



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
Michael Thompson, Plant Manager
Maerose Naduvilekunnel, Business Manager
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary
Dominique Murray, Office Assistant
Mary Butler, Secretary

PARISH OFFICE

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Office Hours

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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 to bulletin@straymonds.org 10 days prior to publication date.

Pastor's Corner

New Director of Religious Education. As I have previously announced, Mary Salmon will be retiring from the position as Director of Religious Education at St. Raymond's this June.

After a long, careful search, I am very pleased to announce that our new Director of Religious Education will be **Virginia Osella**, who is well known to all of you as our outstanding Parish Secretary, a position she's held since August of 2020.

After graduating from Mary Washington University in 2011 she taught for 8 years at Angelus Academy. She has also been a St. Raymond parishioner during most of those years, and has served as a cantor, member of the choir and sometimes directing the choir. She is also a member of Women's Apostolate to Youth (WAY) (the founders of Angelus) of which I am chaplain.

Virginia is a remarkable and talented young woman, and while I'm sorry to lose her as our Secretary (such an important role in the Parish!), I am delighted that she has accepted my offer to take over the DRE spot. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating her and praying for her in her new position.

New Parish Secretary. I am also pleased to announce that our current "part-time" Secretary, **Mary Butler**, will be stepping up to take over Virginia's former responsibilities. As many of you know, Mary is a long-time parishioner and has been working in our office for 11 years, most recently, among her other duties, in charge of "special projects." Mary is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, and has loads of experience and is absolutely wonderful to work with.

I will also be hiring someone to take over Mary's former responsibilities. More news on that later.

Bob and Bev Ward. As many of you know, long-time hyperactive parishioners Bob and Bev Ward will be leaving our parish in the middle of this month, to move to North Carolina to live near all of their children. This is a huge loss to the Parish, and we will miss them terribly.

Bob and Bev first met over 60 years ago when Bob was a cadet at West Point. Married soon after graduation, they moved all over the world as Bob served as an officer in the Army Rangers, including jumping out of perfectly good aircraft over the skies of Viet Nam.

Somewhere along the line, the grandson of a Methodist Minister, now married to a devout a devout Catholic woman (who had originally planned to be a Nun!), converted to the Catholic Faith. Both Bob and Bev went on to get Master Degrees in Theology from the Notre Dame Institute (now the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College). They have been presenters in the Diocesan Conference for the Engaged for over 30 years (that's where I first met them as a newly ordained priest).

But more to the point for us, 25 years ago they were the very first (co-) Directors of Religious Education for our Parish CCD program, and have taught our Parish Bible Studies and RCIA classes for... as long as we can remember. They have been mentors and godparents to scores and scores of young people, especially young married couples and new converts.

They are also two of the best Catholics I have ever met, and part of my kitchen cabinet since I arrived at St. Raymond's. I am truly heartbroken to have to say goodbye to them.

Next Sunday, May 12, will be their last Sunday in

the parish, so **after the 9am Mass** we will have an informal **reception** for them to say, "thank you and God bless you." Please join us if you are able.

And please join me in keeping them in your prayers!

Lectors Needed. We are always in need of Lectors to read the Scriptures at Mass, and right now are really in need of lectors for the 1pm mass. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

To qualify as a lector at St. Raymond's you must be a member of the Parish, and a practicing Catholic, in good standing and living a public life that is consistent with Catholic Faith and Morals. You also have to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Finally, you need to also undergo some simple training and agree to adhere to the specific policies of the parish for Lectors, e.g., proper attire.

Did you Know.... "Lectors" or "Readers" in parishes are actually, technically a type of "extraordinary minister." Under Church law the term "lectors" properly refers to those who have been *formally installed* by a Bishop into that ministry. Normally this installed ministry is reserved to seminarians who are about 2½ years away from ordination to the priesthood. It is only in the absence of one of these installed Lectors that other lay people, i.e., in a parish, may be allowed to substitute for them at Mass and other liturgies. These substitutes, or "extraordinary lectors," if you will, may be commissioned by the Pastor of the Parish.

Month of May. There are a lot of other special activities in the Parish during May. One very important "event" is **First Holy Communion** for the 2nd graders. As in the past, the children will receive FHC at any Mass in May their parents choose. The main reason I do this is to spread the FHC's around to various Masses so that all of you can share in this gift—and so not only pray for the children, but also be reminded of your own First Communion, and maybe be renewed in that childlike faith and love for the Blessed Sacrament.

