering them in prayer.

Parish Picnic Committee. Saint Raymond's holds an Annual Parish Picnic at the end of August/beginning of September. We are looking for a committee lead to plan and execute the details of the picnic. We are also looking for volunteers interested in joining the committee to support the event. For more information or to sign up, please contact the parish office at office@straymonds.org or call 703-440-0535.

Church Persecuted

This is part 5 of a continuing series on the USCCB's annual report on The State of Religious Liberty in the U.S. Continuing from last week's list on National Trends in Politics, Culture, and Law.

(5) Schools are now the battleground in the gender identity debates. We don't have to look far to see how the government schools are moving into this woke culture of requirements that teachers abide by the nonsensical school policies of addressing students only by the pronouns that the students demand, regardless of whether it coincides with their birth sex. This dramatic violation of the fundamental rules of language where the pronoun MUST align with the gender of the antecedent, is proceeding unchecked in the Fairfax County public school system.

School libraries are being stocked with books even down to the kindergarten and pre-school ages dealing with so-called marriages between two members of the same sex, the normalization of changing sexes, and gender identity. In every case, parents have been shut out of the conversation.

In Maryland, parents have filed a lawsuit for the "right to opt their children out of classes that promote views of sex and gender that conflict with their religious beliefs." In New Jersey, a father sued his government school district for allowing his child to use "gender pronouns" or "gender transition" without parental consent.

Watch out for some federal Title IX rules that are being reviewed which may force school districts to set aside traditional beliefs about "sex and sex differentiation."

Here is the link to the entire report <https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/2024-annual-report>

FORMED®

Get In-Formed!

See the Formed bulletin board by the central doors of the vestibule for additional suggestions.

Watch A Lent to Remember. These five episodes, picked from the Augustine Institute's programs *Symbolon* and *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*, present Christ's love in His suffering on the Cross and His mercy in the Sacrament of Confession.

Listen to Understanding the Stations of the Cross. In this episode of FORMED Live, Drs. Tim Gray and Ben Akers discuss the Stations and their relevant biblical references.

For Kids. Watch *Brother Francis: The Stations of the Cross*. The familiar character introduces children to the purpose of the Stations and then walks them through age-appropriate reflections on each of the 14 stations.

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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
7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153

Scholarships to Catholic Schools are still available!

Please send requests for tuition assistance to Fr. De Celles or contact the parish office for more information. We can also help cover homeschooling expenses.

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, 1qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil).

2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA): Behold, I make all things new. Please consider making a pledge to the BLA. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.



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Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,557.00
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Sunday Offertory	\$ 15,882.00
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