

BEHOLD YOUR KING!

JOHN 19:14



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

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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 - 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

Holy Week. For almost 40 days we've been striving to grow in charity and holiness through Christ's grace and our Lenten penances and resolutions. Most of us have met with mixed results. But we have one more week: let's resolve to make it a truly "holy" week centered on Christ and His ineffable love.

To do this I propose we follow the ancient practice of allowing each day to be permeated with the Passion of Christ. That is, to constantly be aware and thoughtful of what He was thinking, doing, saying and suffering in those last days and hours, and how He endured all this because of our sins and out of love for us.

The Church gives us multiple gifts to help us do this, in particular the unique liturgies of Holy Week. We begin today, **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**, as we have the blessing of the Palms and the Solemn entry into the church, reminding us of the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We combine this with the reading of the Passion from Luke's Gospel, using the form of a narrative and dialogue; is there any more painful moment for each of us than when we cry out together "Crucify him"?

Each day of Holy Week then proceeds with many opportunities for going to Mass and confession, as well as visiting churches to adore our Eucharistic Lord, to meditate on the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary, or, especially, to pray the Stations of the Cross.

On **Holy Thursday** things become even more focused and intense. No Masses are said during the day anywhere in the world, except the **Chrism Mass** offered at the Cathedrals of most Dioceses (although ours has been moved to Tuesday of this week). In the evening, Mass is finally said in the parishes, as Lent officially ends and the Triduum ("three days") begins with **The Mass of the Lord's Supper**, commemorating the institution of the sacraments of the Eucharist and Priesthood (Holy Orders). Here we find ourselves in the upper room at the Passover meal with Christ and the first priests, His apostles. As Mass ends, just as the Lord led the apostles to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, the priest leads a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to a place of repose (in the Parish Hall) where all are invited to remain with our Eucharistic Lord as late as midnight, remembering Jesus' words: "remain here, and watch with me... watch and pray."

The next day is **Good Friday**, in a certain way **the holiest day of the year**. The whole Church throughout the world observes **a day of fasting and abstinence** (see the rules below), to physically participate in a small way in the suffering and sacrifice of the Lord. The day should be marked by quiet reflection, and charity, even as we go about our necessary regular duties—even at work—especially from noon to three.

No Masses are offered on Good Friday, anywhere in the world. Instead we gather in the church at **3:00 in the afternoon**, the hour of our Lord's death, for the solemn **Celebration of the Passion of the Lord** (a powerful liturgy; **don't miss it, even if it means leaving work early!**). We begin as the priest silently enters the bare sanctuary (all decoration is removed and the tabernacle is empty) and prostrates himself before the altar, and all join him by kneeling. We then read the Passion in narrative/dialogue form, from the Gospel of John. After the readings, the priest prays ten ritual intercessions, calling down our Lord's mercy on the Church and the world. Then a large crucifix is brought to the sanctuary, and the people come forward to personally **venerate the Cross**, by a genuflection or some other gesture. While this ritual veneration

can take some time to complete, the beautiful strains of our choir and the solemn atmosphere of the church help us to place ourselves for a few minutes next to the Blessed Mother, St. John and St. Mary Magdalene who waited for three hours at the foot of the Cross. After veneration, the priests bring the Blessed Sacrament from the sacristy and the faithful receive Holy Communion. Afterwards the Cross is left in the sanctuary for those who wish to venerate it later in the day. **Stations of the Cross are prayed at 7:00pm.**

On **Holy Saturday**, the Church continues its somber reflective mood. This day is not a day of celebration; in fact, the Church encourages us to voluntarily fast and abstain from meat as we do on Good Friday.

Mass is never offered during the day on Holy Saturday, but at **8:00pm**, after the Sun is completely set and the sky is totally dark except for the stars, Saturday officially ends and the celebration of **Easter Sunday** begins with the **Easter Vigil Mass**. We begin with the blessing of the Easter Fire and the Easter Candle outside the doors of the Church. The Easter Candle is brought into the darkened church, representing the Risen Christ, the Light of the world; and as the Easter Proclamation (the *Exsultet*) is chanted the lights of the Church come on. This is followed by four readings from the Old Testament, four Psalms, a magnificent sung Gloria, an Epistle, and the Gospel account of the Resurrection. After the homily new Catholics (from RCIA) are baptized, or received into the Church, and confirmed. The members of the congregation also renew their baptismal vows. It is a glorious Mass, and I encourage all to attend. (However, lasting two hours, it can be tough for little ones).