On May 20, our 8th graders will receive the Sacrament of **Confirmation**. I ask you to keep them in your prayers also, as they prepare to be strengthened ("confirmed") in their baptismal graces and receive the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Surely, they will need these graces as they enter a world that is more and more hostile to Christians. So, pray for them, and encourage them, that they may receive this sacrament worthily and efficaciously.

Mary's Month. The entire month of May is "Mary's Month," dedicated to honoring and renewing our filial devotion to and love for the Mother of Jesus. Some are confused by the way Catholics honor the Blessed Mother. The simplest, clearest response to this is: shouldn't we all try to love Jesus's Mother as much as Jesus loves her? After all, on the Cross He gave her to us to be our Mother also: "Son, behold your mother."

So we will mark this month of Marian piety today with the "**May Crowning**" after the 9am Mass. I also encourage all of you to keep this Marian month by **praying the Rosary** every day in May. I especially encourage all families to pray the Rosary together at least once a week, and/or perhaps join in the **Parish's Family Rosary** in the Church every Monday to Friday at 6:30pm and every Saturday and Sunday after the 9am Mass.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

<p><u>Monday, May 6th</u> 6:30 am Phyllis Sedgley + 8:30 am Alice Zhang</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 7th</u> 6:30 am Mary Holland + 8:30 am Joseph Maines +</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 8th</u> 6:30 am Liz Haberkorn Plust + 8:30 am Dennis Klitzke + 7:00 pm Celebrant's Intention</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 9th</u> 6:30 am Peter Roehrich + 8:30 am Joan Opiela +</p> <p><u>Friday, May 10th</u> 6:30 am Pauline C. Lopez + 8:30 am Angela B. & Simon Guerrero +</p>	<p><u>Saturday, May 11th</u> 9:00 Michael A. Donato +</p> <p><u>Vigil Mass</u> 5:00 pm Fr. Bergida Catherine Hansen</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 12th</u> 7:00 am Fr. Rippy Mike Malakowski + 9:00 am Fr. De Celles Parishioners 11:00 am Fr. Horkan Mother's Day Triduum 1:00 pm Fr. Bergida Sophia Perricone</p>
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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 May!** All are invited to attend. Father De Celles has requested that our Family Rosary be offered every night for "the unity of the Church throughout the world" (in addition to your own intentions). He also asks everyone to pray Cardinal Burke's 9-Month novena prayer after the recitation of the Rosary each day.

May is the month of Mary! We will mark this month of Marian piety this weekend, Sunday, May 5, with the "May Crowning" after the 9am Mass. The Youth Apostolate will again help us with a brief ceremony paying homage to the Blessed Mother. Please join us!

Mother's Day Triduum- Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. We will be honoring mothers with a Triduum of Masses on May 12-14. If you would like to include the special mothers in your life (ie. Mother, Grandmother, Godmother, etc.), cards are available in the narthex of the church or at the parish office.

Parish Picnic Committee. Saint Raymond's holds an Annual Parish Picnic at the end of August. 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.

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.

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 Arlene Pietraszko Virginia Cummings Helen Zogaib Margaret Carter Donna Foster Erich Whitt
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

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| May 5 | Donut Sunday |
| May 5 | May Crowning after 9am Mass |
| May 6 | Family of Jesus Prayer Group |
| May 7 | Final Bible Study |
| May 8 | Adoration 9am - 7pm |
| May 8 | Legion of Mary 6:30 pm |
| May 10 | Adoration 9am - 3pm |
| May 10 | Book Club Meeting |
| May 12-14 | Mother's Day Triduum of Masses |
| May 18 | Men's Prayer Group |
| May 20 | Parish Confirmation |

Donut Sunday Today, May 5th after the 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am Masses. Stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy some treats and drinks, and meet your fellow parishioners. We will also have **LOST & FOUND** items out for you to check. A huge thank you to this month's volunteers!

Gift Shop Narthex Sale: The gift shop will have a table in the Narthex after Masses this weekend, **May 4-5.** We carry First Communion items, crucifixes, bibles, rosaries, jewelry and more. Credit cards, checks, and cash are welcomed. We are also available by appointment. Submit your request to giftshop@StRaymonds.org or call 703-440-0535.

Book Club: The parish Book Club next meets on Friday, May 10th, at 10:00 AM in the St Raymond Library to discuss "**How the Reformation Happened**" by Hilaire Belloc. 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.

Gabriel Project Request. Our parish is helping a new mom welcome her son due this June. She will request help from the MaRiH center, but if you would like to donate clothes (size newborn to 3 months), or diapers, (size newborn or 1), she would be grateful! Please contact Beth Berger, kmb43@verizon.net.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024. "God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.



