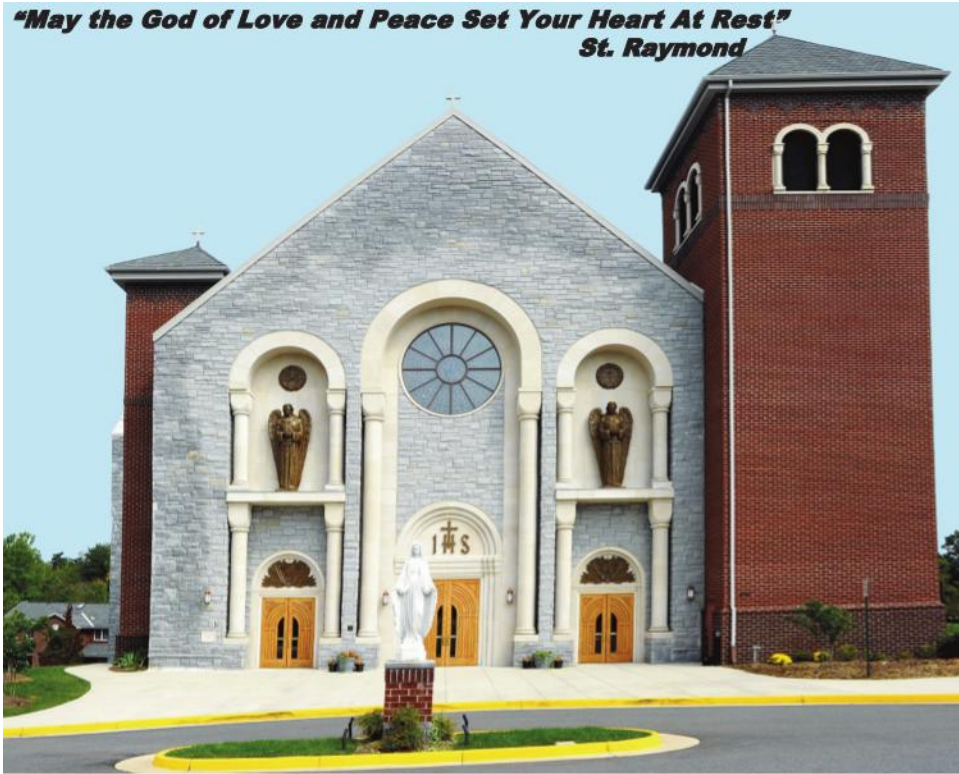


**"May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest"
St. Raymond**



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

Pastor's Corner

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY. Today is the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*, a feast established largely to promote and affirm the Dogma of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: It is truly Him, body, blood, soul and divinity. As the Catechism reminds us:

"1376 The Council of Trent summarizes...declaring: 'Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God...that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.' 206
"1381 'That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that 'cannot be apprehended by the senses,' says St. Thomas, 'but only by faith, which relies on divine authority.' For this reason, in a commentary on Luke 22:19 ('This is my body which is given for you.'). St. Cyril says: 'Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.'"

Reverence. Looking back at my past columns and homilies for this Sunday I see that every year I remind you of this teaching and the importance of communicating and reinforcing our faith in this doctrine by increasing our outward signs and attitudes of reverence for this "most august presence." If this is Jesus, truly present, why don't we act like it.

Over the last 14 years I have encouraged and promoted what I call "**emphatic reverence**" toward the Eucharist. The word "reverence" comes from the Latin for "fear," "revere," and Scripture tells us, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." But this kind of fear is not like being in terror or afraid, but rather of being in "awe": recognizing that God is the all-powerful creator and sustainer of the whole world, and I am just a little tiny speck in comparison—and yet, he loves me. So Christian reverence is fundamentally rooted in love.

Today, rather than go through a list of ways to show reverence, I want to focus on only two of them that **relate directly to receiving Holy Communion**, but two that are so important.

Kneeling and Genuflecting. In the Book of Revelation St. John repeatedly tells us that the angels and saints in heaven "fall down" on their faces and worship when they are in Jesus' presence in heaven. For example, 7:12 "And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God..." See also 5:14, 4:10, 11:16 and 19: 4.

It is fundamental **that we should kneel before Jesus** (a more practical if abbreviated form of "falling on our faces"). So, **I strongly recommend** that you reflect on **how you receive Communion**, and whether you should not kneel before Our Lord in doing so. We have this beautiful altar rail now, where you can kneel and take a moment or two before and after receiving Our Lord to talk to Him, to prepare for and thank Him.