I beg you, do not miss this opportunity to have a truly Holy Week, especially by participating in these Holy Liturgies.

9am Mass Survey. Many have been asking me about the survey I sent around a few weeks ago.

We received 260 responses, **118 of which came from folks who attend 9am "Most Sundays" or "Frequently."** This is an excellent response rate, since roughly 120 families attend the 9am regularly.

Focusing on those 118, to the question: "Would you support the use of more Latin in the 9am Sunday Mass?" 64% responded "yes," and 9% had "no preference" (**total: 73%**). Most of the remaining questions followed along the same lines.

For those who participated in the survey but aren't in that 118, I did consider your responses too. And I was pleasantly surprised to see your combined "yes"/"no preference" was still 56%.

Considering all this, Fr. Bergida's input, and my own prayer and discernment, I have decided that sometime during the Easter Season we will add Latin at the 9am **for all the prayers and responses after the "Our Father" until the end of Mass**, except for the "Prayer after Communion" (this is the prayer right before the Final Blessing). Practically speaking, **you will only have to learn 2 new responses in Latin:** 1) "For the kingdom, the power ...," and 2) "Lord, I am not worthy...." The Latin versions are pretty easy to learn, and we will prepare a short tutorial video to help you. And the English/Latin cards in the pews will be updated.

I promise to write more explanation about all this in the coming weeks. Thanks for your input and cooperation.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

<p>Monday, March 25th 6:30 am Jonathan Bekemeyer + 8:30 am Michael Twohig + 7:00 pm Fr. Jerome Daly +</p> <p>Tuesday, March 26th 6:30 am Dorothy A. LaGrange+ 8:30 am Teresita Rosales + 7:00 pm Pope Benedict XVI +</p> <p>Wednesday, March 27th 6:30 am William Hudson + 8:30 am David Shea + 7:00 pm Celebrant's Intention</p> <p>Thursday, March 28th Holy Thursday No morning Masses 7:00 pm Ed Ward +</p> <p>Friday, March 29th Good Friday No Masses 3:00 pm Communion Service & Veneration of the Cross</p>	<p>Saturday, March 30th Holy Saturday No morning Mass</p> <p>Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm Fr. De Celles For those brought into The Church at the Easter Vigil</p> <p>Sunday, March 31st Easter Sunday 7:00 am Fr. Rippy Celebrant's Intentions 9:00 am Fr. Bergida Celebrant's Intentions 11:00 am Fr. Hokan Celebrant's Intentions 1:00 pm Fr. De Celles Celebrant's Intentions</p>
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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

<p>Glenn Bliss Tom Dietz Michael O'Neill Cindy Laird Patricia Lewis Mai Pham Jason Saenz Phyllis Zitnik Patricia Del Buono John Florio Debra Henkel</p>	<p>Gaudencio Dizon Paul Haynes Dwayne Taylor Ted Tolpa Nena Brennan Serrin Foster Margaret O'Neill Donald Trayer Ellen Trayer Tom Swengros Arlene Pietraszko</p>	<p>Virginia Cummings Jean Seiberling Helen Zogaib Robert Petitti Margaret Carter Mark Gatanas Donna Foster Linda Drabek Liliana Cano</p>
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- March 24-31** **HOLY WEEK & EASTER:** see schedule in the adjacent column
- March 25** **Family of Jesus Prayer Group**
- March 27** **Legion of Mary 6:30 pm**
- March 27** **Adoration 9am - 7pm**
- March 28-30** **NO Daily Family Rosary**
- April 1** **Easter Monday: One Mass at 8:30am**
Parish Offices are closed
- April 6** **Easter Egg Hunt, 2:30pm**
- April 7** **Donut Sunday**
- April 27** **Spring Senior Luncheon**

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 6th at 2:30 pm behind the Parish Hall: Children ages 12 and under are invited, free of charge, no RSVP necessary! This year, we are inviting all parishioners to sign up to donate eggs and candy by April 2nd. Please check your email and our website for the sign up! For more information, please contact the parish office.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. 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 law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The Church defines "fasting," for these purposes, as having only one full meal a day, with two additional smaller meals permitted, but only as necessary to keep up strength and so small that if added together they would not equal a full meal. Snacking is forbidden, but that does not include drinks that are not of the nature of a meal. Even though these rules do not bind all age groups, all are encouraged to follow them to the extent possible. Children in particular learn the importance of penance from following the practice of their older family members. 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.

