

Christ My Hope IS RISEN

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



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am (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

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Rev. Joseph D. Bergida, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Edward R. Horkan, In Residence
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
Mary Hansen, Religious Education Secretary
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PARISH OFFICE

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Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Pastor: fdc@straymonds.org
Rel. Ed.: ReligiousEducation@straymonds.org

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

Blessed and Happy Easter! *Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere! Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti! He is risen! He is risen indeed!*

What a glorious day! The Lord has risen from the dead, conquering sin and death, and crushing the head of the ancient serpent. Alleluia! The world has been redeemed, salvation has been won for all mankind—if only we will accept this infinitely generous gift of Our Risen Lord Jesus.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to help make this such a blessed Lent, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Sunday. And remember, today is just the beginning of this new Season of Easter, as we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection for 50 days—until Pentecost. We begin with the 8 days of the Octave of Easter, celebrating each day as if it were Easter Day.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Bergida, Fr. Horkan and Fr. Rippy, may I wish you all a Blessed, Holy and Happy Easter and Easter Season! May the Risen Lord Jesus shower you with His grace, and may His Blessed Mother Mary, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Peter, and St. John and all the holy women, disciples, and apostles, who saw the risen Lord that first Easter Day, keep you in their care in this Glorious Season!

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

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Pope Benedict XVI
Easter Vigil Homily, April 7, 2012

Easter is the feast of the new creation. Jesus is risen and dies no more. He has opened the door to a new life, one that no longer knows illness and death. He has taken mankind up into God himself. "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God," as Saint Paul says in the First Letter to the Corinthians (15:50). On the subject of Christ's resurrection and our resurrection, the Church writer Tertullian in the third century was bold enough to write: "Rest assured, flesh and blood, through Christ you have gained your place in heaven and in the Kingdom of God" (CCL II, 994). A new dimension has opened up for mankind. Creation has become greater and broader. Easter Day ushers in a new creation, but that is precisely why the Church starts the liturgy on this day with the old creation, so that we can learn to understand the new one aright. At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word on Easter night, then, comes the account of the creation of the world. ... [W]hat the Church hears on Easter night is above all the first element of the creation account: "God said, 'let there be light!'" (Gen 1:3). The creation account begins symbolically with the creation of light. The sun and the moon are created only on the fourth day. The creation account calls them lights, set by God in the firmament of heaven. In this way he deliberately takes away the divine character that the great religions had assigned to them. No, they are not gods. They are shining bodies created by the one God. But they are preceded by the light through which God's glory is reflected in the essence of the created being.

What is the creation account saying here? Light makes life possible. It makes encounter possible. It makes

communication possible. It makes knowledge, access to reality and to truth, possible. And insofar as it makes knowledge possible, it makes freedom and progress possible. Evil hides. Light, then, is also an expression of the good that both is and creates brightness. It is daylight, which makes it possible for us to act. To say that God created light means that God created the world as a space for knowledge and truth, as a space for encounter and freedom, as a space for good and for love. Matter is fundamentally good, being itself is good. And evil does not come from God-made being, rather, it comes into existence only through denial. It is a "no."

At Easter, on the morning of the first day of the week, God said once again: "Let there be light." The night on the Mount of Olives, the solar eclipse of Jesus' passion and death, the night of the grave had all passed. Now it is the first day once again – creation is beginning anew. "Let there be light," says God, "and there was light": Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies. The darkness of the previous days is driven away the moment Jesus rises from the grave and himself becomes God's pure light. But this applies not only to him, not only to the darkness of those days. With the resurrection of Jesus, light itself is created anew. He draws all of us after him into the new light of the resurrection and he conquers all darkness. He is God's new day, new for all of us.

But how is this to come about? How does all this affect us so that instead of remaining word it becomes a reality that draws us in? Through the sacrament of baptism and the profession of faith, the Lord has built a bridge across to us, through which the new day reaches us. The Lord says to the newly-baptized: Fiat lux – let there be light. God's new day – the day of indestructible life, comes also to us. Christ takes you by the hand. From now on you are held by him and walk with him into the light, into real life. For this reason the early Church called baptism photismos – illumination.