Some say we shouldn't kneel before Jesus, but stand before Him as his brothers and sisters, as "adults." Nonsense. He is God, we're not. I've also been told that the U.S. Bishops have prescribed that we stand for Communion. But that is

incorrect: the norm says we can either stand or kneel.

Receiving on the Tongue. I've written before, receiving Communion on the tongue is an important outward display of faith and shows a greater reverence for Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. As **Pope St. Paul VI** wrote in 1969, when he grudgingly granted Bishops authority to permit Communion in the hand while at the same time teaching that **receiving in the hand as clearly preferable**:

*"This method of distributing holy communion [on the tongue] **must be retained**...not merely because it has many centuries of tradition behind it, but especially **because it expresses the faithful's reverence for the Eucharist**. The custom does not detract in any way from the personal dignity of those who approach this great sacrament: it is part of that preparation that is needed for the most fruitful reception of the Body of the Lord.*

*"This reverence shows that it is not a sharing in **'ordinary bread and wine'** that is involved, but in the Body and Blood of the Lord, ...the Paschal Sacrifice, ...the New Covenant ..., and ...the eschatological banquet in the kingdom of the Father."*

"Further, the practice [Communion on the tongue] ... ensures, more effectively, that holy communion is distributed with the proper respect, decorum and dignity. It removes the danger of profanation of the sacred species....Lastly, it ensures that diligent carefulness about the fragments of consecrated bread which the Church has always recommended: "What you have allowed to drop, think of it as though you had lost one of your own members."

Some say, "but Father, it's food, and I eat food with my hands." But it's no ordinary food: it is the very Flesh of Jesus, the Bread of Angels, the Heavenly Banquet. So why do we receive it as if it were no more than a hot dog?

Some say, "but Father, **its unhygienic** to receive on the tongue." Who says so? While the pseudo-science of the "Covid-era" has tried to convince of this, that position is not founded on any actual science. In fact, **there is no study that proves or suggests this**, and there *are* studies and tons of experts (pathologist, infectious disease specialists, etc.) who hold that either there is no difference in hygiene risk between receiving in the hand or tongue or that the tongue is actually more hygienic/safer.

My Strong Recommendation. As your Spiritual Father, who loves you and wants what is best for you, **I strongly encourage you to receive Holy Communion both kneeling and on the tongue.** It is just better for you spiritually. It is also a teaching sign for those around you, especially our children and guests.

Now, having said this, under current Church law, **it is your choice.** Especially when it comes to your personal judgment about hygiene. I get it. **So I remind everyone: we do not judge or condemn each other** for doing what is clearly lawful and moral. There are enough divisions in the Church without this kind of uncharitable behavior. And remember, Satan is the father of division, setting man against God and man against man.

Procession Today. Please join us today **shortly after the 1pm Mass** for our indoor Eucharistic Procession with prayers, Adoration, and Benediction. And then afterward, spend some time in fellowship at an Ice Cream social in the Parish Hall.

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 3rd

6:30 am Veronica Riordan
 8:30 am Julia Riordan

Tuesday, June 4th

6:30 am Susan Williams
 8:30 am Jean Jones +

Wednesday, June 5th

6:30 am Eileen Fallon +
 8:30 am Isabel Calayag +

Thursday, June 6th

6:30 am Klemens Hauroder +
 8:30 am Chuck Tiso +

Friday, June 7th

6:30 am Ruby Joyce Lynch +
 8:30 am Eduardo Visaya +

Saturday, June 8th

9:00 Meredith Hoopes

Vigil Mass

5:00 pm **Fr. De Celles**
 Joan Opiela +

Sunday, June 9th

7:00 am **Fr. De Celles**
 Robert Calogero +

9:00 am **Fr. Horkan**
 Parishioners

11:00 am **Fr. Rippy**
 Emelinda Cascarro
 Tinagan +

1:00 pm **Fr. Bergida**
 Joseph + and Elaine
 Perricone

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 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)

Summer Schedule Changes (June-August). Beginning June 5, there will **not be a 7pm Mass** on Wednesdays. Wednesday Adoration and Confession schedules will be unaffected. Starting June 9th, there will **no Confessions on Sunday**.

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 June!** All are invited to attend.

Young Adult Social, June 7 (ages 18-25). Newly Returned College Students & Young Working Professionals, the summer is here! Welcome back! Let's reconnect! Join us for the parish rosary on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 pm in the church. Then we will head to the hall for light appetizers, drinks, and fellowship, with a fire pit and games available. Please bring a treat to share, <https://bit.ly/June7Social>. For more information, email burnsfamily92@gmail.com.

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration, June 7. 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!

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.