SPRING IS HERE.. A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS! NO BETTER TIME TO BECOME A KNIGHT! 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!**



Upcoming Events:

5/9: Officers Meeting
5/11: Blood Drive (Parish Hall)
5/13: Membership Meeting (Parish Hall)
6/1: Shredding Truck

May 11 Blood Drive. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on behalf of Inova Blood Donor Services on Saturday, May 11th, in the St. Raymond's parish hall from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please consider signing up for a 15-minute timeslot within that period and giving the Gift of Life. You may sign up either online at www.inovabloodsaves.org or in the Narthex after all masses this weekend and next. If you have any questions or difficulty signing up, please contact Mark Maslyn of our parish at (202) 679-3293 (m/text) or by email at mam7253@msn.com.

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 May 18.**

Bulk Shredding: The Knights of Columbus will have a bulk shredding truck at St Raymond's Catholic Church on Saturday, June 1 from 10 am to 12 noon in the Groveland side parking lot. Bring your old files, receipts, and tax papers for a quick and secure disposal. Donations gratefully received and will be used to provide homes for the intellectually disabled and other great causes. No hard drives, 3 ring notebooks or binder clips please. For more information call Dave Wilson at 703-966-5327.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT coming to St. Raymond's June 14-16, 2024. This exhibit will be on display in the Parish Hall Friday 2-7 pm, Saturday 9 am-7 pm and Sunday 9 am-4 pm. You can browse through the exhibit at your own pace, take time to venerate a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo, as well as enjoy a 35-minute video on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Handouts & worksheets will also be available for parishioners young and old alike, along with a book table. During these years of Eucharistic Revival, let us take advantage of this opportunity to draw closer to the Real Presence of our Eucharistic Lord.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities? A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. Sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. <http://wwme.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. See their lovely thank you note in the narthex!

Paid Summer Internship Available: For more info/to apply, visit: Defendlife.org

The Spiritual Works of Mercy compel us to visit the imprisoned, but few are called to physically enter jails. However, we can and should pray for those who are imprisoned. **Please keep in your prayers the nine prolife activists who will face trial between 14-17 May in Alexandria:** *Lauren, Heather, Herb, John, Will, Jonathan, Joan, Jean and Paulette*, that they may not despair and that Our Lord will comfort and protect them. Please also pray for Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly that she may act with clemency and in accordance with the Laws of God.

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. The center strives to be an instrument of the healing power of God's mercy and love, in order that a deeper respect for all human life may be nurtured. 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.

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

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2273 – “The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation.” **2274** – “Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.”

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 Sunday, May 5th

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

5:30-7pm CCD

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

This will be our LAST Sunday Youth Group this academic year.

6:30am Mass & Breakfast every Friday through June 7th!

All 7-12th graders: Join us Friday mornings for Mass followed by breakfast with Fr. Horkan & Fr. Bergida in the parish hall. Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/FRIDAYRSVP> if at all possible.

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

- Open to current 8-12th Graders
- Cost: \$50 for the week! (You will sleep at home.)
- Registration instructions & more detailed info. coming soon!
- There will also be various opportunities for families & people of all ages to participate throughout the week!

Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 31st at 7pm (St. Ray's)

Congratulations to all of our high school graduates, class of 2024! All graduates, family, friends and parishioners are invited to join us in celebrating this great milestone, your hard work, and all that the Lord has done in and through you over the years, as well as to pray for you as you enter the next chapter of your life. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the parish hall.



Steubenville Youth Conference (July 12-14 2024)

Registration NOW OPEN!

Current 8-12th graders are invited to join us for a weekend away with a few thousand Catholic teens to encounter God and experience His love through the power of the Sacraments, dynamic Catholic speakers, uplifting music and new friends! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join our group in road tripping to Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us to be illuminated in the light of Christ.

For more info and to register go to <https://bit.ly/steubenville2024>

*Open to current 8-12th graders

*Limited spots available, so act now!

*Cost (includes ticket, transportation & 2 t-shirts)

- Parishioners \$200

- Non-Parishioners \$315

*Compliant Adult Chaperones/Drivers needed-contact Jeanne if interested. youth@straymonds.org



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

BLESSED AND HAPPY 6th Sunday of Easter!!

There is no CCD class next Sunday 5/12 in observance of Mother's Day!

Final Exams will be administered today 5/5, and on May 13 and May 14 : Parents, please work with your children in learning the material in the Second Semester section of the Basic Study Questions booklet for their grade level.

Attention parents of 7th Grade students:

Saint Report in the *Interviewing a Saint* format is **due THIS WEEK - May 8th** - check the Confirmation Supplement, which you received in September, for details.