Last Year's Blessed Palms – There are boxes for blessed palms at each exit of the Church until the end of Lent. The parish will dispose of them properly. "Once a religious object is blessed... it must be treated with reverence and not be used in either an improper or profane way." (Code of Canon Law)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE March 24-31

Palm Sunday, March 24

Blessing of the Palms at all Masses

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 25-27

Masses: 6:30am & 8:30am & 7pm

Confessions: Monday & Tuesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
 Wednesday 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Holy Thursday, March 28

No Masses during the day at St. Raymond's
 No Confessions

7:00pm: "Mass of the Lord's Supper"

After Mass, **Night Watch** until Midnight in the Parish Hall

Good Friday, March 29

(a day of mandatory fasting and abstinence)

11:00am - 12:00pm: Confessions

3:00pm: "Celebration of the Lord's Passion"

(Veneration of the Cross & Reception of Holy Communion)

4:45pm - 6:00pm: Confessions

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

After Stations: Confessions (until the line runs out)

Holy Saturday, March 30

(a day of voluntary fasting and abstinence)

12:00pm: Blessing of the Easter Baskets

1:00pm - 3:00pm: Confessions

8:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm

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 April!** All are invited to attend. **Please note: There will be no parish rosary during the Triduum, March 28-30.**



SUIT UP WITH YOUR SPIRITUAL ARMOR! 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 stand on the sidelines ... enter the fray ... **BECOME A KNIGHT!** KofC/JoinUs



Upcoming Events:

- 4/4 Officer Meeting (7 pm—Library)
- 4/8 Membership Meeting (7:30 pm; 7pm Rosary – Library)
- 4/13 Spring 4th Degree Exemplification (Richmond, VA)
- 4/13-14 KOVAR Collection
- TBD: Pints with Aquinas

The Men's Prayer Group welcomes you. All men of the parish are invited to gather on the first and third Saturdays of the month to share prayers, breakfast and learn our faith with one another. We meet in the parish hall at 7:30 am. Call Dave at 703 966 5327 for more information. **We will have our next gathering on April 6.**

Cardinal Burke's 9 Month Novena. Cardinal Raymond Burke recently stated: "We live in most troubled times, throughout the world and even within the Church... 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..." Cardinal Burke has issued an invitation, "calling on every Catholic in America to return to Our Lady and join in prayer." A nine-month novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, beginning 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, Fr. De Celles asks you to join in this Novena. You can sign up at novena.cardinalburke.com.

Twelve Seminarians to be Ordained Transitional Deacons. On Saturday, April 6, Bishop Burbidge will ordain 12 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: Timothy Banach, Emmanuel Carreño-García, Joseph Connor, Jordan Evans, John Fimmuchime, Raymond Goins, Andrew Lewandowski, Richard Malebranche, John Meyerhofer, Christian Njodzela, Michael Sampson and Alfredo Tuesta. The Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn at 11 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!



Tickets available at Donut Sunday on April 7, or online at www.charityauction.bid/angelusacademy

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Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Abortion and Protection of Women and Pre-Born Children

On March 26 (Tuesday), the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

The case (*Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration*) is in response to the FDA's promoting the availability of chemical abortion while ignoring risks to women and violating federal law. In short, the FDA has enabled a nationwide mail-order abortion industry and turned neighborhood pharmacies into chemical abortion providers.

While the Supreme Court case is not about ending chemical abortion, it can restore limitations that the FDA has overridden. When a Supreme Court decision is released, probably in June, we can expect a public and political reaction similar to the Dobbs decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children, beginning on March 25 (tomorrow!), the eve of the oral arguments continuing through June when a decision is expected. Invoke the intercession of *St. Joseph, Defender of Life* with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life -especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Online and print versions of the prayer can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Additional background information and other resources can be found online at: www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer

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>

Spring Break: NO Youth Group March 24 or March 31st

Youth Group will resume on April 7th. Have a blessed Holy Week with your family!

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for current 9-12th graders to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs July 7-11. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs July 14-18. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. **The registration lottery is open March 1-31.** See pics & videos from past years, get more info, & register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT

High School Swing Dance (last one for this academic year)
7-9pm Saturday, April 13 at Angelus Academy

Scholarship Opportunities. <https://bit.ly/StRayYAnews>

Mark your Calendar...More Info Soon!

May 4: Jr. High Bash (2:30-9:30pm at O'Connell HS)

- Grades 6-8
- Mass with Bishop Burbidge
- Illusionist Danny Ray
- Speaker Mari Pablo
- Inflatables, gagaball tournament, ice cream & more
- \$15/youth

June 22-28: St. Raymond's Parish Service Week!