Ryan Higgins

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 Ted Tolpa Nena Brennan Serrin Foster	Margaret O'Neill Donald Trayer Ellen Trayer Arlene Pietraszko Virginia Cummings Helen Zogaib Erich Whitt
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Upcoming Events at St. Raymond Church

- June 2** Donut Sunday
- June 2** Corpus Christi (Procession and Ice Cream Social after the 1pm Mass)
- June 3** Family of Jesus Prayer Group
- June 4** Legion of Mary 6:30pm (moved one week)
- June 5** Adoration 9am - 7pm
- June 7-8** First Friday Nocturnal Adoration
- June 14-16** Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Donut Sunday Today, June 2 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. This month's Donut Sunday is being hosted by the Homeschool Group.

Corpus Christi Procession will take place **in the church** after the 1pm Mass today, June 2, 2024. Please join us for an INDOOR Procession, Adoration & Benediction. 1 pm Mass attendees and all parishioners are encouraged to join in this special celebration to honor and worship Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. **Ice Cream Social to follow in the parish hall.**

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.

Young Adult Theology on Tap: Our very own **Fr. Bergida** is giving a talk on **Rules for Making Good Decisions and Moving Forward in Life**. June 18, doors open at 6:30, talk begins at 7:30. Location: Manor Line's Back 40 Coffee Shop, Front Royal, VA.

Father's Day Triduum: Sunday, June 16th is Father's Day. We will be honoring fathers with a Triduum of Masses on June 16-18. If you would like to include the special fathers in your life (i.e. Father, Grandfather, Godfather, etc.), cards are available in the narthex after all Masses this weekend. Please return the offering envelopes by **Friday, June 14!**





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are **MEN** who stand for many things ... most importantly, their **FAITH**, their **FAMILIES**, and their **COUNTRY**. As the saying goes, there is strength in numbers and these days, perhaps more than ever before, the **KNIGHTS** need **YOU!** 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 ... don't delay ... enter the fray ... **BECOME A KNIGHT!**



Upcoming Events:

- 6/8-9 KOVAR Collections (After Mass)
- 6/10 Membership Meeting (Parish Hall)
- 6/15 Adopt-a-Highway Pickup
- 6/19 Pints with Aquinas
- 6/29 Installation Ceremony for New Officers

Knights of Columbus Annual KOVAR Collection:

 KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. These include a variety of activities, including the Special Olympics. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for KOVAR after all Masses during the weekend of 8-9 June 2024. Please be generous in your support. Donations can be cash, check or via debit/credit card using this QR Code: 

Our Trail Life USA Troop is actively seeking volunteers to join our team! We are reaching out to our parish community for dedicated individuals who are eager to contribute, whether or not you have children in the troop. While experience with Trail Life, American Heritage Girls, or other youth-development organizations is preferred, it is not required, as training and support will be provided. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Keith Oswald at TrailLifeUSA@straymonds.org. We are excited to welcome new faces and fresh ideas into our Troop family!

Calling all girls age 5-17! Come to American Heritage Girls (AHG) at St Raymond to have fun, meet girls your age, grow in your faith, strengthen your integrity and serve others! This month, we're going camping in treehouses! If interested, please contact us at AHGVA0683@gmail.com.

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!

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!

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.

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 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 have been sentenced to multiple year jail terms:** *Lauren, Heather, Herb, John, Will, Jonathan, Joan, Jean and Paulette*, that they may not despair and that Our Lord will comfort and protect them.

The Pro-Life Movement is not a response to politics or temporal laws. It is a response to Jesus Christ who is 'the way, the truth and the LIFE' and who is "the same yesterday, today and tomorrow." That is why the Catholic Church has consistently held that life is sacred from conception to natural death. "This teaching is unchanged and unchangeable." (*The Gospel of Life*, 62)

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>**

Sunday Night Youth Group is now on Summer Hiatus

Keep an eye on the bulletin and emails for our summer events and opportunities to grow in faith & fellowship!

Steubenville REGISTRATION is due TODAY



Steubenville Youth Conference (July 12-14 2024) REGISTRATION DUE TODAY, 6/2, unless it fills up sooner

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



Matt Regitz



John Paul Von Ax



Heather Klym



Fr. Rufino Corona,
TOR



Ernie Hickman



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.)
- Help with projects around the parish property as well as serving parishioners in a variety of ways on top of daily Mass, prayer and recreation!
- **For registration instructions & more detailed info. go to the website <https://bit.ly/ServiceWeek24>**
- There will also be various opportunities for families & people of all ages to participate throughout the week!