Why was this? The darkness that poses a real threat to mankind, after all, is the fact that he can see and investigate tangible material things, but cannot see where the world is going or whence it comes, where our own life is going, what is good and what is evil. The darkness enshrouding God and obscuring values is the real threat to our existence and to the world in general. If God and moral values, the difference between good and evil, remain in darkness, then all other "lights," that put such incredible technical feats within our reach, are not only progress but also dangers that put us and the world at risk. Today we can illuminate our cities so brightly that the stars of the sky are no longer visible. Is this not an image of the problems caused by our version of enlightenment? With regard to material things, our knowledge and our technical accomplishments are legion, but what reaches beyond, the things of God and the question of good, we can no longer identify. Faith, then, which reveals God's light to us, is the true enlightenment, enabling God's light to break into our world, opening our eyes to the true light....

Let us pray to the Lord at this time that he may grant us to experience the joy of his light; let us pray that we ourselves may become bearers of his light, and that through the Church, Christ's radiant face may enter our world (cf. LG 1). Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1st

8:30 am Andrew Shealy

Tuesday, April 2nd

6:30 am Hayden Smith +

8:30 am Rev. Michael Taylor

Wednesday, April 3rd

6:30 am Teresa Minko +

8:30 am Adrian & Blanche
Coderre +

7:00 pm Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, April 4th

6:30 am Susan Crichley +

8:30 am Deceased Members of
the Sanchez Family +

Friday, April 5th

6:30 am Deceased Members of
the Sanchez Family +

8:30 am Deceased Members of
the Sanchez Family +

Saturday, April 6th

9:00 Martha Riedel +

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
Edmund Healy +

Sunday, April 7th

7:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
RE Catechists & their
Families

9:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
Parishioners

11:00 am **Fr. Bergida**
Elisabeth Turco

1:00 pm **Fr. Horkan**
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)

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.

Cardinal Burke's 9 Month Novena. 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.

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration, April 5. On the first Friday of the month, we extend our regular hours of Friday adoration to continue through the evening until Saturday at 9am. Our regularly scheduled adorers will cover the daytime hours (9am - 3pm), and we will need extra volunteers to cover from 3pm on Friday through 9am on Saturday. Please visit our website to sign up! Two adorers are required per hour. We have Adoration Wednesdays and Fridays! We are in need of weekly adorers especially at **12:00 pm and 1:00 pm on Wednesdays** and **1:00 pm on Fridays**. you are interested in helping, please call the parish office at 703-440-0535. Drop-ins are always welcome!

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.

Please pray for our parishioners serving in Combat Zones and their families. If you have a relative serving in harm's way and would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Please pray for the sick of our parish

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

- April 1** Easter Monday: One Mass at 8:30am
Parish Offices are closed
- April 1** Family of Jesus Prayer Group
- April 2** Bible Study
- April 3** Adoration 9am - 7pm
- April 3** Legion of Mary 6:30 pm
- April 5** First Friday Nocturnal Adoration
- April 6** Men's Prayer Group
- April 8** Solemnity of the Annunciation (transferred)
Additional Mass at 7pm
- April 6** Communal First Saturday Devotions
- 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.

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: We invite you to join the Luminaries of Holy Mary for communal First Saturday Devotions **on April 6th**. After the 9am Mass, we meet in the Maurer Room until 10:45am to pray and meditate on the Holy Rosary with the intention of reparation for the sins committed against our Blessed Mother and for the conversion of poor sinners. Please join us!

Book Club: The parish Book Club next meets on Friday, April 12th, at 10:00 AM in the St Raymond Library to discuss "Scalia: Rise to Greatness, 1936-1986" by James Rosen. 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.

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



RESURREXIT, ALLELUIA! May Christ's victory bring renewed peace, hope and joy to you and your family. Happy Easter to all from your St. John Bosco Knights of Columbus Council of St. Raymond's parish! Speaking of the Knights, did you know that by joining the Knights of Columbus, you will become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, grow in faith and be supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values? Don't wait ... join the Knights now! 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 (After Masses)
- 4/20-21: Car Raffle Ticket Sales (After Masses)
- 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.**

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 ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

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. For pricing and more information, check out our website at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/national-eucharistic-revival/>.



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

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

Thank you for your continued support: **MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center** marih.org.

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? **A Mom's Peace**, offers discreet support to families with bereavement and burial. amomspc.org.

Do you have a real-life (not simply academic) bioethical question? **The National Catholic Bioethics Center** offers explanations of Catholic moral teaching to help you form your conscience in fidelity to the magisterium. Free confidential person to person interaction. ncbcenter.org/consultation-form. An ethicist will respond within 5 business days. Urgent matter? Call 215-877-2660.

Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare. tepeyacobgyn.com 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support. *Save the date for their 30th Anniversary celebration: November 8th!*

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.