- Open to current 8-12th Graders
- Adults of all ages are encouraged to participate!
- There will also be various opportunities for families & people of all ages to participate throughout the week!
- Please keep this week in your prayers as we continue to plan.

July 12-14: Steubenville Youth Conference

- Open to current 8-12th graders
- Cost (includes ticket, transportation & 2 t-shirts)
 - Parishioners \$200
 - Non-Parishioners \$315
- Compliant Adult Chaperones/Drivers Needed!

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

Important reminder!!!

No CCD classes THIS week: March 24, 25 and 26 for Holy Week

No CCD classes March 31, April 1 and 2: Easter Break

Classes will resume April 7, 8, and 9

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

Confirmation Gown Order form is due no later than April 18th. The form is in the red Confirmation folder which you received at the parent meeting in September. If you cannot find it, let us know and we will send one to you.

Parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time in May:

First Holy Communion mini-retreat is scheduled for Saturday April 20th. The children should be in the Parish Hall by 8:30 am. The Retreat will conclude at 12:30 pm.

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.

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Weekly meetings are in the Church on Mondays at 3:00 pm. If you have any prayer requests, please 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.

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.

ART, DRAMA, MUSICAL THEATRE CAMPS for K-12 in a Catholic setting. Celebrating 20 years, Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps offers **Broadway Spotlight, Drama Bootcamp, Art Explorer, and Arts & Crafts Fun Camp** July 8 - 19. These camps are taught by professional Catholic educators very accomplished in their area of expertise. Each week concludes with either an Art Showcase or a Performance by the campers. Camps are designed to be both fun and challenging with a goal to aid campers in their growth in the arts within a safe environment. Through March, **all camps are \$35 off plus everyone gets a free t-shirt.** Learn more and register at www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com

Office for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse: The Office of Victim Assistance offers outreach and support. For more information, please contact their office at 703-841-2530 victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org.

Church Persecuted

Each Friday during Lent, the parish prays The Way of the Cross according to the Method of St. Alphonsus Ligouri. The reflective words of each station present an apropos topic for this column as we enter into the Church's Holiest Week.

At the first station, we read, "My adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate, no, it was my sins, that condemned Thee to die." The wood of the cross needed to be strong enough to physically hold His body as it hung from it. It was heavy; though its weight was more than the weight of the wood; it was multiplied by our sins. When He falls the first time (third station), we reflect that it "is not the weight of the cross, but of my sins, which has made Thee suffer so much pain." Bearing the sins of the world; past, present, and future, he could no longer bear the weight of the cross and fell not once, but three times on his journey to Calvary. At one point, the Romans even commandeered Simon the Cyrene to help Jesus carry the cross.

As we followed Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem, we are constantly reminded that the pain and suffering of Our Lord was due to our sins. After all, He needed to move from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion in order to redeem the entire human race of their sins.

As we proceed through this week, borrow a copy of The Way of the Cross from the back of the church and begin at the left of the Church and walk through the fourteen Stations of the Cross. As you spend the 30 or so minutes reading each station, ask yourself what you did to add weight to the cross that Jesus carried.



Get In-Formed!

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

Audio Book. Listen to *Jesus Of Nazareth: Holy week*. Pope Benedict XVI writes and reflects on Jesus from his entrance into Jerusalem to His death on the Cross and Resurrection.

Watch Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage. This contemplative documentary by the Augustine Institute takes us to the location of our Lord's final days, providing accompanying meditations to draw us deeper into these holiest three days of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

For Kids. Watch *O Lamb of God, I Love You*. This Easter/Holy Week special episode of the Benjamin Cello series presents our Lord's Passion with music and shadow puppet imagery.

Available for FREE! To set up an account, visit Formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Annual Spring Senior Luncheon

WHO: All Seniors 55 years young and above

WHERE: St. Raymond's Parish Hall

DATE: April 27, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

MENU: Honey Baked Ham and all the trimmings (Free!)

RSVP by April 22 by emailing office@straymonds.org

Or by calling the office at 703-440-0535



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. Don't forget to make a donation to the BLA to help us reach our parish goal. You can go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift.



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FAITH DIRECT: eGiving helps you provide regular support to St. Raymond's, even when you are out of town. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA64. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God bless you.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 17,044.00
Family Assistance	\$ 1,340.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 5,118.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,645.00

The Second Collection on Easter will be for the Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Fund. Please be generous!



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