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

Dear St. Raymond community, especially CCD parents, students and catechists,

As I prepare to retire this week, I want to thank Father De Celles for entrusting his Religious Education program to my supervision for 8+ years and for his tremendous support and direction. I would also like to thank Father Bergida and Father Horkan for providing additional guidance to me along the way.

It has been a blessing and privilege to serve as the Director of Religious Education! I thank the parents for welcoming an outsider and entrusting your children to the Religious Education program under my supervision. My favorite part each week was greeting your children as they arrived and then hearing about their time in the classroom as they prepared to leave. The time has flown by and I sincerely pray with my whole heart that I have served your children and you well.

I want to thank our catechists. I can say without reservation and with a grateful heart, that we have the best catechists in the Diocese!! I thank you for your commitment and dedication to the children entrusted to your care. Please know that your hard work has borne, and will continue to bear, much fruit!!

I want to also thank the members of the St. Raymond parish community who don't have children in the RE program, but nonetheless expressed support over the years for the program and for me.

I want to thank my Assistant Mary Hansen and the members of the St. Raymond staff - past and present - who have given me strength and courage throughout my years here. I could not have done it without you!

And I thank God for the opportunity to serve this community and pray that I have served Him well. May God continue to bless the St. Raymond of Penafort parish community!! **Mary Salmon**

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.

Legion of Mary sponsored local day retreat for teens. The Teenage Enrichment for the Apostles of Mary (T.E.A.M.) retreat will be held on Sat., June 8, 8am - 5pm, sponsored by the Legion of Mary (Arlington Senatus), held at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park, Inc., located at 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, VA 20143. The theme is "Holy Spirit: The Guiding Light to Overcome Teenage Problems." It is open to **all Catholic youth ages 12 - 18**. Come and join us for an exciting day with holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits, and three hours of exciting activities! The fee is \$35.00 per person (through May 31st) and \$45.00 for late registration after May 31, which includes refreshments. (Scholarships are available based on financial needs.) Bring a bag lunch, water and rosary. To obtain registration forms, please contact Dr. Seggy Acosta 703-392-6420, or parishioner Judy Mayer 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 let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at jpebt@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

This is the story of a humble nun, a doubting priest, a pope, a saintly Dominican, and today's feast.

The nun is Blessed Juliana of Mount Cornillon. She lived in the 13th century. Her life centered around a vision of the moon with a black streak through it. Either through a vision or dream, Our Lord explained to her that the moon was the Church liturgical year and the black streak was the omission of a feast dedicated solely to the celebration of the Eucharist (besides Holy Thursday).

Juliana became a nun and later, as abbess, promoted the Eucharistic feast to others, including Jacques Pantaléon (later to become Pope Urban IV).

The small town of Orvieto, about two driving hours north of Rome, is the home of one of the most magnificent cathedrals in Christianity, The Duomo, The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption. For a time, Pope Urban IV resided there.

While on a pilgrimage to Rome, a German priest, though having doubts about the Real Presence, celebrated Mass in the town of Bolsena, near Orvieto. As he spoke the words of consecration, blood started dripping from the consecrated host. He placed the host on a linen and reported it to the local bishop and then Pope Urban, who asked that the host and bloodied cloth be brought to him in Orvieto.

St. Thomas Aquinas was residing at St. Dominic's Church in Orvieto at the time. Pope Urban commissioned him to write the famous Eucharistic hymns, *Panis Angelicus*, *O Salutaris Hostia* and *Tantum ergo* (the last two stanzas of *Pange Lingua*) celebrating what Pope Urban proclaimed as the feast of *Corpus Christi* to the universal Church. Today, when visiting the Orvieto Duomo, you can see the blood-stained cloth that started the feast of *Corpus Christi*.

Sources: *Butler Lives of the Saints*, Vol II, pp 37-38 and *The Eucharistic Miracles of the World*, pp 114-117.



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/](https://www.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.

FAITH DIRECT MAY 2024

Offertory	\$ 53,049.82
Family Assistance	\$ 2,973.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 6,452.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 2,452.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 1,696.00
Parish Special Need	\$ 2,680.22
Diocesan Retired Priests	\$ 5,379.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Offertory	\$ 11,377.00
Family Assistance	\$ 572.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 742.00
Our Lady of Ransom Catholic	
School Scholarship Donations	\$ 496.00

Diocesan Retired Priests' Second Collection This Weekend. This collection is an opportunity for you to give back to our retired priests who have given the greater part of their lives to serve each of you and our diocesan Church. Currently there are 26 retired priests and an additional 17 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this important collection. Thank you for your kind support.



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