Angel Wall: Have you suffered the loss of a child or grandchild? If you would like to honor the memory of your deceased child, please contact the Parish Office to have your child's name added to the Angel Wall in the narthex.

The Abortion Pill now accounts for up to 60% of all abortions in the US. While pro-abortion voices claim that this gives abortion access to more women removing 'barriers to entry', mothers are left to suffer alone, often in hiding. Emergency Rooms are receiving more patients with abortion related complications. So many practical and ethical questions are raised. **Think about it! Thou shalt not kill applies!**

Who can prescribe the abortion pills? Is a 'medical' appointment required?

Are pregnancy tests required/verified? What are the rules for gestational age of the unborn child?

How are laws regarding the age of the mother and parental notification requirements met and enforced?

What follow-up and compliance are required (that the pills are taken correctly and within the gestational windows allowed); that there are no complications; that the pills are delivered to and taken by the actual 'patient', etc.?

Can abortion pill providers in states that allow abortion mail abortion pills into states that ban or restrict abortion? What is the role of the pharmacies?

Have you taken or do you know someone who has taken an abortion pill? Call the abortion reversal helpline 855-209-4848. **It may not be too late.** abortionpillreversal.com.

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>

“We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!” ~Pope St. John Paul II,

Spring Break: NO Youth Group March 31st
Happy Easter!! Youth Group will resume on April 7th.

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.

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

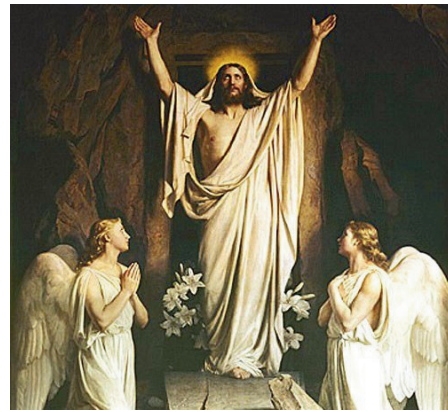
Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)

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!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**HE IS RISEN.
HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.
FOLLOW HIM. DEPEND ON HIM. TRUST HIM.
KNOW HIM. LOVE HIM. SERVE HIM.**

Heartfelt wishes for a blessed Easter!!

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

Church Persecuted

The 2019 Pew Survey concluded that only one third of Catholics truly believe that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. One comes to this belief either through faith or reason. Some may have difficulty reaching a particular belief through faith, but today, through reason, we can see the reality of the Eucharist truly being Jesus.

The advancement of 21st century science has allowed us insight into notable changes in the appearance of a consecrated host at Mass. In 1996, at the Church of Santa Maria y Caballito Almagro in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Fr. Alejandro Pezet left a host in water in the tabernacle to dissolve. Days later, the host took on the appearance of bloody tissue. Three years later, it had not decomposed. Upon detailed analysis, it was revealed to be *living* heart muscle from the left ventricle. Living because white blood cells were present – cells which normally die within 30 minutes after death. The blood type, AB positive, was consistent with the blood found in other Eucharistic miracles, including the miracle of Lanciano in the year 740, and the Shroud of Turin (the burial cloth of Jesus).

Similar recent miracles occurred in Tixtla, Mexico in 2006 and in Sokolka, Poland in 2008. Scientific investigations of the tissue samples, plus Lanciano, revealed in all three cases, the samples were from the same person.

These and many other Eucharistic miracles show how we can achieve our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist through reason alone. Blessed Carlos Actutis spent much of his young life investigating these miracles. Check out his work at Miracoliceucaristici.org.

Father De Celles is bringing the Blessed Carlos Acutis' International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit to the parish this summer, June 14-16.



Get In-Formed!

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

Watch *Living Easter as a Season*. Drs. Tim Gray and Ben Akers discuss Eastertide on this episode of the Augustine Institute Show.

Listen to *The Fourth Cup*. Dr. Scott Hahn uses Scripture to explain the parallels between the Jewish Passover celebration and the Last Supper and Jesus' death on Calvary.

For Kids. Watch *Holy Week & Easter Special: Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids*. This animated Bible for young viewers show tells the story of Jesus as a miracle worker and as our Savior.

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

Watch for our Constant Contact Updates! If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org to verify your email address.



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).

FAITH DIRECT MARCH 2023

Offertory	\$ 56,050.00
Family Assistance	\$ 2,908.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,362.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 3,006.00
Aid to Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 1,930.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 1,055.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,155.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory	\$ 17,191.00
Family Assistance	\$ 971.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,145.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 407.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,942.00

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




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