2024-2025 CCD Registration forms : Ivory colored registration forms can be found in the Narthex, outside the Religious Education Office and in the Parish Office. You may also register online.

Please complete and return the form as soon as possible; classes are filled on a first come, first served basis.

We are in need of the following volunteers for the 2024-2025 academic year:

Sunday (5:30-7 p.m.):

Grade 4 Teacher

Grade 7 Teacher and Assistant Teacher

Monday (4:45-6:15 p.m.):

Grade 3 Teacher

Grade 4 Assistant Teacher

Grade 5 Assistant Teacher

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.

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.

Visit of the Fatima "Pilgrim Virgin Mary" statue to Parishioner Homes! The St. Raymond Legion of Mary is honored to bring the Fatima 'Pilgrim Virgin Mary' Statue to parishioner homes for a 1 or 2-week period! **WHAT IS OUR BLESSED LADY'S GOAL FOR YOUR FAMILY?** To pray together! To allow Our Blessed Lady to act as Mediatrix to bring Jesus Christ close to your family and household! To make prayer a continuing daily foundation toward peace and forgiveness within the family! Please contact Judy Mayer at 703-627-7320 or jmayer9014@aol.com to discuss the welcome and farewell ceremonies and schedule an appointment.

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.

Church Persecuted

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education released the final version of its new Title IX regulations, addressing sex discrimination and sexual harassment on college and university campuses. These regulations will take effect on August 1, 2024. As a result, Father Dave Pivonka, President – Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS), sent a letter to the FUS Community. Excerpts and a synopsis of his letter follows.

“The new Title IX regulations formally define the concept of “sex” to include concepts such as sexual orientation and “gender identity.” We believe in the inherent dignity of every human person, and as a passionately Catholic institution, we believe in and follow the teachings of the Catholic Church that consider “sex” to refer to the objective reality of a human person as a man (male) or as a woman (female), grounded in and determined by a person’s biology. ...Presenting authentic Catholic teachings, which convey truth, beauty, liberty, and healing, uplift the human person in every respect. Teaching what the Church teaches is an act of charity and our duty as a Catholic university.”

“The Title IX statute itself and the Title IX regulations state that Title IX does not apply to a religious educational institution to the extent Title IX’s requirements are inconsistent with the religious tenets of the organization. Therefore, whatever effect the new Title IX regulations might have on public institutions or secular institutions, the University will not apply the regulations in any way that is inconsistent with the Catholic Church’s teaching on “sex” as defined in Male and Female He Created Them: Franciscan University of Steubenville Compendium on Human Sexuality.”

Among other things, this means the University will continue to separate its housing, restrooms, locker rooms, and competitive sport teams by sex in a manner consistent with Church teaching. Additionally, no one will be required to use pronouns to refer to another person that are inconsistent with that person’s sex as understood by Catholic teaching.

<https://franciscan.edu/franciscan-university-president-responds-to-new-title-ix-regulations/>



Get In-Formed!

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

Watch *Mary and the Month of May*. In this *Formed Now* episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Ben Akers discuss various Marian devotions.

Read *Mary in the Redemption*. Adrienne Von Speyr writes about Mary’s participation with Christ in our redemption and encourages us to develop our own spiritual relationship with the Blessed Mother. Available to download on EPUB.

Listen to “*Answering Common Objections: Mary*.” Dr. Scott Hahn presents biblical evidence to support Catholic devotion to the Blessed Mother.

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

Questions? Need help? Email us at: formed@straymonds.org



Angelus Academy

Where the truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in the lives of Pre-K - 8th graders and their families.

There are limited spots available in some grades for the 2024-25 school year, but spaces are going fast!

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. St. Raymond’s offers Catholic School tuition assistance for all parish families. The scholarship is renewable every year and is subject to minimal qualification terms. Additional financial aid is available if a family truly can’t afford Catholic school, even with the above scholarships. These decisions are made on a case by case basis. There is also assistance available for homeschooling families. Contact the parish office for more information.

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center which serves over 250 families in the Springfield area. A collection box is in the Narthex and donations are collected and distributed weekly. Suggested food items are listed, but all donations are welcome (no clothing). For equitable distribution, smaller packaging is requested.

Diocesan Jubilee Festival: Saturday, June 8, 2024. Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, Virginia on Saturday, June 8! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliner Celtic rock band, Scythian. This is a free event for all ages! Registration is required to receive a complimentary meal. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest to learn more and register!

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 13,886.00
Family Assistance	\$ 227.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 755.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School Scholarship Donations	\$ 673.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 1,922.00

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